



# PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH (Inc.)

Inaugurated 14<sup>th</sup> December 1984

No. 56824

P.O. Box 296 Balgowlah, NSW 2093

President	Peter Amos	9949 4340	Secretary	Peter Bracher	9948 2580
Vice Pres.	Bill Richards	9451 4286	Treasurer	Max Cooper	9400 2826
Talks	Don Middleton	9948 0753	Editor	Jim Varjavandi	9949 4242
Welfare	Ray Hamilton	9948 5236			
Functions and Tours	Warwick Gazzard	9949 5924			

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

*Web site [www.probusbalgowlah.org](http://www.probusbalgowlah.org).*

**Newsletter No.358**

**For the Meeting on Friday 14 August 2015**

### *Time for a Change*

The recent Survey of members, resulting in an overwhelming number of respondents (76%) indicating that they would prefer the club to be changed from an all-male club to a mixed one.

As a result a motion to that effect was moved and passed at the last monthly meeting. With the exception of one abstention, the vote was unanimous.

We are currently in the process of making the necessary changes, but if any member's wife/partner would like to apply for membership, please have them contact either Peter Amos on 99494340 or Peter Bracher on 9948 2580 and we will arrange for the necessary application form to be sent immediately.

The Committee are very aware of the fact that whatever happens in the future, the needs of the existing members must be catered for.

We will contact the Manly Daily and try to have them publish an article about the club and the fact that we are now a mixed club, keep your eyes opened and your fingers crossed that we will get it in the paper.

We have already received an enquiry from a couple who are interested in joining!

**Speaker's Corner:** Our guest speaker for the August meeting is Peter Headley, who will present 'WW1 - The Battle of Villers Bretonneaux'. Peter is a regular speaker/entertainer on Cruise Ships and we are very fortunate that he has agreed to visit us. **Please show our appreciation with a large audience of members and guests.**

With the Centenary of the Great War now being remembered we have heard much about Australia's involvement in the landing in Turkey at Gallipoli in 1915. But the larger involvement of Australian soldiers (and loss of lives) was in Western Europe which spanned some four years.

Initially Australian soldiers were attached to British divisions, but later they had their own Generals, such as Monash and Elliott. By 1918 when the Battle of Villers Bretonneaux took place, Victory at last was swinging in our favour. Germany surrendered in November 1918. In Peter's own outline of today's talk - Villers Bretonneaux was fought on 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1918. This illustrated power point presentation covers the lead up to the battles, the battle itself, the significance of it and the battle field then and now. An Anzac Day Dawn Service is held every year at Villers Brettoneaux! The presentation also looks at Brig Gen Harold Elliott "Pompey", one of the great Australian military commanders and characters of WW1'

Last month's speaker was Hugh Lander who gave an informative and entertaining presentation of "The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sydney Heritage Fleet". We can be very proud of the achievements of volunteers that have worked hard to restore ferrys of earlier times for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Hugh Lander has been associated with the Foundation for many years, and announced that he had retired only a few days before this meeting. Our members and guests wished him a happy well earned rest. Once again, a reminder that ladies and guests are invited to join the meeting from commencement at 10.30am and later enjoy refreshments before listening to our Guest Speaker.

**Birthdays:** We wish a very happy birthday to our only member born in August: Harold Reader on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

***CHRISTMAS in JULY LUNCHEON, GRAND DINING HALL, I.C.M. 151 Darley Rd Manly***

***12 Noon, Tuesday 11th August 2015***

Perhaps a record turnout with 74 bookings and all fully paid up! So we had better get well prepared for a great experience at this wonderful venue.

Now don't forget to come with plenty of \$5 notes for your refreshers; the right money will certainly assist the student staff. We are assured there will a car parking area but it would be a good idea to share cars wherever possible. Seating will be in tables of 10.

***WAGGA WAGGA 6 DAY TOUR, Monday 26 to Saturday 31 October 2015 – a joint tour with Brookvale Probus Club***

At this stage we have reservations for 26 people taking 18 rooms, from our club. Your deposit of \$100 per person is required at our forthcoming August meeting. If paying by cheque please make payments out to Balgowlah Probus Club. Any new starters will be most welcome but you had better be quick.

Warwick Gazzard went to Wagga last Friday and stayed at our venue, the Mercure Motel that evening. He advises that it is an excellent venue, spacious rooms and good facilities. The buffet breakfast was excellent with hot and cold selections. This promises to be a great trip.

***THE WHARF REVUE, GLEN STREET THEATRE, BELROSE.***

Those members who went last year will remember what a great performance that was. Some of us have seen this show several years running and no doubt will be there again, if you're quick. All performances this year are almost sold out, however, Warwick has managed to get reservations for 40 seats ***at the 6.30 pm performance on Tuesday 13th October 2015. Cost is \$44 per seat which is at the concessional rate.***

*“So, once more unto the political breach step Jonathan Biggins, Drew Forsythe, and Phillip Scott with their signature style of seriously side-splitting satirical silliness and musical mayhem”.* **Do not miss it.**

A deposit of \$10 per seat is required at our August meeting with balance by September meeting, 11th September 2015.

### ***THE CLONTARF BAR-B-Q,***

The last bar-b-q at Clontarf was a resounding success and by popular demand we are doing it again-

- *at Clontarf reserve on Tuesday, 1st September 2015 @ 12 noon. More details at August meeting-put it in you diary!*

***Tour of North Head Wastewater Treatment Plant.*** As announced at the last meeting, a tour of the plant has been arranged on ***Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September*** starting at 10 am at the plant. The Plant is located on the Bluefish Road, passed the Manly Hospital and follow the signs to the Plant. At the gate of the plant the Gatekeeper will direct you to parking and the Conference Room. The tour will start with a short general presentation (and may be a cup of tea or coffee?) followed by a guided tour of the plant. The tour is generally on the surface areas with a few steps for between 1 and 2 km and lasting about one hour which most of us should manage. A small minibus is available for those not able to walk. You are required to wear covered shoes and safety helmets and jackets will be supplied- if required.

Only a certain numbers of visitors are allocated to each guide and therefore they are requesting the number of visitors on that day. Please indicate your intention to attend at this meeting and if not attending , please let Jim Varjavandi know by email or telephone.

Also at the end of the tour we intend to have lunch at a nearby facility for those interested, more details later.

***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 September Newsletter to the Editor [jayvarj@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jayvarj@bigpond.net.au) by Thursday <sup>27<sup>th</sup></sup> of August please.

***Privacy Statement:*** Information given above is kept private and confidential and may only be used within the confines of the Probus Club of Balgowlah and shall not be used for any other purpose