



MOSS VALE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

40th Anniversary Celebration Lunch

Glass Bistro 18 July 2024

A three-course meal was the setting to celebrate this great occasion for 40 years for Moss Vale Men's Probud Club with 70 guests. Special guests present were the President-Elect of the Patron Club, Moss Vale Rotary Club, Ross Craig; David Malone, Vice President Probud South Pacific Limited (PSPL); Les Harvey, President, Bowral Combined Probud Club; Bill de Main, President, Wingecarribee Probud Club and Viv May, Administrator, Wingecarribee Shire Council.



President, John Elvy opened proceedings and welcomed everyone. He then introduced Ross Craig, who presented the Club with a card and Banner to celebrate the occasion from the Patron Club, The Rotary Club of Moss Vale. Ross expressed his personal congratulations as well as those of his club.



David Malone, Vice President (V/P) Probud South Pacific Limited (PSPL), David was the Keynote Speaker who presented a framed Certificate to acknowledge this auspicious anniversary.

In his address David spoke of how the Australian membership has dropped since COVID-

19, from 108,000 to 88,000 members. Probud began in the United Kingdom in 1965 and the membership there differs from Australia. As V/P PSPL he has done some investigation into other areas of the world. Asia and Canada have clubs but not like those in Australia. Probud in the



United States has only about four (4) clubs but there is another association called Association of Retired People and has 33 million members. Speaking of anniversaries, PSPL in Australia will achieve 50 years of operation in 2025 and New Zealand is celebrating 50 years later this year.



The PSPL Office at Parramatta only has a staff of eight (8) people. Average Membership of a new club is 25 members and from that they grow, as this Moss Vale Club has done. Average age of Australian membership is 79 years and continuously trying to attract younger members, like every other organisation. The Constitution was set up by Rotary and now it is difficult to change with a representative in each state, but not all doom and gloom! Some people are not sure what to do and what to join when they retire.

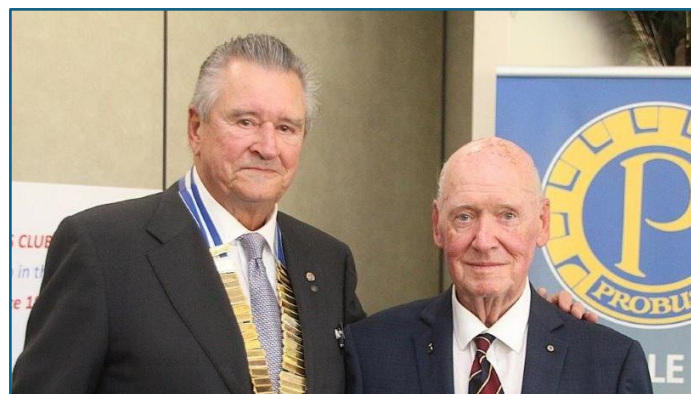
Referring to Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) report 130,000 people retire each year, so David acquired the help of some associates from Macquarie University to work out what people do when they retire.



Grandparents are under extreme pressure to care for grandchildren, with both parents working to meet their commitments. NOMADS are travelling but remain digitally connected to family and friends. Men's Sheds currently have a growth rate of 50% annually, there are now She Sheds, and like many other organisations are out there for people to join.



David visits the Head Office at Parramatta monthly and checks on Facebook page, Insurance and Magazines. The PSPL Annual Report will be released next month, interesting reading! There are many challenges, but everyone learns to cope. David was very pleased to be with us on this occasion. He is familiar with the area as he was Manager of Dux Hot Water in Moss Vale years ago.



Life Membership was bestowed on Arthur Delbridge AO by David and Appreciation Certificates were also presented by David to members Brian Pemberton, Brian Thornton, John Maffey and Alan Broome.



The Anniversary Cake was cut by Arthur Delbridge AO, John Maffey, ably assisted by Club President John Elvy.



It was a great day of Celebrations with many thanks to Bruce Pearson for his expertise with technology and Jim McGrath for his organisational skills and to all who helped in any way.

Catherine McGrath

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