



# PROBUS CLUB OF BERMAGUI

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## Bill's Banter

Our Probuss year is almost over and what a challenging and interesting year it has been. The support provided me by the committee and the members has been fantastic and has made my job so rewarding. The conduit that maintains the interest in our operation is the guest speaker program, which Ken Horne very effectively managed this year. The programme for the year was wide ranging and interesting with a panel of speakers covering a variety of topics from fire fighting to cheese making and even through to mushrooms and toadstools.

The social programme was put together early in the year giving us a range of events that I believe met most of the needs of our members. On some occasions the catering was a little less than expected but the Country Club is aiming to improve in that area this coming year. The trip away to Nowra was smaller than usual but I am sure that those who came along enjoyed the opportunity to see some of the highlights of the area and to discover a couple of excellent young wineries. Perhaps next year, with your input to the questionnaire we distributed at the last meeting, we will be able to identify an area that will encourage greater participation.

The only downside for the year, from my point of view, is the falling numbers of our membership. Obviously, there can be a number of reasons for this decline, some of which we have no control over but I believe it is imperative for the club to survive in the longer term, that we focus on ways to make our club attractive and interesting and that can only be achieved by the existing membership.

Finally. I would like to thank the membership for entrusting me with the responsibility of guiding the club through an interesting range of activities. I have enjoyed your company and the job and I hope I have met your expectations.

Bill Beaumont

<b>WALKERS</b>	<b>CAMERA GROUP</b>
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Seven intrepid walkers turned up for the Mystery Bay walk on a somewhat humid morning. The recent rough weather had removed a lot of sand that had been there before and the start of the walk was a bit of a scramble. While we were on the beach a slight breeze made walking fairly pleasant but when we climbed up from the beach and returned on the road it was more humid. We were pleased to see a chef in action when we returned to the start point and all enjoyed the barbeque and related fellowship.

Next month's walk, on 22 March will be in the Cuttagee area. Stay tuned for further details.

**Barry Wisener**

What a busy photographic month, floods & rains and lots of photo opportunities. When the day of the meeting arrived it had to be cancelled as I for one couldn't drive into Bermagui. Two brave souls I believe didn't get the message in time but I gather there was no harm done.

I have been approached by the organisers of U3A to do a course in Digital Photography for beginners and this is now on the books. It will start in April on Thursdays at 2 - 4pm at the front training room at the CTC. This is in the library, Community Centre in Bermagui. Registration will be on 18th and 19th March also in the CTC. The new term 2 starts on April 19th and finishes on July 2nd.

I know many of the group enjoyed the one off workshop along these lines last year so now's your chance to fire up your enthusiasm and improve your knowledge. There will be a tiny charge to cover costs, I believe.

Our next meeting will be on the 15th of March as usual at the CTC at 10am hopefully, high and dry. This is immediately after the Seaside Fair weekend so there should be lots of stories to tell. PeterC"

<b>BREWERS</b>
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### Launch of B<sup>2</sup>3A

As telegraphed in last month's Bulletin, the calendar has sorted itself out and the next Brewers' Group will fall on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Peter and Tina Cotton have kindly agreed that the brewers themselves are welcome to fall about at their place on that day. Encouraged by the success of U3A - the University of the Third Age - it is proposed that we use the March gig to launch the **Bermagui Brewers of the third age**, or **BB3A** or, as suggested in the title, **B squared three A**. If anybody has any books, articles, old recipes or brewing stories - along with the bottles of course - bring them along. As noted last month I've got a few books and three recipes dating back to my student brewing days in the 1960s - there's not one we'd use today! So come along, brewers, students, drinkers and seekers after enlightenment - new members most welcome. Bring partners, guests, books, bottles and a plate of something shareable to:

**Peter and Tina Cotton 8 Gibboketon Place, Fairhaven (phone 6493 3800)**

**2.30 pm, Monday 29 March, 2010**

**Bill Southwood**

## MUSIC GROUP

Mamma Mia!, we had a most enjoyable music group February meeting at Fred and Peg Gasson's watching the ABBA movie. 26 members and partners attended. Delicious food was consumed, champagne flowed as usual and a great time was had by all. Those who attended were whistling and humming ABBA tunes for a week after. **Many thanks Peg and Fred.**

David Anderson will host the next music group gathering on Friday 12 March at 149 Spence's Road in the Wandella Valley (Phone 64937246). Start will be at the usual time of 2 for 2.30pm. Please bring a plate (filled) and your favourite tippie. David will provide glasses, tea and coffee. Bring a joyful face and body and enjoy the music that David will have selected in his usual impeccable style.  
Ron Dawson

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

14	Bryce Craze
15	Rod Whitfield
22	John Peacock

A comment from the  
Winter Olympics

"I went to see a fight, and  
the ice hockey broke out"

The safest way to  
double your money is to  
fold it over once and put  
it in your pocket.

Kin Hubbard

## COMPUTER GROUP

Despite the wet day and several apologies we gathered in fine style, though we were few in number. We imagined that what we lacked in quantity we made up in quality!

We chatted merrily about Barry's new toy - sorry, his new slide copier. It is a fancy gadget which will enable him to copy slides and strip film to save on his computer. Now with a few hundred to convert, that is quite an asset. If you have any old slides that you would like to save to your computer, then have a talk to Barry.

We talked about the problem of doing a clean install to clear out those files which clutter the system. As this is a "work in progress" we can only say: "Watch this space". It could be a roaring success or a complete disaster! Who knows? Oh! the joys of computing! There is always something new and exciting happening whether it is intentional or not.

We wish a quick recovery to those who have suffered an injury or who are unwell. We wish those who are isolated by a certain bridge failure - patience! And to those who just forgot, well, put another mark on the calendar for next month, we'll be there with another installment of the Computer Group.

Bruce Grimmond ( stand-in for Bruce Connor)

## Messages

- Elections for Probus Club positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee members will be held at this annual general meeting.
- Annual subscriptions are payable from the AGM date.
- \* We have been advised that Bowelscan information leaflets advising Bowelscan kits will be available from 6<sup>th</sup> March till the 3<sup>rd</sup> April at participating pharmacies .
- A questionnaire has been designed to gauge members' preferences for outings, cost of dinners, travel distance, cost of admittance, and to seek suggestions for next years functions. It was handed around at the last General Meeting and is now included at page 5 of this news letter. Please give your completed questionnaire to Bill Johnston.

## Group Activities in March:

Computer Group:	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March at the CTC @ 10.00am.
Annual General Meeting	Wednesday 10th march @10am, BCC
Music Group:	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March at the David Anderson's @2.00pm.
Camera Group:	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March at CTC @ 10.00am.
Walkers Group:	Monday 22nd March at Cuttagee - @ 9.30 from BCC
March outing:	Wednesday 24th Wagonga Princess—see below
Brewers Group:	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March @ the Cottons @ 2.30pm.



The march outing will be aboard the Wagonga Princess on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 10.00 am and will consist of a 3 hour tour around the inlet and Devonshire tea will be served.

Cost will be \$25.00 per head for 20 or more members.

As there are only 34 seats on board numbers will be restricted to those who put their name on the list and pay by this months meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. For those who do not want to miss out they can phone their booking to Bill Johnston on 6493 5447.

## Mystery Bay pics

A few pics taken by Ron Dawson at the Mystery Bay BBQ are shown as small files on page 6 of this newsletter. If you would like a larger version of any please contact Ron (64934924 or rhd1@bigpond.com)

**Probus Bermagui Questionnaire**  
**Please return to Bill Johnston**

Preferences for outings please mark with a tick if you agree or a cross if you disagree

Types of outings: BBQs  luncheons  Dinners

Field Trips & BBQ

Tour – Goldfields  elsewhere - suggestions

Wine trip to - suggestions

Functions Golf Days  Fishing competitions

Other - suggestions

Costs Maximum

Luncheons \$20-\$25  \$30-\$35  \$40-\$45  per head

Suggestions for venues

Dinners \$20-\$25  \$30-\$35  \$40-\$45  per head

Suggestions for venues

Nights of Elegance \$30-\$35  \$40-\$45  per head

Suggestions for venues

Distance travelled radius from Bermagui.

BBQs/Luncheons 30km  40km  60km  80km

Dinners 20km  30km  40km  60km

Day Visits 80km  100km  150km  200km

Overnight visits 200km  300km  400km  600km

Accommodation type Caravan park  Motel  Hostel

Max Cost per night \$50  \$100  \$120  \$140

Bus tours  Intra State Tours

Inter State Tours  Overseas tours

Other comments –  
(use other side if necessary)

