



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

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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 22 AUGUST - (SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS)**

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

and our GUEST SPEAKERS are:

Aug '22	Bob Cook	<i>Topic:</i>	William IV Ship
Sept '22	Ian Hemphill	<i>Topic:</i>	Demystifying Wonders of the Spice World

**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.

**OUTINGS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

- TBA: Hi-Vis factory tour at Carrington
- October: Gosford Regional Gallery and Japanese Edogawa Commemorative Garden (to include wives/partners)
- TBA: A two night stay in a guest house at Katoomba (to include wives/partners)
- TBA: Cruise from Ettalong to Palm Beach (would be a long day)
- TBA: Lake Macquarie Light Rail at Toronto

If you have any other suggestions or would like to assist in organising any outing please contact John McGrath.

## President's Message

I referred back to the August 2021 newsletter where I mentioned the impingement COVID had on our lifestyle. Back then we were also looking forward to our trip to Lake Jindabyne.

Twelve months on and COVID is still having an effect on us and stalling the implementation of the trips and outings that have been planned.

In saying this we are still able to enjoy the friendship, fellowship and fun at our meetings with some very interesting guest speakers. Looking forward to catching up with you all next week.

Some of the important dates in August are International Beer Day, Friendship Day and National Climbing Day. I don't know about you, I am beyond mountain climbing but partial to a beer. Friendship is definitely at the forefront of our club.

Until next time take care and be safe.

Trevor

## Scams

As you are probably aware scams are on the increase and one has to be very mindful of opening links on text messages and emails. My advice is DON'T OPEN LINKS but go back to the original source and confirm legitimacy.

My recent experience was that a delivery was expected. I received a text message saying 'the parcel could not be delivered and click on the link to arrange another time'. I was out the day of the proposed delivery.

There were three anomalies:

1. It had the word 'AuPost' instead of 'AusPost'.
2. When googling the phone number the word 'CAUTION' appeared.
3. Taking deliveries from this company in the past they provided a tracking number and if nobody is at home it is dropped off at the Post Office.

I contacted the supplier and they confirmed the parcel had not yet left the warehouse, hence a SCAM.

Even though you maybe in a hurry **DO NOT CLINK ON LINKS YOU HAVE NOT VERIFIED.**

## Guest Speaker Section

Paul McFarlane, Manager Operations, from Newcastle Airport talked about the:

- history of the airport
- impact of COVID
- present position and
- what's in store for the future

The presentation was informative and interesting which created a number of questions at the conclusion.

The airport started from meagre beginnings and has developed into what we know today.

During the pandemic:

- a number of staff were put off for a short period and when recruitment recommenced some did not return as they had found alternate work
- an opportunity was taken to expand and develop the terminal. During the expansion solar panels were installed with more coming at a later date. New technology was introduced to streamline the overall operations of the airport with further upgrades being considered.

The runway is now being upgraded and from what I understand and remember it will be carried out in three stages. The expansion known as Code E will allow for larger jets to land and take off and completion date is in 2024. This will facilitate further destinations to be targeted such as the west coast of America and parts of Asia.

Expansion of destinations within Australia is also being pursued.

From Your Editor

*Our August guest Speaker is Bob Cook. Who would like to provide a summation of his talk? Please let me know if you are interested.*

## QUIZZ - PART 1

WHAT CAN BE SEEN ONCE IN A MINUTE, TWICE IN A MOMENT, AND NEVER IN A THOUSAND YEARS?

## **Book Corner**

Fellow Probus Member

This month's offering features three authors:

- John Mortimer (who didn't love Rumpole of the Bailey?)
- David Baldacci (introduced to me by Trevor) and
- Frank McCourt (probably best known for Angela's Ashes).

Happy Reading

Ted

### **John Mortimer:**

Charade, Clinging to the Wreckage, Dunster, Paradise Postponed, Summer's Lease, Titmuss Regained, Rumpole and the Penge Bungalow Murders, Rumpole Rests His Case, The Sound of Trumpets, The Summer of a Dormouse, The First Rumpole Omnibus, The Second Rumpole Omnibus, The Third Rumpole Omnibus, The Trials of Rumpole.

### **David Baldacci:**

Memory Man, Omnibus – Last Man Standing & Saving Face, The Fallen, The Simple Truth.

**Frank McCourt:** Angela's Ashes, Teacher Man, 'Tis.

## **PSPL Members Benefit Scheme**

If you missed Robert's earlier email this month with links to the above information then you are in luck.

The link is: <https://www.probusouthpacific.org> and then:

- click on Members Benefits then
- Member Benefit Scheme Australia then
- scroll down to 'Who's Already on Board' then
- Click on:  
PROBUS\_MEMBER\_BENEFITS\_SCHEME\_AUSTRALIA\_190622.pdf

Then browse and choose your next holiday.

## Quiz - Part 2

What is unusual about these three words?

'racecar'



'kayak'



and 'level'



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Don't forget to send our newsletter on to a friend or direct them to our website :  
[www.ajcnsw.com/mpcov](http://www.ajcnsw.com/mpcov)

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

Please send your contributions for the newsletter to the email address of:

[probusnews2280@gmail.com](mailto:probusnews2280@gmail.com)

## Did you know?

The month of August got its name from the Ancient Romans who named this month for Augustus Caesar. Augustus made adjustments to the calendar since the extra day that was supposed to be every four years was actually every three years. He also named August after himself since Julius Caesar named July after himself.

## Committee Members 2022

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