



THE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF VALENTINE Inc

'The Young, Friendly, Fun Club'

NEWSLETTER
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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 MAY - (SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS)

APOLOGIES to Robert Rae on 0411 141 823

and our GUEST SPEAKERS are:

May '22	Gary Herrett	<i>Topic:</i>	200 years of Coal Loading in Newcastle
June '22	Jessica Kyle	<i>Topic:</i>	Cost of Living
July '22	Paul Mcfarlane	<i>Topic:</i>	Newcastle Airport update

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.

CONFIRMED OUTINGS - Lunch at Brownsugar Restaurant this Thursday 19 May at 12 for 12.30pm

OTHER OUTINGS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION WITH PARTNERS

- A two night stay in a guest house at Katoomba

Curious About the Content?



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President's Report

Don't forget our lunch at Brownsugar Restaurant on Thursday. A thank you to John McGrath for his organisation and Robert for keeping us informed through his emails.

If you have any suggestions on outings please speak to John McGrath and we can discuss your ideas at our committee meetings. If you would like to join us at a committee meeting please see me as you will be more than welcome.

Talking about lunch John Benson once again organised a table at Jewells Tavern where a number of us gathered for our Gentlemen's lunch. As usual we exchanged stories, enjoyed each others company and the cuisine on offer at the Tavern.

At our last meeting Members Benefits were raised. To review what benefits are available log into the Probus South Pacific website. For ease of access the link is:

https://probussouthpacific.org/pages/members_offers_member_benefits_scheme

One of the other topics discussed at the last meeting was promoting the club in an endeavour to increase our membership numbers. Robert has advertised the Club's details through 2NURFM, Nextdoor Events calendar, Facebook and letter drop. Also a note in the Ladies Valentine Probus newsletter, an advertisement in the Newcastle Weekly and of course our website. However, the best form of advertising is personal and if you know of anybody who would be interested in joining please bring them along.

Our walks have been interrupted with rain and commitments which have necessitated a couple of cancellations. However, on one of the rainy days the group met at Cherry Road Nursery for coffee and cake (good for the waist line). When we walk at Speers Point we now stop for a coffee at the new establishment called Harry & Lola's. The staff are very helpful and happy of course we have also enjoyed coffee at Table 1 where the staff are also welcoming.

Let me know if you would like me to include any other comments in my report to you.

Trevor

Quiz

Two young ladies were interviewed for a job position.

They shared the same birth mother and father, were the same age and had the same birth date (day, month and year).

The interviewer asked if they were twins and the young ladies replied 'no'.

How can this be?

Guest Speaker Section

Unfortunately Sarah Fenton was unable to present 'Travel Post Pandemic' last month.

At extremely short notice Brian Watson talked about the history of Angel Flight and his personal involvement.

Angel Flight (AF) was established in April 2003 by Bill Bristow and does not compete with the Flying Doctor, Westpac helicopter or Careflight services.

AF co-ordinates non emergency flights for financially and medically needy people. They do not carry medical equipment or medically trained people. There is no cost to the transported patient. The requests made to AF are through medical practitioners, nurses and social workers.

Since inception there have been in excess of 20,000 flights helping over 4,000 patients. AF employs 6 full time staff who organise up to 20 flights per day Australia wide. All planes and the pilots' (approximately 314) time are donated while fuel is paid by AF. This organisation is a charity and 15% of the raised funds are directed to administration costs.

Brian's involvement was the caring of the patients to and from their destinations. He assisted in their boarding and needs during the flight. On arrival he assisted them to their destination. Ronald McDonald House was one of the places he mentioned. Brian was involved in 104 missions on a 6 seater low wing Baron aircraft. The configuration of the aircraft allowed the easy boarding of patients. Their missions operated out of Pelican Airport during the period from 2014 to 2018.

Brian met some incredible and courageous people in his time with AF.

A number of questions were directed to Brian. His presentation was well received and once again very much appreciated at short notice. Thank you Brian.

Book Corner from Ted

Author for this month is Lee Child. The following books are available to borrow:

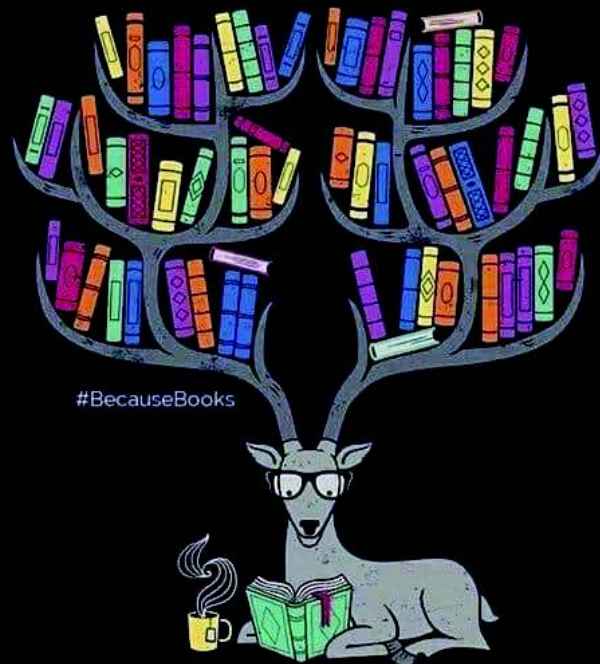
A Wanted Man, Blue Moon, Die Trying, Echo Burning, Gone Tomorrow, Killing Floor, Make Me, Never Go Back, Night School, One Shot, Nothing to Lose, Past Tense, Personal, Persuader, 61 Hours, The Affair, The Enemy, The Hard Way, The Visitor, Without Fail, Worth Dying For.

If you borrowed a book last month would you please bring it along to the meeting and return it to Ted.

A Little Something Extra from Ted

Of course anyone who truly loves books buys more of them than he or she can hope to read in one fleeting lifetime. A good book, resting unopened in its slot on a shelf, full of majestic potentiality, is the most comforting sort of intellectual wallpaper.

—David Quammen



JUST IMAGINE
ON THE LAKE IN YOUR
DREAM HOUSEBOAT
READING YOUR
FAVOURITE BOOK.



May 2022 NSW Holidays

Mothers Day

May 8 - Sunday

It is a celebration honouring the mother of the family or individual, motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on different days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May.

Remembrance and Reconciliation Day

May 8 - Sunday

Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who lost their lives during the Second World War and was established in 2004 by the United Nations General Assembly. It is observed annually on May 8th and May 9th.

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

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

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