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John Orme
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All contributors please note that the deadline for the next Newsletter is Friday March 16 but any reports sent early will be very welcome.

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From the President

It will be so good to see the end of the February heat and humidity.

The ferry trip to Bobbin Head was enjoyed by all on a beautiful day. Next month we have lunch at Davistown RSL and our bushwalking group will resume. Thank you, Elizabeth for providing a handy activities summary to put on our fridge as a reminder, as well as producing our fabulous Newsletter.

What a wonderful recognition of our Fred Leake who received an Australia Day Award for highly commended community volunteer of the year. Congratulations Fred, and well deserved. We are very proud of you.

I will have the honour at our February meeting to read out the citation for Life Membership for Richard Collins, a valued member of our club.

Another of our wonderful members, Marie Riley, has written a book about the history of MacMasters Beach and how it was developed from the very early days. There are more details in the Newsletter. What a talented lot we are!

At our recent committee meeting we decided both the sound and visual systems currently in use need review. I've asked Peter Park and Chris Dillon look into improving these systems and asked Peter to develop a grant proposal to address improvements. Please see the note in this Newsletter asking for volunteers to assist with this.

Our AGM is next month. I am pleased to tell you that Anne Dillon has nominated for Treasurer, Dave Minshall for Junior Vice President and Peter Park will take over as Secretary. This leaves our Vice President and Speakers Convenor positions open. It is a great experience serving on the committee, and a lot of fun, and I hope nominations are on their way.

Phyl Hill

January Speaker – Peter Park

Sometimes you fall into a job you just love. As Peter recounted the stories of veterans, their children and grandchildren and other visitors to RAF Molesworth UK the home of the famed WWII 303rd “Hells Angels” Bomb Group, it was obvious he enjoyed his role as historian at the English base – a volunteer job in addition to his fulltime job at the base from 1997 to 2014.

From the 1944 visit of Princess Elizabeth at age 18 two days after the base was bombed – accidentally by the British - to the “not honorable proposal” of the actor then-Major Clark Gable to an English girl at the base, to the fascinating, often humorous, and occasionally even bizarre tales told by returning veterans, Peter described the visitors he met and toured around the base which 76 years after the Yanks arrived in 1942 still hosts American military operations.

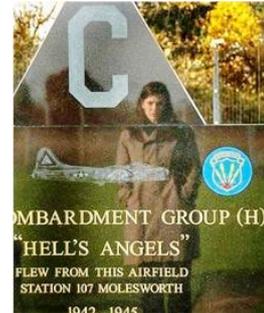


Photo: The granddaughter of a WWII airman stares into the memorial at RAF Molesworth

January Profile Speaker – Narelle Mayes

Our members never cease to amaze with the rich stories of their lives.

Narelle Mayes who bills herself as “Baby Boomer, Daughter of a Legend (or 2), Golfer, and Partner for Life” recounted her incredible story. A father from Northern Ireland who flew 30 combat missions as a navigator in bombers during the war, loved motorcycling, and sadly died in a car race when Narelle was just 3, and a mother - also a lover of motorcycles - who, after a stint as a dispatch rider became a RAAF engine mechanic during the war, and later a legendary Australian woman pilot. See Hazel Mayes’ incredible story at <http://www.invenusverit.as/the-petrolettes-blog/2017/5/9/hazel-mayes>

Like her two brothers Narelle was educated and cared for by the Masonic School at Baulkham Hills for children of deceased Freemasons. She rejoined her mother at age 11. With the help of the veterans’ charity Legacy she completed a Secretarial diploma at Technical College, holding secretarial jobs over the years – and gained her own pilot’s license in her 30’s.

Narelle switched careers in 1988 and then worked in the recruitment industry until 2016. She placed people in IT positions, and later served as a consultant to State Government departments on recruiting practices. One star recruit of Narelle’s was Probus member Bill Jackson who gained a second position as her life partner for the last 24 years. She and Bill moved from the Sydney suburbs to Ettalong Beach in 2015. She is the current Captain of the Women’s committee at Everglades Golf Club. After previewing several Probus clubs she and Bill joined Kincumber Probus last year.



Narelle (above) and her mother, Hazel, in her early years, and again in 2000, in her seventies and still enjoying motor bikes.

Peter Park



Speaker Convenor's Report

Our February Guest Speaker is Cynthia who will talk about her life in India.

The March Guest Speaker is Graham Johnston. His subject will be the clean-up of foreshore litter. He isn't referring to a few plastic bags and cans, but TONNES of tyres, oyster farm baskets, bottles, dead animals, shopping trolleys, etc. His concern is for the Brisbane Waters, Hawkesbury River and its tributaries.

Chris Dillon

February Profile Talk

David Minshall will present a profile talk on his life to allow us to better know our new Junior Vice President.

David is not only a "Boomerang" Ten Pound Pom (like a quarter of government assisted migrants after the war he returned to the UK), but also one of a select few "Boomerangs" who later migrated to our shores a second time – again for £10 but this time for good with over 50 years now in Australia.

Getting to know our next President, David Casey

At the Annual General Meeting in March Phyl Hill will complete her tenure as President of Kincumber Probus. Current Vice President David Casey will assume the office. Before becoming Vice President, David served as Junior Vice President.

David will talk about what he has enjoyed in his life, his hobbies and interests as he assumes our leadership.



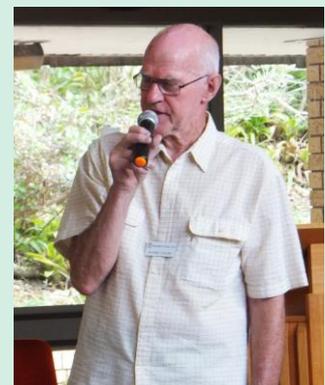
David Casey sporting a full head of hair

Nomination for Life Membership

At our General Meeting on 27 February 2018 the Nomination of Richard Collins for Life Membership will be presented to the meeting. The Citation and information about associated documents will be read out by President Phyl Hill. A summary of information in the Citation is as follows:

Richard joined our Club in June 2002, and has held a number of positions since then including: Bushwalking Convenor, Vice President, President, member of the Committee which facilitated the conversion of the Club to Male/Female membership, involvement in the publication of the booklet issued at the time of our 25th Anniversary, Secretary for seven years, Convenor of the Annual Schools Debates from 2008 to 2015, member of the group which rewrote our Constitution, and participated as guest speaker and profile speaker on a number of occasions. He also very skilfully handled communication with PSPL, during a difficult period of change.

The Committee believes Richard always sets an example of high level commitment and excellence as leader, administrator and advisor within the Club. We are pleased to present this nomination to our members.



Improving Our Sound and Projection Systems

A good sound and projection system for meetings of an organization like ours is important. As we get older the quality of these systems becomes even more critical to understanding our own speakers and especially guest presenters.

At our recent committee meeting we discussed these issues and asked Peter Park and Chris Dillon to investigate the best way to improve the situation, both in the near term (see Chris' Microphone Tips below), and as the basis to formulate a proposal for a government community support grant.

If you have any expertise in sound or visual systems and would like to assist, would you please speak to Peter Park or Chris Dillon.

Peter Park

Microphone Technique

Some hints from Chris Dillon

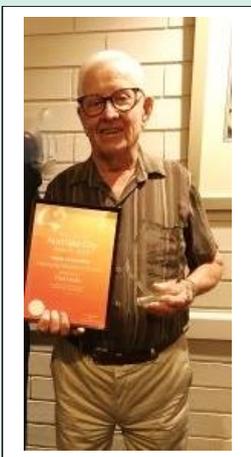
There is no doubt that the P.A. system and the acoustics of the church leave a lot to be desired, however the problems are also often due to poor microphone technique. Here are a few tips to improve your presentation:

1. Hold the mike approximately the width of your hand away from your mouth.
2. Angle the mike so it is pointing at your tonsils.
3. Avoid holding the mike like an ice-cream cornet.
4. If you move your head to the side be sure to move the mike accordingly.
5. Project your voice to the back of the hall.
6. When setting-up, test the mike by voice only e.g. "Test one two" DO NOT tap the mike head.
7. Most mikes have a switch (some have a button) be sure the switch is pushed UP.

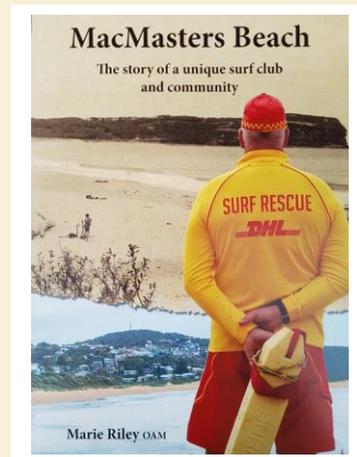
Congratulations to Fred Leake on being awarded the Central Coast Australia Day Highly Commended Community Volunteer of the Year.

In the submission his granddaughter Melissa said:

"Fred Leake is an inspiring senior Australian. At 93 years of age he has dedicated a combined total of 149 years of service to a variety of community organisations."



We cannot possibly record all of Fred's amazing life of service in this space. The organisations that he has supported for many many years include Meals on Wheels (since 1985 and still driving for them); Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service; Central Coast Red Cross; Vision Australia and perhaps his favourite job of all, working with school children at Woy Woy South and Ettalong Public Schools.



Congratulations to our wonderful local historian, **Marie Riley OAM** on releasing a very informative new book called *MacMasters Beach, The Story of a unique Surf Club and Community*. It covers our original inhabitants, then the early settlers, and the development of the Surf Club and community.

Treasurer's Report February 2018

Business savings a/c	1,697.39
Interest	.72
Balance	1,698.11
Business Cheque a/c	1,268.71
Deposit	63.35
	1,332.06
Expenses	97.70
Balance	1,234.36

Gerry Turner

Welfare Report

Pat Fordham is recovering well from recent surgery; she is looking forward to returning to meetings and events very soon.

Don't forget to call, text or email me if you know of a fellow Probus member who is under the weather or has been missing in action for a few meetings or events. I'm always happy to make a call to see how they are travelling, and/or send a card on behalf of all the members.

Narelle Mayes, Welfare Officer

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Golf Report

Due to the holiday season and a few health issues our golf numbers have dwindled down to three this past few weeks, but as we settle into late summer and autumn we are hopeful it will improve.

Not being a fan of early rising (I like to get up when Sam & Kochie on Sunrise knock off), I must admit the early starts have been more than pleasant and we've enjoyed a comfortable companionable stroll whilst chasing that little white ball before the heat of the day.

Do feel free to join us

Peter Mear

Best wishes to our members who celebrate their birthdays in March.

Arthur Adeney

Roy Bird

Rob Capon

Annette Lutze

Ann McLeod

David Lawrence



Patonga to Bobbin Head Trip

We prayed for fine weather and we got it! Fifty members and friends enjoyed the one hour fifteen minutes trip to Bobbin Head, calling in at Cottage Point on the way. Our captain, Steve, pointed out items of interest and gave us a history of the area as we cruised up the lower Hawkesbury and Cowan Waters. Our lunch was waiting for the thirty eight of us who had pre-ordered at the Galley Foods Eatery. Slight chaos while everything was delivered-but I've not had any complaints about missing items – so hope we all got what we had ordered!!

A leisurely trip back despite the choppy experience coming over Broken Bay and we arrived at Patonga at 3pm after a very enjoyable day out.

Jenny Baker



Sub-Committee and Convenors

Assist Membership	John Rudd
Bushwalking	Bob Cochrane
Golf	Peter Mear
Historian	John Rudd
Library	Jenny Baker
Photographers	Bill Clark Diane Rudd
Debates	Peter Park
Theatre	Diane Rudd
Webmaster	Barry Riley
Welfare Officers	Narelle Mayes Jenny Baker
Venue Officers	Bill Clark Alan Drew
Catering Officers	Ann Dillon, Kay Cochrane Jan Costigan Yvonne Kelly
Assist Secretary	Peter Park
Auditor	Alan Hurley

Future Bushwalks

- April 17th Terrigal Tour** From Terrigal SLSC to the Skillion and return.
- May 15th Avoca Adventure** Details to be announced later.

Bob Cochrane 4382 1858

Social Activities

Tuesday March 13 Lunch at Davistown R.S.L. 12noon
Names required at February meeting

Tuesday April 10

Marine Rescue Service Tour - Point Clare 11am
A tour of the Rescue Vessels and Radio Equipment, followed by a two-course luncheon. Cost: \$20

Names required at the February meeting

May and June Outings: To be advised

Christmas in July Ettalong Diggers Club again
Thursday 26th July

A two-course meal and show plus complimentary drink on arrival. Would like names asap.

Annual Trip: A Six Day Life of Riley Tour – Lake Jindabyne
Cost: \$745 p/p NO Single Supplement
Please see me for further information.

Joan Vella

Bush Walking March 20th Copacabana Canter

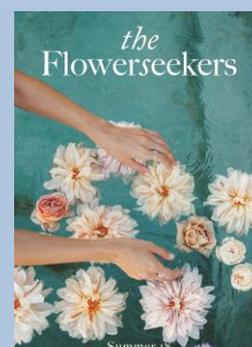
Convene at 10:30am at Captain Cook Lookout on the hill above the northern end of Copacabana Beach. The main walk is from this location north along Del Monte Place to a bush reserve which leads us downhill to Winney Bay and then climbs to the Avoca Water Reservoir. We return on the same route and repair to the Copacabana SLSA café for lunch – BYO or purchase. Easier options are:

1. To Winney Bay then return to the lookout or
2. Arrange for vehicular pick up at Avoca Water Reservoir on Cape Three Points Road

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