

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 27 NOVEMBER

APOLOGIES to Robert Rae on 0411 141 823

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS are:

November '23	Bob Bush	Topic:	Bush Poet
January '24	Corren Ingersole	Topic:	Evolution of the Rubiks Cube
February '24	Marnie Crichton	Topic:	Accident Survivor
March '24	Adrian Humphries	Topic:	Ukraine/Middle East Conflict
April '24	Bryan Petheram	Topic:	Mens' Mental Health

Current Activities

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

Current Activities Continued

GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH - Monday 8th January '24 at Valentine Bowling Club at 11.45 for 12 noon. Contact John Benson our coordinator on 0437 043014 for further details.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH/FUNCTION - Tuesday 5th December at Valentine Bowling Club. Arrive 11.45 for 12.30 lunch. ***Please bring and wear your name badges***

WILLIAM THE FOURTH (It's an accurate occupational replica of Australia's first steam powered ocean-going paddlewheel ship)

Our outing is a 1.5-hour morning tea cruise of Newcastle Harbour.

When: Sunday February 4th 2024

Time: 10:30 am till 12 noon (arrive by 10.15)

Departure Point: Lee Wharf Pontoon, 5 Honeysuckle Drive.

Cost: \$35 per person

If interested please place your name on the sheet at the next meeting or contact Brendan (contact details are on the last page) or alternatively pay into our bank account (banking details on the last page and insert detail as 'cruise')

Funds need to be in our account by January 10th to secure our booking.

Partners are most welcome.

BOWLING 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)

Bowling Invitation Continued

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.

Please contact Peter Steele (0401 406 204) or Brendan Mannion (0412 544 647) with your team details.

President's Report

The year has flown past, with I feel a deal of success, in terms of plenty of enjoyable moments from our guest speakers.

Judging, by the frequent extension of morning teas, we have a great community within the club. The November Meeting will be no exception with the opportunity to liaise at the bi-monthly bbq.

Long term member Ken Watt had a health scare and was recovering well. Regrettably he has had a setback in the form of a positive COVID test. We look forward to Ken making a full recovery.

I am looking forward to upcoming Christmas party set down for the 5th December.

John

Guest Speaker Section

Alex Schulah spoke of how the Greta Migrant Camp was established, his exposure and his research into the experiences of the migrants.

Alex was born in the camp in 1951 and his father was Ukrainian and his mother Yugoslav who spoke 6 languages and was an interpreter in the camp.

There was a lot of detail given on how the government established the camp and departments and contractors involved.

Guest Speaker Section Continued

The camp was established in 1949 and closed in 1960. During this period approximately 100,000 migrants stayed in the camp and there were 10,000 babies born. The first stage of the camp involved construction of 138 wooden huts with asbestos roofs in 30 days at a cost of forty thousand pounds. The contractors worked 24 hours a day (under flood lights at night) on a three shift rotation.

The camp grew to the second biggest in Australia. There were 450 separate buildings which included accommodation, kitchens, amenities, school blocks, hospitals, churches, garages, storage shed, cinema hall, tennis court, sports field to name a few.

There was water and sewage installed ahead of the Greta township.

Alex has spent 30 year in journalism. He and his wife Lee have travelled Australia and parts of the world to interview people who lived in the camp. He told numerous stories of these peoples' lives when at the camp and the success they have achieved. He has written three books on his family and stories of individuals and families that migrated to Australia and lived in the camp.

Alex concluded by saying how much the migrants contributed to Newcastle as well as the nation.

Bruce thanked Alex and the usual acclamation was given by our members.

Book Corner

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

The Club also has books available.

In Case You Missed Alan Carter's earlier Emails.

QR Codes are part of our way of life BUT paying for an item using a QR Code could be fattening the wallets of scammers.

A new wave of scamming Australians is spreading rapidly – QR code tampering.

Cybercriminals are altering QR codes at respected restaurants, parking facilities and other businesses, or creating fake QR code reader apps that direct people to scam websites.

Unsuspecting customers, thinking they are paying for food or other services, are being tricked into handing over their financial information and personal details to scammers.

Remember, scanning a QR code is just like clicking a link. Scammers redirect people to fraudulent sites by using tampered QR codes, or fake QR code reader apps – it's that simple.

Be Alert

- Use the 'Camera' function on your device to scan QR codes, instead of downloading other QR code reader apps.
- After scanning a QR code, pay attention to the website you are being redirected to. If it looks suspicious, close the site immediately.
- Never download any software after scanning a QR code. Always head to official app stores.
- Check QR codes have not been pasted over an original. Be wary of sites asking for personal information. Protect against identity theft.

If you believe your details have been compromised, contact your bank immediately.



When you open PICTURES (with File Explorer), by default the images open with Windows 'PHOTOS' app which has this annoying feature of showing a list of thumbnail pics at the bottom of the screen.

If you press letter **F** on your keyboard this will temporarily disable the thumbnails.

Pressing F again brings the thumbnails back into view.

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

If you have read this far, I'd just like to let you know the next newsletter will be in January.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and a healthy New Year to you, your families and friends.

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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