



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

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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



2023



NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 23 JANUARY

APOLOGIES to Robert Rae on 0411 141 823

OUR GUEST SPEAKER is:

Jan '23	Bob Cook	Topic:	William the Fourth Ship
Feb '23	Shane Nilsson	Topic:	Integrated Living

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

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

GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH - Next is 6 February '23, contact John Benson our coordinator on 0437 043 014 for more details.

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CURRENT ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

OUTINGS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- February: Maitland Gaol
- A two or three night stay in a guest house at Katoomba (to include wives/partners)
- TBA: Lake Macquarie Light Rail at Toronto

President's Message

Wow 2023 already, wishing you and your families a safe and healthy 2023. Do you all have your new year resolutions in place and underway? A friend of ours made one new resolution for the year and that is to fulfil some of the ones they made in the past.

We are starting 2023 with a sausage sizzle following our general meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all and enjoying your company and friendship.

With the new year upon us we need to start thinking about our AGM in March. As you are no doubt aware all committee positions become vacant. Our resolution states in part:

- The term of the President shall be one year, which may be extended to not more than two consecutive years if required due to special circumstances
- Other Officers and Committee Members may serve for not more three successive years in any one office except as otherwise determined and recommended by the Management Committee to members for decision.

I have served for the past two years and a number of committee members have been in the same positions for three years. Therefore we are looking for new talent to join the committee to ensure the club has a viable future.

Nominations for committee positions are now called for and such nominations are to be lodged with the Secretary no later than our February meeting. If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies, the candidates nominated shall be deemed elected as per the constitution and further nominations shall be received at the AGM.

If you are interested in joining the committee please either speak to me or one of the committee members or just ask for a nomination form from our Secretary at our meeting.

The committee meets on the third Monday of the month at 10am and usually lasts for approximately one and a half to two hours.

Guest Speaker Section

Wayne Cooper certainly retained our attention in November talking about his 38 year career in the Police Force. His book was very compelling and is titled Don't Cry Out Loud and written under an assumed authors name of Jaxlette EveganX.

Prior to joining the Police Force he sang on a number of TV talent shows.

When he left the Police Force he became an Elvis Impersonator. Wayne was invited to Los Vegas to preform and I can't quite remember which year. He now preforms around NSW.

Book Corner

Fellow Probus Members

For this month I've chosen probably the most published crime author of all time, Dame Agatha Christie.

Nearly all titles are from *The Agatha Christie Crime Collection*, which includes three different mysteries per book - eg *Appointment With Death* also includes *Crooked House* and *Sad Cypress*. I also have several individual books, but in the interest of 'getting this off to Trevor', I've only included the three indicated * - but there will be more on the day.

Agatha Christie Collection, etc.

A Caribbean Mystery, Appointment With Death, By The Pricking Of My Thumbs, Cards On the Table, Cat Among the Pigeons, Death On the Nile, Mystery Of The Blue Train, Murder Is Easy, Hallowe'en Party, 4.50 From Paddington, Evil Under the Sun, Nemesis, Ordeal By Innocence, Partners In Crime, Sparkling Cyanide, The Clocks, The Hollow, The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side, The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, The Murder on the Links, The Mysterious Affair at Styles, The Pale Horse, Miss Marple Complete Short Stories*, The Mystery of Agatha Christie* and Curtain (Poirot's Last Cast)*.

Happy Reading Ted

A Christmas Outing By One of Our Members

One of our members attended a Christmas Function and ended up at the police station. Intrigued, have your attention, then read on:

The Christmas function was very enjoyable catching up with people that haven't been seen since COVID. However, the following day they walked from Darling Harbour to Circular Quay via the foreshore. The view from the pathway was spectacular.

When arriving at Circular Quay an ice cream was enjoyed. A mobile phone was spotted laying by its lonesome. It was picked up and a policeman couldn't be found to hand it to. There was a CBA debit card and other cards in the holder with the phone. Alas, a CBA branch was found and they were told to hand it into a police station. After asking for the manager she agreed to contact the customer and notify the phone has been found. While waiting for the manager a phone number on the Opal card was seen and phoned only to find it was the phone that was being held! The phone was handed into The Rocks police station and the officers' details were forwarded to the manager at CBA so she could forward the details to her client.

The following morning a telephone call was received from the owner of the phone who was very grateful the phone had been handed in. She wanted to give something and the reply was if you want to do that then give the money to your favourite charity. She said she would donate the money to the Guide Dogs as her son is blind. Her son was at that stage in America competing in preparation for the Paralympics surfing contest. He won silver at the last Paralympics and hopes for gold next time. Amazing!

Picture this:

Four cars come to a four-way stop, all coming from different directions. They can't decide who got there first so they all go forward at the same time. They don't crash into each other, but all four cars go. How is this possible?

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 Account no. 780356294 and
 (record your 'surname' + one word as a brief reference covering the purpose) e.g. 'XMAS', 'FEES', etc.

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

Committee Members 2022

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