

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 24 APRIL

APOLOGIES to Robert Rae on 0411 141 823

**IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL FEE OF \$30
IT IS NOW DUE**

PLEASE PAY INTO OUR BANK ACCOUNT

BSB 637-000 ACCOUNT 780356294

**ENSURE YOUR NAME AND THE WORD 'FEES' ARE SHOWN IN
THE REFERENCE ON YOUR DEPOSIT**

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS are:

April '23	Gary Herrett	Topic:	Battle of Long Tan
May '23	Don Anderson	Topic:	Day in the Life of a Fire Fighter
June '23	Lee Baines	Topic:	Marine Rescue Pelican
July '23	Wayne Cooper	Topic:	Kokoda Track
August '23	Michael Croxton	Topic:	On The Road 65+
September '23	Bob Cook	Topic:	Fortress Newcastle

Current Activities

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

We usually walk from Speers Point carpark towards Cockle Creek railway station and some walk a little further at times. If you are not up for walking join us for coffee. Contact Ron for details.

GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH - Next is 1st May '23, contact John Benson our coordinator on 0437 043014 for more details.

Place the date in your diary and join the group. Numbers were down last month.

LAKE MACQUARIE ART GALLERY on WEDNESDAY 17 MAY '23 - Come and view the exhibition of the 2022 **Archibald Prize** finalists. Our tour lasts an hour from 11am to noon. Following the exhibition it is proposed to have lunch at Club Macquarie at 458 Lake Road, Argenton. Please let us know if you are interested at our general meeting next Monday. If you need transport please contact John McGrath.

President's Message

Following my election as President at our March meeting, I would like to express my hopes for an interesting and enjoyable year for all our members.

I am extremely gratified that all members of last years committee have committed for another year. Equally I am pleased to welcome our new committee members, Paul Rheinberger, Brendan Mannion, and Bob Maloney.

Regards John

Guest Speaker Section

Our member Paul Rheinberger presented 'Who Knows Where Hearts Point is?'. It's one of the more interesting parts of 'Neranie': A 19th Century industrial community on Myall Lake NSW.

Paul spoke about the area from Taree to Newcastle and commented on the railway down to the Hawkesbury before the bridge was constructed.

Guest Speaker Section Continued

Paul was commissioned to undertake an archeological survey of Hearts Point and encompassed the timber mill village. He provided an insight into the discoveries made, the water front, the barges that have survived in the lake and the buildings and equipment utilised in the logging industry.

A number of questions were asked and accolades made at the conclusion.

William The Fourth

Bob Cook came to our February meeting and spoke about the 'reconstruction' of William The Fourth. Earlier this month on a sunny Sunday we ventured out with the crew on William The Fourth with a number of other paying passengers. It can hold up to 54 paying passengers.

It was a very pleasant hour and a half around the harbour taking in the view and listening to the commentary from one of the volunteers who was also the engineer on board.

You could climb the bridge, venture down to the gents and ladies quarters and around the deck and absorb the atmosphere of what it would have been like in the era of the ship (albeit no smoke from the steamship smoke stack otherwise known as a funnel).

During the morning a generous morning tea was provided.

Book Corner

Ted is going to keep us in suspense as he will bring to our meeting an assortment of books with differing authors for you to choose.

Whatever you choose Ted wishes you happy reading.

A Note From Your Editor

With the new Probus year upon us I took the liberty to change the format of our newsletter. What do you think?

If you have anything to share with the members or comments please see me or email me on 'probusnews2280@gmail.com'.

Topics of Interest

A message from Alan Carter.

There are a number of commercial programs that will capture a full webpage but I just found out that this is a feature of Microsoft Edge.

Here are the steps:

1. Open a webpage in Microsoft Edge.
 2. Press: CTRL+SHIFT+S and a message will appear at the top of the page.
 3. Select CAPTURE FULL PAGE
 4. When the captured webpage appears, click SAVE (top right corner) and the image will then be stored in your DOWNLOADS folder.
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English Lesson

We'll begin with *box*; the plural is *boxes*,
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *oxes*.
One fowl is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*,
Yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone *mouse* or a house full of *mice*;
But the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hice*.
The plural of *man* is always *men*,
But the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.

If I speak of a *foot*, and you show me two *feet*,
And I give you a *book*, would a pair be a *beek*?
If one is a *tooth* and a whole set are *teeth*,
Why shouldn't two *booths* be called *beeth*?

If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*,
Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a *brother* and also of *brethren*,
But though we say *mother*, we never say *methren*.
Then the masculine pronouns are *he*, *his*, and *him*;
But imagine the feminine ...*she*, *shis*, and *shim*!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2023

President	John McGrath 0405 887 881	Vice President	Vacant
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Our president John McGrath is looking for a Vice President, Welfare Officer and Assistant Program Manager. Please seriously consider joining the team and taking on one of these rolls. There is ample experience you can draw on from other committee members to assist you in any of these vacant rolls. The Vice President normally fills the Presidency position next Probus year.
