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

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From the President

Well! We really need the rain, and the coast around us has been spared the deluge that has been dumped on Sydney and Wollongong. I did have some concern that our outing on Tuesday to Rafferty's would be a washout. However, Joan has once again pulled a rabbit out of the hat and changed the heavy rain into a warm 27 deg sunny day. Would like to know how she does this!

The outing to Raffertys Resort was first class. The meal was great, and the location was spectacular. Morning tea at Budgewoi was delightful on the lake foreshore. How many members like me, having lived on the coast for thirty-two years, have never explored the coastline off the main road. We really do live in a beautiful part of the world. It's worth exploring.

You will read in this newsletter about the Bush BBQ at Kincumba Mountain on November 13th. A nominal fee of \$10 needs to be paid at the October meeting. Also, names are needed for the Christmas Lunch at the Dart & Feather at Davistown.

We are growing our club numbers this meeting. Three new members will be inducted into our club. Please make them welcome.

David Casey

Speaker for October Meeting

Historic Rookwood

Rookwood Cemetery is reputedly the largest of its kind in the southern hemisphere.

From its establishment some 150 years ago it has been linked to our national heritage and has developed from our fledging days of colony to its present standing in our Commonwealth of Australia.

We will hear some fascinating stories and quirky facts about this historic real estate.

Iain McLeod

Five Minute Talk for October

At the October meeting Trevor Moore, one of the new members inducted at the August meeting, will tell us a little about himself.

David Minshall

September Five Minute Talk

Robyn Moore shared some interesting stories from her very successful career in nursing. Highlights of her talk included the story of how she only recently discovered that she has indigenous ancestry and her enthusiasm for discovering more about this background.

“Probus SAVES” Grant Proposal

The grant proposal for improved sound and projection equipment for our club has been advanced to the next stage in the process by MP Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson, after review by the MP herself, and a committee of local citizens.

The proposal is being reviewed by the Australian Federal Department of Industry, Innovation and Science which has allocated \$150,000 for MP Lucy Wicks’ electorate in the The Stronger Communities Programme that “supports the Australian Government’s commitment to help deliver social benefits in communities across Australia. The program seeks to fund eligible small capital projects that improve local community participation and contribute to vibrant and viable communities.”

Our club does not own a projector. The proposal includes a high brightness/high resolution projector designed for our meeting area. This will be an asset, enhancing guest speaker presentations and addressing our vision challenges with bright and crisp images on the screen.

Likewise, while amplification at Kincumber Uniting Church is adequate, the handheld microphone produces poor sound depending on how it is held. The proposal includes a wireless headset microphone system to enhance sound quality – critical to addressing the reduced hearing of many of us.

If approved, the grant will total \$3715 and is named the “Probus Sound and Vision Enhancement for Seniors” or “Probus SAVES” project. Discussions with the proactive and truly helpful staff of MP Wicks indicates that our proposal is consistent with the objectives of the grant program. We should hear a decision in the next month or two.

Peter Park

Speaker for September

Pro Dive

A diver from Prodiver Central Coast gave a fascinating illustrated talk about the diving experience on the huge 138-metre-long former guided missile frigate HMAS Adelaide now resting just off Avoca Beach - the largest naval warship to be sunk off the NSW coast.

The ship was sunk on 13 April 2011 after a detailed and costly remediation of environmental and safety hazards and following a yearlong court battle.

Part of the ship's preparation included cutting several large access holes in both the sides and the deck to permit safe entry and exit by amateur divers. The former Royal Australian Navy frigate now forms a vibrant artificial reef for abundant marine life.



Welcome to our new members to be inducted at the October Meeting:

Anne Davis who is interested in cards, movies, theatre and reading.

Phyllis Horne whose interests include theatre, cooking and sewing

Robert Horne who enjoys golf, movies and bridge.

Macksville Trip in September

Our Mackville trip was very enjoyable. We had great weather every day, visited interesting and varied places in the beautiful Nambucca Valley and arrived back to the motel each day in plenty of time for a happy hour before sitting down to a three-course meal.

One of the highlights of the trip was the Hawaiian night. The motel supplied costumes and we dressed up for the occasion. We sang and danced and then were entertained by two of our members chosen to perform on stage in a "dance-off" which was lots of fun.

This trip was really good value for money and trips like these are a great way to get to know fellow members while having a good time together.

Joan Vella



Two of our newest members join in the fun.



Bush Walk – The Saratoga Saunter

The last bushwalk of the year attracted only 8 male participants who, macho style, added a competitive event to the walk and ---- wait for it----the winner in this event was Fred Leake! America has George Clooney but we have Fred!!

More about next year's walks soon....

Bob Cochrane, Bush Walks Officer

September Outing to Raffertys Resort



After days of rain once again we were blessed with great weather for our outing on Tuesday 9th October. Thirty-nine Members set off from Kincumber Uniting Church, stopping for morning tea by the lake at Budgewoi then heading off to Catherine Hill Bay to visit the new sub-division being built. We were amazed by the size of the new development site.

Joan Vella



We arrived at Rafferty's Resort and sat looking out over Lake Macquarie while enjoying a delectable three-course meal.



We had time to wander around the grounds before heading back home after a most enjoyable day out.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GENERAL MEETING

23rd OCTOBER 2018

ST.GEORGE BUSINESS ACCESS ACCOUNT

BALANCE AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2018 **\$1704.44**

ST.GEORGE BUSINESS CHEQUE ACCOUNT

BALANCE AS AT 30 AUGUST 2018 **\$1806.63**

INCOME **NIL**

DEBITS **\$ 251.50**

BALANCE AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2018 **\$1555.13**

Ann Dillon

WELFARE REPORT

Arthur Adeney reports that son **Tim**, after a long illness, is now much better and slowly getting back to normal life.

Jeff Bradshaw is in the rehabilitation phase of his recovery and appears to be going OK. It may be a few weeks until he is out and about again and there is no news yet on when he will return to Probus activities.

Quite a few of our other members and their families are facing personal and health challenges which they are sharing with close friends. It's not always the sort of news that people want put into writing in a newsletter. Our thoughts and best wishes are with you all, and of course everyone in your Probus family is here to help if, where and when we can.

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

*Barbara and John Orme
Tony and Yvonne Kelly
David and Cheryl Dennison*



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

*Jill Willis
Ruth Mills
Alan Drew
Sandra Field
Elizabeth Butler*



Save the date: February 12th 2019



Travel by air-conditioned coach from Kincumber.

Cost: \$55

Payment required by November meeting

Heritage Tour of Sydney University and High Tea.

“Founded in 1860 and located in the historic Main Quadrangle of the University of Sydney, the heritage tour will include a visit to the Nicholson Museum – home to nearly 30,000 artefacts of artistic and archaeological significance from Egypt, Greece, Cyprus and the Near East.

The Courtyard Restaurant and Bar is also located within Sydney University, surrounded by an iconic sandstone building. The tour will include a delicious High Tea comprising a variety of savoury and sweet treats including smoked salmon, blini, caramelised onion quiche, fresh baked date scones and rose and strawberry cake.”

Sub-Committee and Convenors

Assist Membership	John Rudd
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Thanks to Marie Riley and Joan Vella for the photos in this newsletter.

Social Activities

Tuesday 13th November Bush Picnic

Kincumba Mountain 11:30 for 12 Noon **Cost: \$10.00**

B.Y.O. Drinks, Table & Chairs. Own Transport.

All Food, Plates, Knife & Forks provided.

Names and payment at October Meeting

Tuesday 11th December Christmas Luncheon

Dart & Feather Restaurant 1 Restella Avenue, Davistown.

Two-Course Meal Your choice of main – Salmon or Chicken Alternate serve of Dessert – Pannacotta or Tiramisu. Tea & Coffee Menu at the desk. **Cost: \$45.00**

Names, payment and choice of main at October meeting

Tuesday 8th January Recovery Picnic Kincumber

Further details next month.

Tuesday 12th February

Sydney University Heritage Tour Plus a High Tea

Details on page 3 and at the Desk.

Names and payment at November meeting

Joan Vella 4365 9085

Golf Report

WELL, for the first time on my watch, it is with a heavy heart I have to say that the Kincumber Probus Golf Club did NOT meet at Breakers Country Club, where we always meet at 9.20am, for two consecutive Fridays due to heavy rain. This in turn has played havoc with our championship - not to worry, we will soldier on as soon as it brightens up. Better late than never! Meanwhile I will keep polishing the magnificent trophy currently sitting on my sideboard.

Regards *Peter Mear* 0410 346 824



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The Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. meets at the Kincumber Uniting Church at 9:30am on the fourth Tuesday of every month except December. Visitors are always very welcome.

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