



PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH (Inc).

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

Web site www.probusbalgowlah.org

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For the Meeting on Friday 12 June 2015

Speaker's Corner: Our guest speaker for the June meeting is **Austin Mack**, who will present an entertaining 'A Visit to Portwenn – The Village in Doc Martin' (popular TV show). This tour of Doc Martin's Portwenn will showcase all of the familiar locations and illustrates why this Cornish village was chosen as the setting for the series. The presentation also analyses some of the main characters and, in particular, the relationship between the two principals. Consequently, the presentation is bound to be a most humorous one. This will be the third presentation to us by Austin Mack (Previous being 'The Apollo Moon Landing' and 'Battle of Britain'). Dr Austin Mack is an Aerospace Scientist who has worked for, amongst others, Oxford University, British Aerospace and the US Department of Defence.

Last month our speaker was Melissa Serna, who spoke on the subject "Macular Degeneration". The number of questions asked of her was a good indication of the level of interest aroused, and her PowerPoint presentation gave us a clear understanding of this very important subject. Several informative pamphlets were given to each attendee to widen awareness of Australia's leading cause of blindness.

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.

Outstanding annual membership subscriptions: A number of members have not as yet paid the annual subscriptions for the 2015/16 year. This is a gentle reminder that they are now overdue. If you are unable to attend the next Probuss Members Meeting, would you please post your annual membership subscription of \$30 to the following address.

The Treasurer, 75 Ernest Street, Balgowlah Heights, NSW 2093

For those of you that would prefer to pay by electronic transfer the Club's bank details are as follows:

Probus Balgowlah, Westpac Bank, BSB 032 101, Account 100322

Description recipient's statement - Your name

Survey: By this time all members should have received the survey that was mentioned at the last meeting. All members are urged to complete it and either send it in or bring it to the next meeting. We need to know what **you** want from **your** club

Executive Committee: As you can see from the heading of this Newsletter, there are still two vacancies which need to be filled in. You are requested to give serious consideration to fill these vacancies. No previous experience is required and committee members will assist as required.

Birthdays: We wish a very happy birthday to our members born in June: Harry Kronenberg on the 1st, Graham Newling on the 7th, Ian Horden on the 8th, John McDermott on the 13th, Tom Shakespeare on the 14th, Ken Sutherland on the 14th, Brian Higgs on the 16th, and Derek McIntosh on the 19th.

Tours: A six day-5 nights coach trip to Wagga Wagga has been arranged from **Monday 26 October to Saturday 31st** leaving Sydney at about 8am. Accommodation and dinners are at the Mercure Motel and every day there are trips to various surrounding towns and local attractions. Our President, Peter Amos who has lived in Wagga Wagga for some years strongly recommends this trip as this is his old stomping ground and he has been to most of the attractions that the tour will cover. From the most haunted house in Australia, to museums covering aircrafts and trains, to delightful Liquorice and Chocolate Factory and a rustic lavender farm, with not only lavender, but a melange of animals from alpacas to even an ostrich! Peter has also included a very attractive and detail daily activities of this trip on our Web site www.probusbalgowlah.org . More information and a catalogue of the coach tour are available from Warwick Gazzard. The total cost of the trip inclusive of coach travel, accommodation, all meals and the attractions is \$1,105 per person twin share (\$1,080, if more than 40 participating), plus \$350 single supplement.

Functions: A very successful and enjoyable lunch was held at the Pittwater Restaurant at the Brookvale TAFE during the month. The function was very well attended and the meal and company was excellent and enjoyed by all.

Christmas in July: Another luncheon has been organised in the **GRAND DINING HALL at the INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE of MANAGEMENT**
151 Darley Road, Manly
for 12 NOON on TUESDAY, 11th AUGUST, 2015

We will be served a 3 course luncheon, all prepared and served by the students under the professional guidance and training of the college. Costs will be \$35 per person with table wines at \$5.00 per glass and beer at \$5.00 per can all payable at time of serving.

Registrations of interest are appreciated at our June meeting and payable at our July meeting. Warwick Gazzard will also welcome registrations per phone on 9949 5924 or mobile 0418784724.

This is a "highlight event" which ought not to be missed. **Just ask anybody who has been there previously!**

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

Next Newsletter...Committee Members are requested to submit their contribution for the July Newsletter to the Editor jayvarj@bigpond.net.au by Thursday 25th of June please.

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