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

NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 23 OCTOBER

APOLOGIES to Robert Rae on 0411 141 823

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS are:

October '23	Alek Schulah	Topic:	Greta Migrant Camp
November '23	Bob Bush	Topic:	Bush Poet
January '24	Corren Ingersole	Topic:	Evolution of the Rubiks Cube

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Current Activities

WALKING AND COFFEE GROUP - Meets every Wednesday morning, contact Ron Tooney our coordinator on 0409 467910 for more details.

GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH - Monday 6 November at Valentine Bowling Club at 11.45 for 12 noon.

Contact John Benson our coordinator on 0437 043014 for further details.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH/FUNCTION

Date: **Tuesday 5 December**
Venue: Valentine Bowling Club
Cost: $50 per person

Please discuss with your wife/partner prior to our meeting who would be interested in joining us. At our meeting there will be a sheet so you can secure a seat for our annual Christmas celebrations.

We need to pay the Bowling Club in early November. In this regard the funds need to be paid prior to 7 November. You can pay Brian on Monday or deposit into our account. Details of our account are in this newsletter on the last page. Remember to include your name and 'Xmas'.

Invitation for 2024

A charity and fun day with the Men's Probus Club of Belmont has been arranged for early January. Peter Steele handed Brendan details of the days proceedings and mentioned you do not have to be proficient at bowling to join in the day.

If people are interested and would like a lesson or roll up prior to the event Peter is happy to organise a session.

Details are:
Venue -   Valentine Bowling Club
Date -   Monday 15 January 2024 with the day commencing at 8.30am

2 games of 12 ends
3 bowls - Triples
No dead ends - re-spot on the 'T'
Entry Fee $90 per team ($30 per person)

Inclusions
bowling (supplying bowls if required)
morning tea at 8.30am
lunch and a drink at approximately 1.15pm

Winners will be determined as:
2 game winner
1 game winner
0 game winner

Presentation and Raffle will be held at 2.15pm.

Invitation for 2024 Continued

Brendan will ask for any interest at our next meeting and answer any questions if he can.

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President's Report

It was very pleasing to see such a strong attendance (17 members') at the Gentleman's lunch. Particularly it was great to see Clayton Vernall, who has battled health issues for many months. In addition our most senior member Austin Greener made an appearance and advised he intends to attend future lunches at the Valentine Bowling Club.
The year is flying by, with Christmas fast approaching, our Christmas Party is booked for lunch on Tuesday 5th December at Valentine Bowling Club.

John

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Lunch at Queens Wharf and Tour of Fort Scratchley

Eleven of us met at Queens Wharf for lunch on Wednesday, 11 October. Some drove to Stockton and took in the scenic ferry ride across to Queens Wharf while others drove to Newcastle.

It was mentioned that a couple arrived late while others were ordering their meals. As it worked out all meals were provided together and everyone enjoyed the food. Some said they would be returning with their wives.

After an enjoyable and leisurely lunch nine moved onto the tour of the Fort while two of the group wandered back across the waters and returned home.

A thank you to Brendan for organising a great day.

Guest Speaker Section

Bob Cook gave a very interesting and inspiring talk on the extremely important role Newcastle and the surrounding areas played in World War 2.

The investigations included 10 groups of people researching and collaborating culminating in the production of 'Fortress Newcastle'. Rather than me scribing multiple words look at the video. The link is:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOcpAMgPh1I.

Book Corner

Ted brings in a collection of interesting authors for you to peruse and borrow.

The Club also has books available. New books have been brought along and collection is increasing in volume. A cull will be happening soon. Please look and take the books you are interested in before they disappear.

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Something from Alan Carter

I was reading an article about a 56 year old driver with a 38 years blemish-free record who decided to have a mock driving test to see if any bad habits had developed over the years.

Here are some that the instructor noted:

1. Taking hands off the steering wheel while stopped at traffic lights- Instant Fail

2. Steering with one elbow resting on the centre console or on window ledge - Instant Fail

3. Not having both hands on steering wheel at ALL times unless changing gear on a manual car - Instant Fail

4. Instructor commented there were 19 other 'Instant Fail' items including 'disobeying traffic signs or road markings', 'failing to give way', 'exceeding the speed limit', 'not parking to the required standard'.

5. In NSW a driver has to score 90% or higher with no 'fail items' which does not allow a huge margin for error.

6. Point can be lost for not completing 'over the shoulder' checks, relying instead on the mirrors and 'blind spot monitoring' with merges not forgetting 'signalling errors'.

7. Parallel Parking between cars can result in test points loss for 'angle of entry', 'closeness to kerb', 'perfect parking should be done in 3 manoeuvres but testing allows for a 4th'.

No doubt, none of us would be guilty of ANY of the above points but just to be sure I am considering a mock test myself.

PS: Don't know why I just bought a new car that does all these 'blind spot monitoring checks' and 'lane control', 'collision avoidance with auto braking' automatically for me!

BANKING DETAILS *for Payments to the Club*

GREATER BANK (details for making payment either on-line or at a branch).

BSB   637-000
Account   780356294
(record your 'surname' + one word as a brief reference covering the purpose eg "Xmas", 'Fees', etc

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2023

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