



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

**NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022**

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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 28 NOVEMBER**

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

and our GUEST SPEAKER is:

Nov '22	Wayne Cooper	Topic:	Tribute Artist: Acts, sings and dresses as a celebrity to entertain
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There is **no** meeting in December.

Jan '23	Bob Cook	Topic:	William the Fourth Ship
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**CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** - Wednesday, 14 December

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

**GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH** - Next is **9 January '23**, contact John Benson our coordinator on 0437 043 014 for more details.

**OUTINGS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

- 2023: A two or three night stay in a guest house at Katoomba (to include wives/partners)
- TBA: Hi-Vis factory tour at Carrington
- TBA: Lake Macquarie Light Rail at Toronto

## President's Message

We acknowledged our 20th year last month with a celebratory cake.



Thank you to Graham Taylor for cutting the cake and his helpers in the distribution, it was enjoyed by all and devoured by the end of the meeting.

It was good to see Alan Carter, a life member, at this meeting to enjoy the friendship and our guest speaker presentation.

The year is fast coming to a conclusion with Christmas just around the corner. If you are intending to join us on 14 December for our Christmas Luncheon and have not yet paid please do so, our banking details appear later in this newsletter.

This is the last newsletter for the year, look out for the next one after 16 January and before our *first meeting of 2023 on 23 January* (note the meeting in your diary now).

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a safe journey to those who are travelling over the festive season.

Until next time take care.

Trevor



## **Guest Speaker Section**

It was a very informative presentation from Ian Hemphill on Demystifying Wonders of the Spice World last month.

Ian's website is [www.herbies.com.au](http://www.herbies.com.au) and is very detailed. You can subscribe through his website for quarterly newsletters and/or monthly recipes.

If you would prefer the personal touch visit Ian at his business address at 4/25 Arizona Road, Charmhaven which is known as Herbie's Spices and has factory door sales.

## **Book Corner**

Fellow Probus Members,

This month, I intended to use a collection of books our granddaughter's baby-sitter gave me a few months ago, when I told her I was bringing books along to Probus. I thought she said they were all by one author, but when I finally 'got around' to opening the box, there were just a few by one author (Kathy Reichs) and about 10 by different authors. So this month's selection is a bit like *Licourice All Sorts* - Kathy Reichs from the box, and some from three other authors .

**Kathy Reichs, Barry Humphreys, William McInnes and Colleen McCullough.**

Should anyone want to borrow a book from any of the previous month's selections, please let me know.

Happy Reading, Ted

### **Kathy Reichs:**

Fatal Voyage; Deadly Decisions; Death Du Jour; Devil Bones; Fatal Voyage; Monday Mourning.

### **Barry Humphreys:**

Dame Edna's Bedside Companion; Handling Edna; More Please; My Gorgeous Life; My Life as Me; The life and Death of Sandy Stone,  
The Traveller's Tool (described on the back cover as: '*Hundreds* of pages of pure filth') .

### **William McInnes:**

A Man's Got to Have a Hobby; Cricket Kings; That'd be Right.

### **Colleen McCullough:**

Indecent Obsession; On, Off; The Ladies if Missalonghi; The Thorn Birds; The Touch.

## **Picnic at Bennett Park Valentine**

Only the brave ventured to the picnic rendezvous. Even though the sun was shining the wind was annoying at times.

The challenging Croquet course was laid out and the Boules set up.

There was fierce competition in the Croquet match with the lead changing several times throughout the match. Contestants positioned their balls to establish the best advantage for their next shot. That was not to be as balls were knocked out of position gaining an extra shot by their opponents to hit their ball through the wickets. It was an exciting game to the finish. Chocolates were handed out to the participants and to the encouraging spectators.

After the exhausting and challenging match it was appropriate to enjoy the food that we all brought with the accompanying beverages.

The atmosphere took another twist when the third and fourth contestants of the Croquet match challenged the first and second contestants of that match to a Boule game.

There was some aggressive play while the underdogs of the Croquet match gained a substantial lead. However, the leaders in the Croquet match pushed back and looked like catching up. It was not to be, the underdogs in the Croquet won the Boule competition by a margin of four points. Chocolates were again handed around.

Who were the winners and losers, only those who were there will know.

Conversation continued whilst enjoying more of the cuisine and liquid refreshments. As the sun was setting in the west everyone departed. Even though the weather was unkind there were good times had by all who attended.





***Talking about outings here are the details of our account to pay into for our Christmas Luncheon if you have not already paid.***

Our banking details are opposite. ➡

The Christmas Function cost is \$45pp. If you have placed your name on the list or intending to go please make your payment as shown opposite.

Please ensure you place your surname and 'XMAS' in your deposit.

**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.

**In my mind**  
@fb/twodrunkladies  
**I am still 29,**  
**but my back is 54,**  
**my knee is 63,**  
**and my right hip**  
**turns 76 next week!**

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Bring a friend to our meetings.

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