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MAY MEETING



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Fellow Members and Partners

Forty seven people attended our April outing, Back to Balmain. We travelled via the Anzac Bridge past the White Bay overseas terminal, the old Power Station and remnants of industrial Sydney. On to Balmain with its narrow streets, the pubs, shops, its old court house, for morning tea in the park and a leisurely walk along Darling St. We drove into Callan Park and Yuralla Estate, both covering a large area on the shores of the Parramatta River. We had a very pleasant lunch at a pub in



Mortlake then on to the extensive Breakfast Point residential development on the site of the old Mortlake Gas Works. What an eye opener! Our thanks to Barry and Tony who organised the largest coach possible so we could spread out and enjoy the tour.

Do you own a unit? Have your windows been assessed? Strata Schemes Management Amendment (Child Window Safety Devices) 2013 states every NSW Strata Titled building must comply with the new Child Window Safety Legislation. While March 2018 is the compliance date, there are legal ramifications for the owners corporation and owners should a fall occur due to a window's non-compliance. Unfortunately there is an average of one child a week admitted to hospital as a result of window falls.

Our guest speaker in May is Frank Ifield, an Australian 'easy listening' and 'country music' singer and guitarist who was born in England. He had considerable success in the 1960s with four No 1 hits in the UK. He had many other singles high up in the charts and a number of top selling albums. The single *I Remember You* sold over 1 million copies. He was inducted into the Coventry Music Wall of Fame in 2012.

A reminder that annual Subscriptions are now due and we would appreciate it if those who haven't yet paid would do so at their earliest convenience.

Ross Bruwel, President

Personal Corner

JOHN QUICK

Career in Royal Australian Navy; naval shipwright

John's interests: sailing, travel

John & Maxine live in Balgowlah Heights



Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10th May** in the **Auditorium** at 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 - 11:55 guest speaker
- 11:50 - 12:00 wrap-up
- 12:00 - optional lunch and snooker

Guest Speaker

FRANK IFIELD

Frank Ifield was born in Coundon, Coventry, Warwickshire on 30 November 1937. In 1946 Ifield moved with his Australian parents to Dural, a rural district where he listened to 'hillbilly' (country) music while milking the cows. He learned how to yodel in imitation of country stars like Hank Snow. At age 13 he recorded *Did You See My Daddy Over There* and by age 19 was the No. 1 recording star in Australia and New Zealand. He returned to the UK in 1959 to seek international success.

His first UK record was *Lucky Devil* and it reached No. 22 in the UK charts in 1960. Some less successful songs followed before he finally broke through with *I Remember You* that topped the charts for seven weeks in 1962. His next single was a double A-side that also hit the top: *Lovesick Blues* and *She Taught Me to Yodel*, the latter being a virtuoso piece of yodelling with the final verse sung at double speed. His next hit *Wayward Wind* made him the first UK-based artist to reach No.1 three times in succession. The only other person to have done so at that point was Elvis Presley.

In 1991, Ifield returned to the UK charts with *The Yodeling Song*, reaching No. 40 in his 16th appearance on the UK Singles Chart.



Back to Balmain

OUTINGS

OPTUS SATELLITE FACILITY Tour Tuesday 24th May 2016

Australia's fleet of six Optus and one NBN satellites is managed from the control room of the Optus complex at Belrose. The Broadcast Operations Centre manages Optus satellite customers and their services. Our tour covers these exciting aspects of modern telecommunications and more. We leave by coach from Norths at 9:20am, enjoy lunch at the Belrose Hotel off Forest Way and return ~2:30pm. Cost is \$30pp for an absorbing outing including tea, tour and lunch; drinks are extra. Sign on at the April meeting. We have organised a 27-seater mini-coach. However, if you can go independently by car, please indicate so on the sign-on sheet

Barry Stone 9953 6748
Tony Bowra 9969 1128

JIM'S JAUNTS 30th June 2016

Jim's next Jaunt is from Stanmore to Glebe. A pleasant walk over a mostly flat 4km for some 3 hours on terrific streets and bush tracks. Look out for the sign-on sheet at the June meeting.

Jim Holloway 9955 1368

2Fifty CLUB to KIAMA Thursday 16th June 2016

We take the 9.27 train via Helensburgh and Wollongong to Kiama where we tour the township, Blow hole and beaches. We lunch at one of the cafes then return by rail to Central arriving at 4.04pm.

John Minnett 9417 7705

June Guest Speaker
Nick Cowdrey



Jim's Jaunt thru Wollstonecraft, Waverton & North Sydney

OUTINGS

ABC Q&A Monday 27th June 2016

Following on from the success of our last such outing in 2013, we have been fortunate in booking into the audience for the Q&A show on Monday 27th June, only one week before the expected Federal election. The venue planned is in Sydney but if the show is transferred to Brisbane or elsewhere, there goes our night. There is a limit of 30 on our participation. Dinner beforehand at the Marigold is included in the total cost of \$35pp. In the event of overwhelming interest from members, our organisers may resort to a ballot.

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CRUISE to PORT DOUGLAS 9-19th August 2016

Join us on an 11-day cruise to Port Douglas on P&O's *Pacific Pearl* and get away from the Sydney winter to the tropics. Advise Warwick of your interest and discuss booking options with Barbara Gross of Trendsetter Travel on 9428 5900. Having made a booking with Barbara, you will need to pay the deposit within 72 hours.

Warwick Lewarne 9953 1916

COACH TOUR to BELLINGEN 30th October-4th November 2016

A 6-day trip to Bellingen and the Coffs Coast. Places are now full but you can add to the reserve list.

Barry Stone 9953 6748
Tony Bowra 9969 1128

OUTINGS in plan

28 July Winter Feast Dede's SRC
24 Aug Archibald Exhibition



ACTIVITIES

ART

Gerald Christmas 9960 1005
Mosman Art Society Exhibition 27-28 May at Hutley Hall (NSyd Council);
20th Biennale at Cockatoo Is through 05Jun;
Balmorality Glimpses by GC at the Ensemble 26May-30June.

CYCLING

Michael 9908 1182 or **Stewart** 9439 9609

Monday routes vary. Saturdays, we ride around the wharves & Barangaroo from Glebe or Milsons Point (~25km). Start at 7:45am, finish around 9:30. If interested in Saturdays, contact Stewart Horwood or Allan Blake. Details on our group e-mail.

9 HOLE GOLF

Tony Travers 9439 4996
Each Monday from 9:45am at the Lane Cove Country Club.

MOVIE ENJOYMENT GROUP

David Bruce-Steer 9419 7017

We meet at the Cremorne Orpheum on 4th Monday each month. Look out for the flyer.



MUSIC

John Brooks 9908 2820

There's free musical entertainment at Sydney's Conservatorium. On Saturdays at 11am or 2pm, listen to talented rising stars playing piano, strings, brass, precision etc. The 12.30 lunchtime concerts Wed & Thurs are also popular. On Sunday 15 May hear the free RAN Band concert at 4.30pm.

ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS

Peter Cornish 9909 8994

The usual venue for Wednesday morning Roll-up Lawn Bowls is at North Sydney Bowling Club at St Leonards Park. For more news, contact Peter.

INTER-PROBUS BOWLS

Brian Cohen 9405 2081

The Probus shield tournament is scheduled for the first Mondays in July, Aug & Sep. We may field a team if there is enough interest.

TENNIS

Hugh Seccombe 9923 2300

Tennis will be held at *Love n Deuce* in Talus St, Naremburn on Monday 16th May from 2 to 4pm. Sign the sheet at the next meeting or contact Hugh.

SAILING

Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

Ross will welcome you on his yacht *Renada* on 17th May. The pickup is usually at Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Call Ross or see him at the meeting.

Annual Subscriptions Due

Your annual subscription of \$45 is now due. Please don't leave it till the membership deadline in June. You can pay by cash at the meeting or by cheque. Alternatively transfer online to

- BSB 112 879; a/c 0396 13103
- a/c name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay
- include your name for reference.

Payments:

Kindly pay for outings in advance of any deadline and online if possible. When paying online, please ensure that you put your name and the activity (perhaps abbreviated) in the description to avoid any confusion.

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