



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 13 November 2015

CHANGE OF VENUE

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

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

Although the renovations at the Balgowlah RSL Club are progressing, there is no guarantee that they will be completed in time for our next meeting, so to save confusion, we have decided to hold the meeting at the Balgowlah Bowling Club again.

All members who have attended our last two meetings at the Bowling Club have commented on how pleasant they have been, so why don't you come along and see for yourself.

Membership Last meeting saw the induction of more new members and we welcome Margaret Kaill and Pauline Gazzard.

We are looking for members to join the management committee with the view of seeing what it is all about. Hopefully we can interest new members in standing for Management positions next year. If you are interested, please contact either Peter Amos (on 99494340) or Peter Bracher (on 99482580).

Speaker's Corner, Our guest speaker for the November meeting is our very own President, **Peter Amos**, speaking on the subject "**Australian Age of Dinosaurs**". Peter has a passionate interest and involvement in fossil hunting around Australia, which started back in 1975 when he bought some fossils in South Australia for his wife. Later in 1987, an opalised skeleton of a small pliosaur (an extinct marine reptile) was discovered in the Cretaceous rocks of Cooper Pedy, SA and Peter and his wife participated in the saving of this specimen. Then there was visiting a Museum of fossils in central NSW in 1993. In the current year they have participated in preparing specimens, having now joined the "Age of Dinosaurs foundation". Our meeting this month promises a fascinating exposure to the prehistoric background of our great Continent.

Last month's speaker was Peter Watson, who gave a terrific talk about his first hand experiences as a rear gunner with the RAF Bomber Command in WW2. His title was "Lady Luck" and indeed he was blessed with many escapes in the face of harm's way, and still is around to tell us of his experiences and emotions. He brought with him the French Legion of Honour, awarded this year for his participation in freeing France from German occupation. Once again, a reminder that guests are invited to join the meeting from commencement at 10.30am and later enjoy refreshments before listening to our Guest Speaker.

Christmas Luncheon, 2015. This year we, once again, will be holding our major event of the year at the Balgowlah RSL Club, Ethel Street, Seaforth on Friday, 11th December, 2015 commencing at 12 Noon.

The cost will be \$60.00 per head which will include a welcome drink upon arrival. There will also be 2 bottles of wine (one white & one red) on each table.

The meal will be similar to last year's --a buffet with a good selection of foods for entre and mains followed up with deserts. Entrées can be taken first and mains taken afterwards separately. There will be no need to load up plates with both courses at the one time.

Booking and payment is required at this November meeting. If not attending this meeting, please call Peter Amos, on telephone 9949 4340 for booking and send him a cheque to **Balgowlah Probus Club**, at 5 Kimo Street, Balgowlah, 2093. or direct credit to **Probus Balgowlah, Westpac Bank, BSB 032 101, Account 100322. Description recipient's statement—your name.**

Birthdays: We wish a very happy birthday to our only member born in November: John Grant on the 13th.

Balgowlah / Brookvale Probus Tour to Wagga Wagga.

We all arrived home safely after a most interesting 6 day tour to Wagga with Pegasus Coach Tours. Everything went to plan and we actually arrived back at the Bowling Club an hour early which was most appreciated by all. Travelling home on a Saturday certainly had benefits in terms of traffic flow compared to a week day. Accommodation at the Mercure Motel was comfortable with an excellent buffet breakfast enjoyed by all. Wagga City was most impressive to all with its excellent layout and wonderful array of parks, gardens and sporting facilities all maintained to a very high standard.

The linking up with Brookvale Probus worked very well with everybody mixing together appropriately. Special thanks is extended to Warwick Gazzard who took control of the tour management and worked very hard to assist everyone on board.

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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