

PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH INC.

Probus Club No. 56824



Notice of Annual General Meeting of Members of the Probus Club of Balgowlah Inc.

**Meeting to take place following the Monthly Meeting of Members on 13th
March, 2015 at 10.30 AM, Balgowlah RSL Club.**

Business on notice.

- 1. To receive and adopt the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 14th March, 2014.**
- 2. To receive the Presidents Report for the year 2014-2015 as attached.**
- 3. To adopt the Presidents Report for the year 2014-2015.**
- 4. To receive the Treasurers Report for the year 2014-2015 as attached.**
- 5. To adopt the Treasures Report for the year 2014-2015.**
- 6. To receive the Auditors Report for the year 2014-2015 as attached.**
- 7. To adopt the Auditors Report for the year 2014-2015.**
- 8. To declare all positions on the Committee vacant and elect the new Committee for the 2015-2016 year.**
- 9. Elect an Auditor for the 2015-2016 year.**
- 10. Declare the Meeting closed.**

President's Annual Report 2014 – 2015

With my second Presidential year drawing to a close, I reflect upon how pleasant a role it has been to serve our Probus Club of Balgowlah, a club formed in 1984 and now moving into its thirtieth year!

My enjoyment has been made possible by a loyal and hard- working committee, a number of whom have continued in such duties for a number of years. My sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to each and every one of them!

You will see from our Treasurer's Report, that our financial situation is sound. As well, our monthly Guest Speakers, Functions including the Annual Christmas Dinner, Outings and the five day Coach trip to Mudgee, were well received and enjoyed by those participating.

We have extended an ongoing invitation for our ladies to join the monthly Member meetings from commencement at 10.30am, so they can be aware of discussions, followed by morning tea and then the Guest Speaker presentation.

Our major challenge is attracting new members to fill vacancies arising from aging members suffering ill health. Our previous President, Warwick Gazzard, was very successful inducting new members. I am sorry to advise that this has not been maintained during my term, although plans are in place to have a Recruitment Day at Stocklands in mid March 2015.

Also, during his Presidency, Warwick Gazzard initiated discussions with the Seaforth Probus Club, proposing an amalgamation. Regretfully, despite his hard work and several meetings of the respective committees, Seaforth Probus declined the proposal. Subsequently Seaforth Club have converting from a Male club to Combined membership.

Reports from our Committee members for their areas of responsibility are attached for your information.

Several committee members have indicated their desire to step down after a number of years of service. Please join me in thanking them for their energetic participation and devotion to supporting our Club. They deserve a rest from their tasks well done! We encourage nominations to fill these places and look forward to welcoming them to our next year Committee.

Don Middleton. President 2014-2015

TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

The Club's strong financial position has been maintained, with a closing balance of \$3,137. However the small loss of \$174 is somewhat misleading as it has been made after including profits of \$356 which were made on several functions and a trip during the year. If these profits had not been included the loss would have been \$530. The club cannot rely on similar gains in the coming year.

Our revenue was impacted by the reduction in annual subscriptions due to the Club financial membership falling from 64 to 59 in this current period. Those numbers have fallen further following the resignation of 4 current members. These have been partly offset by the addition of 2 new members. We will therefore commence the year with 55 members.

Probus Centre South Pacific have indicated that their charges for capitation fees will increase by 15% in the forthcoming year. For a number of years the club has been subsidising the morning tea however in view of the increasing costs your committee have found it necessary to increase the charge to members to \$4.

Max Cooper Treasurer

Functions Report 2014-2015.

On Wednesday 21st May 2014, thirty-three members and guests attended a three course luncheon at the Pittwater Training Restaurant (Brookvale TAFE). There was an excellent choice of dishes within each course and we were impressed with the wide range of students preparing and presenting our meals.

On Wednesday 23rd July 2014, fifty members and guests attended our Christmas in July luncheon at Balgowlah Bowling Club where we were ably served by chef Val and Staff with traditional winter time Christmas fare on traditionally decorated tables.

On Friday 17th October 2014, forty-nine members and guests attended luncheon in the Grand Dining Room in Moran House at the International College of Management, Darley Road, Manly. A terrific selection of courses were presented by Alex and Staff in the embracing ambience of the historic buildings.

On Friday 12th December 2014, fifty-four members and guests attended a traditional Christmas buffet lunch at Balgowlah RSL club. The tables were beautifully set including Christmas bon-bons, plus our own Peter Bracher produced individual welcome notes with coloured Christmas motif and Seasonal message. The separate sitting for the entree was a huge success and we were honoured to have David Clegg entertain us on his keyboard.

I hope everyone who attended these functions enjoyed these activities.

At our monthly meetings in November 2014 and January 2015 I advised members that I would not be seeking re-election to our Management Committee in 2015. Furthermore I commended to members the position of Functions Co-ordinator as a most satisfying activity on behalf of our members.

Please note that your Club will be seeking nominations for a Functions Co-ordinator at the forthcoming election of officers for 2015. Kindly consider what contribution you could make to this activity.

Bob Heffernan, Functions Co-ordinator.

Annual Report of Speakers 2014 – 2015

February 2014 **Michael Mills** completed part two of his address from March last year “**Travelling on the Siberian Railway**”. As before his colourful style was most entertaining and he had the large audience of members and guests riveted to their seats.

March 2014 **Gerard McMahon** also gave us a sequel to his talk last February “The growing financial strength of China”, focusing on the negativity in recent months of the Australian media, under the title “**The myth of a faltering Chinese economy**”. As with his previous address, the clarity and wealth of information he imparted engrossed the audience.

April 2014 **John Kiely** spoke of the “**Trials of a Crown Prosecutor**”, drawing upon his career specialising in Criminal Law. His explanation of Crown duties and responsibilities was enlightening, amusing and entertaining.

May 2014 **Frank Rushworth**, who was a navigator in a Mosquito Night Fighter, spoke of “**World War 11**”. He was in London at the time of the V1 rocket attacks on the city. He reminded us of the many countries overrun by Germany in the early months of conflict and how desperate the situation was for England. We were most privileged to have an RAAF veteran speak of those times.

June 2014 **Derek Jones** gave the second half of “**Africa Today – the hope and the horror**”. The address last year focused on the Black populations of the Southern half of the continent, while this time we were acquainted with the Arab Countries of the North. Again this was a most enlightening address.

July 2014 **Greg de Moore** presented “**Tom Wills – an Australian Story**”, a history of cricket and football in the nineteenth century which had to be told. Greg is a psychiatrist at Westmead Hospital who came upon diaries of Tom Wills and became so intrigued that he wrote a book about it. This was a most entertaining story, and many members took the opportunity to buy an autographed copy.

August 2014 **Professor Don Napper** gave a most interesting history of “**Gas Warfare in WW1**” supported by original photos including soldiers, horses and dogs wearing primitive gas masks. Professor Napper was educated at Sydney and Cambridge Universities in molecular chemistry and gave what is probably the most professional presentation this year.

September 2014 **Dr. Claire Stirzaker** a research group leader at the “**Garvan Research Foundation**” described the various areas of medical research being conducted by the Foundation. She used Powerpoint to help the audience follow and appreciate the wide range of scientific research being pursued.

October 2014 **John Englis** from the NRMA presented “**The Years Ahead Driver program**”. He gave an excellent summary of matters to be conscious of when driving or crossing the road. Also, he defended the imposition of annual medical reports from age 75 and two yearly driving tests after age 85 as being an encouragement to keep driving, providing it is safe to do so.

November 2014 **Dr. Austin Mack**, an Aerospace Engineer and member of the institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, having presented us “the Apollo Moon Landings” last year, presented this year “**Battle of Britain**”. In addition to the coverage of the Allies aerial defense, it contained actual photographs taken by the Germans bombing England plus photographs of Hitler with his many parades showing off his war machine. This presentation was absolutely terrific.

January 2015 **Dudley Tunks**, a life member of our Probus Club, spoke of the role of “**Flying Boats**” prior to and for a while following WW2, in providing an airmail service across the world. A small group of passengers (some 15 per flight) also

gained a faster transit to the UK than provided by passenger ships. Dudley had direct involvement with Flying Boats during his 39 years with Qantas.

Don Middleton. Speakers Corner.

Editor's Annual Report 2014-15

Monthly Newsletters were prepared on a regular basis during the year and the Editor is grateful for the assistance and contribution of all the Committee Members in providing the required materials and the following members who assisted in hand delivery to some members and: Bruce Bonner- before he resigned due to health conditions-, Ray Hamilton, Peter Amos, Bob Adams and Max Cooper.

At the last count a total of 63 copies were delivered to members and friends by email (49), hand delivery (10) and by post (4).

Jim Varjavandi, Editor

TOURS ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

During the past year several attempts were made to organise tours away but due to lack of support were soon abandoned. This problem is becoming quite common with most Probus clubs in our district.

Consequently, we joined forces with Manly Probus with a tour to Gloucester in 2013 and in October 2014 we joined up with Brookvale Probus with a tour to Mudgee.

With the Mudgee tour we had 19 Balgowlah members and partners/friends together with 21 starters from Brookvale Probus Club . all aboard voted this tour a most enjoyable and successful experience. Everybody mixed well with each club and had a great time.

From discussion with other clubs it is generally agreed that future tours away would be best organised in this manner

Warwick Gazzard Tours Co-ordinator..

OUTINGS ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

This year showed a further decline in attendance for the day outings.

The Cockatoo Island trip was cancelled due to lack of patronage.

The outing to Watson's Bay proved most enjoyable with Sydney weather at its very best as was the meal at Doyles on the beach.

The outing to Sydney Rowers at Abbotsford had another great day to be on the Harbour and all attending enjoyed their meals and the company.

As always, the Wharf Review at the Glen Street Theater was up to the usual savaging which our pollies richly deserve [mostly].

There were no losses generated by the outings during the yeat.

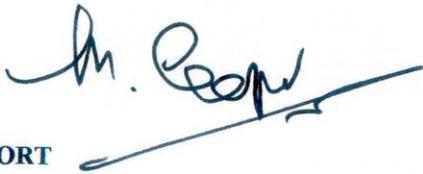
Thank you to all those who participated.

John Grant Outings Organizer

**PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH INC.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JANUARY 2015**

	2015	2014
MEMBERS FUNDS	<u>3236.97</u>	<u>3411.39</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
CURRENT ASSETS		
OPENING CASH BOOK BALANCE	3311.39	2330.19
ADD - Surplus for 2013/14		981.20
LESS - Deficit for 2014/15	-174.42	
CLOSING CASH BOOK BALANCE	3136.97	3311.39
PETTY CASH on hand	100.00	100.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>3236.97</u>	<u>3411.39</u>

Hon. Treasurer
M.C. Cooper



15-02-15

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the records and amounts representing income, expenses and assets as shown above and in my opinion they represent a true and correct record.

Hon. Auditor
R.L. Adams



15-02-15

PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH INC.

YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2015

INCOME	YEAR ENDED 31-01-15	YEAR ENDED 31-01-14
Subscriptions	1710.00	1931.00
Joining Fees	20.00	100.00
Badges	10.00	66.00
Interest	20.14	13.92
Donation	0.00	100.00
Functions (lunches)	9050.00	9521.00
Day Outings	268.00	2644.00
Trips	19570.00	2950.00
INCOME FROM 2014/15 OPERATIONS	30648.14	17325.92
EXPENDITURE		
Probus South Pacific Limited - Capitation Fees	580.00	434.00
Probus South Pacific Limited - Magazine Subscription	200.00	160.00
Badges	103.06	179.57
Postage & PO Box	151.80	184.60
Morning Teas	365.00	202.00
Stationery/Printing	232.80	335.92
Insurance - Non Members	200.00	140.00
Visiting Speaker's expenses	381.05	273.75
Functions (lunches)	8978.85	8847.50
Day Outings	268.00	2532.50
Trips	19285.00	2950.00
Department Fair Trading re Incorporation	77.00	51.00
Sundries	0.00	53.88
EXPENDITURE ON 2014/15 OPERATIONS	30822.56	16344.72
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	-174.42	981.20
TOTALS	<u>30648.14</u>	<u>17325.92</u>