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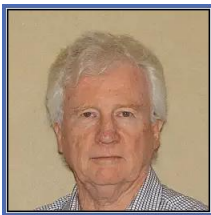
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GENERAL MEETING 23rd January – Programme:
9.30 am – General Meeting, Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, Induction
9.45 am – Member Special Interest/Autobiography
10.00 am – Coffee and Tea
10.30 am – Guest Speaker – Alan Broadfoot



President's Report: Marty Rowland



Good morning, Gentlemen,

Welcome to the Newcastle PROBUS Newsletter for January 2024, our first for the year.

May I start by wishing all our members and their families a Happy New Year. I hope this year brings us all peace and happiness throughout.

Having recently had our first Committee meeting for the year, I can assure you that the Committee members are all fired up and ready to bring you another great PROBUS year, with a great range of guest speakers, activities, special interest/autobiographies, and luncheons throughout the year.

At November's meeting we heard Barney Whitehead's life story Part 2. As Barney hadn't finished in the allotted time, we will have to invite him back sometime to hear Part 3.

Our guest speaker for November was Sandra Keen who gave an interesting and informative talk about ComputerPals for Seniors, a voluntary organization which provides computer assistance and advice to seniors in the Newcastle area.

December saw us celebrating Christmas with a great luncheon at Souths Leagues Club and being entertained by a group of amazing children of all ages playing their piano accordions.

I would like to start this year's recruiting drive early by asking members to invite as a guest to one of our meetings a friend, relative or neighbour who you think may be interested in becoming a Probian.

The next General Meeting of Newcastle Probus Club will be held on 27th February 2024 at Souths Merewether



Special Interest: *Marty Rowland*

Our autobiographer for this month is Lindsay Threadgate. His subject is "Keeping Devices Up To Date".



Treasurer's Report: *Keith Lynch*

Bank Reconciliation end December 2023: Opening Balance \$14,167, Income \$100, Expenditure (\$4,205), Closing Balance \$10,162, 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 January – Professor Alan Broadfoot – Executive Director Newcastle Institute for Energy & Resources.

Speaker for February – Paul Lobb – Ex NBN journalist and newsreader.



Activities: *Geoff Morris and Steve Wines*

Wed 6 March 10.30 Guided Visit to Port Stephens Koala Sanctuary

A special opportunity to see koalas in their natural habitat during a 1 hour guided tour. This is followed by free time to walk along the Skyway. If we are lucky we may even view koalas currently under care from the viewing window at the hospital. \$5 deposit payable into the club's account to pay for the guided tour and \$19 per person payable at the sanctuary to cover senior's rate entry!

For those interested, a 10-minute drive to Birubi Beach for lunch at the Crest Restaurant located in the Birubi Beach Surf Club overlooking the magnificent coastline. Individual costs for lunch and beverages. A more detailed notice will be available in a few days.

Geoff Morris morrisgeoff@y7mail.com 0412 613591



**PRESIDENTS LUNCH & OUR CLUB'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.
MEMBERS AND PARTNERS ARE INVITED.**

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL.

**11 am ARRIVAL FOR 11.30 am START. LUNCH AT 12.30pm.
BABBINGTONS RESTAURANT AT APOLLO MOTEL
290 PACIFIC HIGHWAY CHARLESTOWN.**

For this special occasion of the 40th Anniversary the committee has decided to hold the President's Lunch / 40th Anniversary Celebration at the prestigious Babbingtons Restaurant at the Apollo Motel. This will provide us with a restaurant-quality two-course meal (entree and main) with plated cake for dessert, in a private restaurant ambiance. This will be reflected in the increased fee of \$60 per head. Please note that this fee may not apply to other lunches throughout the upcoming year.

**Please RSVP by 15th March to Steve Wines Luncheon Coordinator at Club Meeting.
Or by email to sawsaw@telstra.com or phone 0428670581.
Please note payment of \$60 per person by funds transfer
BSB 650000 A/C943213300 (your name).**



Membership: *Brian Prior*

DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

You still have an opportunity to contribute to our 40th anniversary book. A once in a decade opportunity!

If it helps I am happy to work with you to help you to create content. I can meet with you at place of your choice, chat with you by phone or ZOOM or respond to emails.

Looking forward to being swamped by your responses.

Email - bdprior@live.com Mobile - 0415 081 610

All members are encouraged to bring along visitors to our meetings.
Membership November: 57 – Attendance November 32



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.



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.



Queensland

The owner of a golf course on the Gold Coast was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help.

He called her into his office and said, "You graduated from the University of Queensland, and I need some help. If I was to give you \$20,000, minus 14%, how much would you take off?"

The secretary thought a moment, and then replied, "Everything but my earrings."

Tasmania

A senior citizen in Tasmania was overheard saying, "When the end of the world comes, I hope to be here."

When asked why, he replied, "I'd rather be in Tasmania because everything happens in Tasmania 20 years later than in the rest of the world."

Western Australia

A West Australian highway patrol pulled over a car on the main road. The officer asked, "Got any ID?"

The driver replied, "about what?"

Victoria

The council ranger pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his ute into the ditch. The ranger asked, "Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head."

"Yep," he replied. "That's why I'm dumpin' it here, 'cause it says: 'Fine For Dumping Garbage.'"

Northern Territory

The young man from NT came running into the store and said to his mate, "Johnno, somebody just stole your ute from the parking lot!"

Johnno replied, "Did ya see who it was?"

The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the licence number."

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