

The Kiama Downs Men's Probus Club

Newsletter December 2019

The next General Meeting is to be held on Thursday
5 December at the Anglican Church Hall, Railway
Parade, Minnamurra at 9.00 am

** If you are not able to
make the meeting, please
advise Secretary David **

From the desk of the President

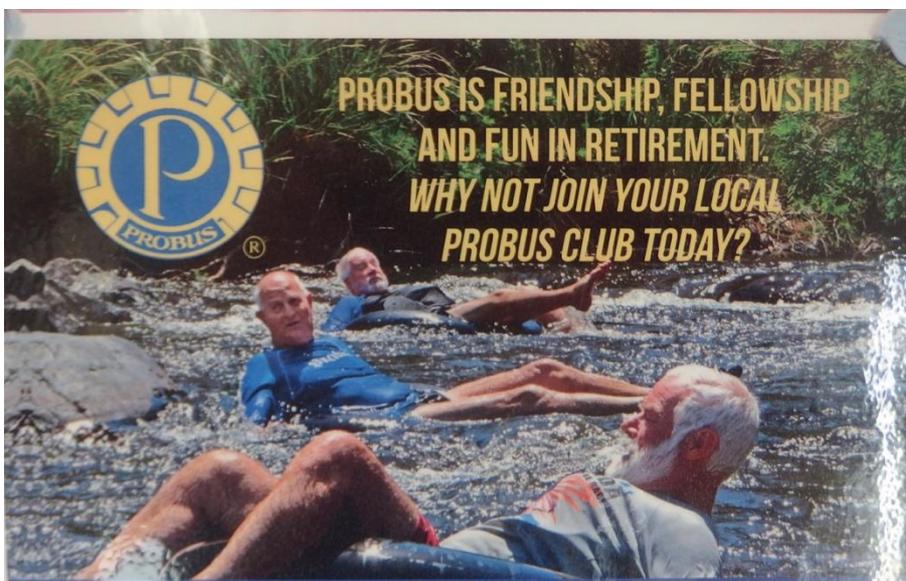
With another year coming to completion, it is a time for a bit of reflection of the year. Our Club welcomed George Early as a new member, but sadly three of our members, Bill Atkins, Cliff Walden and Rob Stubbs passed away.

We have had a variety of interesting speakers covering a wide range of topics from the Second World War, to farming techniques, bush poetry, the life of a vet and life stories of Kiama residents. Our members segments have been equally varied. The remaining function is the Christmas party on 16th December and I hope to see everybody there.

There will be no meeting in January. At our February meeting, we will be calling for nominations for committee positions.

Thank you for your attendance and support throughout the year, I wish you the compliments of the season.

with my best wishes, David Bourke President



In which river
do we meet ?

And discover
how your
insurance
doesn't actually
cover you for
throwing
yourself in the
river with your
mates

Members matters matter most

Members and partners birthdays in

December...first off there is Marcia Brandreth's birthday on the 2nd then - Ron Haddon's on the 4th December with Wendy Kings on the 6th...

Robert Hargreaves birthday on the 12th Gill Divers just scraped in on the New Year's Eve the 31st December.

Looks rather as if Gill gets the biggest celebration.

Happy birthday to all the December people.

There's a popular belief that the more birthdays you have – the longer you live – but like most theories should be taken with a healthy dose of scepticism.



There are four Anniversaries that we know of being Trish and Geoff Orgil on the 14th, Norma and Les Davey on the 17th, Eleanor and Howard Massey on Christmas Eve and Diana and Roy Barwick's anniversary on the 28th Dec.



Does the pattern on the left look as if it is moving? Yup, it is an optical illusion and the majority of people who look at it see motion.

Speakers in December

Members segment is a surprise !! and the subject might be Dame Nellie Melba



Cameron McDonald will be our guest speaker – a solicitor at Kiama who is also President of Kiama & District Business Chamber. Cameron joined the Board of the Chamber in 2017 and was elected President in 2018 after returning from Queensland.

No doubt he will tell us what the role of the Chamber is in our community, and the challenges it faces.

*Old men are like
Christmas trees –
dead from the roots
up and the balls are
there just for
decoration*

Hippocrates *quotes*

*Let food be thy
medicine and medicine
be thy food
Life is short, the art
long
Walking is man's best
medicine*

Only in England...can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING

According to the late psychologist Abraham Maslow's "Hierarchy of Needs", a sense of belonging is an important need that must be met to reach one's full potential. Belonging to a community group such as a PROBUS Club can have a significant impact on an individual's sense of well being. Within the PROBUS Clubs individuals and couples can meet their need to belong. Within PROBUS Clubs, four essential elements are found. Meeting locations house all members needs safely, securely, and in comfort. No Member is any less important than another and all voices are heard and respected. Members are supported and help is readily available. Successes are applauded. Members in Canada share in a proud thirty-one year history. For people new to an area, joining PROBUS is a great way to make new friends and be connected in their new community !

Activities and Events



Golf

Although October contains 5 Tuesdays we only managed 2 competitions with Veterans, weather and insufficient numbers negating the other rounds.

On 1 October we had a field of six and at the start we wondered if it would be possible to finish in alphabetical order which would mean Bourke would have to win from Hills and Laing. They did just that with the scores being 33,32 and 31. That's precision golf.

To continue the sequence Messrs Porter, Price and Shield would have to finish in that order and well behind the podium people. Yes, they did with scores of 23, 22 and 21! Is there no end to the things these lads can do.

A more mundane event on 15 Oct saw David S win with 32 points from Barry on 27. The highlight came on the seventh dam when Barry topped his ball and he tried to run it down before it entered the dam. He came close to following the ball into the murky water and we wondered if we had the combined strength and skill to extract him. Fortunately, not tested on this occasion.

David Bourke holds the monthly medal.

David Shield



A non-golfer might expect that there was a special prize for Barry Laing



A wise man once said nothing.

Beautiful Billiards – that fine touch and satisfaction when producing a cannon off the cushion with an in-off the red into the middle pocket all in one shot “5”. Who was it that was quoted as saying *that “once I played billiards I never played snooker again – after all that game is nothing but potting balls – no finesse ! It just doesn’t have the skill of billiards “.* **Shellharbour Club** snooker / billiards is free with balls and cues supplied. The game for 2020.



Graffiti Wall

Once America had Johnny Cash, Bob Hope and Steve Jobs. Now they have no cash, no hope and no jobs ! Please don't let Kevin Bacon die.

BULLETIN WISDOM

O God we know you are divine
You change the water into wine
Have mercy on this bunch of men
As they change it back again.

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

Arguing with a woman is like reading the Software License agreement.

In the end you have to ignore everything and click "I agree".

DON'T BE A FLAT SQUIRREL in 2020

"Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision."

Courage is rightly esteemed as the first of human qualities because it is the quality that guarantees all others
..... Winston Churchill



"I've crunched the numbers in your retirement account. It's time to figure out who will be wearing the mask and who will be driving the getaway car."



Time on your hands at Christmas - take a wombat for a walk



Christmas lunch and party

Monday, 16th December at Kiama Leagues Club, 12noon for 12.30pm
We shall once again feature "Probus Has Talent" so start to get your acts together. Cost \$27.00 per head with final payments by the 5th December meeting.

Are we living longer?

Well yes of course we are and the good news is that men are closing the gap in the averages, making up 0.7 years on women over the last 10 years.

Life expectancy has been reasonably accurately recorded since the 1880's and the average life expectancy for men has climbed from 47.2 to 80.5. For several decades this improvement is largely attributable to much higher survival rates for infants and children.

In the 1880's if you made it through your formative years and reached 65 you could expect to live on average until 76.1. This figure didn't change much and in the 1960's had only increased to 77.5 However, by 2017 you could expect to make it to 84.7

Some of our members have already left these figures in the past and perhaps should share their tips for longevity!

David Shield



Wishing everybody a wonderful Christmas and happy and healthy New Year

Next meeting is Thursday 6 February 2020