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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 9 October 2015

CHANGE OF VENUE

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

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

Last month's meeting was held at the Balgowlah Bowling Club and most attendees seemed to enjoy the relaxed and pleasant environment. It was a real effort to get everyone to stop talking after the morning tea as they were all enjoying themselves so much! Why don't you join us this month, again at the Bowling Club? The meeting will start at the normal time of 10.30 and tea and coffee will be available as usual.

Membership We inducted five of our six new members at the meeting, - Jenny Douglas, Margaret Kail, Moya Newling, Betty Reid, Gerry Setright and Heather Zuber. A warm welcome to all the new members.

Speaker's Corner: Our very special guest speaker for the October meeting is **Peter Watson**, Foundation and Life Member of Middle Harbour Probus, who will present his WW2 Bomber Command experiences under the title "**Lady Luck**". Peter was born near Cardiff, the capital of Wales, UK in 1924 and was only 15 years old when WW2 broke out. Three years later he volunteered for Air Crew duties and was attached to an RAF Lancaster bomber squadron as an air gunner, subsequently flying 35 missions over Europe. He was actively involved in supporting the D Day Normandy landing, and 71 years later, in June 2015, was honoured by the French Government with the '**French Legion of Honour**', for his participation in freeing France from German occupation. As with Jim Alsop who addressed us several years ago about his WW2 Pathfinder role, it is a great privilege to hear first-hand, the experiences of WW2 Veterans. Please show our appreciation with a large audience of members and guests.

Last month's speaker was Paul Wait who gave a fascinating talk on the Great Siege of Malta 1565, a massive struggle between the Moslems of Suleiman the Magnificent and the

Christian Knights of St. John led by the Grand Master La Valette. The good guys won by tenacity, courage and cunning!! It is a great story, and very well told by Paul. There are some other historical subjects in Paul's repertoire, and we will be inviting him to address us again in the future!

Birthdays: We wish a very happy birthday to our members born in October: Max Cooper on the 25th, Robert Stocken and Leslie Ryan on the 28th.

WAGGA WAGGA 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS TOUR, Monday 26 to Saturday 31 October 2015. Our departure date is drawing nearer and will be upon us in no time so we had better start deciding what to take and what not to take from our wardrobes.

The long range weather forecast is to get up to about 19 deg. and mostly cloudy with a shower on our departure day, Monday 26th., then the rest of the week mostly sunny with average temperatures of 21 to 24 deg. up until our last day, 31st October, when we head home which it is predicted to be about 20 deg. with periods of rain. The evening temperatures could vary between 6 and 11 degrees. When we get closer to our departing date you may like to Google "weather Wagga Wagga" and check again, if need be.

The last day for paying balances owing is at our October meeting, Friday, 9th October however, Warwick Gazzard has said it would be most helpful if he could have payments as soon as possible so that cheques can be banked and cleared beforehand. Cheques should be made out to Balgowlah Probus Club.

Balances owing will be \$1960 for couples and \$1280 for singles.

Pick-up for Balgowlah Club will be from the Balgowlah Bowling Club, Bareena Drive, Balgowlah Heights at 7.30 am on Monday 26th October. Please remember to all bring your membership name badges; they make it all much easier for newcomers and old alike!

THE WHARF REVUE, GLEN STREET THEATRE, BELROSE, TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2015 commencing at 6.30 PM.

Tickets are to hand and will be distributed at our October meeting. If anyone will not be at this meeting would you kindly contact Warwick Gazzard as soon as convenient when arrangements can be made with Warwick for collection. Car parking at the Theatre may be somewhat difficult as the shopping centre opposite the theatre is under major reconstruction and without any car parking facilities. Therefore, car sharing is strongly recommended. Also, the restaurant at the theatre is under remodelling and no food will be available on this occasion. However, the Bar will be open for drinks.

For any enquiries re the Wagga Tour or Wharf Revue contact Warwick Gazzard on 99495924 or 0418784724.

Tour of North Head Wastewater Treatment Plant. Seventeen members visited the plant on Friday 18th September and were greatly impressed by the extent of the plant features such as recycling, waste minimisation, energy and material recovery, and the hospitality extended to us by various guides and particularly Kelly Munro, the Public Relations Officer organising the site visit. We inspected the \$35 million newly commissioned odour control plant, sedimentation tanks, the water purification plant and some underground works. And we were treated with a generous morning tea during the final concluding talks.

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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