



PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH (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 11 September 2015

CHANGE OF VENUE

Please note the next Members' Meeting will be held at:

***THE BALGOWLAH BOWLING CLUB
BAREENA DRIVE, BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS***

Due to the extensive renovations currently being carried out in the Car Park at the Balgowlah RSL Club, we will not be able to hold our monthly meetings at the RSL Club for the next two months ie September and October. The meeting will start at the normal time of 10.30 and tea and coffee will be available as usual.

Membership: A number of applications have been received for membership and these will be processed at the next committee meeting. At the last monthly meeting two ladies were inducted into the Club, Mary Jones and Dorothy Bashford. A warm welcome to both ladies.

Speaker's Corner: Our guest speaker for the September meeting is **Paul Wait**, who is the holder of a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from the University of Oxford, and comes to us highly recommended by the Probus Clubs of Mosman and Middle Harbour. His subject is '**the Great Siege of Malta**'. Although Malta was subject to heavy bombing by Hitler in WW2, we are taking a break from the two Great wars of the 20th century to learn about the Great Siege of Malta in 1565. How many of us have heard of it? (Pax Lambert has!). Who was involved in it? Why was it so important? The famous French philosopher and historian, Francois Voltaire said that 'nothing is better known than the siege of Malta'. Well, Balgowlah Probus members are to be entertained and educated in this regard at our coming meeting. Do not miss it!

Last month's speaker was Peter Headley, who gave us a terrific presentation on the battle of Villers Bretonneaux in WW1. Not only was Peter most knowledgeable and an entertaining speaker, his many photographs of the battle scenes (copies of original photographs taken at the time) suggests the huge amount of work and research he had put into his preparation. He

indicated that he is happy to visit us again, and I will certainly be following him up for next year.

Birthdays: We wish a very happy birthday to our members born in August: Ian Pullar on the 2nd, and Pax Lambert on the 10th.

CHRISTMAS in JULY LUNCHEON last month was a great success and 72 members and friends enjoyed a traditional 3 course lunch, excellent service and friendship. And to top it up we all had an unexpected complimentary drink on arrival.

WAGGA WAGGA 6 DAY/5 NIGHTS TOUR, Monday 26 to Saturday 31 October 2015 – Delighted to advise we have bookings from our club for 17 rooms to accommodate 27 persons for this great tour to Wagga and district. As previously advised by Warwick Gazzard at our August monthly meeting, he recently stayed at our venue, the Mercure Motel in Wagga, to give it “the once over” and reports that the accommodation and catering was excellent

THE WHARF REVUE, GLEN STREET THEATRE, BELROSE.

To-date we have bookings for 24 persons which is great. However, we still have seats for another 16 so anyone who would like to see this great show is welcome and should call Warwick Gazzard as quick as possible. Bookings must be finalised with the theatre by 13th September. If you would like to join us call him now on 99495924 or 0418784724. Cost is \$44 per seat. For those who have paid deposits, balances must be paid by September Members meeting, 11th September

Tour of North Head Wastewater Treatment Plant., Friday 18th September.

We have received this email from the tour co-ordinator, Sydney Water ,as follows:

- “ •Please enter the North head wastewater Treatment Plant from Bluefish Drive, Manly – you will need to stop at the front gate to be signed in – you will then be directed where to park.
- Please wear enclosed shoes (no sandals and thongs), long sleeve shirts and long pants.
 - Please arrive promptly at 9.50am to have a brief safety talk and sign in with our team.

You'll be shown a presentation and then we'll start the tour. Depending on the size of the group we may have to split it in half for safety and timing purposes.

It would be great to get an idea of how many attendees may need assistance/or who may need frequent rest stops during the 30 minute walk.”

20 members have already signed to attend. we need to know the final number by this Member's Meeting. If you have not already signed and not attending this meeting and would like to take part in this tour please let Jim Varjavandi know by email jayvarj@bigpond.net.au or by phone 9949 4242 before Friday 11th September.

Car pooling to the site is highly recommended as requested by Sydney Water.

We have not organised any lunch after the tour and it is up to individual groups if they so wish.

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

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