



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

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The official publication of the Men's Probus Club of Valentine Inc.  
Private and confidential for Probus use only and no other purpose  
The Club meets in [The Tingira Community Church at 13 Neridah Road Belmont North](#)  
4th Monday of each month at 10 am

**NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 25 JULY - (SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS)**

**APOLOGIES** to Robert Rae on 0411 141 823

and our GUEST SPEAKERS are:

July '22	Paul McFarlane	<i>Topic:</i>	Newcastle Airport update
Aug '22	Bob Cook	<i>Topic:</i>	William IV Ship
Sept '22	Ian Hemphill	<i>Topic:</i>	Demystifying Wonders of the Spice World

**Message From Your Committee**

Discussions were wide and varied at our last committee meeting especially around the current COVID situation.

To keep our members as safe as possible we have curtailed a number of events including cancelling the sausage sizzle this month which will be revisited next month.

We have also adjusted the outings presently under consideration. Going forward it is intended to have an outing bi-monthly subject to the position with COVID.

The above steps are in addition to:

- social distancing at our meetings
- wearing masks if you feel the need
- sitting down for morning tea if you feel more comfortable social distancing.

The chairs at our venue are set up for social distancing.

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

WALKING GROUP - Meets every Wednesday morning, contact Ron Tooney our coordinator on 4958 7910 for more details.

GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH - First Monday of every month, contact John Benson our coordinator on 0437 043 014 for more details.

### OUTINGS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- August: Hi-Vis factory tour at Carrington (date to be advised at our next meeting)
- October: Gosford Regional Gallery and Japanese Edogawa Commemorative Garden (to include wives/partners)
- TBA: A two night stay in a guest house at Katoomba (to include wives/partners)
- TBA: Cruise from Ettalong to Palm Beach (would be a long day)
- TBA: Lake Macquarie Light Rail at Toronto

If you have any other suggestions or would like to assist in organising any outing please contact John McGrath.

## **President's Report**

I've been missing in action due to family reasons. I asked John McGrath our Vice President to run our June meeting. Unfortunately John came into close contact with COVID and wisely isolated himself. Thank you to Robert our Secretary for running and organising the meeting. I believe there were 23 members in attendance with a number away ill. I hope those members have a speedy recovery and can join us this month.

The walking group has continued. It is said 'variety is the spice of life' and a couple of walks have taken us back to Croudace Bay park. Our discussions in part have been reviewing the new additions to the park followed by supporting the coffee truck and enjoying the coffee at one of the new tables.

My inside source informed me there were 12 members who supported our Gentlemen's lunch.

Once again the heavens have opened and there has been widespread flooding again this month. Our thoughts go out to those affected.

Until next time take care and be safe. Trevor

## **Book Corner**

Hi Fellows

As mentioned last meeting, this month's author is Bryce Courtenay. My recommendation would be *April Fools Day* and the Potato Factory trilogy - *The Potato Factory, Tommo and Hawk, and Solomon's Song*.

**Titles:** April Fool's Day, Brother Fish, Fishing for Stars, Fortune Cookie, Four Fires, Jack of Diamonds, Jessica, Matthew Flinders' Cat, Solomon's Song, Sylvia, The Persimmon Tree, The Potato Factory, The Power of One, The Story of Danny Dunn, Tommo and Hawk, Whitethorn.

Happy reading, Ted

*If you borrow a book form Ted's collection please write the title and your name on the pad situated on the table and return any you may have previously borrowed.*

## **Guest Speaker Section**

There was no scribe for our guest speaker for our June meeting.

I understand that Jessica Kyle (Support Officer) from Services NSW provided a detailed presentation of the services available.

If you would like to discuss your personal situation ring Services NSW on 13 77 88 and arrange an appointment at Warners Bay Centre.

Their website states in part:

‘Wear a face mask for driver or rider licence tests and in the service centre when physical distancing is not possible. You may choose to provide a medical exemption.’

*Next month Paul McFarlane is presenting on Newcastle Airport. If you would like to provide a write up for our newsletter of his presentation please let me know.*

## **Quiz**

*Answer to our last months quiz is - 59 days.*

Not sure what the question was, go to our June newsletter on our website.

## DID YOU KNOW

The area of New South Wales is **809,444 km<sup>2</sup> (312,528 sq mi)**. The coastline is 2,137 km (1,328 mi) in length. Cape Byron, in the north-east of the state, is Australia's most easterly mainland point.

## Probus South Pacific Ltd (PSPL)

If you are asked for your Probus Member number when purchasing an item or for your travel arrangements, you can locate your member number on your card which is blue (top half) and yellow (bottom half). An example is below.

PSPL website is a mass of information. The link is: [probussouthpacific.org](http://probussouthpacific.org)

In less than 3 months, Probus Clubs across Australia and New Zealand will be celebrating Probus Day on 1 October 2022. In line with the United Nations Day of Older Persons which is recognised across the world, Probus Day is an opportunity to raise awareness of our Probus community.

Bring a friend along to our meetings.



## 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. 'XMAS', 'FEES', etc.

## Share with a Friend

Don't forget to send our newsletter on to a friend or direct them to our website : [www.ajcnsw.com/mpcov](http://www.ajcnsw.com/mpcov)

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

Please send your contributions for the newsletter to the email address of:

[probusnews2280@gmail.com](mailto:probusnews2280@gmail.com)

## Committee Members 2022

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PLACES WE MAY BE VISITING

