



THE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF VALENTINE Inc.
'The Young, Friendly, Fun Club'

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NEWSLETTER
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The Club meets in the The Tingira Community Church 13 Neridah Road Belmont Nth 4th Monday of each month at 10 am

The guidelines are still in place to ensure the welfare of all our members.

COMING MEETING – 22 MARCH IS THE AGM

Speakers: Ken Watt & Wal Williams each will talk on interesting topic.

The last meeting speakers – **Jan McLeod**
Topic Experiences of the Australian Army Field Ambulance on the Kokoda Track and beyond.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

WALKING GROUP – Plus Social Activities –
CLUB MEETING AGM 22 March -
GENTLEMENS LUNCH Monday 12 April -
Social / BOYS OUTINGS In Planning-

Presidents Bit

This is my last communication in the newsletter as President. Despite the difficulties flowing from the pandemic, we resumed meetings last July with Covid safe conduct of meetings observed.

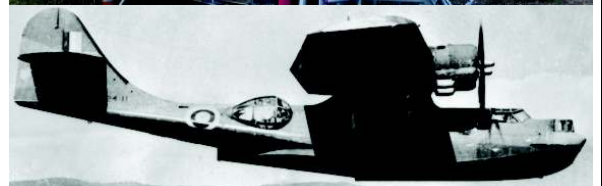
The initial meetings lacked something, the virtual morning tea just didn't hit the spot. It was a great relief when Ron, Brian and Ken were back in action providing the real morning tea. The resumption had greater meaning and impact than a cup of tea/ coffee and a biscuit, it saw a return to the social interaction that is the core of our club. It is time to thank the many contributions that members of your committee have made both during and subsequent to lock down that closed down our meetings.

The next plank in our return to normal occurred last Saturday with 15 members led by Roger Wakefield inspecting the

refurbishment of a Catalina aircraft and part of the wartime base at Rathmines.

The good news is the improvement in the health of Alan Beard who has now moved to Toronto to undertake rehabilitation. We look to Alan returning to meetings later in the year

President John



A Catalina Flying Boat as it was & now under restoration

Meeting Attendance & Apologies

to Robert Rae 4946 8792, / 0411 141 823 or

GREATER BANK. Payments to the Club

Details for making payment either on-line or at a branch. Account no. 780356294 & BSB 637-000 (record your ' surname' + one word as a brief reference covering the purpose) e.g. "FEES"

SOCIAL / BOYS DAY OUT

Planning is under way on several possible outings, more will be announced at the meeting

GENTLEMANS' LUNCH

Monday 12 April 2021

at the Jewells Tavern 12:00

Select from Lunch Menu \$12.50

NEED NEW MEMBERS -

With the loss and ageing of members we need to increase our Club numbers with new members. It is up to each member to seek out new prospective members, younger if possible, invite and bring them to our meetings. Give them a copy of the newsletter and direct them to the Club Web Site

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Great sayings/slogans/Signs

Continued

*** On a Maternity Room door: "Push. Push. Push."

*** At an Optometrist's Office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, You've come to the right place."

*** On a Taxidermist's window: "We really know our stuff."

*** On a Fence: "Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive!"

*** At a Car Dealership: "The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

*** Outside a Muffler Shop: "No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

*** In a Veterinarian's waiting room: "Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

*** At the Electric Company: "We would be delighted if you send in your payment. However, if you don't, you will be."

*** In a Restaurant window: "Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."

*** In the front yard of a Funeral Home: "Drive carefully. We'll wait."

GREAT SOCIAL ACTIVITY IN THESE TIMES.

The **WALKING GROUP** Red tops Blue caps.

Coordinator Ron Tooney

Every Wednesday at 8.30 am, except the last Wednesday of the month, we will gather at the car park in Speers Point Park opposite the main entry to the park and Sal's Cafe.

Our journey takes us through the park heading right along Cockle Creek and under the Five Islands Bridges towards Boolaroo. After 30 minutes or so we commence our return to the vehicles. Possibility to indulge in coffee and refreshments in Sal's cafe provided adequate seating is available.

COFFEE WALK WEDNESDAY 31

March 2021 Awaba House to Marmong Point.

Meet at Awaba House car park at 8.30 am. Walk up the track at the side of the Lake Macquarie High School to Marmong Street. Proceed down the path towards the lake but veer right in Marmong Street. Turn left into Becker Lane and then left into George St. Continue along the grass foreshore to Marmong Point. Follow Nanda Street back to Marmong Street and take the bush track along the foreshore back to our vehicles. Round walk takes about 1 hour.

As we are becoming accustomed to an Alfresco Morning Tea and Awaba House is under reconstruction we will provide our own morning tea at a suitable site.

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