

PROBUS CLUB OF BERMAGUI

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A Club for local retired and semi-retired professional and business people and others with a like background, who appreciate and value increased social contact and opportunities to meet others in similar circumstances.

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Since my last report in November Lorraine and I have done Christmas and a Cruise around New Zealand and a milestone birthday party (not for either of us!!) so have been pretty busy.

Probus had a very successful Christmas party at the Men's Shed, the food was good and we held a raffle with many prizes which went well. Lorraine and I were not here for the January meeting as we were in Picton (NZ) on that day and could not make it back. The speaker was Alan Crowe who I am told gave a very good talk on his time in the RAAF.

The other event we have hosted was a Pizza and movie night with the movie being *"The man*

John's Journal

who sued God" which was better attended, there were 22 attendees more than I expected and although an old movie went down very well. The pizza turned out as a bit of a problem with the pizza shop complaining about too much for one evening!!!! Anyway at the committee meeting we have decided to either have a pasta night with someone making a large pasta or a soup night the same.

The other event we had was an Australia Day BBQ at 1080 beach which was well attended and in addition to sausages chicken skewers were provided and went down well as nothing was left!!!

Bruce suggested a trip to Bodalla and visit the church on the hill there, Lorraine has

contacted the minister who does tours of the church and speaks of its history and some may have the opportunity of climbing the bell tower as well. Lorraine has also arranged for us to go to the Bodella pub opposite for lunch at about 12.30pm. This will be self-drive or share if you can on Tuesday February 28th, and to be here by 10.45am. I'm told this church has a history that is worth hearing.

Our February meeting will be at 10.00am on Monday February 13th as usual at the Men's Shed.

I would like to remind you that February 28th is the end of Probus' Financial year and that our AGM will be on March 13th where we have election of officers for the new finan-

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cial year. I invite anyone who is interested in holding an office in the club or being a committee member please don't be shy and put in an application. Also, as February is the end of the

financial year your annual membership is due. The membership fee is still \$40.00 and can be transferred to the Probus Club of Bermagui bank account which is:

Account Name: PRO-BUS CLUB OF BERMAGUI
BSB No: 802-124
(Shows as CUSCAL Ltd if

your bank shows receivers account name)

Account Number: 100015369

Please put your name in as a reference

John Gatward (President)



Coming Events

Monday 13th February will be our regular monthly meeting at the Men's Shed. Our guest speaker will be Dan Bakker and he will be speaking on permaculture, so come along and hear this interesting talk.

Tuesday 28th February, we are booked in at the All Saints Church in Bodalla for a viewing of this historic church with a brief talk on the history surrounding this structure. The admission will be a donation to the Church, so come prepared for that. For those wishing to climb the bell tower, you can do this after the talk. For others you can head across to the Bodalla Hotel and wait in comfort on the covered deck. We are booked in for lunch from 12.30pm. We suggest members carpool if possible.

Monday 13th March we will be holding our regular monthly meeting followed by the AGM. The committee is putting on lunch with pies and quiches with salad. It will be the usual \$7 in the honesty box. Bring some cold drinks if you wish.

**TERRANOVA TRIP—
 SEPTEMBER**

Here is the itinerary for our Central Coast Trip in September. We will stay at a motel at Forrester's Beach and have daily excursions to Port Stephens, Morpeth, Hawkesbury River and the central coast. We think this will be a very enjoyable trip. It is important to note that before we can confirm the booking we need to have 40 starters or the cost will be increased.

We should confirm our date as soon as possible to before another group grabs the date.

We are inviting Merimbula Club to join us so it will be "first in-first served".

So to confirm your booking please give out treasurer your \$200 deposit as soon as you can.

Day 1. Arrive by coach leaving Bermagui and Merimbula, stopping for morning tea and lunch on the way.

Day 2. Port Stephens with a Dolphin Watch cruise

Day 3. Historic Morpeth, With lots to see there.

Day 4. Hawkesbury river cruise.

Day 5. Explore the local area: Wyong, Terrigal etc, with a little wine tasting included.

Day 6, Back home again after a wonderful few days.

So that should encourage you to get your deposit in to secure your booking.

Now where did this come from?

Reader's Digest: The stories behind some everyday expressions.

Up to the Mark

To be *up to the mark* may be just another way of saying *up to scratch*.

A rival theory traces the phrase to earlier quality control by jewellers. The Assay Office in the United Kingdom have the duty of "assaying" that is, testing or analysing the purity of gold,

platinum to silver objects, from handcrafted broaches to sports trophies.

Once an object has been approved, it is stamped with a tiny motif known as a hallmark—a leopard's head, in the case of the Assay Office in London. This particular Assay Office established by the Goldsmiths' Company,

has long been housed used in the Goldsmiths Hall in London. It is through the connection with this hall that the imprinted mark came to be known as the *hallmark*. And "up to the mark" was originally the phrase used to express approval by officials in the Assay Office.

Spelling Rules

English Rules for spelling: I before E except after C

Unless eight feisty and caffeinated neighbours seize you beige sleigh filled with counterfeit freight while foreign weightlifters leisurely ride away on the reindeer. Pity the folk trying to learn English.



Probus Music Group

COMMENCING AGAIN ON FRIDAY 17TH

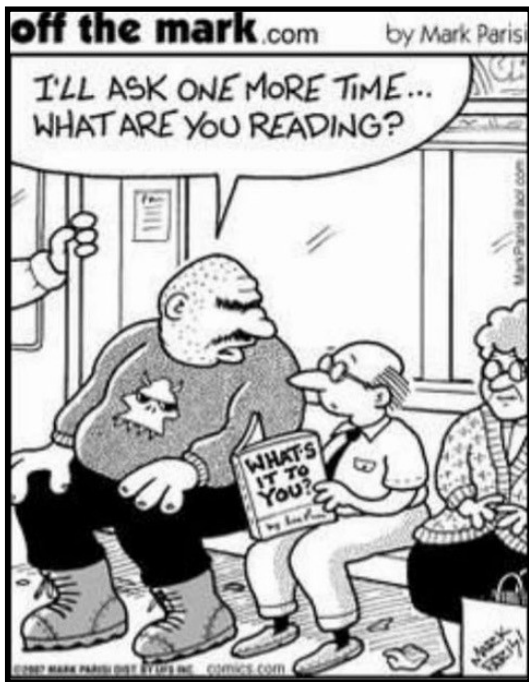


We will be having another gathering of the music lovers on Friday 17th with a flash back. We will be playing music that was compiled by David Anderson quite a while ago. David had a special knack of selecting music to be appreciated.

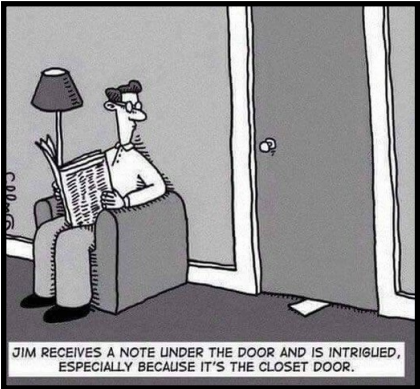
We expect to gather at Betty Dawson's house but this will be confirmed at our general meeting when she returns from up north.

AT MY AGE, ROLLING OUT OF BED IN THE MORNING IS THE EASY PART.

GETTING OFF THE FLOOR IS ANOTHER STORY....



Really?



Yes officer, I did see the 'speed limit' sign, I just didn't see you.

