



newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

FEBRUARY MEETING



COMMITTEE

President
Peter Cornish
Vice President
Richard Hannaford
Secretary
Bob Pearce
Treasurer
James Ritchie
Imm. Past Pres.
David Harris

Committee
Alan Ambler
John Beckhaus
Allan Blake
Ross Bruwel
Brian Cohen
Bob Kidman
John Minnett
Barry Stone
Rufus Wolfson

OTHER ROLES
Minute Secretary
Frank Clarke
Cashier
John Beckhaus

Hon Auditor
David Lloyd
Speakers
Brian Cohen
Welfare Officer
Tom Ingham

Tours, Outings
Ross Bruwel
Barry Stone
Music, Art etc
Gerald Christmas
Artists Group
Don Orr

Book Group
Nel Bethwaite
Maureen Travers
Newsletter
Peter Dee
Outreach
Stewart Horwood

Meetings
Coordinator
Ian Machin
Hospitality & Jims Jaunts
Jim Holloway

Golf
Tony Travers
Cycling
Barrie Arnold
Michael Baston
Stewart Horwood

Tennis
David Harris
2Fifty Club
John Minnett
Postman
Geoff Lumsdaine
Website
Geoff Lumsdaine
Peter Dee

Fellow Probians and Partners



A belated Happy New Year to you all.

The informal meeting in January was attended by around 35 members, and included three overhead presentations and a display of art works by Probuss members arranged by Don Orr. John Minnett showed videos of the Probuss Adelaide and Tasmania cruise outings while John Brooks showed photos of past Probuss events. David Bruce-Steer gave an

interesting presentation on the Japanese 'bullet train' which celebrated its 50th anniversary last year. A complimentary drink concluded the meeting which, in my absence, was chaired by Richard Hannaford. Thanks again Richard. This meeting was our last in the Oriental Room.

While wet weather threatened to upset our High Tea plans, Ross's meteorological connections again prevailed and the function was a great success with 65 happy attendees. Our thanks are due to Ross and Barry, to the very able cooks Rufus Wolfson and Alan Ambler and to John Beckhaus for collecting monies and dispensing beverages.

Treasurer James Ritchie proposes a 2015 Budget with an increase in annual subs to \$40 due to increases in PSPL capitation fees and increased room rental by Norths. We cannot avoid these increases and I urge you to support the Budget in due course. We have been able to negotiate our use of the far better Auditorium this year for the same price Norths demanded for the Oriental Room used this past year. We consider that the Norths venue has the following advantages over other alternatives:

- better meeting facilities in the spacious Auditorium
- provision of morning tea with better quality coffee
- opportunity to lunch together after the meeting
- opportunity to enjoy snooker after lunch
- centrally located, easy access & FREE parking

Please note that nominations for Committee positions in 2015 close 3rd March, seven days before the AGM (see notices). I urge newer members to consider nominating as this will assist our renewal program. Please contact me if you are interested; nomination forms are available from the Secretary.

Partners and Honorary members are very welcome at our AGM on 10th March. Brendan Walsh has kindly agreed to speak on that day, so you won't be bored. Those of you who have accepted my invitation to the 2014 New Members function on 17th February should pay by 10th; please remember to wear your Probuss name badge at the function.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 10th.
Peter Cornish, President



Tuesday 10 February will be our next in the **Auditorium** at the North Sydney Leagues Club, Abbott St Cammeray

- 10.00 - 10.20 general business
- 10.20 - 10.30 personal corner
- 10.30 - 11.00 morning tea
- 11.00 - 12.00 guest speaker
- 12.00 - 13.30 optional lunch and snooker afterwards with Don Orr

NOTICE of 36th AGM Tuesday 10th March 2015

Notice is given that the 36th Annual General Meeting of members will be held at North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray on Tuesday 10th March 2015 at approximately 11:00am after the conclusion of the 10am meeting.

AGENDA

- To confirm the Minutes of the 35th AGM held on Tuesday 11th March 2014
- To receive the President's Report
- To receive the Income & Expenditure Statement for the Year ending 31 December 2014, the Statement of Financial Position at 31 December 2014 and the Auditor's Report thereon
- To fix the annual membership subscription and new member joining fee
- To elect the Officers and Committee
- To elect the Honorary Auditor
- To present the List of Club Activities
- To consider such other items of business as may be raised in accordance with the Constitution
- Any notice of motion for inclusion in the Agenda should be submitted to the Secretary by Tuesday 24 February 2015. Nominations for Committee positions must be lodged with the Secretary by Tuesday 3 March 2015. Nomination forms will be available at our February meeting.



OUTINGS

TOOHEYS BREWERY



The Tooheys Brewery outing scheduled for Tuesday 24th February is now fully booked. Another identical tour is planned for two days later. If you would like to attend, please note the new date of Thursday 26th February. We shall depart NSLC by mini-coach at 9.00am. Cost is \$30.00 including morning tea and an "All You Can Eat" lunch at the Rosehill Bowling Club.

NAVY HERITAGE CENTRE Tuesday 24th March



After an introductory overview, take a self-guided tour of this impressive establishment. Displays range from weapon systems to personal mementos that provide a rich and real experience of the Royal Australian Navy over more than 100 years. Enjoy a light lunch at the onsite Salthorse Cafe. Join the tour at Garden Island by taking the Watsons Bay ferry that departs Circular Quay No.4 wharf at 10:40am. Use your Seniors \$2.50 ticket or Opal card. The last return ferry departs Garden Island at 3:01pm

2FIFTY CLUB the ILLAWARRA

Thursday 19 Mar meet Central platform 25 at 9:10 for the 9:27 train to Stanwell Park then by coach to beachside Austinmer for lunch then Thirroul and back to Central about 3pm

John Minnett 9417 7705

JIM'S JAUNTS BACK IN HISTORY

Monday 23rd Feb meet Circular Quay at 9.30 outside McDonalds. We explore the Tank Stream and Old Sydney in the Rocks then Chinatown for lunch ~3hrs/5km.

Jim Holloway 9955 1368

GUEST SPEAKER

MELISSA SERNA Macular Degeneration

The Macular Disease Foundation is a charity committed to reducing the incidence and impact of macular disease, the leading cause of blindness and severe vision loss in Australia. Our speaker has been an orthoptist for 13 years, working in public and private eye clinics. She joined the Foundation to assist in health promotion and awareness of macular diseases. She has recently been involved in setting up a Low Vision Advisory Service in conjunction with Guide Dogs Australia to help those with poor vision

PERSONAL CORNER

PADDY MacDONALD

Paddy was born and educated in Ireland then moved to the USA & Canada where he hosted radio shows. Moving to Australia in 1970, he worked for the ABC and later a Woolloomooloo Bistro & Travellers Club. He has produced a number of exhibitions for national museums. Paddy and Lizzie live in Greenwich.

NEW MEMBER

PETER ROWE

Peter is a retired Pharmacist whose last position was in Vaucluse. Married to Bobby and living in Kurraba Point, Peter's interests include tennis, boating and theatre.

Call for COMMITTEE Nominations

Nominations are called for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and ten Committee members for 2015. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary and must be lodged at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting in March.

ACTIVITIES

ARTISTS GROUP

After six years, Don Orr has retired as convener of the Artists Group & would like to thank all those members who joined with him over the years in sketching & painting at the various harbourside locations. Don is still available to offer advice on the various other avenues available for members wishing to learn & take up sketching & painting in the various mediums.

Don Orr 9953 2855

BOOK GROUP

Usually meeting 3rd Monday each month, the Book Group has been in recess for a couple of months.

Nel Bethwaite 9953 2855
Maureen Travers 9439 4996

CYCLING

Each Monday. Dates & venues are on our Cycling Group e-mail. To register, call:

Barrie 9953 6910
Michael 9908 1182
Stewart 9439 9609

LAWN BOWLS

On Wednesdays at the new location of Artarmon Bowling Club, 1a Burra Road, Artarmon. Arrive around 10.00 am for 10.15 start, bowl for approximately 1 hour 30 minutes followed by 30 minutes socialising. Good on site parking. Newcomers are welcome.

John Wood

MOVIE ENJOYMENT GROUP

4th Monday each month. We meet at the CREMORNE ORPHEUM. Look out for our flyer.

David Bruce-Steer 9419 7017

TENNIS

3rd Monday each month between 2 & 4pm at "Love 'n Deuce" in Talus St, Naremburn. Next game 16 February. Sign the sheet at the Meeting or contact:

David Harris 9449 3406
Alan Ambler 8920 1352

9 HOLE GOLF

Each Monday at 10am at the Lane Cove Sports Centre.

Tony Travers 9439 4996

MUSIC and ART

The Shen Yun artists have arrived in Australia; performances in Sydney will run from Friday 6th through Sunday 15th February at the Capitol Theatre.

Gerald Christmas 9960 1005

SAILING

Ross will welcome you in his yacht RENADA on Thur 19th February. The pickup will probably be from Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Call Ross or see him at our general meeting

Ross Bruwel 042 181 7106



