



PROBUS CLUB OF BATHURST INC

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BIRTHDAY BOARD

JULY

5	Alan Petersen
8	Michael Hardie
9	Bob Griffiths
10	Bruce Blatch
12	Don Grant
19	Doug Fulton
22	Tony Keech
24	Michael Ryan

July Meeting

has been cancelled due
to Covid-19

NEXT MEETING

at

BATHURST PANTHERS

Wednesday 4th August 2021

at

10:15AM

(to allow time for check in)

The front door of the Club should be open from
9:00 am onwards.

Cost for morning tea will be the usual \$6. If
possible please bring the correct money, as this
will greatly assist the attendance officers on duty.

The usual raffle will be in operation
- \$2 tickets available from Barry

Pickup/Allan Evers. 2 wine bottles as prizes.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

President: Richard Hurford
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Secretary: Iain Townsend
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August Guest Speaker Senior Constable Sue Rose will speak on issues of security and safety for members.

From President Richard

With the announcement of the NSW Government's latest Orders about new COVID-19 restrictions for regional NSW, the decision was taken to cancel both the Committee meeting on Monday, 5th July and our Probus Club Meeting on the 7th July.

Given the constraints placed on catering, the wearing of masks and the re-introduction of the 4 square metre rule, it seemed prudent to put the comfort and well-being of members as the priority.

Committee members will continue to network by phone and email as we plan and prepare for our August meetings - for the Committee on Monday, 2nd and our Club meeting on Wednesday, 4th.

Congratulations to all those involved in organising our XPT rail trip to Wellington on the 23rd June - it proved to be a wonderful day of fun and fellowship - important and life giving dynamics of any Probus occasions!

I remember as a Post Graduate student when studying Psychology for Pastoral Counselling many years ago reading the quote "Until you know a person's story - you can't begin to really know that person"; this is why over the years that I have been attending and enjoying Probus meetings, that I have come to really appreciate and value our '10 minute speakers' at each monthly meeting.

Our Club has such a wonderfully diverse membership with so many great life stories to share. I think we all can be informed and encouraged by the gift of sharing our personal life stories, and this activity also facilitates another of our great Probus dynamics - FRIENDSHIP.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again at our August Meeting.

Cheers, Richard

Members Health

We are sad to report the passing of three long time members of the Club:

Vale Don Crapp

Probian Don Crapp, member of our club since 1985, passed away on the 25th June, 2021. Don's funeral was held at the Uniting Church, William Street, Bathurst on Wednesday, 30th June. The funeral was attended by 8 of our members, who formed a small guard-of-honour as the funeral cortege left the church; the number being considerably reduced due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

The funeral service was conducted by John Hoyer, former school inspector and lay assistant at Bathurst Uniting Church. Music was provided by resident organist, Judy Brooke, wife of a former Probian, the late Peter Brooke. The entire service was beamed to relatives in Sydney and elsewhere, many being unable to attend due to travel restrictions.

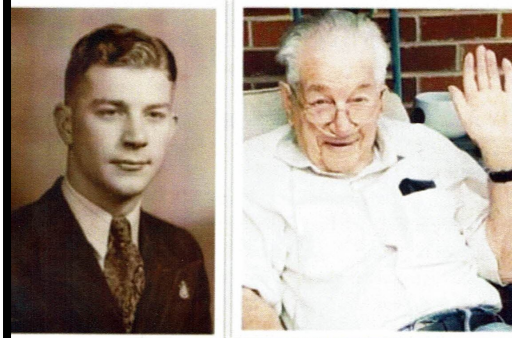
The Eulogy was delivered by Bruce Cameron, Don's older son, and well-known Bathurst accountant. We learnt of Don's school beginnings at Running Stream, a small village on the Castlereagh Highway and close to Kandos. Don won a scholarship to Sydney Boys' High in 1938. He started work in the Rural Bank in West Wyalong at age 16; joined the Air Training Corps; enlisted RAAF in 1944: training in Ballarat, but war ended soon after. Transferred in the Rural Bank to Bathurst, where he met and later married his wife, Margaret in 1949. Happy married life - family holidays at Austinmer; played cricket, baseball, table tennis; loved ballroom dancing. Many bank transfers over the years; bought a small property in Clairveau Lane, Bathurst; built a house there; lots of happy snooker games there with Probus colleagues. Treasurer of our Probus club for 5 years; moved into town (Mitre Street) when farm duties became burdensome; after Margaret's sad passing moved to Cheriton Retirement Home, where he spent his remaining life.

John Hoyer spoke to us with words of hope and consolation.

Granddaughter Josephine read an appropriate reading from 1 Corinthians 13 and Don's daughter, Louise read poem "The Broken Chain" by Ron Tranmer. A celebration of Don's life in pictures was accompanied by Vivaldi's "Four Seasons"

Donald (Don) McLennan Crapp

6th February 1926 – 25th June 2021
95 Wonderful years



Vale Dick Crossing

Foundation and Life Member Dick Crossing was farewelled in a well-attended and moving service at the Bathurst Crematorium on Monday, June 28.

The service began with an Elvis Presley rendition of “How Great Thou Art”, and a memorial verse recited by Chaplain The Reverend Howard Knowles.

Dick’s son, Jock, on behalf of the family, related the many and varied episodes in Dick’s long life : Attachment to Family, Rural Farming, Second World War Service in the Air Force, Rugby Union Representative Honours, Service to Legacy War Widows, Contributions to Rotary, Probus, Masonic Lodge, RSL.

We learnt that Dick was Dux of All Saints College in his younger days.

Dick had left instructions that there were to be no long eulogies at his funeral – just a few sentences from each person. Accordingly short mini-eulogies were given by a representative from Rotary, a representative from Legacy War Widows and a representative from Probus (Mike O’Neill).

Grandchildren also paid tribute to their Pa.

Special Masonic and RSL Tributes were made. A couple of Dick’s favourite Jim Reeves songs were played during a period of reflection and a showing of family photos which illustrated segments of Dick’s life.

Dick’s wife, Ginger predeceased Dick, but she also was fondly remembered at the service; Ginger had accompanied Dick at many Probus functions in the past.

A particularly moving part of the service was the trumpet rendition of The Last Post and Reveille by a local high-school lad during the RSL memorial tribute to Dick as a fellow returned serviceman.

The Committal was pronounced by Father Knowles and farewell music played was “Nearer My God To Thee”, Andre Rieu’s instrumental version.



Richard Jack Crossing OAM

Dick

26 January 1925 - 18 June 2021

Vale Arthur Cheers

Probian Arthur Cheers, member of our club since 1992, passed away on the 23rd June, 2021. Arthur's funeral was held at the Bathurst Presbyterian Church on Wednesday. 30th June. The funeral was attended by 9 of our members, who formed a small guard-of-honour as the funeral cortege left the church; the number being considerably reduced due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

The funeral service was conducted by The Reverend Bryson Smith, pastor at the church. Music was provided by a small instrumental and singing group – Vocalist Janelle Sennett, Organist Barrie McNicoll and Violinist Ruth Allen. Owing to Covid restrictions congregational singing was not permitted, but words of all hymns were displayed on an overhead screen. The entire service was beamed to relatives who, because of travel restrictions, had been unable to be present.

The musical group presented well-known hymns : “How Great Thou Art” and “Amazing Grace”, and also a modern hymn “Cornerstone” (a celebration of God's saving grace).

The Eulogy was delivered by Arthur's son, Murray, who spoke of his father's life: Born Tallimba, near West Wyalong, (one of 4) into a farming family; father died at age 70, causing Arthur to take over the farm; a dedicated and practical farmer; a loving and dedicated parent; a loving and dedicated husband, spending up to 18 hours of many days in the nursing care of late wife, Hilary; numerous contributions to community life: Rotary, School, Church Councils, Probus. Murray's great desire: “To be the man his father was.”

Bible Reflections and a tribute to Arthur's contribution to the Bathurst Presbyterian Church were delivered by the pastor.

Following the service interment took place at the Maranatha Lawn Cemetery, Bathurst.

ARTHUR RAVENSHAW CHEERS
15/03/1934–23/06/2021

