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GENERAL MEETING 22nd October – 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 – Tony Mowbray-



President's Report: Lindsay Threadgate

Welcome to the October 2024 Newcastle Probus Newsletter.



Now I believe that you will all be full bottle on Pilates, that is Joseph Hubertus Pilates. I found it very interesting, and I hope all of you that were at our last meeting did also. You may also have got some insights into the importance of exercise as you age and some leads on where to go. Anna Perkins gave us a very informative talk and I hope you found it informative too.

We were all fascinated by Barry Binns' autobiography, well done Barry. I am sure that many of us bashed a little black ball around inside four walls with more or less success, in my case it was mostly less. What a story and what an interesting life Barry has experienced.

Our book for 40 years of our club is progressing, this work, and believe me there is quite a bit of it, goes on behind the scenes. We must always remember the work that goes on behind the scenes in an organisation.

The other "behind the scenes" work going on at present is a constitutional review being conducted by Probus South Pacific which will see a new constitution put in place. We are participating in that review and in turn our club is developing Standing Resolutions for our Club which will replace our current Rules. The bottom line of all this is compliance with the requirements of NSW Fair Trading.

We must remember to thank the members of the committee and others that all put in much work to make to club function and comply with our association responsibilities.

We are starting to see Christmas Luncheon advertisements appearing reminding us that we have past the equinox and soon the summer solstice will be upon us. I hope you have reserved the last Friday in November.

Likewise, I hope you have the BBQ date reserved.

Any feedback always welcome, all for now.

The Next General Meeting of Newcastle Probus Club will be held on 26th November 2024 at Souths Merewether



Special Interest: *Marty Rowland*

Our autobiographer this month is Lindsay Threadgate



Treasurer's Report: *Keith Lynch*

Bank Reconciliation end August 2024: Opening Balance \$7,643, Income \$372, Expenditure \$509 Closing Balance \$7,506, 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

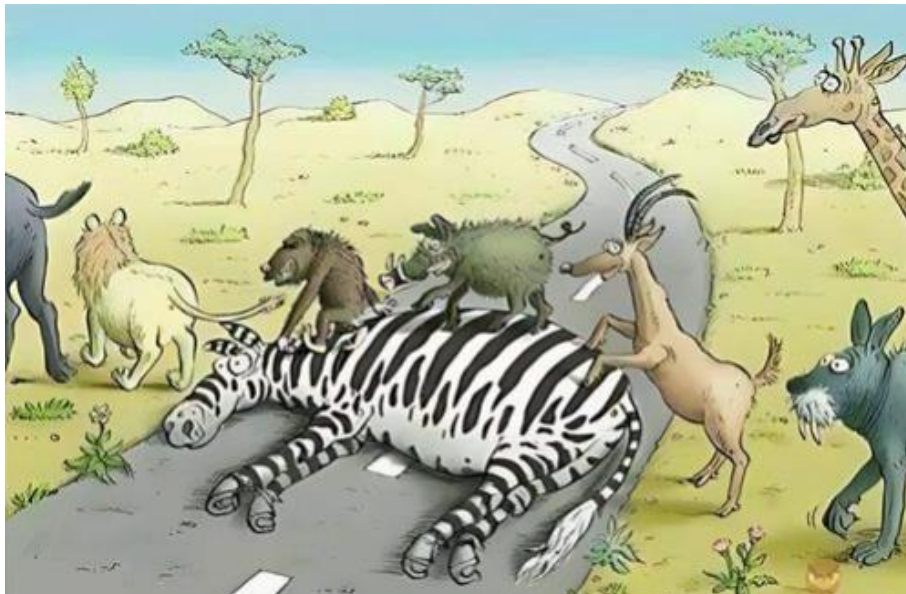


Activities: *Geoff Morris*

Newcastle Men's Probus Club Barbecue in the Park Thurs 31 October from 11.00

With the usual Christmas activities just around the corner this day represents a simple opportunity to get together for a chat and a simple sausage sandwich lunch (with tea/coffee)

1. Location: Brickworks Park, Iranda Close, Wallsend. Put that in your GPS
or: Drive towards Wallsend on Newcastle Road and turn left into Douglas Street at traffic lights near BP service station. Then first left into Birchgrove Parade and again, first left into Iranda Close. Park near end of cul de sac and you are there. A short walk to the shaded picnic seating.
 2. Bring: Name Badge.
Optional coffee cup (or we have disposable cups)
Optional cold drinks (tap water available)
Possibly a picnic chair. There will be seating for about 20 in the park.
 3. Lunch will be sausages on sliced bread with optional butter, onions, coleslaw, tomato sauce, barbecue sauce.
You are welcome to bring your own lunch- the day is about the get together.
Cost will be \$5 per person cash on day or \$2 pp if not eating.
For appropriate catering could you please confirm your intention to attend.
**on the sheet at our 22 October meeting or email or text by Wednesday 30 October
morrisgeoff@y7mail.com or text to 0412 613591**
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2024 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – INVITATION



**Members and their guests are invited to the club's annual Christmas Luncheon
Club Macquarie, Lake Road, Argenton**

Friday, 29th November 2024

11.00am: Arrive - Tea & Coffee/Bar open

11.30am: Welcome and Entertainment

12.30pm: Lunch

1.30pm: Raffle draw and fellowship

Waratah Male Choir

The Waratah Male Voice Choir, a community-based choir formed in 1956 with a long tradition of supporting local community groups and organisations including aged care homes and not for profit clubs. The choir also participates in concerts with other choirs throughout the year to raise funds for charities. The repertoire includes songs from Broadway shows, operas, hymns, many of the standards and even a Christmas carol or two.



Please RSVP by 15th November 2024

Stephen Pead - luncheon coordinator

At Club Meeting or email peady@y7mail.com or phone 0411 471 118

Payment of \$50 per person by funds transfer BSB 650-000 A/C 943213300 (your name)
Or Cash/Cheque at the meeting

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.

The legendary (and long lived) comedian, George Burns once said
"When I was a boy the Dead Sea was only sick"

A judge was interviewing a woman regarding her pending divorce and asked, "What are the grounds for your divorce?"

"About two hectares with a nice little house with a stream running by," she replied.

The judge, trying to clarify, said, "No, I mean what is the foundation of this case?"

"It's made of concrete, bricks, and mortar," she answered.

The judge took a deep breath and continued, "What are your relations like?"

"I have an aunt and uncle and 8 cousins living here in town, as well as my husband's parents," she said matter-of-factly.

Exasperated, the judge asked, "Do you have a real grudge?"

"No, we have a two-car carport, but we've never really needed one since we don't own a car."

"Please," he tried again, "is there any infidelity in your marriage?"

"Yes, both my son and daughter have stereo sets. We don't really like the music—too much hip hop and rap - but we can't seem to do anything about it."

"Madam does your husband ever beat you up?" he inquired, hoping for a straightforward answer.

"Yes," she replied. "He gets up every morning before I do and makes the coffee."

Finally, in frustration, the judge asked, "Lady, why in the world do you want a divorce?"

"Oh, I don't want a divorce," she replied. "I've never wanted one; my husband does. The darn fool says he can't communicate with me!"

While on a road trip, an elderly couple decided to stop at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they got back in the car and resumed their journey. It wasn't until they had been driving for about forty minutes that the elderly woman realized she had left her glasses on the table at the restaurant.

She informed her husband, and to their frustration, they had to drive quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around. As they headed back to the restaurant to retrieve the glasses, the elderly husband transformed into the quintessential grouchy old man. He fussed, complained, and scolded his wife nonstop during the entire drive back. The more he griped, the more agitated he became, refusing to let up for even a moment.

Finally, to the elderly woman's relief, they arrived back at the restaurant. She quickly got out of the car and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses. Just as she was about to enter, the old man rolled down his window and called out, "While you're in there, you might as well grab my hat and the credit card."

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