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PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH-MANLY (Inc.)

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

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For the Meeting on Friday 8 December 2017 at 12.00 noon

Christmas Luncheon at the Balgowlah RSL on Friday 8th, December 2017. at 12 noon. Our traditional Christmas luncheon will be held immediately after a short Monthly Meeting.

Yes its Christmas, again and its time for us to celebrate with our Annual Christmas Luncheon at \$65 per person including a drink on arrival, three course buffet luncheon with beverages.

Currently 52 people have confirmed and paid for and we have time for more members and friends to register. Final date for names and payment is Friday 1st December 2017. Contact is Mary Bacon on phone 9948 4362 or email marybacon@optusnet.com.au or Max Cooper in phone 9400 2826 for Direct payment into bank account.

Merry Christmas to all.

At our last meeting we were entertained by Dr Robert Eales who has had a varied career working in management consulting and banking. He was based at various times in Johannesburg, Sydney, London and briefly in San Francisco. He retired from the business world in 2005 and has been researching the South African War of 1899-1902 ever since. Rob has delivered many talks on the South African War, presented papers at conferences and been published in historical journals. Robert's talk was based on "The Compassionate Englishwoman" which is his first book.

Also at our last meeting Jim Varjavandi talked briefly about his recent trip to England to attend the Birmingham University's Golden Reunion. He had a scholarship in 1951 to study Chemical Engineering and graduating with a B.Sc.1955 and a Ph.D.1959. But his most memorable achievement was to marry his girl friend -Teresa- in 1955 after meeting her at the University's Union Hop some three years earlier.



Birthdays, We wish a very happy birthday to all of our members who celebrate their birthdays in December: Bill Richards on the 2nd, Jenny Douglas on the 6th, Graham King on the 24th, and Barbara Glover.

Tours and Functions are being held every third Wednesday of the month. You are reminded to diarise future dates to ensure your availability to attend all these functions. Program for 2018 is now being finalised and a summary is given in the attached

"Summary of Activities for 2017-18"

Sydney Rowing Club at Abbotsford 15th November. A lovely spot on the water and we had good weather. Everyone seemed to enjoy our lunch but it was a bit disappointing with the service as some meals took a long time to come out but they were great once they arrived. It was a beautiful day on the harbour which makes you realise how lucky we are in Sydney!

Have you visited our website Recently?

You should! You'll be surprised at all the new information you can find. Go to www.probusbalgowlah.org. In addition to copies of the Newsletter you'll find photos of our trips, outings etc. Also you can be surprised of what other information you can find by being a member of the Probus Club by visiting : www.probussouthpacific.org.

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

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2017-2018

	Date	Day	Event	Organisers	Cost	Due
D e c	8	Friday	Monthly Meeting and <i>Christmas Luncheon</i>	Mary Bacon and Peter Bracher	\$65.00	By 1 st . Decemb er
	12	Friday	Monthly Meeting Johnny Pace Well known cabaret and TV personality shares a lifetime of humorous and not so humorous experiences in an enlightened presentation.		\$4.00	12
J a n	9	Friday	Monthly Meeting Jennifer Farrer Presentation describes some of the plants which were in daily use 200 years ago in Australian by our early settlers		\$4.00	9
	21	Wednesday	BBQ Lunch at Clontarf	Peter Bracher	TBA	
F e b	9	Friday	Monthly Meeting		\$4.00	
	13	Friday	Monthly Meeting		\$4.00	
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M A Y	11	Friday	Monthly Meeting Representative from Northern Beaches Hospital		\$4.00	
	16	Wednesday	Brookvale TAFE Luncheon		TBA	

Formation of Interest Groups

As mentioned at our previous meetings, we are attempting to form a number of single interest groups. For these types of groups to be successful, they must be run by the members themselves, so we are calling for,

1. Expression of interest in joining a group,
2. Volunteers to act as co-ordinator for the group. This would involve very little work, just to act as central point of contact and as an arranger of the activity.

These groups could meet say once a month and some suggestions that have been made are:

Movie: The Movie Club would get together to agree on a suitable movie. The co-ordinator would email members information regarding the movie chosen and where and when to meet. Usual cinemas could be Warringah Mall, Cremorne or the Dandy at the Quay.

Walks: Members walk around interesting parts of Sydney and bring morning tea and lunch.

Dining: Members would meet at a local club/restaurant. The purpose of this club would be to enjoy good food and fellowship with other Probus Members.

Book Club: Members would meet to either discuss a book that they have read, or a chosen that they have all read. The local libraries have a service whereby they will lend a set of approximately 10 of the same book to such club.

Computer Cub: Members will meet say once a month to learn about the new technology or to find out answers to problems they are experiencing.

Other possibilities are: card games, chess, bowling, etc.

If anyone is willing to act as co-ordinator for a group or would like to join a group when established, please contact Peter Amos on 9949 4340 or amos5@bigpond.com , so that we can put the parties together.

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