



## THE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF VALENTINE Inc

'The Young, Friendly, Fun Club'

NEWSLETTER  
OCTOBER 2021

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Club of Valentine Inc.

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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  
**Except October 2021 - see below**

### **NEXT MEETING - 18 October - (SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS)**

APOLOGIES to Robert Rae  
on 0411 141 823

and our SPEAKER is  
Dave Sullivan speaking on  
NASA Stratospheric Balloon Program

Future Guest Speaker:  
November  
Ken Watt speaking on  
Cooks Hill to Valentine

No meeting is held in December

### **CURRENT ACTIVITIES (SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS)**

**WALKING GROUP -**  
Meets every Wednesday morning

**GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH -**  
First Monday of every month

**FISH and CHIPS at Bennett Park Valentine**  
18 November 2021

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH -**  
Booked for 14 December 2021

### **President's message**

The first club meeting was held in December 2002.

Our next meeting will be the **Club's 200th**. We need to celebrate this very important occasion. The committee is working on something special which will be inline with restrictions at the time.

If you remember, the first newsletter published by the club was included in our June 2021 newsletter which talked about the birth of the club. The organisation to establish the club commenced in January 2002.

The year 2002 was a big year for our club. I think it's only fitting to look back at that year and reminisce the highlights.

I looked at wikipedia and I might change my mind 🤔. If interested the link is:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2002\\_in\\_Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2002_in_Australia)

Some events of 2002 were:

- February the Governor-General Peter Hollingworth greets Queen Elizabeth II upon her arrival in South Australia for the Golden Jubilee tour.
- April – New South Wales Premier Bob Carr officially opens the Ridgeway Gold Mine near Orange.

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- May – Prime Minister John Howard and Japanese Prime Minister Koizumi agree to strengthen trade and security links between Australia and Japan.
- July - Prime Minister John Howard meets with Pope John Paul II in the Vatican City.
- September – Former Liberal Leader Andrew Peacock marries former Texan beauty queen Penne Percy Korth in the United States.
- November – Damien Oliver wins the Melbourne Cup on board Media Puzzle, a few days after his brother died in a riding accident

Looking outside of wikipedia other points of interest were:

Movie buff:

- The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones, and Spider-Man were the three biggest films of the year.
- Halle Berry became the first black actress to win the Academy Award for Best Actress.

Music buff:

- Number 1 song was “Without Me” by Eminem. I don’t know about you but I preferred number 3 “A Little Less Conversation” by Elvis Presley.
- U2 performed during the Super Bowl half-time show and paid tribute to the victims of 9/11.

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Tech buff:

- Apple released its second-generation iPod, which held a then whopping 20 GB of storage space.
- The Sanyo SCP-5300 became the very first cell phone to have a built-in camera to be released in the US (and the world would NEVER be the same again).

**Enough of reminiscing, back to the present.**

As you are well aware our meeting last month was cancelled thereby no guest speaker or write up. ***If at all possible we will hold our October meeting as per restrictions at that time.*** If circumstances change and we are unable to hold the meeting an advice will be sent to all members.

Our walking Group has returned, we start at Speers Point park and wander along the foreshore. Some walk further than others. The exercise, companionship, and the tea/coffee reward at the end has been very enjoyable. Come along if you are interested.

Looks like our luncheons will be on the table again! Stay tuned for the text message.

Don’t forget our meeting date is a week early. It’s been a shorter month for our newsletter and no contributions have been received. Therefore, you will find a much shorter newsletter.

Until next time take care and be safe.

Trevor

### **Puzzle Segment**

*Last months question and answer:*

89. Which would you prefer: a ton of half sovereigns, or half a ton of sovereigns?

Answer:

Ton of half-sovereigns is worth twice as much

### **Important Information**

Have you received a text message from **0444 444 444**? It is NOT a hoax. It is an **EMERGENCY ALERT**.

The emergency alert is the national telephone system.

It is one of many ways emergency services such as police, fire and emergency services, can warn a community of a likely or actual emergency.

Emergency Alert is not used in all circumstances. Whether emergency services decide to issue telephone warnings through Emergency Alert will depend on the nature of the incident.

The warning system sends voice messages to landline telephones and text messages to mobile telephones within a specific area defined by the emergency service organisation issuing the warning message, about likely or actual emergencies such as fire, flood, or extreme weather events.

You should not wait to receive a warning message before you act.

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### **Important Information continued**

For full information the website is: [emergencyalert.gov.au](http://emergencyalert.gov.au).

I received a text message about a missing person in our area.

### **Nature Bit**

Local wildlife!



### **Travel Section**

Who's been 🤔 about travel? The above snap was taken back in about 1993.

Regional travel (except Greater Sydney) has opened up. Who's game to book and where are you travelling? Make sure you read the fine print and establish for one thing that COVID-19 is not an excuse to cancel. You could be left out-of-pocket.

PSPL has advised that SeaLink South Australia has joined their program as a Probus Partner.

### *Travel Section continued*

Some of the destinations you could include are:

- take the ferry across the Backstairs Passage to Kangaroo Island between Cape Jervis and Penneshaw
- Embark on one of SeaLink tours of the island
- Adelaide Sightseeing
- Murray River

To receive 10% discount you will need to use the promotional code 'PROBIAN10 and meet their terms and conditions.

There are also a number of other partners where you can receive a discount. Discounts can be achieved with partnered Companies involved with:

- Travel
- Finance
- Lifestyle and Entertainment
- Health

For full information goto Probus South Pacific website and the link is:

<https://www.probusouthpacific.org>

Whatever you decide enjoy and be safe.



### **Lake Macquarie Library**

Lake Macquarie Council runs an 'Over 55s Program' and issues a regular newsletter detailing what is happening and available.

You maybe already be aware and subscribe. However, if not the latest newsletter issued was Celebrating International Day of Older Persons.

In recognition of International Day of Older Persons, Lake Macquarie City Council's Over 55s Program partnered with Michael Montgomery to celebrate. Michael generously donated his time and presented an online concert recorded live from his studio to the residents of Lake Macquarie City Council. Michael has supported the Seniors Concert in previous years at the Belmont 16 Footers. For those of you who have seen him live in concert would appreciate his talent and passion of music.

If you want more information about the program or sign up to their newsletters email:

[over55s@lakemac.nsw.gov.au](mailto:over55s@lakemac.nsw.gov.au)

**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"

## Readers Corner

Have a look in our website to see what books are available.

Something international? Well how about  
Indonesia: From Sabang to Merauke by John Keay.

This book describes journeying largely by bus and on foot, John Keay travelled from west to east across the Indonesian archipelago for four months, and in this book he recounts his experiences.

From the forests and the rice-fields, half-forgotten kingdoms of a glorious antiquity assume contemporary relevance; from the coastal plains and myriad isles come tales of trade and trauma which knit the nation together; and from more recent history tumble the bizarre celebrities - generals, film stars, travellers, temptresses, anthropologists and demagogues - who have called the country theirs.

Books will be on display for browsing next meeting.

Happy reading whatever it may be.

## Brain Teaser

Good example of a Brain Study: If you can read this OUT LOUD you have a strong mind.

And better than that: Alzheimer's is a long, long, way down the road before it ever gets anywhere near you.

If you can read the following paragraph, only very good minds can read this. This is weird, but interesting!

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## *Brain Teaser continued*

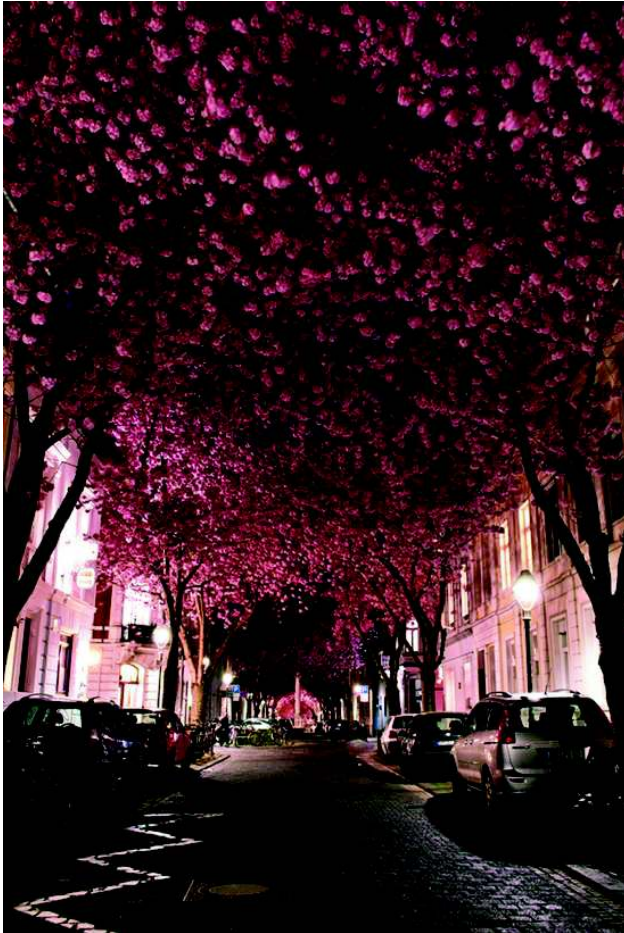
If you can read this, you have a strange mind, too. Only 55 people out of 100 can.

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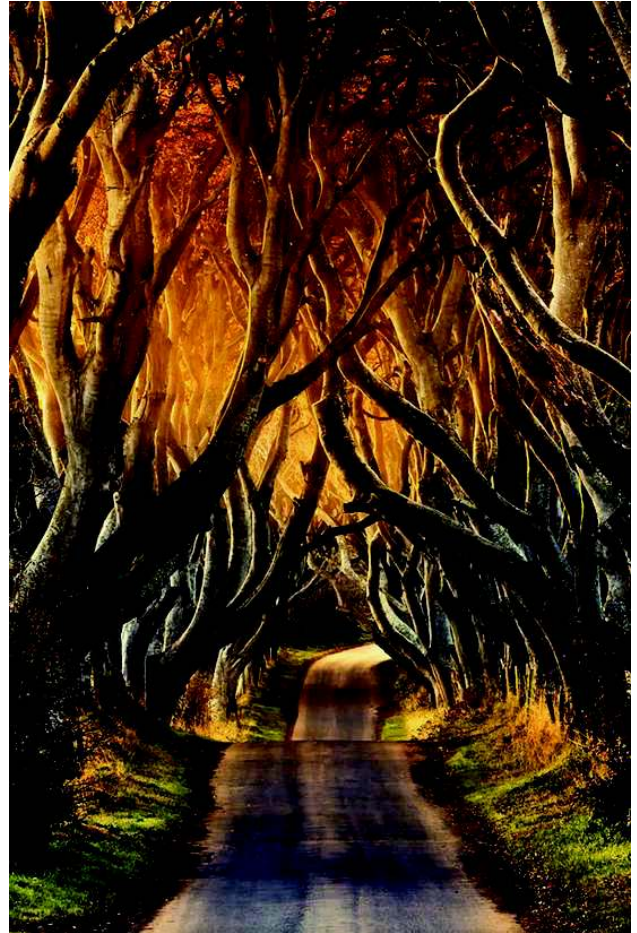
### Inspiring Travel Options

Cherry Blossom Tunnel in Germany



### Inspiring Travel Options

The Dark Hedges, Northern Ireland



### Share with a Friend

Don't forget to 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.

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