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PROBUS – MIKE MOBBS & STEVE SMITH



Tonight's presentation by our former member Mike Mobbs and Steve Smith currently members of the Probus Club of Tomaree highlighted the importance and historical aspects of the Probus and Rotary relationship.

Probus provides retirees the opportunity to connect socially. Membership is open to anyone who is retired or semi-retired with 110,000 members throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Probus offers a range of activities including trips and outings for members to enjoy, depending on their interests, lifestyle and location. Probus members meet monthly to enjoy the company of like-minded fellow retirees and listen to interesting guest speakers.

Probus is a worldwide movement in 23 countries having originated in the United Kingdom in the 1960's with the development of two community based social clubs. The first Australian Probus Club was formed in Hunters Hill in 1976. Originally clubs were single gender but today there are men's, ladies' and combined clubs.

Probus is a Community Service Activity of Rotary. Probus Clubs may only be formed/sponsored by a Rotary Club and once formed it is recommended that the Presidents of the sponsor Rotary Club and Probus clubs keep in touch to maintain and strengthen their relationship.

Mike and Steve are both members of the Tomaree Probus Club which is a men only club which conducts many activities open to partners and wives. The club is actively seeking new members and intends to re-establish a close relationship with our club. Other Probus clubs sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay include Nelson Bay Ladies, Tomaree Ladies, Nelson Bay (Mens), Port Stephens (Mixed), Fingal Bay (Mixed), Tilligerry and Medowie (both mixed) and two clubs at Hawks Nest. Our former member PDG Bart Richardson was District Probus Chairman when these clubs were chartered and Bart was instrumental in the development of these local Probus Clubs.

Probus is regarded as one of Rotary's greatest success stories.



PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATIONS.



President Doug made presentations of PHF sapphires to Robert Mitchell and Mike Mobbs during last night's meeting.

Following a brief explanation of the Paul Harris Fellowship and sapphire award by PDG Helen Ryan, President Doug congratulated and thanked Robert and Mike for their outstanding support of Rotary's Charity the Rotary Foundation. Each PHF and sapphire represents a \$US1,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation. Robert was presented with one sapphire for his previous PHF. Mike was awarded his PHF with five sapphires. Mike has continued to make donations to the Foundation during his membership of our club and for the several years since his retirement from Rotary. Such wonderful donations allow the work of the Foundation in health, hunger, humanity and peace projects to continue worldwide.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION.

Consider the reintroduction of the combined meeting of service clubs and Probus Clubs.
Forward our club bulletin to other service clubs and Probus clubs.

LUCKY WINNERS:

H&T: Steve Smith

RAFFLE: Geoff Diemar

BIRTHDAYS:

22 April: Judi Priestley

25 April: Kathy Rimmer, Milton Williams

ANNIVERSARIES:

23 April: Henk & Agnes Tobbe (59 years)

27 April: Phill & Christine Smith (49 years)

DUTIES 28 APRIL:

Speaker: To be announced

Door and dinner fee: Chris Bartlett

Grace: Peter Page.

Introduce Speaker: Geoff Diemar

Thank Speaker: John Stuhmcke

Bulletin: John Cropley.

Photos: Phill Smith

Binoculars: Dieter Greiter

Next meeting – Nelson Bay Bowling Club

Apologies/Extras to Phill by noon on Wednesday!

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CLUB NEWS.

FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL: President Doug announced that our flood relief contribution has now reached \$10,000. This amount is made up of an initial donation of \$5,000 by the club from our emergency disaster fund, donations by members and community members, proceeds of our last Bunnings barbeque and supplementary funding from club funds to raise the total to \$10,000. All this money has now been forwarded to the Rotary Club of Ballina on Richmond. The great news from the Ballina on Richmond Club is that much of the money has already been distributed to flood victims by way of cash vouchers for the purchase of essential flood relief equipment and food.

ANZAC DAY: President Doug will attend the Dawn and Rotary Service on behalf of our club. A presentation of the special book titled ALWAYS will be presented to each local school during the Anzac celebration.

REFLECTIVE GARDEN: Detailed plans are expected to be available this week. Once we have these, we will be able to proceed with further planning and fund raising. During the meeting a possible fund-raiser was in the form of a formal dinner-dance at West Diggers with the band from the Hunter School of Performing Arts in attendance was suggested. This event would involve many other community organisations.

GOLF DAY: Warwick announced that he has been forced to withdraw as chair of the golf committee. The board discussed the event and has grave fears that we will not be able to proceed. It is felt that we may not have the capacity to organise and run the event. If the golf day proceeds it must be conducted efficiently for the sake of playing participants, sponsors, Golf Club and our own reputation. The thoughts below have been prepared by VP Don for the consideration of all members

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We can either cancel the day or we will need to put a plan in place to make the event successful.

This plan must seek the involvement of every member to share the load. I suggest setting up several sub committees to complete the essential tasks ; the only way to achieve a successful event.

- **Committee 1: Sponsorship, Golf prizes, Auction items.** This committee would be responsible for composing a letter and visiting each potential sponsor or donor to gain sponsorship, prizes, hole sponsors. etc. Members would collect and return banners etc. as well as cash, cheques, items and bank deposits.
- **Committee 2: Promotion.** Responsible for promoting the event, preparing advertising materials and entry forms, seeking teams and players. Seeking support from other golf clubs and possibly gaining prizes for our event such as games at other clubs eg. Pacific Dunes, Vintage. etc.
- **Committee 3: Golf Event Management.** Preparing team score cards, determining handicaps, player briefings, cart allocation, managing playing conditions, results and allocation of prizes.
- **Committee 4: Planning and running special features.** Responsible for "Hole in One" planning and supervision, betting holes, placing sponsor promotional banners and caring for sponsors on the day.
- **Committee 5: Catering.** Responsible for ordering, seeking donations of liquor and beverages to be sold on course, liaising with club caterers for after game snacks, on course catering for players, drinks cart, need for RSA's etc.

I believe that each of the above committees should consist of a chair and 3 or 4 Rotarians or volunteers.

On the golf day we must expect as many Rotarians and helper volunteers to be present **ALL DAY** to carry out the various tasks and to assist where necessary. This is especially essential after play and during the presentation when raffles and auction will also be conducted.

In past years the bulk of the work has been completed by a convenor (Arja, during the past few years) with a small committee and then Rotarians (not all) who turned up as available for a small or larger amount of time on the day. We no longer have a hard worker with a thorough knowledge of the event like Arja. Therefore, if we are to run a successful event we must be sure of a 100% effort from every member.

If we cannot ensure this, then we should cancel the event.

We need to make a final decision at next week's meeting (28 April 2022). A chair of each committee and all committee positions must be filled on this night. If all committees cannot be filled we must make a club decision not to proceed and inform the Golf Club immediately.

COMING EVENTS.

Monday 25 April: Bunnings barbeque 11.30am to 3.30pm – Dieter, Erin, Doug C, Chris, transport Lesley & Doug.

Thursday 28 April: Club meeting TBA

Thursday 5 May: Dinner Ladies Bistro at Nelson Bay Bowling Club. Please advise Fiona (0414 955 296).

Wednesday 11 May: Board meeting

Thursday 19 May: Prof Kelvin Kong – A special night when Professor Kong updates his project.

Thursday 2 June: Sarah Wylie, Director Hunter New England Public Works Advisory. Sarah is a local girl and former dux of Nelson Bay High School

Thursday 30 June: Club changeover.

TOMAREE PENINSULAR PROBUS CLUBS.

TOMAREE PROBUS INC (M)

Looking for new members Yes - Mens club

Meetings 1ST TUESDAY 10:30AM

Location NELSON BAY BOWLING CLUB

[Contact Club](#) [View Website](#)

NELSON BAY LADIES PROBUS INC

Looking for new members Yes - Ladies club

Meetings 2ND WEDNESDAY 10:30AM

Location NELSON BAY BOWLING CLUB

[Contact Club](#) [View Website](#)

TOMAREE LADIES PROBUS INC

Looking for new members Yes

Meetings 3RD WEDNESDAY 10:30AM

Location NELSON BAY & RECREATION BOWLING CLUB

[Contact Club](#)

NELSON BAY PROBUS INC (M)

Looking for new members Yes - Mens club

Meetings 3RD THURSDAY 09:30AM

Location NELSON BAY BOWLING CLUB

[Contact Club](#) [View Website](#)

PORT STEPHENS PROBUS INC (C)

Looking for new members Yes

Meetings 2ND THU 09:30AM

Location NELSON BAY BOWLING CLUB

[Contact Club](#) [View Website](#)

FINGAL BAY PROBUS INC (C)

Looking for new members Yes

Meetings 2ND MONDAY 09:30AM

Location FINGAL BAY SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB

[Contact Club](#)

Rotary Club of Salamander Bay
1959 - District 9470

Rotary Club of Salamander Bay
invites you to join us at our

Fundraising Luncheon

for flood affected communities in Northern NSW

Tuesday 24th May 2022

11:30am - 2:30pm \$60 per person 2 course luncheon	Soldiers Point Bowling Club Dress smart casual (hats & fascinators optional) Fashion parade by Crows Nest Traders
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Tickets at trybooking.com/BYPRW
12 people per table

Bring a frock to donate to flood affected victims
Raffle & all net proceeds donated

Any queries, contact Rita Murray 0414 663 801
RSVP Friday 20th May

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