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GENERAL MEETING 24th September – Programme:

9.30 am – Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, Induction

9.45 am – Member Special Interest/Autobiography

10.00 am – Coffee and Tea

10.30 am – Guest Speaker - Anna Perkins, Physiotherapist



President's Report: Lindsay Threadgate

Welcome to the September 2024 Newcastle Probus Newsletter.



You may have noticed my absence from our August meeting, so my report is hearsay.

Our meeting had the best attendance for quite some time, 34, I am told. Unfortunately, a dose of COVID had me laid up.

Our guest speaker, Mark Brooker, publisher of the Local newspaper, gave an interesting talk, very informative and entertaining.

The Local is a free community-based newspaper that many of us receive free in our letter boxes.

Mark outlined his extensive history of working in the media industry, before starting *The Local* in 2014. Mark described how he started small, reduced his costs, established long term advertorial relationships with many of the local businesses, and built his Newspaper to what it is today.

Our member Graeme McIntyre stepped up and gave a talk on his adventures in life, I am told many found it very interesting.

Geoff Morris sprung on a TAFE dinner with the choice of two nights. Again, I understand that it was most enjoyable for those that were able to attend. As for the "The largest collection of ex-military vehicles and memorabilia in Australia", I have heard everything from a pile of old junk to very impressive restorations and of the use of same in the ANZAC parade at Wangi Wangi. I hope that all who were able to attend enjoyed the outing. Well done again Geoff.

My impression, from what I hear, is that we will soon have a book celebrating 40 years of our club. I for one am looking forward to receiving my copy. I hope all of you will enjoy your copy.

With me out of action, Peter Rickford exploring Japan and even our Past President Marty out of action, it fell on Frank Rice to step up and chair the August meeting for which I thank him. The best attendance for quite some time I am told.

Now that springtime is here and the days are getting longer and warmer I hope all can enjoy a little outdoors, like a BBQ etc. We might even have one coming up soon.



Special Interest: *Marty Rowland*

Our autobiographer this month is Barry Binns



Treasurer's Report: *Keith Lynch*

Bank Reconciliation end August 2024: Opening Balance \$7,586, Income \$1,314, Expenditure \$1,257 Closing Balance \$7,643, Term Deposit \$7,500

Payments: Cash: To Treasurer (in envelope with name, purpose, and amount).

Internet Banking: Newcastle Permanent Building Society, BSB: 650000, A/c No.943213300



Activities: *Geoff Morris*

Military Vehicle Collection - Rathmines/Ryhope

A most interesting day reviewing one man's collection of World War 2 militia accumulated from all over the world combined with a pleasant lunch break at Toronto Workers Club.



Coming up:

End of Year BBQ Brunch in Brickworks Park

Keep 31 October free for a simple Tea/Coffee BBQ. Details to follow.



“Save the Date” for our Christmas Luncheon”

Date: 29 November (11am for 11.30 until 3pm)
Venue: Club Macquarie, Argenton



Bowls: *John (Robbie) Robinson*

• Our Bowls team comprising Barney (Whitehead), Brian (Prior) and Robbie (Robinson) joined other regional Probus Bowls teams for their second inter Probus Club annual Bowls Day at Lorn Park Bowling Club on 16 September.

Hosted by Maitland North Probus Club, the event was well attended by a large gathering of regional Probus Club Bowls teams. Played on grass the teams were required to each complete two games of twelve ends. Unfortunately, our gallant team did not prevail in either game but came a respectable second to the ladies Pennant team from Maitland North, losing by only one point.

A great day out in picturesque Lorn and the opportunity to catch-up with old friends over a well organised and convivial lunch, rounded out a good morning on the Green. A ‘Shout Out’ here to Brian who has kept his very useful Bowls talents up his sleeve!

The next Probus Annual Bowls day will be held at Palm Lake Resort, Fern Bay on Monday 30 September. Anyone else who has an interest in taking up or renewing their interest in Bowls is encouraged to talk to Barney or Robbie.



Membership: *Brian Prior*

Brian is continuing in his quest to recruit more members, and his efforts are certainly bearing good results.



Website: *Lindsay Threadgate*

There are only minor updates to the website. Feedback and contributions are always welcome. Contact: lindsaythr4@outlook.com or peter.rickford@yahoo.com

A button/link has been added to the website Membership page for the latest Membership Booklet.

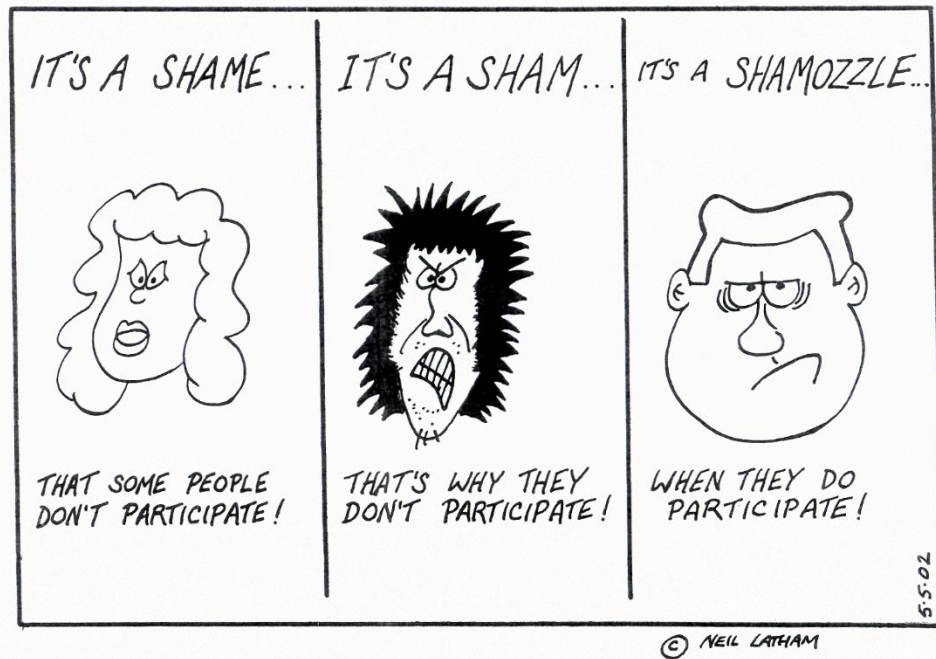
A Spam Tip from Lindsay.

These days of increased internet scams, email clients have increased filters that place new email in the Spam or Junk folder. **My tip is to: Check your "Junk Email" or "Spam" every day.** Junk or Spam, as the case may be, will most likely be emptied every 30 days.

If you have any legitimate Email that lands in this folder you can tell the Email client that it is not Junk with a click or two and future Emails from this source will go to your Inbox.

As an example: I paid my CTP Insurance online to GIO and the record of payment receipt went straight to Junk. I was wondering as the website informed me that an email would be sent confirming my payment.

Remember just check your Junk/Spam folder every day. If an email is not then tell the system.



A big-city lawyer went duck hunting in rural South Dakota. He shot a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence.

As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing.

The lawyer responded, "I shot a duck, and it fell in this field, and I'm going to retrieve it."

The old farmer replied, "This is my property, and you are not coming over here."

The indignant lawyer said, "I am one of the best trial attorneys in New York and if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own."

The old farmer smiled and said, "Apparently, you don't know how we settle disputes around here. We settle small disagreements like this with 'The Kick.'"

The lawyer asked, "What is 'The Kick?'"

The Farmer replied, "Well because the dispute occurred on my land, I get to go first. I kick you and then you kick me and so on until someone gives up."

The attorney quickly thought about it & decided that he could easily take the old codger, so he agreed. The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the attorney. He was wearing heavy, steel-toed work boots. He kicked the attorney in the groin, dropping him to his knees, and causing him to vomit, and fall face-first into a fresh cow pie.

The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and remaining strength and very slowly managed to get to his feet. Wiping his face with the arm of his jacket, he said, "Okay, you old fart. Now it's my turn."

The old farmer smiled and said, "Nah, I give up. You can have the duck."

The Next General Meeting of Newcastle Probus Club will be held on 22nd October 2024 at Souths Merewether
