



FROM THE PRESIDENT

MAY MEETING



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2Fifty Club

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Tennis

David Harris

Tours, Outings

Barry Stone

Tony Bowra

Website

Geoff Lumsdaine

Peter Dee

Welfare

Peter Cornish



Fellow Members and Partners

Our Club membership is growing fast and that is very encouraging. But, as our numbers grow, it can happen that personal contact becomes more difficult.

One of our most important aims as a Club is that the Club should provide the sort of activities and outings in which our present members are interested. This has always been the case, and previous committees have always had these aims before them with a high success rate, but our membership needs

do tend to change and we want to update our programme so as to fulfil the needs of our current members.

In past years we have had special interest groups which are no more and in their place we now have groups that were not dreamed of before. Our committee at last meeting floated a few ideas for new groups, but we would like to hear from our members. Please let me or any of the committee know anytime. Just phone or email please.

Another of our aims is that we should get to know each other and discover common interests. It is very easy for some to get lost in the crowd and we just do not want that to happen. We could facilitate this if, during tea breaks and other times, we make a point of talking not just to people we know, but also to those we have not met before.

Some of us on 12 April had a good inspection tour through the massive hospital complex under construction at Belrose. The building structures are built, complete with thousands of wires and pipes everywhere, but there appears a long way to go. It was a most enlightening and interesting experience. It opens in late 2018 and the cost, including the complex road system, will be about a billion dollars. After the visit, our bus took us all to the Belrose Hotel nearby, where we had a light lunch, after which we were bussed back to home base.

Cheers,
Gerald Christmas, President

GUEST SPEAKER

Hon. KEITH MASON AC QC White Australia, the Dictation Test and Egon Kisch

Keith Mason now chairs the New South Wales Electoral Commission and was President of the NSW Court of Appeal from 1997 to 2008. Keith graduated in Arts and Law from Sydney University where he was also awarded an honorary doctorate of laws in 2005. Admitted as a solicitor in 1970 and to the NSW Bar in 1972, Keith was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1981 and was NSW Solicitor-General from 1987 to 1997. Keith became President of the Children's Medical Research Foundation in 1995 and for many years was Chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Armidale.



April members meeting

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9th 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
- 11:55 - 12:00 wrap-up
- 12:00 - optional refreshments, lunch and snooker



at the Northern Beaches Hospital site

Annual Subscription 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 or, preferably, transfer online including your name for reference. See the box overleaf for account details.

NEW MEMBER

Barry FRIERE

Career: Chartered Accountant
Last position: Partner, Ernst & Young
Interests: Golf, Walking, Garden
Barry and Diane live in Neutral Bay

PERSONAL CORNER

Alan PLUMB

Career: Owner, operator food businesses
Last Position: Director/Owner
Interests: Food, Tennis, Theatre, Travel
Alan and Pauline live in Milsoms Point

OUTINGS

2FIFTY CLUB

Watsons Bay

Thursday 18th May

The next outing is to Watsons Bay. Meeting at the eastern end of the Alfred St bus terminal at Circular Quay at 10:00am, we catch the 380 bus to Watsons Bay travelling through Bondi Junction to Bondi Beach. There we'll have morning tea before rejoining the 380 bus through Dover Heights to Military Rd at Watsons Bay. We'll have time to visit the Gap and ocean lookout before a short walk to the Jetty. There we have lunch and afterwards visit the local area before catching the ferry back to Circular Quay arriving around 3:00pm.

John Minnett

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JIM'S JAUNT

Thursday 25th May

Sydney hidden treasures old/new/old

We meet at Railway Square bus station at 9:30am. Diving below George St to Sydney's 2nd oldest rail track, now like NY Hi Line. See the UTS 'crumpled bag' building - make your own assessment as to good/bad and why; all new Tumbalong Park - ping pong anyone; walk to Pyrmont, on to King St wharf - beer/coffee; on to Barangaroo views and the sandstone wall. Lunch at Yuppie headquarters 'the Canteen' and see the young at play. Flat walk over five km for three hours; a lift at Barangaroo and back through Sydney's newest tunnel to Wynyard by 2pm.

Jim Holloway

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TOBRUK SHEEP STATION

Tuesday 27th June 2017



We have arranged a guided tour of Tobruk Demonstration Farm at Maroota near Wisemans Ferry. As Australia's Number 1 Working Farm they put on an Outback Show, which is perfect for anyone wishing to experience quintessential outback Australia, its beauty, history and culture in an entertaining way.

Meet the stockmen and station hands on this Australian, family operated property; billy tea and damper from the campfire; watch working sheep dogs and sheep mustering; see the talented working dogs in an amazing duck show; sheep shearing and Wool Room presentation; a traditional Aussie BBQ located in The Drovers' Camp and lots more.

The cost of \$67pp includes coach, morning tea, show and lunch. Add your name to the sign-on sheet.

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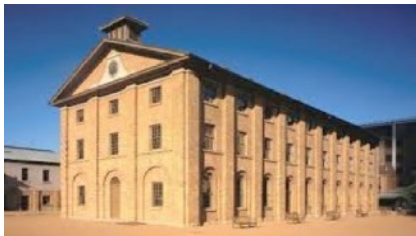
Tour of SYDNEY MINT and HYDE PARK BARRACKS

Tuesday 23rd May 2017

Historic Sydney Mint is the oldest public building in the Sydney CBD. Built between 1811 and 1816 as the southern wing of the Sydney Hospital, the elegant colonnaded building once formed the southern wing of Governor Macquarie's notorious Rum Hospital and later part of the first overseas branch of London's Royal Mint.

The Hyde Park Barracks played a central role in the world's longest-running system of convict transportation. Designed by convict architect Francis Greenway it opened in 1819 to house convict men and boys. After transportation ended, the main building served as Sydney's female Immigration Depot in 1848-87 then as an asylum from 1862-1886.

The Tour commences at 10.30am and should finish around 1.00-1.30pm at the northern end of Hyde Park. Meet in the quadrangle of the Hyde Park Barracks, Queens Square at 10.20am.



The cost of \$30pp includes guided tour, entrance fees and the lunch at the Bakehouse within the Barracks. Beer, wine, coffee and tea can be purchased separately.

Payment preferably by bank transfer (see box below right). Please add your name to the sign-on sheet.

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Other outings coming up.....

Winter Feast at the Smoking Goat

Thursday 27th July 2017

Cook Islands Tour

18-25th August 2017

North Sydney Heritage Festival May 2017 (ref North Sydney Council)

17th Walking tour of Henry Lawson's North Sydney starting at McMahon's Point Ferry Wharf 9.45 to 12.30; bookings essential; cost free

21st Edwardian leisure grounds cruise \$25pp on the heritage ferry Rosman 2-5pm departing from Cremorne Point; bookings essential

23rd Free guided walkthrough of the latest Heritage Centre Exhibition

June GUEST SPEAKER

Harvey BROADBENT

Kemal Ataturk and post WWI Turkey

June PERSONAL CORNER

Richard KUIPERS

SPECIAL INTERESTS

ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820

Why Music Works is a free one hour lunchtime talk at the City Hall Tuesday 6 June at 12.30. The science behind music with demonstration performance - why some sound sequences are good but some sound awful.



See the Autumn Art Exhibition by members of the Mosman Art Society at the Fred Hutley Hall, North Sydney Council open 20-31 May from 10am to 5pm every day.

Keep your diary free for the Archibald, Sulman and Wynn Prizes Tour at the NSW Art Gallery on Thursday 14th September 2017. Entry/tour tickets will be \$18pp. Look out for the flyer.

CYCLING

Stewart 9439 9609 or Allan 9960 8830

Monday routes & times vary. Saturdays, we ride around the wharves & Barangaroo from Glebe or Milsons Point, say 25km; start at 7:45am, finish around 10:00am. 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 (for 9 holes) at the Lane Cove Country Club.

MOVIE ENJOYMENT GROUP

David Bruce-Steer

9419 7017 Meet at the Cremorne Orpheum on 4th Monday each month. Look out for our flyer in the week before.

ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS

Peter Cornish

9909 8994 Roll-up Lawn Bowls is usually held at North Sydney Bowling Club at St Leonards Park every Wednesday morning. For more information, contact Peter.



SAILING

Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

Ross invites you to sail with him on his yacht Renada on Tuesday 30th May; embarkation is usually at Middle Harbour Yacht Club.



TENNIS

David Harris

9488 5259

Tennis, will be held at Love n Deuce in Talus St, Naremburn on Monday 15th May between 2 and 4pm. Sign the sheet at Tuesday's meeting or contact David.

Payments:

Kindly pay for outings in advance of any deadline and online if possible. When paying online, please ensure that you quote the relevant activity, perhaps abbreviated, in the description to eliminate confusion. Note the bank account details

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