



PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH-MANLY (Inc.)

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

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For the Meeting on Friday 14 December 2018

Christmas Luncheon at the Balgowlah Bowling Club at 12 noon on Friday 14 December. The Christmas lunch will be held at the Bowling Club on 14th December and the cost is \$60.00, following a brief monthly meeting. There are drinks and canapes served on arrival and the meal is Turkey breast and leg ham, cranberry sauce and hot vegetables. Dessert is traditional Christmas pudding with brandy custard. Tea or coffee. Both red and white wine will be on the table with 8 persons per table.

**Extra names will be accepted up to Monday 10th and payment will be accepted on the day 14th.
Please contact Mary Bacon on 9948 4362 or Email: marybacon@optusnet.com.au.**

Last month's speaker was Ralph Secombe who spoke about his book "From the suburbs to the trenches, the story of two soldiers of the great war".

We welcome our new member, Jeannie Doherty who was inducted at this meeting.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

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

BBQ at Clontarf Reserve on Wednesday 21st November was very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by some 30 members and friends who attended. The weather was great with a cool breeze and head chef Peter Bracher did a great job as usual. We are looking forward to repeating this activity in February as it is a relaxing day out for everybody.



Tours and Outings are being organised for the coming months including a luncheon in January, BBQ lunch at Clontarf in February and coach trips for a single day, 2 day duration as well as 4 day or more in 2019. Watch this space.

Scams

Scammers are increasingly using fake charities or impersonating real charities to take advantage of people's generosity and compassion, with losses reported to the ACCC's Scamwatch increasing steadily over the past four years.

Scamwatch is warning people to watch out for fake charities and offering some quick and easy precautions to take to ensure their money goes towards a legitimate charity organisation. So far in 2018, Scamwatch has received 689 reports of fake charities scams with more than \$320,000 in reported losses. This compares to the whole of 2017 where reported losses were \$313,563.

People can ensure their donation is going to a legitimate charity by phoning them directly or making a donation via their website. They can check the charity is legitimate by first looking up their credentials on the publicly available Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) [website](#)."

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

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