



NEWSLETTER August 2026

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WHAT'S ON

13 th August	General Meeting
26 th August	Coffee Club
26 th August	Ladies Coffee
3 rd September	Committee Meeting
10 th September	General Meeting
3 rd October	Gilbert /Sullivan @ Bundanoon
9 th October	Jim Haynes @ RSL Mittagong
20-22 October	Mudgee Tour
19 th November	Nan Tien Temple Visit

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Another big, happy birthday to all the members having a birthday in August. We hope you celebrate the day in an appropriate way and if you manage to win the bottle of wine, I am sure it will help.

Randolph Barnes	Rob Chapman
Peter Eustace	Roger Hodgson
Jim McGrath	Terry Sheahan
Graeme Stapelfeldt	Ivan Head

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as of July 1	\$6241.09
Income July 2026	\$ 519.00
Expenditure July	\$983.94
Funds on Hold	\$2165.50
Net balance as of July 31	\$5767.15

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Active Members	69
Non-Active Members	4
Total Membership	73

INDUCTION

This month we welcome Brian Prentice and his partner Anna to our club. Brian had a career in the IT industry, and you will remember his talk on AI in June so you will be able to ask him all those questions you still have about things you don't understand about AI.

JULY SPEAKERS



This month we are privileged to have Sir Lynton Crosby, an Australian political strategist who has managed election campaigns for right-of-centre parties in several countries as our guest speaker. He has been described as a "master of the dark political arts" and "the Wizard of Oz". In 2002, he was called "one of the most powerful and influential figures in the nation" by The Age.

In the pre-morning tea session, we will hear from Ivan Head, who retired about 9 years ago from heading up two Anglican Colleges and he will speak about poetry. Ivan has had about a hundred poems of his own published in various places and will be reading some of his favorite verses.

A TRIVIAL EXPLANATION

Just to clarify one question from the trivia quiz last month. There was a question ... "What game is played with 13 players on the field?" The key to this question was the part that asked, "on the field". Yes, rugby league does have 13 players in a team but for a game you need the other team on the field as well so that makes 26 players. Cricket had 11 fielders and two batters on the field so that makes the 13.

Also, I was told by a club member after the quiz that the bottom breathing Fitzroy River Turtle was mentioned on ABC's Playschool programme!

COMENG VIDEO

Several members have requested the link to the very interesting Comeng video shown at the last meeting. So, if you missed it or you want to watch it again, turn on your speakers and [CLICK HERE](#).

COFFEE CLUB

Our new venue in the pavilion at Bradman Oval for coffee club has proven a hit with members attending. Comfortable, warm, tablecloth and a complimentary cake from the café!

If you would like to enjoy all that and a friendly chat on a variety of topics, come along on the last Wednesday of the month to the pavilion room at Bradman Oval on Wednesday, 26th August at 10am. Order your coffee at the café on your way in.

The Ladies' Coffee will also be on that day at 10am at the Golf Club (also with a nice outlook).

MUDGE/GULGONG TOUR

BOOKINGS CLOSING!

There has been close to thirty booking for the Mudgee-Gulgong Tour, but we can still accommodate a couple more. Bookings will close

at the end of this month so if you are considering going you need to put your name down now. To book [CLICK HERE](#) and complete the form.

We depart Tuesday, 20th to return on Thursday, 22nd October travelling through Oberon to Mudgee and returning via Hill End, Oberon and home.

Accommodation will be in the Clairfield Hotel, which looks to have excellent luxurious facilities.

So, the basic plan now is to leave Bowral on the 20th October travelling to Oberon for morning tea and then on to Mudgee for lunch. After lunch there is a visit to a winery then onto the hotel with the popular happy hour and dinner in restaurant.

Thursday starts with breakfast, followed by visits around Mudgee and then on to the town of Gulgong with its colonial facades and attractions from the same era in Australian history.

Back to Mudgee for dinner at a restaurant and home via Hill End and Oberon on the Friday.

Once you have booked John Elvy will send a copy of the costs etc which are very reasonable.

If you have now decided that you would like to join the crowd, please [CLICK HERE](#) and leave your name and the possible number of attendees. It is open to club members, their partners and invited friends.

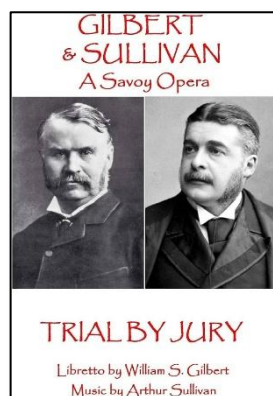
Enquiries to John Elvy 0414 255 770

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G&S @ BUNDANOON ~ **Bookings Closing**

Bookings are now open but closing soon for the Gilbert and Sullivan Performance at Bundanoon. The cost is \$40 for the performance with lunch at the Bundanoon Hotel at your own expense.

If you intend to join us at this function, please make your booking ASAP!



This outing has been popular for years and is quickly booked out so now is the time to make your booking. The musical this year is "Trial By Jury" and "The Savoyards", two for the price of one! There will be the usual Palm Court Orchestra and presented by Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Sydney.

Details are as follows:-

Date: Saturday, 3rd October 1:30

Where: At the Bundanoon Memorial Hall.

Lunch: At the Bundanoon Pub at 12 midday (There is no need to book for this).

Transport: Own vehicle (sharing encouraged).

Cost: \$40 per person for the performance with lunch at your own cost.

Bookings: [CLICK HERE](#) to make your booking and then pay the appropriate amount into the club account by your preferred method. Details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

BOOKINGS CLOSE – 10th September, 2026 unless sold out prior as we have only been allocated 25 seats.

Enquiries: Len Tully 0417 499 621

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COMING EVENT

Probus is about to celebrate 50 years in Australia and all the Probus clubs in the district have combined for a special Probus members gathering on Friday, 9th October at the RSL in Mittagong starting at 10am and concluding at noon with lunch in the bistro afterwards if you choose to join in.



So why is it special? The guest speaker is none other than the famous Jim Haynes. You may have heard Jim on the ABC on Macka's Sunday morning programme or read one of his many books. Few people know more about our Aussie heritage, humour, history, art and verse than Jim Haynes he is an entertainer, author, speaker, broadcaster, humourist, historian and art lover, who specialises in all things Australian.

Jim will be the main speaker at the function, and you are invited to come along and bring your partner, friends, neighbours and prospective members of the Probus.

Entry is FREE and no booking required.

So put a note on the calendar and invite a friend!

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NAN TIEN TEMPLE VISIT

Len, our event organiser has been busy and has arranged for a visit to the Nan Tien Temple at Wollongong, the largest Buddhist Temple in the Southern Hemisphere. The tour will consist of a 90-minute tour of the temple itself followed by a provided lunch and a cultural activity of your choice.

Bookings will open next month with a link in the newsletter but here are the current details.

Date: Thursday, 19th November.

Venue: Nan Tien Temple, Wollongong.

Time: To be notified.

Activity: Tour, lunch and activity.

Cost: \$30 pp

Transport: Private car (sharing encouraged)

Please book the date so you don't miss out!

Enquiries: Len Tully 0417 499 621

HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

ONLINE (Preferred)

BSB 032723 ACCOUNT 750434

Please identify your payment with your name.

CASH

Directly at a meeting.