



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

**NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022**

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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 26 SEPTEMBER - (SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS)**

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

and our GUEST SPEAKERS are:

Sept '26	Kathy Edwards	<i>Topic:</i>	Bush Poetry
Oct '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)
- 2023: 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.

## **CHRISTMAS 2022 FUNCTION**

Venue for our Christmas Luncheon this year has been booked at the Belmont Golf Club. **Details are:**

- **Wednesday 14 December 2022**
- **11.45am for a noon serving**

The luncheon will comprise a main and a dessert course. There are two choices for both and they will be served alternatively.

The final cost will be determined at the September Committee meeting. Unfortunately this newsletter was prepared prior to that meeting.

A schedule will be at our general meeting and please write your names if you are interested in attending. Naturally wives and partners are welcome. There is a minimum number required for this function. Numbers are required for organising the function.

### **President's Message**

I'll be missing in action at our next meeting. John McGrath our Vice President will step into the 'breach' and keep you 'entertained'.

Keep in mind our luncheon date and walking dates as shown on the previous page.

I was tuned to the news the other night and was inspired by a 'young' 91 year old gentleman still refereeing soccer matches in his local community. He has been enjoying this role for 45 years and is still capable of running the field. He not only blows the whistle but provides constructive advice when the rules are not followed and he politely tells some parents to be quiet as necessary. His advice was to find an interest and give back to the community.

No doubt he can achieve his interest by keeping mobile and exercising. There's hope for us all!!

**We are looking for volunteers to speak at our meetings should our guest speaker not be able to attend. If you are interested please speak to Roger or myself.**

Until next time take care and be safe.

Trevor

## Guest Speaker Section

Unfortunately our guest speaker, Bob Cook, could not join us and Roger will reschedule his talk.

Bruce Helman graciously volunteered and talked about the early Prime Ministers of Australia. Bruce had no notes or slides and spoke purely from memory. He named all the early prime ministers and their approximate dates of office and gave a glimpse into their political career.

At the end of his talk which lasted 40 odd minutes he then named all the prime ministers in order from Edmond Barton to our current prime minister, Anthony Albanese.

After answering questions a great round of applause was given to Bruce and his talk was very much appreciated.

Prime Ministers:

Edmund Barton	(1901-03)	Alfred Deakin	(1903-4, 05-08, and 09-10)
Chris Watson	(1904)	George Reid	(1904-05)
Andrew Fisher	(1908-09, 14-15)	Joseph Cook	(1913-14)
Billy Hughes	(1915-23)	Stanley Bruce	(1923-29)
James Scullin	(1929-32)	Joseph Lyons	(1932-39)
Earle Page	(1939)	Robert Menzies	(1939-41, 1949-66)
Arthur Fadden	(1941)	John Curtin	(1941-45)
Frank Forde	(1945)	Ben Chifley	(1945-49)
Harold Holt	(1966-67)	John McEwen	(1967-68)
John Gorton	(1968-71)	Billy McMahon	(1971-72)
Gough Whitlam	(1972-75)	Malcolm Fraser	(1975-83)
Bob Hawke	(1983-91)	Paul Keating	(1991-96)
John Howard	(1996-2007)	Kevin Rudd	(2007-10/2013)
Julia Gillard	(2010-13)	Tony Abbott	(2013-15)
Malcolm Turnbull	(2015-18)	Scott Morrison	(2018-22)
Anthony Albanese	(Current)		

## A Further Snippet of History

Why Do We Celebrate Wattle Day? (1st day of September)

A century ago sprigs of wattle and wattle badges were sold to raise money for wounded soldiers in the First World War. It is a day that unifies all Australians in a celebration of what it is to live in Australia and be Australian.

## Book Corner

Hi Fellows

This month we're looking at two very different Authors: **Ben Elton** and **Michael Palin**.

**Ben Elton:** Blast From the Past, Chart Throb, Dead Famous, Gridlock, High Society, Inconceivable, Meltdown, Past Mortem, Popcorn, Stark, The First Casualty, This Other Eden, Time and Time Again, Two Brothers.

**Michael Palin:** Around the World in Eighty Days, Full Circle, Himalaya, Pole to Pole, Sahara.

Happy reading

Ted

## Quiz Section

*Included in Last Month's Newsletter*

Part 1 - What can be seen once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in a thousand years?

**Answer - Letter M**

Part 2 - What is unusual about these three words?

'racecar'



'kayak'



and 'level'



**Answer - Palindromes (can be read backwards or forwards)**

## This Months Quiz

Seeing this has been a bit of a history month the question is:

Who named New South Wales?

## Why is Australian Father's Day in September?

**There is no definitive explanation** why Father's Day is celebrated in Australia and New Zealand on the first Sunday in September, though it is clear that the custom of the September date began in the mid 1930s.

*Can anybody shed any more light on the subject?*

## Travel Section

*What do you visit on your way north along the coast road?*

How many times have you driven through Nabiac (about 40 minutes north of Valentine) and noticed the sign 'The National Motorcycle Museum'? We have on numerous trips and said we should stop one day and have a look. A couple of weeks ago we visited the museum.

We drove to Nabiac and enjoyed a very pleasant lunch at the Greenhouse Cafe. Following lunch we drove further up the main street (Clarkson St) to the museum.

If you are interested in motorbikes, cars, toys and memorabilia then it is worth a visit. It is a large complex housing more than 800 motorbikes. There were AJS, Ariel, BSA, Douglas, Excelsior, Matchless, Norton, Vincent to mention a few. There were also Russian bikes, dirt and modern racing bikes and modern Honda and Kawasaki bikes.

The display also included veteran (up to 1919), vintage (1919 to 1930) and classic (older than 25 years) cars. From memory the youngest car was a 1957 Morgan.

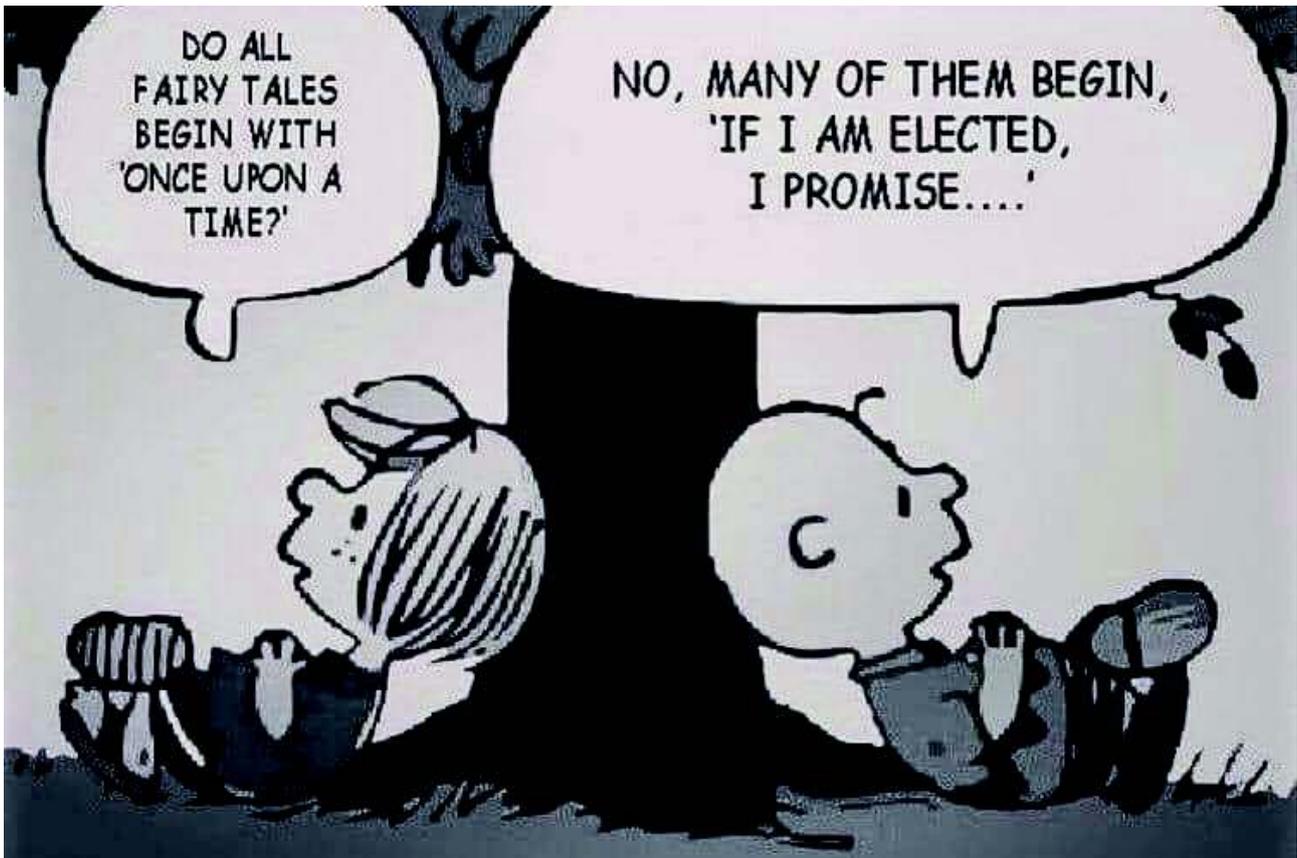
The museum also housed children's tricycles in the bygone era as well as match box cars, model trains of various gauges and memorabilia.

For more information go to their website - <https://nationalmotorcyclemuseum.com.au>

The museum brought back a lot of memories. A family member once belonged to a Sydney Veteran Motorbike Club and we enjoyed a number of outings with the club and its members.

*From Your Editor*





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

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