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GENERAL MEETING 24th November- Programme

10.30 am - Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, Induction
10.45 am - Member Special Interest – Alan Potts
11.00 am - Coffee and Tea
11.30 am - Guest Speaker – Lucas Coleman



President's Report:

Hello fellow members and welcome to another edition of our club newsletter.

The combined Probus Club 50th Anniversary Lunch on 12th November went off with a bang! 85 people enjoyed a delicious lunch, and our club was strongly represented. Your vice-president Brian Prior did a fabulous job as MC.

Our Annual Christmas Luncheon is just around the corner, on Friday 27th November at Club Macquarie. You'll be entertained by the amazing Ron Man who'll perform the big hits of Roy Orbison. If you haven't booked and paid, please hurry, it should be an excellent day!!

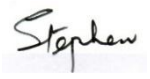
On a sad note, I advise members of the passing of Barry Binns. Barry had only been a member for a few years and was really enjoying the activities and fellowship of our club. Our condolences to his wife Pat and the family.

The guest speaker for this month's meeting is Lucas Coleman from The Port of Newcastle, and he'll talk on the future of the port over the next twenty years. Given the recent protests and government decisions on "fossil fuels" this will be a subject of immense interest!

As this is our final meeting for the year I'd like to remind members of the date for the January meeting. It's on Tuesday 19th January….***one week earlier than normal*** due to the Australia Day holiday. Please note it in your diary.

To finish here's a thought from George Bernard Shaw. "You don't stop laughing when you grow old, you grow old when you stop laughing."

See you on Tuesday.
Cheers



The Next General Meeting of Newcastle Probus Club will be held on 19th January 2027 at Souths Merewether

Special Interest: Alan Potts

Bank Reconciliation end October 2026: Opening Balance $9,284, Income $3,465, Expenditure $1,697, Closing Balance $11,052, Term Deposit $7500
Payments: Cash: To Treasurer (in envelope with name, purpose, and amount).
Internet Banking: Newcastle Permanent Building Society, BSB: 650000, A/c No.943213300

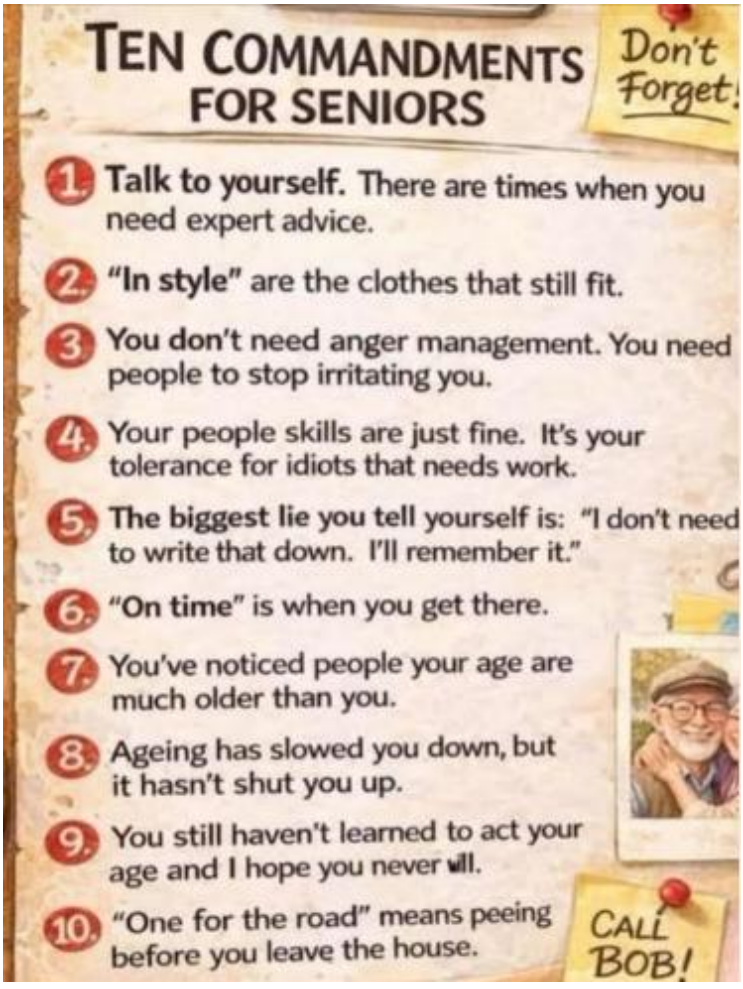
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Upcoming Guest Speakers

January – Ross Kerridge - Former Newcastle Lord Mayor
February – John Manning – Antarctic Surveying
March – AGM – No speaker
April – ANZAC Service
May - Laraine Dunn

Bowls: *Robbie*

Robbie is currently enjoying a trip in Vietnam. No bowls news this month.







An Irish priest was transferred to Texas. Father O'Malley rose from his bed one morning. It was a fine spring day in his new West Texas mission parish. He walked to the window of his bedroom to get a deep breath of the beautiful day outside.

He then noticed there was a jackass lying dead in the middle of his front lawn. He promptly called the local police station. The conversation went like this: "Good morning. This is Sergeant Jones. How might I help you?" "And the best of the day te yerself. This is Father O'Malley at St. Ann's Catholic Church. There's a jackass lying dead in me front lawn and would ye be so kind as to send a couple of o'yer lads to take care of the matter?" Sergeant Jones, considering himself to be quite a wit and recognizing the foreign accent, though he would have a little fun with the good father, replied, "Well now Father, it was always my impression that you people took care of the last rites!" There was dead silence on the line for a long moment…….

Father O'Malley then replied: "Aye, 'tis certainly true; but we are also obliged to notify the next of kin first, which is the reason for me call."

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

You know you're 60 when you have **more hair on your knuckles than on your head**.

You have to **use your GPS to locate your feet** because you can't see over your stomach.

Your trick knee goes out more than you do.

Your idea of a hot time is **putting a heating pad on your bad back**.

FINAL REMINDER

2026 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Members, Ladies and Guests are invited to the Probus Club of Newcastle Christmas Luncheon
Club Macquarie, Lake Road, Argenton
Friday, 27th November 2026

11.00am: Arrive - Tea & Coffee/Pre Lunch Drinks
11.25am: Welcome
11.30am: Entertainment
12.30pm: Lunch
1.30pm: Raffle Draw/Fellowship

Our Guest Entertainer: Newcastle's very own Ron Man!



At last year's Christmas Luncheon Ron wowed us with his Elvis tribute show……this year he's back again performing hits from "the Big O" Roy Orbison.
Billed as "the closest voice to Roy Orbison anywhere on the planet", his journey as a headline artist covers festivals, corporate events and cruises all around Australia and New Zealand!





Please RSVP to Stephen Pead - luncheon coordinator
At club meeting or email peady@y7mail.com or phone 0411 471 118
Payment of $60 per person by funds transfer:
BSB 650-000 / Account Number 943213300 (please include your name)

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