

**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 FEBRUARY**

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

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS are:

Feb '23	Rebecca Barnes	Topic:	Integrated Living
Mar '23	Paul Rheinberger	Topic:	Archaeological Site
Apr '23	Gary Herrett	Topic:	Battle of Long Tan
May '23	TBA	Topic:	Fire and Rescue
June '23	TBA	Topic	
July '23	Wayne Cooper	Topic:	Kokoda Track

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES**

**WALKING GROUP** - Meets every Wednesday morning, contact Ron Tooney our coordinator on 4958 7910 for more details.

**GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH** - Next is 6 March '23.

**FOR THIS MONTH OUR VENUE HAS CHANGED.** Our gathering will be held at Valentine Bowling Club at 17A Valentine Crescent Valentine.

If you would like to participate in a game of bowls please arrive at 10am wearing flat sole shoes or sneakers or thongs, no experience necessary. Bowls will be provided.

Come along if you only want to watch or arrive at 11.45 for lunch which will be held in the club at your own cost. For further details please contact Peter Steel on 0401 406 204.

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## CURRENT ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

At our last meeting John asked what outings the members would enjoy and participate in. John spoke to a number of you over morning tea and unfortunately the responses were not very positive. We will suggest various outings at our next meeting and ask for a show of hands. Provided there is sufficient interest the planning will commence. Only show interest if you are genuinely interested. It is very discouraging and time wasting if the outings are arranged and cancelled due to insufficient numbers. We are aware that illness and family priorities occur and for those reasons you are unable to attend.

### **President's Message**

Our AGM is next month. If you are keen to be on the committee please send your nomination form to Robert Rae or bring it with you to the meeting. All nominations should be in on or before our meeting.

Roger has organised some very interesting guest speakers.

Wayne Cooper spoke of his career in the Police Force and also touched on his singing performances. Wayne has won the Australian Entertainment Industry 'MO' Award for the Best Tribute Show in Australia on two occasions. He is performing "Heaven & Earth" at Club Macquarie at Argenton on Saturday 11 March. If you want to book a ticket the website is: <https://clubmacquarie.com.au/>. We are on table 4.

Bob Cook talked about the 'William the Fourth' ship. Bob mentioned the ship conducts various cruises around the harbour and up the river to Morpeth. We have booked for a morning tea aboard the ship on Sunday 2 April. If you are interested in booking a ticket the website is: <https://williamthefourth.org/>.

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### **Australia Day Honours**

The Late Ernest Alchin was awarded The Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division.

Ern was awarded the OAM for services to the community through a range of organisations that included:

- Alzheimer's Australia New South Wales
- East Lake Macquarie Dementia Service, Anglican Care
- Rotary International
- Men's Probus Club of Valentine

Ern was a member of our club for many years.

## Guest Speaker Section

Bob Cook was our guest speaker last month and his presentation on William the Fourth was very engaging and a wealth of knowledge. I'm not going to detail his talk but if you want to refresh your memory or were unable to attend the meeting and interested in this topic the link to their website is: <https://williamthefourth.org/>

Wikipedia site is: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PS\\_William\\_the\\_Fourth\\_\(1831\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PS_William_the_Fourth_(1831))

Bob also mentioned 'Fortress Newcastle' which talks about Newcastle's involvement in World War 11. The link to the Youtube video is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOcpAMgPhII>.

The video runs for about 54 minutes and worthwhile watching.

## Book Corner

*Ted was unable to attend last month due to family illness. Ted's note and book details as per last months newsletter was:*

Fellow Probus Members

For this month I've chosen probably the most published crime author of all time, Dame Agatha Christie.

Nearly all titles are from *The Agatha Christie Crime Collection*, which includes three different mysteries per book - eg *Appointment With Death* also includes *Crooked House* and *Sad Cypress*. I also have several individual books, but in the interest of 'getting this off to Trevor', I've only included the three indicated \* - but there will be more on the day.

*Agatha Christie Collection, etc.*

A Caribbean Mystery, Appointment With Death, By The Pricking Of My Thumbs, Cards On the Table, Cat Among the Pigeons, Death On the Nile, Mystery Of The Blue Train, Murder Is Easy, Hallowe'en Party, 4.50 From Paddington, Evil Under the Sun, Nemesis, Ordeal By Innocence, Partners In Crime, Sparkling Cyanide, The Clocks, The Hollow, The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side, The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, The Murder on the Links, The Mysterious Affair at Styles, The Pale Horse, Miss Marple Complete Short Stories\*, The Mystery of Agatha Christie\* and Curtain (Poirot's Last Cast)\*.

Happy Reading

Ted

## Regional Travel Card

If you missed Alan Carter's emails well here they are:

### 1. Regional Travel Card

The link to apply is:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-a-regional-seniors-travel-card>

You can also apply over the phone or visit Service NSW Centre.

### 2. Windows - Copy and Save Option

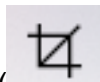
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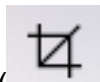
\* Press and hold **WIN KEY+SHIFT+S** then let go. (this is the




WIN KEY)

- \* A window at the top of your screen will appear with the 'rectangular option' highlighted.
- \* Hold down LEFT MOUSE BUTTON and drag to create a shape around the portion of the screen that you want to save, then let go.
- \* That image will appear in the right corner of your screen, then left click that image.
- \* The image will now appear in a new window that will allow a number of options.



- \* To CROP, click the icon (  ) and adjust size.
- \* Press ENTER when finished making adjustments.



In the top right of the screen an icon will be shown to SAVE (  ) the image to whatever location you choose.

## **Our Website**

The 'Community Service' Section in our website has been updated. A number of businesses have been deleted for various reasons. Ben Burns for small plumbing jobs still appears.

Dudes 'n Dolls Hair Lounge at Warners Bay has ben added.

For further details and contact information please go to our website:

<http://www.ajcnsw.com/mpcov/>

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## ***I'm Sure You Will Have a laugh at Some of These Sayings***

### ***Children Are Quick***

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

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TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

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TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

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TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

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TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

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TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLENN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

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*Children Are Quick Section Continued*

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it.

Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....

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TEACHER: Now, Simon , tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

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TEACHER: Clyde , your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's.. Did you copy his?

CLYDE : No, sir. It's the same dog.

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TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

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**GREATER BANK.** *Payments to the Club*

Details for making payment either on-line or at a branch.

BSB 637-000 and

Account no. 780356294 and

(record your ' surname' + one word as a brief reference covering the purpose) e.g. 'XMAS', 'FEES', etc.

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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.

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