

# Kiama Men's Probus Club



## NewsBulletin – November & December 2019

**The final General meeting for 2019 will be held on Wednesday 27th of November at the Kiama Bowls Club. The meeting commences at 9.15am.**

If you are unable to attend it would be appreciated if you would advise the attendance officer, Russell Fredericks, by phone on 4232 3598 or by email to russfred@iinet.net.au

### Presidents end of year post

Gentlemen - As another year comes to an end may I take this opportunity to extend season's greetings to you and your families. It has been a most satisfying year in terms of club activities and I would like to thank all members involved in the organisation of activities for their time and efforts to make our club a great place to be. Thank you also to all members for supporting and attending the wide range of activities.



On sad note I record the club's sincere condolences to Elaine Kirkman and family at the loss of David, a valued Probian and true friend to many in our club and the community.

As the year draws to a close, the club's Christmas Celebration will take place on Tuesday 3rd December at Kiama Leagues Club. I look forward to sharing this activity with you. Many thanks to Dick Groom for his organisation of this event.

*Ian Hornsby, President*

### Vale David Kirkman (25 July 1936 to 19 November 2019).

It is sad to report the passing of member David Kirkman, aged 83 years, who succumbed to cancer at David Berry Hospice early on 19 November, 2019. David had a relatively short illness, having been diagnosed with a rare and aggressive cancer at Wollongong Hospital before his transfer last week to Barry.

David was a member of the Probus Club of Kiama from 2012 and was a valued member of the Kiama Men's Probus Choir. He was an excellent violinist and also painted in oils. He was previously the President, Secretary and Bulletin Editor of the Kiama Mixed Probus Club and was a member of the Lions Clubs in both Nowra and Kiama for more than 35 years. His career was in the Post Office, spanning more than 44 years, serving in Bathurst, Nowra, Warilla and Kiama, where he was the Postmaster from 1986 to 1994.

David was married to Elaine and we extend our condolences to her, to their children and to their extended family. His funeral is tentatively planned for Friday, 29 November 2019.



### Treasurer's Report

Brought forward	3674.58
Income	933.68
Expenditure	832.50
Balance	3775.76
Effective balance	2815.76

### Speakers

The 10 minute members segment will be delivered by *Terry Nicoll* and the guest speaker will be *Ken Watson* who will talk about the "Dambusters" operation of 16-17 May 1943.

### Birthdays in November

5<sup>th</sup> Ken Jeffery 1937  
8<sup>th</sup> John Dixon 1934  
21<sup>st</sup> John Carmichael 1926  
27<sup>th</sup> Max Smith 1928  
28<sup>th</sup> Dick Groom 1938

### Birthdays in December

1<sup>st</sup> Ron Parkinson 1943  
16<sup>th</sup> Tom Reid 1942  
22<sup>nd</sup> Bill Cook 1935  
27<sup>th</sup> Tony Traynor 1948  
31<sup>st</sup> Geoff Dowd 1938



### Anniversaries in November

27<sup>th</sup> Stephen and Wendy Leatheam 2010  
28<sup>th</sup> John and Margaret Carmichael 1953

### December

4<sup>th</sup> John and Lyn Rolfe 1965  
10<sup>th</sup> George and Betty Robertson 1951 (68 yrs)  
14<sup>th</sup> Brian and Susan Petschler 1968  
16<sup>th</sup> David and Joan Russell 1962  
20<sup>th</sup> Dave and Brenda Thomas 1969  
24<sup>th</sup> Howard and Eleanor Massey 1992  
31<sup>st</sup> Darrell and Pamela Wray 1964

### Robert Mullaney

Bob was inducted at the October meeting please make Bob very welcome.



**Rob Ratcliffe** has been our membership officer for several months. **Please make sure to tell Rob of any changes in your details, phone number etc..** Rob's email is- [medus20@iinet.net.au](mailto:medus20@iinet.net.au)

Ahhh ..  
noted, yes  
I know Rob



Behind everything we do is the club's Constitution – it's the root, trunk and branches of the Probus tree. If you would like a copy please let one of our officers know.

Also now there exists "ProbusGlobal" that is a directory of Probiants worldwide who see benefit in communicating with like-minded members in other countries. Just search for

**ProbusGlobal.org** and look for the "sign in" button – then the international directory will be available to you. It's early days and very promising.

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> November –

“Meet, greet and eat”

after the General

Meeting at 3 BROTHERS

in Collins Street at 12

NOON. Always reliable

and friendly.



**MEET  
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**Coffee Crawl** on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November -  
at the **Brooding Italian** in Manning Street  
in the row of shops. This venue is good for a  
9.30am walk to view the Bonaira Blue  
Haven establishment and return to the café  
to meet the **10.30 talkers**.

**Note - this date might be deferred to 6 December  
if David Kirkman's farewell is on the 29<sup>th</sup> so  
watch for advice please.**



*At the Brooding Italian in 2018*

### Tuesday 3rd December Christmas Meeting and Celebration

That man Dick Groom who organises our Christmas Luncheon with enviable skill and cool manner is already at the controls twiddling knobs, pulling levers and monitoring gauges and wants to see us all on Tuesday 3rd Dec. at the Leagues Club.

**12.00 for 12.30** – Please do not arrive before 12.00 noon since the doors will be closed  
Alternate drop entrée and main course followed by Christmas Cake, tea & coffee.

Buy your own own at the bar  
Lucky Door prizes,  
Great Fun and Friendship.

**Family and friends are welcome** to attend. The “More the Merrier” and Dick can still fit in one or two more entertainment items.

Notes : **Please tell Dick ASAP** of any changes to your previous attendance advice  
**Pay Treasurer** Geoff Boxsell your \$35 per head on or before Wednesday 27th Nov meeting  
Otherwise make an arrangement with Geoff to pay

Questions ..... to Dick Groom please at 4233 2284 or [djgroom@bigpond.com](mailto:djgroom@bigpond.com)



Thank you to Kiama Bowling Club and restaurant for hosting our General meetings

## Choir

The Choir performed at Rotary Club's Festival of Choirs on 27 October, getting some complimentary remarks afterwards. Subsequently we have performed at the BUPA Aged Care Facility at Berry on 1 November and at the Peterborough School at Warilla on 13 November. The kids at Peterborough seemed to enjoy the concert (which included some of our best Christmas Carols) as much as the choir.



We are now fast approaching our last 'gig' for the year when we will perform at the Elanora Retirement Village at Shellharbour on 28 November. After that the choir will go into recess until we commence practice for Program 1 for 2020 after the Choir AGM on March 2 next year. Our appreciation goes to Choir Director Wendy Leatham, accompanists Steve Leatham and Bron Evans and to Michael and Jenny Maude who assisted the choir during the 2019 year. Thank you all for your great assistance

Before we end the year, a number of choir members are busy preparing their acts, performances, singing, etc for the Probus Club's Xmas Party on Tuesday 3 December at the Leagues Club, Kiama. It should be a great celebration with over 90 already booked in to attend. It should be a great luncheon!

On a more sombre note, we have been dismayed to learn of the passing of choir member David Kirkman at David Berry Hospice, Berry early on the morning of 19 November. David took ill several weeks ago and was hospitalised at Wollongong where the diagnosis of cancer was confirmed before he was transferred to Berry. He was an excellent musician and singer as well as an outstanding Probus club member. A number of Club and choir members had the opportunity to visit David during his time in hospital and we extend our condolences to his wife Elaine and their family. David will be missed.

*Brian Petschler, Choir Chair*

### David's Drole Definitions

.... David Russell

Flabbergasted	Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.
Abdicate	To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
Esplanade	To attempt an explanation while drunk.
Willy-nilly	Impotent.
Negligent	Absentmindedly answering the door wearing only a nightgown.
Lymph.	To walk with a lisp.
Flatulence	Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.
Balderdash	A rapidly receding hairline.
Testicle	A humorous question on an exam.
Circumvent	An opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men



These smiling faces are from **The Frinton and Walton Probus club**, on the east coast of England and sometimes called by members as "God's waiting room". This is a Probus club that enjoys good humour. Our contact is **Keith Banks** who is third from the right in the photo and is responsible for the articles below.

### Tales from the old dart . . .

**In the UK, some supermarkets have admitted that there is horse meat in their home cooked burgers. Even places like Burger King have had to admit that there are "small amounts" of horse meat in their burgers.**

Tesco is a big supermarket chain in the UK. Within hours of the news that Tesco's 'all beef hamburgers' contained 30% horse meat, these quips hit the Internet:

I'm so hungry, I could eat a horse. I guess Tesco just listened!

Anyone want a burger from Tesco? Yay or neigh?

A woman has been taken into hospital after eating horse meat burgers from Tesco. Her condition is listed as stable.

"I've just checked the Tesco burgers in my freezer ... "AND THEY'RE OFF!"

Tesco is now forced to deny the presence of zebra in burgers, as shoppers confuse barcodes for serving suggestions.

"To beef or not to beef, that is equestrian".....

These Tesco burger jokes are going on a bit. Talk about flogging a dead horse.

Instead of choosing "rare, medium or well done, it's now Win, Place or Show"

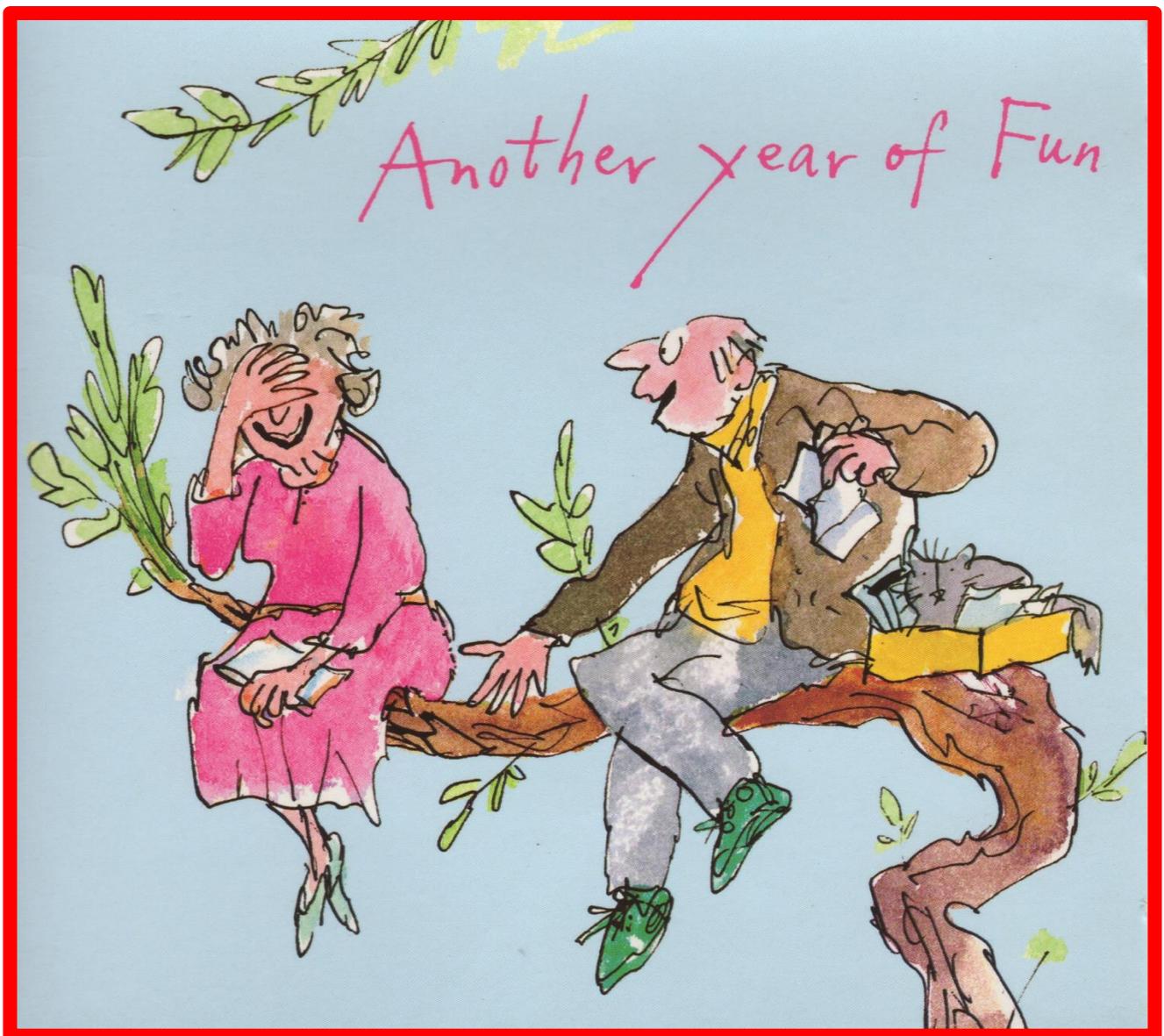
*Contributed by Kevin Banks, resident comedian at the Frinton and Walton Probus Club, Essex, UK*

Following the above article there was an exchange with UK about this horsy subject and this is what Kevin Banks from Frinton had to say....

*I was reminded of my childhood in Ilford, I can remember going to Cleveland School infants, and then Primary school in Cleveland Road, Ilford from 1943 until 1950. I used to see the shop in Roden Street in Ilford called the "Butcherie Chevaline". It does not take much to translate this to "The horse butcher" and, if I remember correctly, there was always plenty of customers, as the meat was plentiful and far cheaper than the other butchers. How times have changed!*

***THE MAIN REASON THAT SANTA IS SO JOLLY IS BECAUSE  
HE KNOWS WHERE ALL THE BAD GIRLS LIVE***

The club wishes its members and their families a very happy  
Christmas, good health and happiness in 2020 and .....



..... and the next general meeting and the first for 2020 will be held on  
Wednesday 22 January 2020 – see you there !