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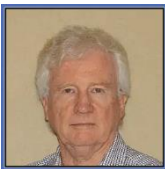
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GENERAL MEETING 26th March– Programme:
9.30 am – Annual General Meeting
Followed by - Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, Induction
Followed by – Group Photo
10.30 am – Coffee and Tea



President's Report: Marty Rowland
Gentlemen,



Welcome to the Newcastle PROBUS Newsletter for March 2024.

This will be my last report to you as President, an honour I have had for the past year.

Sadly, we lost one of our own last month. Martin Lankshear, a member since October 2022 passed away on 29 February after a long illness. Some members may not remember Martin as his attendance at our meetings was intermittent due to his illness. He was, however, a great friend and colleague to a number of us and he will be sadly missed. Martin's funeral was private, but a memorial service is to be held at a later date. Our condolences go to Jenny and his family.

I was unable to attend our last meeting and am grateful to Lindsay Threadgate for standing in for me. I am told the guest speaker, Paul Lobb, who members will of course remember as the former newsreader on NBN3, was very warmly received and gave an enthralling talk about his life after NBN, his new occupation as a marriage celebrant, and resuming his passion for sailing.

Not to be outdone, our autobiographer Brian Prior entertained members with "Life of Brian Part 2" where he spoke of his early days in Australia. We all look forward to Part 3 where he will talk about his more recent life in Australia. Thank you Brian.

At our last committee meeting, the committee welcomed two new committee members, Neil Latham and Stephen Pead.

As this is my last report to you, I cannot sign off without recognising the outstanding support I received from the committee, and to thank them for their hard work over the past twelve months. It was only through the achievements of each committee member that we have had another successful PROBUS year. Thank you, gentlemen.

Marty Rowland

The Next General Meeting of Newcastle Probust Club will be held on 23rd April 2024 at Souths Merewether



Treasurer's Report: *Keith Lynch*

Bank Reconciliation end February 2024: Opening Balance \$10,264, Income \$902, Expenditure (\$188) Closing Balance \$10,978, 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



Activities: *Geoff Morris*

Koala Sanctuary Tour Wed 6 March

Perfect weather and wonderful assistance from the volunteer staff made for a great day out. Whilst most of our group have seen koalas previously to see these cute critter's amazing management of some of the horrific injuries they have suffered was most interesting. One with 3 legs swinging down a tree at mealtime chimpanzee-like and another who was not just brain damaged but also blind. Some tough guys!

Lunch overlooking the ocean at Birubi Point was a pleasant finishing experience to a good day out.



Geoff Morris

A Reminder – THE PRESIDENTS LUNCH & OUR CLUB'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

FRIDAY 5TH APRIL. 11 am ARRIVAL FOR 11.30 am START. LUNCH AT 12.30pm.
BABBINGTONS RESTAURANT AT APOLLO MOTEL

290 PACIFIC HIGHWAY CHARLESTOWN

There will be no Guest Speaker as it will be a reminiscence of the 40th anniversary.



Membership: *Brian Prior*

DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY – IT IS NOT TOO LATE!

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

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.

I look forward to being swamped by your responses. bdprior@live.com Mobile - 0415 081 610



Walking Group:

Our walking, talking and coffee is on Tuesdays except for General Meeting days.

As it is now autumn and a little cooler, it is a pleasant walk along the bank of Throsby Creek, followed by coffee at the NYC and stimulating discussion. Come along to enjoy the friendly banter on the day. All welcome. The walk starts promptly at 9.30 am and coffee follows at around 10 am.

“Everyone who attends enjoys the outing.”



Website: *Lindsay Threadgate*

There are only minor updates to the website. Feedback and contributions are always welcome. Contact: peter.rickford@yahoo.com



INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT BEING A 1 PER CENTER!!!! :

99% of people born between 1930 and 1946 (GLOBALLY) are now dead.

If you were born in this time span, your ages range between 77 and 93 years old (a 16-year age span) and you are one of the rare surviving one-percenters.

You are the smallest group of children born since the early 1900's.

You are the last generation, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war that rattled the structure of our daily lives for years.

You are the last to remember ration books for everything from tea to sugar to shoes

You saved tin foil and poured fried meat fat into cans.

Discipline was enforced by parents and teachers.

You can remember milk being delivered to your house early in the morning and placed in the "milk box" at the front door.

You are the last generation who spent childhood without television and instead, you "imagined" what you heard on the radio.

With no TV, you spent your childhood "playing outside". There was no city playground for kids. The lack of television in your early years meant that you had little real understanding of what the world was like.

We got "black-and-white" TV in the late 50s that had 3 stations and no remote control.

Telephones (if you had one) were one to a house and hung on the wall in the kitchen (who cares about privacy).

Computers were called calculators; they were hand-cranked. Typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage, and changing the ribbon. INTERNET and GOOGLE were words that did not exist.

Newspapers and magazines were written for adults and your dad would give you the comic pages after he read the news.

The news was broadcast on your radio in the evening. The radio network gradually expanded from 3 stations to thousands.

New highways would bring jobs and mobility. Most highways were 2 lanes and there were no Motorways. You went downtown to shop. You walked to school.

Your parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression and the war, and they threw themselves into working hard to make a living for their families.

You weren't neglected, but you weren't today's all-consuming family focus. They were glad you played by yourselves.

They were busy discovering the postwar world.

You entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where you were welcomed, enjoyed yourselves.

You felt secure in your future, although the depression and poverty were deeply remembered.

Polio was still acrippler. Everyone knew someone who had it.

You are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no threats to our country.

World War 2 was over and the cold war, terrorism, global warming, and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life.

Only your generation can remember a time after WW2 when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty.

You grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better.

More than 99% of you are retired now, and you should feel privileged to have "lived in the best of times!"

If you have already reached the age of 77 years old, you have outlived 99% of all the other people on this planet.

You are a 1% 'er

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