



PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH-MANLY (Inc.)

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**Meets second Friday of each month at 10.30am
at Balgowlah RSL Memorial Club**

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For the Meeting on Friday 21 April 2017

Please note due to the second Friday in April being Good Friday, the next meeting is held on Friday 21st of April.

Annual General Meeting was held at the last meeting and the following were decided:

1. New Committee members were elected as shown above.
2. Effective from next May all future monthly meetings will be held at the Totem Club, second floor conference room and starting at 11 am.
3. The annual subscriptions for couples-\$70 and singles \$60 are now due and payable to the treasurer Max Cooper now or at the April meeting at the latest.

Speaker's Corner: Our presenter for the April meeting is a New Member, **John Dickenson OAM**, speaking on his subject "**Inventor of the Modern Hang Glider**". John will take us through a most interesting career, commencing with working at an Electrical retailer in Grafton. In 1963, his water skiing activities lead him to experiment with hang gliding. From this he invented the aircraft type glider that revolutionised this sport. He has a significant number of awards recognising his achievements, including an Order of Australia Medal (OAM). This promises to be a most interesting talk, and also provides us the opportunity to introduce and welcome John to our Club members.

Last month's Talk was a Stage Play "**Exiles of Canada Bay**" under the direction of **Trish Skehan**. Eight of our members were actors, presenting the historically correct story of French Canadians deported to Sydney after uprisings in Canada in the 1840's. They were held in the Burwood/Concord area, beside the Parramatta river, now named "Canada Bay" The performance was well received and all participants are to be congratulated!

Birthdays, We wish a very happy birthday to all of our members who celebrate their birthday in April:

Hazel Joyce on the 2nd, Elizabeth Rush and Arch Sinclair on the 3rd, Bob Heffernan on the 11th, Jim Varjavandi on the 12th, Pauline Gazzard on the 14th, John Wicks on the 20th, Leigh Cooper on the 24th, Bob Adams on the 26th.

Windsor Heritage Tour & Farmgate Autumn Trail 32 members and guests went on this exclusive coach trip on 15th March. Apart from some inclement weather along the way everything went to plan. The attractions visited included the Enniskillen Orchard, Australia's oldest church at Ebenezer and the Tizzana Winery at Ebenezer. Very knowledgeable guest speakers were provided at the venues which made the visits very enjoyable. Peter the coach driver was very informative during the trip. The general feeling was that the day was a resounding success. A photo of the group at the church is on our website.

Red Cow Farm & Southern Highlands Gardens Wednesday 19th April 2017

This trip departs from Balgowlah Bowling Club, Bareena Drive, Balgowlah Heights at 8:00am sharp. At the time of writing we have 24 members intending to go on this trip.

This number is less than what is required however we are pleased that OnCourse Tours will provide a filler group which will ensure that the trip goes ahead. This gives some of our members the opportunity to go on another trip that promises to be even better than the Windsor Trip. There are still vacancies. This is a good time to do this trip to capture the autumn colours, friends are welcome. Members are requested to wear their name tags. Cost is \$79.00 per person, includes morning tea and two course lunch and two garden entrance fees. Returns approx. 5:30pm. Please direct enquiries to Bill Richards.

The Guide Dogs Trip has been booked for Wednesday 16th August 2017. Flyers should be available at the April meeting.

Brookvale TAFE Luncheon 17 May 2017 at 12 noon. Cost is \$35 per person including two bottles of wine on each table. To date we have 32 starters and we need another 15 to give us a full house which would be the ideal result. So folks, this will be another great outing, so why not join us for the camaraderie and a great lunch.

Christmas in July 19th July 2017 at The Great Dining Hall, St. Paul's Manly. Cost \$50 per person including drinks.. To date we already have 10 starters and we have booked the whole establishment for 75 starters. So make sure you put your names down at our April meeting or call Warwick Gazzard on 9949 5924.

The Wharf Revue, Glen Street Theatre 11th October 2017, 11.00 am *It's on again, more popular than ever!* Cost: \$59 pp. A booking has been made for 40 seats. We already have 26 starters. Please register your names at this meeting if you are keen to attend this hilarious show.

Welfare: Pauline Gazzard and Ray Hamilton have contacted a number of members who have been absent from our monthly meetings to check on their welfare. They will give us an update at the meeting

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