



THE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF VALENTINE Inc

'The Young, Friendly, Fun Club'

NEWSLETTER

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The Club meets in **The Tingira Community Church at 13 Neridah Road Belmont North**

4th Monday of each month at 10 am

NEXT MEETING - 26 APRIL -

APOLOGIES to Robert Rae

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and our SPEAKER is

Graham Burgess

'Unusual people you meet when you go to unusual places'

Our speaker in March was Wal Williams and as you know a well known club member.

Robert Rae has succinctly described the presentation as follows:

At the March Club Meeting, Wal gave an extremely informative presentation on stained glass and lead lighting history.

Wal outlined the techniques he uses to produce some awe-inspiring pieces of lead lighting. Wal explained the intricate process of cutting the glass for the lead lighting panels. This process involves extreme patience, a steady hand, and time to produce the final piece.

Wal provided many photos of his lead lighting projects. Three examples of Wal's projects are opposite, and there is more in the March Club meeting photos on the MPCV website. Thank you, Wal, for sharing with the members your impressive projects.



OTHER CURRENT ACTIVITIES

WALKING GROUP -

Meets every Wednesday morning

GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH -

First Monday of every month

LIFE OF RILEY TOUR TO JINDABYNE -

From Sunday 24 October '21 to

Friday 29 October '21

CHRISTMAS LUNCH -

Booked for 14 December 2021

Our last outing was a great success and John McGrath absolutely captured the day in the following write up:

“Our first social outing since lock down took place on March 13th. Led by our capable organiser Roger Wakefield, 15 of our members inspected the progress on the restoration of a Catalina PBY-5A currently being undertaken onsite at Kilaben Bay.

We were greeted by Bill Anderson, President of the Rathmines Catalina Society who gave a broad outline of the restoration project. Bill was kept on his toes when during his commentary George Boulton provided a minor correction, demonstrating his knowledge on the subject.

We were provided with an excellent morning tea prepared by mine host Penny Furner. Penny a committee member is committed to the project, as the daughter of the base commander during WW2, Group Captain Attire Wearne.

Following morning tea we were introduced to a volunteer who ran us through the work required to bring the Catalina flying boat back to its former glory. The word commitment rang out loud and long, the task is mammoth. Regrettably when complete the wing span will preclude the Catalina being displayed intact when it becomes a static display at the Rathmines Catalina base.”

Presidents Message:

Since our last newsletter a number of our members attended Joe Gibson’s funeral. His friendship and fellowship will be surely missed as will his contribution to our Club.

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Jim Saultry talked at our last meeting of the connection he had with Joe. Over a coffee one morning it was discovered they both had linkages with the Mallee, Mornington Peninsular and a family education connection in Wodonga. At an early stage it was also discovered that Felicity taught Joe’s grandchildren.

I attended the Gentleman’s lunch on 12 April. There were 17 in attendance (if my memory serves me correctly) and a very jovial group. The food was in abundance and the conversations flowed.

The question on everyone’s lips is when can the BBQ’s start again. The light is beginning to shine brighter at the end of the tunnel and hopefully with the easing of restrictions and vaccinations happening it won’t be too long.

Thank you to those members who contributed to this newsletter. I’ll bring you all up to date with the contributions going forward as it is your newsletter.

The annual fees are now due and if not yet paid it would be appreciated if the payment could be made. Bank details follow.

We have three vacant positions on our enthusiastic, committed, fun loving committee and will welcome nominations with open arms.

These roles (Welfare, Program and Newsletter) are critical to the smooth running operation of our Club. Please give serious thought to joining us. There is ample assistance available.

Take care and be safe. Trevor

Robert Rae and Alan Carter have sent emails to us all on Alan Beard's progress. A number of members have also phoned and visited Alan in hospital. We now have an update from The Beard's

HEALTH ? REPORT

Alan Beard has almost progressed to being a Hospital Consultant, after his last three months spent in four different local hospitals. He can report that *John Hunter Hospital* has all the expert doctors and nurses to get to the root of any problem. However, having repaired the body to their satisfaction, after only a few days he was sent to Rehab at *Warners Bay Private Hospital*. The first impression was the improvement of the food, to discover they have their own chef!! Surely a first for any hospital. The rehab is rigorous in pleasant surroundings.

Another stint in John Hunter Hospital saw a different problem addressed by the experts, to be followed by more rehab, this time at *Toronto Private Hospital*. The spectacular view from their gymnasium, visited every day, helped to entice people out of their comfortable beds! After four weeks there, Alan spent one night at home in his own comfy bed, but more investigation was needed so *Lake Macquarie Private Hospital* was the chosen place, with a very efficient Geriatrician and more good food.

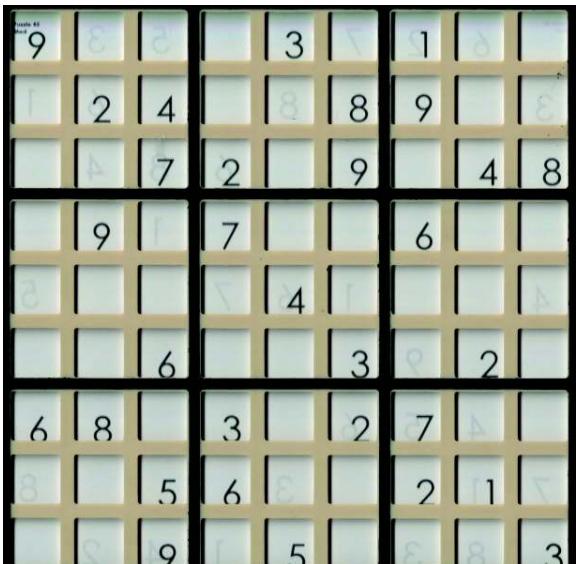
The one constant thing in each of these hospitals is the tender care and concern of their nurses. Always in good humour, their professionalism and kindly manner always puts the patient at ease.

Assessment is still ongoing, both for the hospital and for Alan, but by the time you read this he's hoping to be enjoying the comforts of home at last and with the Probus walkers on his scooter on Wednesdays!!

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

Puzzle time: do you like Sudoku, well try this one, it is rated 'medium':

Solution will be in next months newsletter.



Who is going to provide a puzzle each month to our Newsletter wizard?

Don't be bashful in coming forward, we all need to participate in one way or another.

Email contact for the Newsletter is:

probusnews2280@gmail.com

If you have any ideas speak to our Newsletter wizard, committee member, drop your idea into the 'Suggestion Box' at our meetings or email.

Please join with us and share your ideas

Movie Time 🎬🍿

Looking for a good movie based on history. Well, have a look at 'The Dig'. It is a 2021 British drama based on fact. The most famous archeological discovery in Britain in modern times. Time frame is around 1939. It can be viewed on Netflix or the DVD is available through a number of outlets.

Readers Corner 📖😊

As you are aware our book exchange is now up and running in a different format. Only one enquiry has been received.

The most recent book added is 'Breaker Morant' by Peter Fitzsimons and another book in the collection is Memoirs of Mike Willessee.

Have a look at the list located on our website and choose one. If you are not sure it is to your taste then google the author and title of the book and read the extract.

If you can recommend a book send the title and author to our Newsletter wizard for publication.

You can also bring books to our meetings to add to our library but they will be held for fourteen days before circulation due to COVID-19.

Enjoying Nature

The resident dolphin in Lake Macquarie often seen around Belmont Yacht Club's Marina.

From Your Head Honcho 😳

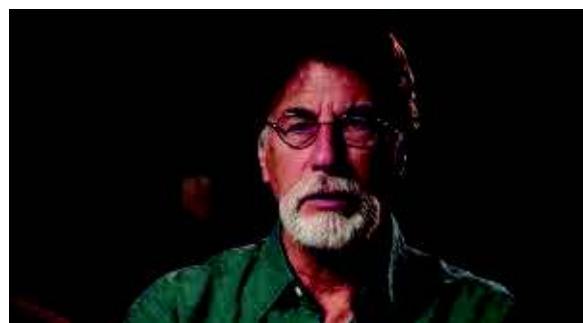


Look-A-Like

Has it ever been said to you that you have a double!

Well I'm game if you are:

This is Rick Lagina in 'The Curse of Oak Island' on SBS Thursday nights. Which member might have some resemblance to Rick?



Members spot for sharing.

We are looking for contributions from



(you) any topic which could include but not limited to books, movies, holiday experiences, topics of interest, nature photos or of scenery with some explanation. Of course it will be up to the Newsletter Wizard to print or not to print.

Your contribution may not be in the next edition, depending on time received and space available.

Other sections can be added and would be welcome for our newsletter such as:

- write up one of our outings by a club member with maybe a photo or two.
- Similar for our walking group rather than just the organiser.
- Similar for our lunches.

Technical Section - Webmaster

Alan Carter sends out a number of emails with informative and useful information.

In recent times these have included:

1. <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/regionalseniorstravel>

Have you applied and received your card?

2. <http://www.tinyurl.com/mpcov2>

An alternate website

3. <https://practicetest.rms.nsw.gov.au/pages/practice-tests?init=true>

Road rules, have you taken up the challenge? How did you fare?

Share with a Friend

Send our newsletter on to a friend or direct them to our website :

<http://www.valentineprobus.au2.com/>

Encourage your friends to come to our meetings. We have great Guest Speakers.

If you would like to share some of your life experiences, talk to our Program Coordinator.

Let us get with the program.

TRAVEL SECTION

From our Intrepid Traveller John Benson.

I wish to start by saying I will miss Joe Gibson who had travelled quite extensively around Australia and gave me many a tip. RIP Joe.

Heading off from Jewells down the M1 through the new tunnel under Pennant Hills what a blessing to M2 and M7 to Moss Vale. For the tolls down and back came to around \$85. Motor home classed as a truck because of the height.

Had a look at Bradmans Home and the oval at Bowral. Took a run to highland places of Bundanoon Wingela Marulan and down to Goulburn saw the Big Ram again. Country around highlands was a picture.

Then onto Lovely Jindabyne by the lake. Love Jindy. Then Dalgety to Bombala onto Pambula Beach with the kangaroos living the life of Riley. From here to Bega with its brand new hospital to beautiful Eden on a gorgeous day. Picture perfect.

Had a look around Merimbula Tura Beach Tathra with a stopover at Bermagui. Top spot. Took Kate to Tilba and Central Tilba where we both spent money at the crafty stores.

Went through Narooma where the President Trevor has just had a holiday with his wife I think to Batemans Bay. Coming into Batemans Bay police had an alcohol and drug test set up and I was called in. After testing the policeman came back and said I had passed the alcohol test but failed the drug test. When I queried him he told me with a big grin it was Viagra.

JB continues his story

Well we erupted into laughter. I next asked if he had any scripts as I had run out. He said no but pointed to his boss and said he has a port full ask him. Vey very amusing.

For some time now we had been driving through where the fires had been.

Batemans Bay Ulladulla pretty areas . Next stop Lake Conjola where fires had burnt around the perimeter of the caravan park and bowling club. Must have been very scary.

Had a look at Sussex Inlet Georges Basin Jervis Bay and loved Huskisson. Moved onto Kiama countryside was just magnificent. Big and Little Blowholes both working not too bad. Took a drive up to Robertson via Jamberoo Valley and back down Macquarie Pass.

Popped in and stayed at Norah Head for a club meal and a beer.

Finished our break at Karuah with friends. Enjoyed Oysters which helped the Viagra. A happy man JB.

Continued from your Head Honcho

Car is packed with the essentials and off we venture down the M1, through the new tunnel under Pennant Hills Rd (great run if you're not claustrophobic). We drove to Lake Conjola on our journey and were surprised at the devastation that the fires caused. The trees are slowly regenerating, new houses appearing but a vast number of vacant blocks where houses once stood.

Our travels end in Moruya. The name Moruya means the “resting place of the black swan”, and the black swan is the town emblem.

Apart from the Moruya River, beaches, country side and shops for the female gender, the Eurobodalla Shire is steeped in history.

The first European settlers in Moruya arrived in the 1820's. Gold was first found in the 1850's by Alexander Waddell. In 1894, 222 tons of ore was extracted which produced 168 oz of gold. Gold is still mined in the area and remains profitable.

There is a great museum in Moruya (website: mdhsociety.com) and if you are ever in the area it is worth a visit. Their exhibitions change from time to time and the current display for the next two weeks certainly brought back a lot of childhood memories.

While staying in Moruya we ventured through Bodalla (cheese factory), Narooma (great fish co-op), Bermagui (enjoyable lunch in the Sundeck Cafe at Fishermans Wharf overlooking the marina).

There many picturesque spots on the south coast, one we visited was Binjie Point.

Enjoy your travels.

LATE ADDITION

**This segment should follow 'Puzzle Time'
but the Wizard is not that good!!!! 😊**

We have an OBE and a NON award. The President is thinking about introducing an S & P award.

Can any one guess what the S & P stands for, slip your answers into the suggestion box (there will be one at the meeting).

A Little Humour

A Lexus mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a LS460 when he spotted a well-known cardiac surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his car when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiac surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working

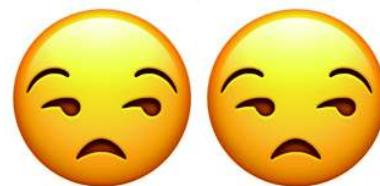
The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, took the valves out, repaired or replaced anything damaged, and then put everything back in, and when I finished, it worked just like new. So how is it that I make \$48,000 a year and you make \$1.7M when you and I are doing basically the same work.

The cardiac surgeon paused, leaned over and whispered to the mechanic.....

"Try doing it with the engine running."

Who would like to contribute?

Feeling very lonely in this empty space



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