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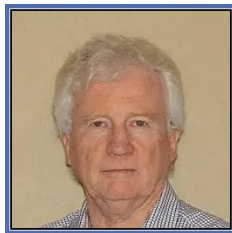
GENERAL MEETING 25th October – Programme:

9.30 am – General Meeting, Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, Induction

9.45 am – Member Special Interest/Autobiography

10.00 am – Coffee and Tea

10.30 am – Guest Speaker – Brent Mail



President's Report: Marty Rowland



Good morning, Gentlemen.

Welcome to the Newcastle PROBUS Newsletter for October 2023.

A big thank you to Barney Whitehead, one of our new members who introduced himself to the audience with his interesting autobiography about growing up in the rural Hunter Valley, and the various businesses he started in the region.

Our September guest speaker, Alicia Anderson from ID Support NSW gave an extremely interesting and important talk titled "Your Identity is Important. Let's Protect It." Alicia spoke about the many ways internet users, and in particular seniors, can inadvertently reveal, or have stolen, their personal details to nefarious agents on the internet, and the ways and means of preventing such losses. Even some of our more tech savvy members were surprised that some of the internet security measures they have taken may be insufficient today and went home thinking about further ideas to increase their online security.

The measure of success of Alicia's talk was shown by the many questions put to her at the end of her presentation, and the lively discussion with her after our meeting had ended.

Our activities team has arranged several exciting visits for members in the next few weeks. We will enjoy a train and ferry trip on Brisbane Water for lunch at Davistown RSL on 26 October and visit the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Engineering Base at Broadmeadow on 16 November. Please see the recently forwarded email for details.

Once more I encourage members to bring along an acquaintance, neighbour or relative who you think may be interested in becoming a member.

The next General Meeting of Newcastle Probus Club will be held on 28th November 2023 at Souths Merewether



Special Interest: *Marty Rowland*

Our autobiographer for this month is Max Smith



Treasurer's Report: *Keith Lynch*

Bank Reconciliation end September 2023: Opening Balance \$10,878, Income \$310, Expenditure (\$1,085), Closing Balance \$10,103, Term Deposit \$7,500

Payments:

Internet Banking: Newcastle Permanent Building Society, BSB: 650000, A/c No. 943213300

Cash: To Treasurer (in envelope with name, purpose and amount). Cheques: Mail to our PO Box



Guest Speakers: *Keith Hole*

Speaker for October - Brent Mail travel photographer --- "The highs and lows of his artistic journey"

Speaker for November – Sandra Keen --- "Computer Pals for Seniors"



Membership: *Brian Prior*

All members are encouraged to bring along visitors to our meetings.
Membership September: 58 – Attendance September 34



Website: *Lindsay Threadgate*

There are only minor updates to the website. Feedback and contributions are always welcome.

Feedback or contributions for the Newsletter to Peter would be most welcome.



Activities: *Geoff Morris*

Train/Ferry Trip to Davistown RSL for Lunch - Thursday 26th October 2023

Whilst there are 20 starters at this time there is always room for more.

We have not had a train trip for 4 years due to Covid and it will be good to travel by train again. Join the train at a convenient station and meet in carriage 2.

If not already registered please let me know, morrisgeoff@y7mail.com or 0412 613 591

Train from Newcastle Interchange leaving at 8.35 am calling at.

Hamilton 8.38 am.

Broadmeadow 8.41 am.

Cardiff 8.51 am.

Arriving at Woy Woy at 10.13 am. Return train fare \$2.50 pp.

After a short walk, the ferry will leave at 10.45 am for Davistown arriving at 11.10 am.

Return ferry fare \$9.40 pp.

You can walk or catch a minibus to the Davistown RSL for coffee or drinks before a two-course lunch, alternative serve for \$25.00 pp.

After lunch, the ferry leaves Davistown at 2.25 pm arriving at the Woy Woy wharf at 2.50.

Trains will leave Woy Woy at 3.02 pm or 3.28 pm and arrive at the Newcastle Interchange at 4.45 pm or 5.08 pm.

A sheet will be on the table at the next two meetings for the names of members, partners and friends who plan to attend so that the Davistown RSL can be advised of the numbers arriving for lunch.

Visit to the Westpac Engineering Base, Broadmeadow Thursday 16 November 2023

This should be an interesting morning with the program being set on the morning depending on what is happening at the base at the time.

The proposed visit time is 10.00 am to 12.00 noon during which time coffee will be available for our members.

If supported by our members we are looking at having lunch at the Premier Hotel at Broadmeadow.

As parking is restricted at the Base an approach is to be made to the Manager of the Premier Hotel to leave some members cars at the hotel and only take a few to the Base.

A sheet will be available at the next two meetings for members interested in visiting the Base.

Two old friends ran into each other at the door of their psychiatrist's office.

"Hello, there," said one. "Are you coming or going?"

"If I knew that," said the other, "I wouldn't be here."



Walking Group:

The official starting time of the NPP is from 10.00 am and the members are usually all assembled by 10.30.

The debate commences with no formal agenda, there being no "Speaker" to control the protocol, however debate there is plenty and on the topical subjects of the state, nation, and world.

This uncontrolled group sitting at a long narrow table cannot all engage in the same subject and so in the normal course of events two or three matters are debated in parallel. The duration of debate is usually one hour with members drifting off during this time.

All disagreement is adjourned and dissolved as the NPP rises so as not to inhibit the debate of the following week.

You can't believe everything you hear — but you can repeat it.



According to unofficial sources, a new simplified income-tax form contains only four lines:

1. What was your income for the year?
 2. What were your expenses?
 3. How much have you left?
 4. Send it in.
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At a party, a young wife admonished her husband, "That's the fourth time you've gone back for ice cream and cake. Doesn't it embarrass you?"

"Why should it?" answered her spouse. "I keep telling them it's for you."

One morning a husband returns to the cabin after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap.

Although not familiar with the lake, his wife decides to take the boat out, since it is such a beautiful day. She motors out a short distance, anchors, and reads her book.

Along comes a Game Warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "Good morning, Ma'am, what are you doing"?

"Reading a book," she replies, (thinking, "Isn't that obvious"?)

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her.

"I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading."

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. I'll have to write you up a ticket."

"For reading a book"? she replies.

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her again.

"But officer, I'm not fishing, I'm reading."

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to write you up a ticket and you'll have to pay a fine."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," says the Game Warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am," and he immediately departed.

MORAL: Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think.

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