



# Kiama Men's Probus Club

## NewsBulletin – April 2020

### President Ian Hornsby's Message to Members

Gentlemen,

**I trust you are all well in this most challenging of years. Stay safe, follow the advice and let's hope it is all over sooner rather than later.**

As President, I would like to update you on the current situation regarding our club. At the March Management meeting it was decided to cease all usual club activities. Our AGM was cancelled and the choir, put on hold. It was to have been reviewed at the April Management meeting, but owing to the Covid - 19 restrictions, this meeting was cancelled. So, our club is now in indefinite recess until such times that our community is deemed safe enough to reduce the current restrictions. I am anticipating a delay of up to six months or more before this will happen, meaning a date in the latter quarter of the year. A Management meeting will be held at that time to determine when our club will return to normality. Our club executive will remain as was for 2019 until an AGM can be held.

With this in mind, can I extend a huge vote of thanks to those members who have taken it upon themselves to maintain contact between members. A special thanks to Howard for his efforts in entertaining us through a many and varied program of information, humour and challenges. I must also thank other members for their efforts, including David Graham (Trivia), Ken Jeffery, Russell Fredericks and a host of others for their efforts in maintaining contact between members. Keep up the good work, everybody!

I have a little challenge of my own for members to consider. It has to do with the little segment we introduced late last year monthly meetings. We learned a lot about where our members came from, together with an insight into some of the highlights of their childhood home and life. My challenge to all members is:- Jot down a few sentences on your place of origin and how to you came to live in Kiama. Maybe Kiama is not the only place with a "birthing house!" Don't be shy, Now is your chance to impress everyone with some fascinating facts. Garn....I dare ya! Send a short paragraph to me by email and I will see that your claim to fame is extended. My email is [hoolong@bigpond.com](mailto:hoolong@bigpond.com)

Howard has assured me that there will be regular bulletin sent out to members. I have volunteered to assist him in gathering bits and pieces that may be of interest to one and all. I may even be able to outdo David Graham and his trivia challenges. I will dust up on my sporting knowledge, starting with finding my tennis bat and golf racquets to stir my memory!

Best wishes to all. Stay safe and I look forward to receiving some brief life stories. There will be a prize once Garry Funnell has saved up more money after paying for all the coffee prizes!.

**Ian Hornsby. President III.**



### Committee of 2019/20/?

*QED the quotation of  
20/20 hindsight*

President - Ian Hornsby

Vice President Brian Petschler

Past President David Russell

Minute Secretary Garry Funnell

Treasurer Geoff Boxsell

Membership Howard Massey

Events Ron Ellis

Speakers Stephen Leatheam

Welfare

News Bulletin Howard Massey

Choir Reps Dick Groom

Attendance Russell Fredericks  
and Terry Dixon

Catering Phil Sanders, Garry  
Funnell, Howard  
Massey, John  
Porter, Tom Miller

Historian David Lewis

## Geoff Boxsell's Financial reports

### Treasurer's Report for month ending 29 February 2020

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Brought forward   | \$ 2,635.59 |
| Income            | \$ 246.00   |
| Expenditure       | \$ 408.50   |
| Balance           | \$ 2,473.09 |
| Effective balance | \$ 2,242.09 |

*Geoff Boxsell*

### Treasurer's Report for month ending 31 March 2020

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Brought forward   | \$ 2473.09  |
| Income            | \$ 345.95   |
| Expenditure       | \$ 223.50   |
| Balance           | \$ 2,595.54 |
| Effective balance | \$ 2,585.54 |

*Geoff Boxsell*

## Stuff that's happening soon and not so soon.....

### Likely next speaker from Steve Leatheam

**Neel Honaver** is in charge of the Flagstaff Fine Foods group.

The Flagstaff organisation employs a high percentage of our physically and mentally disabled population in the Illawarra.

This division of the Flagstaff group has been supplying pre-packaged frozen meals to organisations including Kiama Meals on Wheels for several decades now.

They also have a home delivery service to the general public. They are based in Unanderra but supply care organisations all over Australia.

### As and when we get back to the "new normal" please show your interest in –

\*\*A train/ ferry trip to Watsons Bay for lunch then bus back to Edgecliff and home.

\*\*The Choice magazine Laboratories tour

\*\* A repeat trip up to Australia National Scientific and Technical Organisation (ANSTO) at Lucas Heights.

\*\* In winter we could warm up with a trip to Bluescope Steel at Port Kembla – for those that can climb a few stairs.



### Birthdays in April

- 6th John Booth 1943
- 8th John Fardy 1935
- 13th Tom Miller 1940
- 14th Garry Funnell 1949
- 22nd David Grose 1955
- 28th Peter Heatherington '54

### Anniversaries in April

- 9th David & Heather Grose 2005
- 23rd Harry & Ann Downing 1955

## SPECIAL MENTIONS



John Fardy 85 on the 8th & radiating energy



Tom Miller 80 on the 13th April. Ex the AJC at Randwick – just ask him !



Geoff has to wait till May for his birthday

**Friendship lunch** hosted by Oak Flats is planned for Tuesday 27th October at Port Kembla Golf Club. So at least note the date in your diaries

## The Probus Men's Choir

Choir Report for April 2020

I can only report that there has been no choir activity since the March report, the last 'gig' the choir undertook being the funeral service for our late member, John Cornwell. Program 1 for 2020 has been abandoned due to the COVID-19 regulations and there will not be any choir activity (practice sessions or performances) in the foreseeable future.

Choir members will be contacted directly when it is proposed to resume normal activities.

In the meantime, I extend the choir's appreciation to Howard for his regular missives to all Probus members with both humorous and thought provoking items (particularly his liaison with member David Graham on the Trivia games) and to the other members who have forwarded videos on interesting and funny activities. A great job. Stay safe everyone!

*Brian Petschler, Choir Chair*



The Choir singing at the Kiama Choir Festival in 2012

## Wendy's Words

Just a few words for all the lads – singers or not! – some of this is not totally original, but some is mine. The sentiment is the same.

Singing is in our DNA – humans sang before they spoke – many other animal species sing - think of the glorious song of the magpie – WE SHOULD ALL SING!!!! – even if no one hears you except your bathroom or garage walls. During this health crisis, it is most important to exercise your lungs, so just sing out loud, for the pure joy of it.

Sing along with the radio, TV shows, and especially You Tube on the internet – I hope you all have the link to the choir song I want you all to learn. Go to You Tube – look up 'A Place in the Choir' sung by (among others) Celtic Thunder – you don't have to learn the dance moves!

Some people have asked about Using ZOOM to do some choir get togethers, but it is not as easy as it looks. My resident techo here says we would need a sound engineer to make sure it was all in synch. – sounds a bit complicated!

I had a very sad incident during this last week – we lost one of my beautiful cats – Bella – she was found to have an inoperable cancer and so a heartbreaking decision needed to be made. Those of you who know what a 'cat person' I am, will understand how devastated I have been. My other cat Marco Polo has been very quiet and sticking close to me.. Maybe we are comforting each other.

I hope you and your families are finding plenty to do – I have lots of plans but not much being actually achieved yet - I need to focus on a job in hand and not flit from activity to activity. Perhaps I'm just learning how to REST!! and not be so driven.

Keep safe, keep healthy and keep challenged. . . . Love from Wendy



## **“No Brainers”, or brains**

Morris , an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

Morris replied, '*Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.*'

**The doctor said, 'I didn't say that.. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'**

As a kid I used to watch The Wizard of Oz and wonder how someone could talk if they didn't have a brain. Then I got a Facebook.



*One for an Ian Hornsby impersonation*



**“...MY TEST WAS NEGATIVE. IN FACT IT WAS SOOO NEGATIVE, THAT THE DOCTORS SAID THEY NEVER SAW A NEGATIVE NUMBER SO LOW! IT WAS PERFECT; PERFECTLY NEGATIVE. ACTUALLY, IT WAS HUGELY PERFECTLY NEGATIVE. AND TREMENDOUS TOO! MY DOCTOR SAID IT WAS THE BEST AND GREATEST SCORE OF ANYONE WHO HAS EVER TAKEN THE TEST...”**



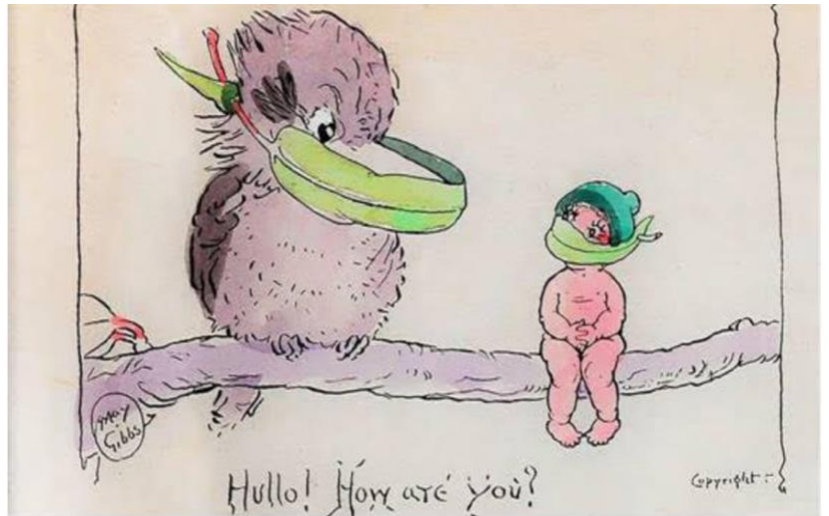
*Donald's thoughts .....*

## Thoughts for the day

It's wonderful to see how Australian's are adhering to the social distancing rules. When I go shopping with my favourite bag people not only give me 1.5m but actually cross the road and run away! 😊



I'm so excited --- it's time to take out the garbage. What should I



Hullo! How are you?  
An original May Gibbs drawing from 1919 which she drew for the Spanish Flu epidemic

### **The cure**

*"I'm passing this on because it worked for me today. A doctor on TV said that in order to have the inner peace in our lives, we should always finish things we start. Since we all could use more calm in our lives, I looked around my house to find things I'd started and hadn't finished. I finished a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of chardonnay, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of wum, the remainder of Valiuminun scriptins and a box of choclutz. Yu has no idr how fablus I feel rite now. Sned this to all ur frenz who need inner piss.*

*An telum u luvum."*

*As tested by David Russell*

In this state of limbo, or maybe our "new normal", we are finding new ways of keeping in touch. Emails have increased in numbers with jokes articles and photos. Do we have a need for email help? Have you heard about Zoom. Like Skype it's a face to face real time package that can accommodate a lot of people. Presumably Facetime and other social media are flourishing. Does anybody have a crystal ball, or just ideas, to help us adjust to this new society. If so please write about it.



## Mostly Revenge ....

**This notice can now be found in many French Churches:**

*En entrant dans cette église, il est possible que vous entendiez l'appel de Dieu. Par contre, il n'est pas susceptible de vous contacter par téléphone. Merci d'avoir éteint votre téléphone. Si vous souhaitez parler à Dieu, entrez, choisissez un endroit tranquille et parlez-lui. Si vous souhaitez le voir, envoyez-lui un SMS en conduisant.*

*Translates ....*

It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that He will contact you by phone. Thank you for turning off your phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to him. If you would like to see him, send him a text while driving.



### Church Notices

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus walks on the Water.'  
'The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.



A bit of genuine British Humour



Something to cheer you up - copy search and play <https://youtu.be/kXd9drHdkw4>



Better to be 6 feet apart than 6 feet under