



PROBUS CLUB OF BATHURST INC.



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Birthdays for June 2025:

Bill Thompson 4th (93)

Hans Jeuken 15th (83)

NEXT MEETING

General Meeting Wednesday 4th June, 2025

10:00 am for 10:15 am start



Please endeavour to have the correct money in cash.

IMPORTANT DATES IN COMING MONTHS

Next General Meeting Wednesday, June 4th, 2025

Trip to Forbes Sculptures Wednesday, June 18th, 2025

Club lunch at Sweet Caramel Wednesday, July 16th, 2025

OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Richard Siede has had a recent bout in hospital (Bathurst Base) and is recovering and soon to be back home.

Tony Keech as he copes with health problems. John Matthews as he also copes with health problems. John is in partial remission. Alan Petersen, as the result

of a fall – broken leg and broken hip. Alan was in Rehab at Bathurst Base Hospital, but is now back home and receiving some home help. Alan hopes to be back driving in the ~~near~~^{IS Better} future. Alan Evers has to attend to medical matters which require him to be in Sydney; so he will be absent for some time from the raffle desk at meetings. In the meantime, Kevin Miller will assist Barry Pickup at the raffle desk. President Lindsay Cox is focussing on member welfare and so would appreciate information on members who are in poor health and unable to attend meetings. Lindsay's phone number is 0429 916 618, and would ask that members send a text message, or phone message rather than call directly.

GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker for June will be Barry Cubitt, who will speak on Abercrombie Caves and Ribbon Gang Lane.

20-MINUTE SPEAKER FOR JUNE

The speaker for June will be Peter Sadler

FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Management Committee for 2025/26:

President: Lindsay Cox; **Vice-President:** Yet to be appointed; **Immediate Past President:** Gavin Christie; **Secretary:** Mike O'Neill ; **Treasurer:** Joe Buchta; **Assistant Treasurer:** Mike Hardie; **Programme Director (Guest Speakers):** Ian Pellow ; **Programme Director (20-Minute Speakers & Travel):** Paul Chapman; **Functions & Catering Officer:** Joe Buchta ; **Club Badge Keeper:** Ian Pellow ; **Attendance Officer:** Jim Schaerf ; **Committee Members:** Kevin Miller & Tom Murphy; **Newsletter Editor:** Mike O'Neill. **Public Officer:** Mike O'Neill

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Non-Committee Officers:

Auditor: Charles Fogliani ; **Greeter & Badge Asst:** Tim Hector ; **Raffle:** Barry Pickup ; **Webmaster:** No appointment as yet ; **Club Photographer:** Bob Cassidy ; **Membership Secretary:** Bob Cassidy.

2. CLUB BANK ACCOUNT

Reliance Bank BSB No. is 882 000 , Account No. is 300 003 446 Please ensure that you reference an EFT payment with your name, and indicate what the payment is for. Please note that when making an EFT payment, the name Unity Bank may appear on the screen. There is no need for concern as Unity Bank and Reliance Bank are now one and the same.

3. MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Membership numbers have declined. We currently have 42 members. Please think hard about any male friends who might be potential members, give them a short run-down on the way we operate, and invite them to a General Meeting. On the first visit, guests of members are not required to pay the Morning Tea payment.

Average age of current members is 84 years.

4. SUGGESTIONS TO BOOST MEMBERSHIP

Management Committee is continuing with a recruitment drive based upon valued suggestions from members and using promotional material from a previous recruitment, including a regular Community Service announcement on radio station 2BS. **2BS is under new management, but the new manager Nils Gustafson assures us that they are quite willing to mount Community Service announcements for our Club. So we will take steps to resume the previous announcements.**

5. CLUB WEBSITE

The Club has its own website, courtesy of PSPL:

<https://www.probus southpacific.org/microsites/bathurstm>

Out-of-date articles have been removed and the Management Committee is in the process of uploading photos of relevant current activities.

6. ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Management Committee have set the Annual Club Membership at \$40, the same amount as last year. This should be paid at the February or March General Meeting and paid to Treasurer Joe Buchta. Payment should be in cash, as our bank do not accept cheques, or paid by EFT. (See item 2, above for Bank details). We have been informed by PSPL that the Affiliation Fee for this year is set at \$20/member, being an increase of \$1 from last year. Our affiliation fees for this year have been paid to PSPL.

7. SUGGESTED CHANGES TO THE PROBUS CONSTITUTION

Copies of the new Constitution and Standing Resolutions have been posted to Clubs. A Sub-Committee of Management Committee will consider these and report to the July/August General Meeting. All clubs have been given 6 months to consider and approve the Constitution and Standing Resolutions.

8. MORNING TEA PAYMENT & BBQ PAYMENT

This has been increased to \$7 per member per meeting, except for luncheon meetings. Club cash reserves are dwindling and Panthers have increased the morning tea cost to \$5.50 per member for at least 30 members. This cost was previously \$5 per member. Please endeavour to have the correct money, as this obviates the necessity for a float.

Future BBQ's will require a payment of \$5 per person. Another measure to improve our financial position.

A suggested change to the scones with jam and cream: small cakes. This change has seemed to meet with the approval of members.

9. Change of Email Address or Phone Number

Joe Buchta's landline phone number is non-operative, and his mobile number is 0427- 342-541. If your email address or phone number has changed since last year, please inform Mike O'Neill so that the Membership Secretary is able to make the adjustment to the Club's Membership List.

10. Club Outings in the Future

The projected train trip to StuartTown has been postponed for the present owing to unavailability of the hotel there, which we were relying on for lunch.

Instead it is planned to join with the Plains Club in a trip to the Forbes sculptures on Wednesday, June 18 next. The proposed Club luncheon at Sweet Caramel will be held on Wednesday, July 16th next. Attendees order own lunch from the cafe menu.

President Lindsay Cox is preparing a suggested post-meeting lunch at Panthers. This would follow immediately after a General Meeting. In the first instance it will be once-off activity, but may continue if suitably patronised.

11. My Aged Care Registration

Immediate Past President Gavin Christie has suggested that it would be advantageous for members to register with MyAgedCare, reason being that bus trips on the Community Bus are half-price if registered. Registration is the first step, and does not necessitate an immediate request for home help etc, but smoothes the way for future home help etc when needed.

Registration is able to be achieved by phone application MyAgedCare on 1800 200 422, or by visiting the MyAgedCare website.

12. Club Membership List

The usual Club Membership List will be distributed to all members before the June General Meeting. Please check that your details on this list are correct.

13. Re-Arrangement of Seats & Tables at General Meeting

Seats and Tables were re-arranged in a herringbone pattern at the May General Meeting. This seemed to meet with the approval of members, and so will be continued as a trial.