



PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH (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 13 February 2015

Speaker's Corner. Our guest speaker for the February meeting is **Derek McIntosh**, a Balgowlah Probus Club member, who will talk on the subject "**Australia's Champion trees**". In his own words: - 'Big trees are not only the forest giants! Hidden away in parks, gardens and on farming properties is a wonderful array of Champion trees. I will explain my early interest in trees, how the national Tree Register was started and highlights some of our wonderful trees, natives and aliens. Ever wondered where the biggest Ironbark, Oak, Norfolk Island pine is? All will be revealed!' This is an unusual subject for our members and promises to be a most interesting and informative talk, - not to be missed.

Our speaker in January was Dudley Tunks, a life member of Balgowlah Probus Club, on the subject of "Flying Boats". The address was fascinating, drawing upon knowledge gained in his long career with Qantas. Those attending were glued to their seats, and their interest was demonstrated by the many questions asked at the conclusion. A great talk Dudley, and most appreciated.

Once again, a reminder that ladies are invited to join the meeting from commencement at 10.30am and later enjoy refreshments before listening to our guest speaker.

Our treasurer has asked me to gently remind you that the morning tea charge for the forthcoming meeting is now \$4. It would be appreciated by Bob Adams, on the door, if you gave him the correct money to minimize hunting for change.

Welfare. Colin Blow who joined the Club in 1985 and has rarely missed a meeting has moved to a managed care facility in Waratah in Newcastle to be near his daughter. Alec Richardson had recently been in hospital a couple of times, but he is at home now and hopes to attend our next meeting. Harry Kronenberg is also recovering from couple of issues and hopes to attend this meeting. Ray Hamilton has been in contact with more members who have been absent for a while and will report at the meeting

President's Comment regarding Nominations for Office Bearers prior March 2015 AGM.

“Another Probus Club year is drawing to an end, and we are moving into our thirtieth year of Fellowship and Friendship! Your Committee have worked well together, enjoying each other's company at our meetings at the RSL, in the prior week to our Member meetings. All your office holders have continued serving for multiple years, and this year we have four indicating that they will be stepping down to enjoy a well earned rest.

These are:

Max Cooper	Treasurer
Warwick Gazzard	Tours
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John Grant	Outings

We should all be upstanding at our February meeting and sincerely thank them for their years of generous contribution of time and energy to our Club!

This leaves four vacancies to be filled. The way to get the most out of being a member of this Club is to actively participate. For many who have served in past years, this is achieved by regular attendance and support.

But for other members who have not so served, or have done so but would like to do so again, I urge you to present yourself for nomination. The load is not onerous, and you will get much more enjoyment from being an active member of the Probus Club of Balgowlah”

Don Middleton

Outings. A tentative arrangement has been made to have an open air BBQ lunch at the Clontarf Reserve on Wednesday 18th of March. More information and registration of interest at the next meeting.

Birthdays, We wish a very happy birthday to our members born in February, John Hodges on 22nd and David Foster on the 25th.

Next Newsletter...Committee Members are requested to submit their contribution for the March Newsletter to the Editor jayvarj@bigpond.net.au by Tuesday 3rd. of March, please.

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