

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 22 January

APOLOGIES to Robert Rae on 0411 141 823

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS are:

January '24	Corren Ingersole	Topic:	Evolution of the Rubiks Cube
February '24	Marnie Crichton	Topic:	Accident Survivor
March '24	Adrian Humphries	Topic:	Ukraine/Middle East Conflict
April '24	Bryan Petheram	Topic:	Mens' Mental Health

Current Activities

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

GENTLEMEN'S LUNCH - Monday 5th February '24 at Valentine Bowling Club at 11.45 for 12 noon. Contact John Benson our coordinator on 0437 043014 for further details.

Current Activities Continued

WILLIAM THE FOURTH (It's an accurate occupational replica of Australia's first steam powered ocean-going paddlewheel ship)

Our outing is a 1.5 hour morning tea cruise of Newcastle Harbour.

When: Sunday February 4th 2024

Time: 10:30 am till 12 noon (arrive by 10.15)

Departure Point: Lee Wharf Pontoon, 5 Honeysuckle Drive.

Cost: \$35 per person

There are 17 that have paid and will be cruising.

President's Report

On behalf of your committee, I pass on our good wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

The last activity for the year, our Christmas party seemed to be a great success and I thank everyone who contributed to making it a success.

Friendship is the greatest gift you can bestow on others, or have others bestow on you. There are however exemptions as shown in the following story.

“Three men were marooned on a desert island, an Englishman, an Australian, and an Irishman. The notches they had paced on the tree trunk, confirmed it was the last day of the year, adding to the frustration of their predicament.

Walking along the beach, they spotted a bottle bobbing in the water. Retrieving the bottle, they rubbed it, a genie popped out, granting one wish to each of the men. The Englishman said ‘I want to return to London to hear Big Ben chime in the new year’ The Australian said ‘I want to experience the wonderful sight of the sky lit up by fireworks over Sydney Harbour.’ Both men disappeared, their wishes clearly granted. The genie turned to the Irishman, and what is your wish, ‘I am lonely and want my two friends back’ and his wish was granted.”

John

Guest Speaker Section

Bob Bush commenced his talk on how he started writing bush poetry while he was travelling in the outback.

He entertained us with a variety of his poems and concluded with his shortened version of 'The Man From Snowy River'.

Bob had his books of bush poetry for sale as well as some on CD's and Flash Drives.

The usual applause was given in appreciation of his poetry.

Book Corner

Ted brings in a collection of interesting books for you to peruse and borrow.

The Club also has books available.

Technical Section

Something from Alan Carter that's worthwhile reading.

If asked what Internet Browser do you use, the usual reply is Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome.

Many people have not heard of a browser called BRAVE.

BRAVE will never track you or collect your private data and protects you against everything that does.

BRAVE has shields that provide blocking of trackers and ads.

BRAVE also had the option of 'Private Browsing Mode' which hides your IP address when visiting sites.

With the Brave browser open, press ALT+SHIFT+N to open a private window.

BRAVE now blocks 'cookie consent' pop-ups automatically.

Here is the link if you are 'BRAVE' to give it a go. www.brave.com

Cryptic Conclusion

You've relaxed over the festive season and celebrated the New Year. Now it's time to reenergise the brain.

Can you solve these questions. As the title indicates, think cryptic.

Q1. Which is the most mysterious letter in the alphabet?

Q2. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?

Q3. What tastes better than it smells?

Q4. What is in front of a woman but at the back of a cow?

Q5. Before Mt Everest was discovered, what was the tallest mountain in the world?

Q6. What can be opened but cannot be closed?

Q7. What building has the most stories?

Q8. If I have it, I don't share it.

If I share it, I don't have it.

What is it?

Q9. What can you keep even after giving it to someone else?

Q10. Which month has 28 days?

You have a month to ponder 🤔.

BANKING DETAILS *for Payments to the Club*

GREATER BANK (details for making payment either on-line or at a branch).

BSB	637-000
Account	780356294

(record your 'surname' + one word as a brief reference covering the purpose eg "Xmas", 'Fees', etc

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