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All contributors please note that the deadline for the next Newsletter is **Friday July 13** but any reports sent early will be very welcome.

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From the President

Who said Winter has arrived? The weather is more like a Northern England late spring as I write this newsletter opening. Some of our friends are travelling to warmer destinations for the winter period, whilst we on the coast bask in a part of the world that is both blessed with liveable weather and a natural beauty that is often overlooked, because it is on our doorstep. Our Probud club is endeavouring to provide its members with outings and activities that, hopefully, you find interesting enough to participate in.

We are all guilty of saying “well, I’ve been there and done that”. However, the best outings are usually the ones where you are with like-minded friends, that enable you to laugh and let your hair down. The weather, the travel and the accommodation play a part in the overall trip review, but the interaction with friends is what makes any trip memorable or outstanding.

Please feel free to talk to me during the meetings or the outings to introduce yourselves, as I really want to get to know all the members and to listen for any ideas you would like to see the club provide in the way of future opportunities for interaction.

The club has good, friendly committee and subcommittee members, all of whom are approachable so share your thoughts with us.

David Casey

May Speaker: Ambre Hammond

Ambre Hammond's visit to our Club on the 22nd May was a MOST memorable occasion. The members' comments were all very positive and complimentary.

What a story of persistence and determination from Ambre and clearly with a mother who had the VISION and fortitude to embrace Ambre's future before she was even old enough to make her own decisions!
It brought tears to the eyes of so many.

Iain McLeod



Chopin and Champagne

Ambre Hammond in Concert at Brentwood Village

We have a great opportunity to hear Ambre Hammond in person at Brentwood Village on Sunday July 29th at 2pm. Tickets will be available for \$15 and this includes Champagne on arrival. Numbers are limited so if you would like to attend please let me know and I will bring your tickets to the July Probus meeting.

Hermione Dunbar

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Guest Speaker for June Warren Henry

Warren is Mr Curiosity! His life experience covers such diverse activities as a private investigator in wine production, export, film making, management training and hospitality. However, he now reflects on how the pace of modern life is having an effect on family life and where we belong. Warren has some answers. We look forward to him sharing them with us.

May Profile Speaker: Bill Jackson

Bill Jackson, long-time partner of Narelle Mayes, gave a very interesting profile of his life and career at our last monthly meeting. This included a career spanning 50+ years involving doing the milk run with Dad, helping to manage a TAB branch, professional fisherman, steel worker, IT computer programmer and manager of major IT projects.

During his talk Bill spoke of his brush with royalty which involved being in very close proximity to the Queen, Prince Phillip and Princess Anne when he was part of the honour guard for the royal visit to Coffs Harbour in 1968.

He and Narelle are now retired and living in Ettalong Beach. Bill has three children, nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



The 5 Minute Talk - Tell us Your Amazing Story

We are an amazing club. Our members come from all over Australia and several other countries and each of us has fascinating stories of our lives. These short talks allow us to get to know and welcome our new Kincumber Probus members who generally speak a couple of meetings after induction to the club.

The 5 Minute Talk is, however, not just for new members. If you have not had your 5 minutes yet, or you would just like to tell us about an activity you are involved in, this is your chance and we would love to hear from you.

You can talk about your life, what interests you now in retirement, something about your life or career - or any topic of your choosing. It is very informal, and you will be surprised how your story will help us know you better and spark conversation. Just contact Junior Vice President David Minshall to schedule your talk.

Peter Park

A lifetime of True Community Service Recognised: Fred Leake Awarded OAM

A scan through the just announced 2018 Queen's Birthday Honours shows the merit of our fellow Australians across a wide range of careers and notable accomplishments. Many earned the prestigious award for an invention, a breakthrough scientific or medical achievement, sporting prowess, or for an accomplished career in business, the military or government.

The award of the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia to our own Kincumber Probus' Fred Leake is meaningfully different. The somewhat dry official citation "*For service to the community of the Central Coast*" fails to even begin to capture Fred's true depth of consistent service, and indeed personal sacrifice, always in the service of others – service which actively continues today.

An ill or infirm person eats a healthy hot meal because on short notice Fred fills in for another Meals on Wheels driver; a vision impaired member of the community is escorted to and from an eye appointment by Fred on behalf of Vision Australia; a disabled person is driven and helped with shopping by Fred for Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service, and a child attending Woy Woy South Public School listens in rapt attention as Fred reads a story to her class as a teacher's aide. These are not just services that Fred has performed in his 33 years since retirement from The Electricity Board of NSW. They are in fact emblematic of what Fred continues to do today for our community - when he is not on a Kincumber Probus bushwalk!

Additionally, the list of accomplishments of Probus Life Member Fred Leake for our club in 32 years include serving as Historian, Treasurer, Vice President, and President (1996-1997). Prior to his OAM Fred has been a recipient of the Centenary Medal in 2002 and he has been recognized with the Central Coast Volunteer of the Year Award in 2014, and again by the Central Coast as Highly Commended Community Volunteer of the Year in 2018.

Every Kincumber President has benefitted from Fred's wise counsel. The OAM award is just one more reason to share a cup of tea at morning break with one of the nicest men you will ever meet.

Fred joins our other OAM awardee Marie Riley who received the award in 2014 for her services as historian and author.

Peter Park





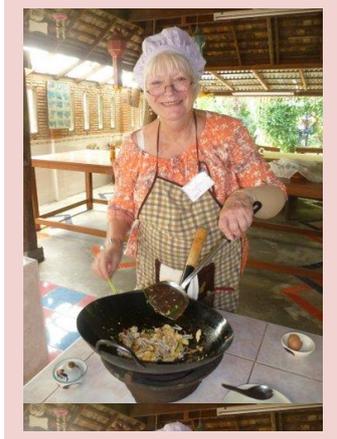
Report from May 14th Bush Walk at MacMasters Beach

A good roll up of nineteen footsloggers enjoyed the delightful weather which allowed even greater appreciation of the vistas within Bouddi National Park. A creative group added a number of extra tracks to the main route all finalising at Macs Surf Club where we lunched and enjoyed the magnificent surf.

Intrepid board riders mesmerised us all, especially Lawrie Gee and Peter Mear who are ex officio members of the Manchester SLSC.

Uber Fred was on hand to remind us of historical past walks while Richard and Arthur ensured he was always in good company - a fabulous walk overall in wonderful company.

Bob Cochrane



Welcome to our newest member, Kerry Morgan, who was inducted at the May Meeting. Kerry's interests include art, gardening and walking.

Probus Debates Set for August Meeting – Topics Chosen

The 2018 Probus Debates pit local high school teams against each other for the coveted Lerryn Mutton Shield. The debates honour Kincumber Probus member and NSW Legislator Lerryn Mutton who started the competition in 1993.

New this year is Gosford High School, a selective school rated number 49 of all high schools in NSW. Gosford HS approached our club asking to join our well-regarded debates

Topics for the heats and for the final debate have been chosen. We canvassed politics, current news, and educational topics with the strict criteria of a topic that would be: (a) of interest to both our mature audience and high school age students; (b) a topic that the students could fairly argue both sides of; and (3) something the students could research and formulate a position on in a reasonable time.

As you read this, the teams from Central Coast Grammar School, Erina High School, Kincumber High School and Gosford High School are being notified that the topic for the heats will be **“That ‘Fake News’ in social media is just free speech.”** I expect a lively debate from our young scholars on this timely and controversial topic.

Preliminary heats for the competition will be held at East Gosford and Avoca Beach Probus Clubs on 2 and 20 August respectively before the final at the Kincumber Probus 28 August meeting.

We are honoured that skilled professional adjudicator Sue McNeil will again determine the winners and provide analysis of the debate performance.

Peter Park

FINANCIAL REPORT

For General Meeting June 26th 2018

St. George Business Access Account **\$1701.61**

St. George Business Cheque Account

Balance as at 30 April 2018 **\$3772.85**

Credits \$192.00

Debits **\$2129.20**

Balance as at 31 May 2018 **\$1835.65**

Ann Dillon

WELFARE REPORT

Just because I don't have a lot to report I would not want our members to think that I have not been on the case. Not that I'm trying to drum up business!

I have phoned a few members who have not been attending recently; they have either got over whatever they had and are back, or don't really want a mention in the Newsletter. That's OK by me and I'm sure by you.

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Best wishes to our members who celebrate their wedding anniversaries in July.

Wally and Suzanne Tuffs

Peter and Kathleen Mear

Ann and Iain McLeod



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

George Costigan

David Dunbar

Barrie Pickersgill

Kay Cockrane



Golf Report

During the past month we have welcomed George back from spinning around the world like Peter Allen without his maracas. Suffice to say his game has not suffered nor his enthusiasm waned. We also sent off our champion John on his big trip which may give some of us a chance to improve our game whilst he's away chasing the sun. We have had between four and six players lately, which is good for our little group. We also had the pleasure of a lady visitor joining us for three weeks which made for delightful company (see, we really aren't sexist). SO - welcome one and all, 9:15am every Friday at Breakers Country Club.

Peter Mear 4369 4752

Bush Walk Tuesday 17th July 10.30am

ET TALONG ESCAPEDE

Thanks to Val and David Lawrence for inspiring this bush-free escapade. Convene inside the OVER 50s LEISURE CENTRE, aka Seniors Centre, corner of Broken Bay Road and Karingi St, Ettalong Beach. Consider pre-ordering your post-walk meal in-house at very economical prices, served by the Centre's volunteers. BYO lunch if you prefer, and we'll eat in the dining room. **The route:** Starting from the Centre we walk down to the waterfront past Ocean Beach Surf Club, (2kms) then Umina Surf Club (3kms). Could be a beach walk if the tide is out. Return for lunch at the Over 50s Centre

This walk is easy and level so come join us!

Come even if you need to limit your distance - we will enjoy your company.

Bob Cochrane 0407 9101 88

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Social Activities

Thirty members enjoyed a great luncheon on June 12th with fantastic views from **The Spinnakers Brasserie** at the Gosford Sailing Club on the waterfront at Gosford. What a perfect day for our outing after such wet and wintery days.

Thursday 26th July Xmas in July at the Ettalong Diggers 11-30am Cost: \$45.00 pp The Rod Stewart & Elton John show with a two-course meal plus a complimentary drink on arrival. **Names and payment at the June Meeting.**

Wednesday 8th August Gosford Musical Society Laycock St. Gosford **9-30am** Cost \$15.00 This Includes Morning Tea and tour of Costume Shop, Hire Section, Men's shed, Props section of the upcoming show My Fair Lady, Theatre and band area. **Names at June Meeting**

Tuesday 9th October Visit to **Rafferty's Resort**
Details to be advised

Joan Vella 4365 9085

Join Our 7 Day Trip to Macksville - Sunday 16th – 22nd September

The Macksville trip is proving to be very popular with other Probus groups and most of the surrounding Probus clubs I contacted have already booked the trip this year and some for a second year running.

Here is what a member of another Probus Club said about the trip: *"From 13 to 19 August 11 members of our Probus Club stayed at the Midcoast Motor Inn taking advantage of their 7day/6night "Over 50s Getaway" tour. We all had a lot of fun. The proprietor, Tony, and his staff were very friendly and obliging. For the price we received 6 nights' accommodation, breakfast, morning tea, lunch and dinner for 7 days, all our tours and entries to the various places of interest - great value for group bookings. "*

To go with a group gives a great feeling of companionship, friendship and fun. Take a look at the attached flyer and just give me your names at the meeting if you are interested in joining us for a fun trip

Joan Vella 4365 9085

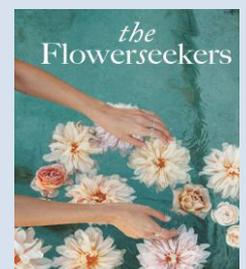
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