



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

## JULY MEETING



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### Dear fellow members, partners & visitors,

The name Charlie Brown conjures up conflict – Lucy, Linus and the gang. Its creator Charles Schultz bore a decidedly German name. There was a real life Charlie Brown and his German adversary was Franz Ziegler. Our recent trip to the Aircraft Museum in Albion Park left us with an insight into WWII.

Standing before an incomplete Messerschmitt Bf 108, our guide Bill recounted the memorable encounter of such a displayed aircraft piloted by Ziegler with a B17 Super Fortress piloted by American Charlie Brown. Badly damaged, its safe return to base was doubtful. Ziegler in a heroic act of physical and moral courage did not deliver the knockout blow. It was 2 days before Christmas. He spared the crew even giving them protection for a safe return. To him it was the equivalent of refusing to shoot a defenceless pilot parachuting from his disabled plane. The men met in 1987 and became life-long friends. Bill our guide recommended we read the inspiring book, A Higher Call. I did my homework and obtained a copy from the library. It is on show here today.



We are grateful for members Bob and Tony for arranging our club outings. They are part of the team behind the scenes, the Committee, that makes sure we active retirees have stimulating informative events. It was commented by some of the 29 members who attended the above event how liberating it is to sit back and let the bus driver take us. For me personally as one who uses the governments stretch limos, aka public transport, it was great to see people actually talking to each other rather than rabbiting on their phone or scrolling through their phones even *skyping*.

The cold mid-winter is not hindering our club activities with planned attendance at the Channel 7 taping of the programme, Interview with Andrew Denton, the Mid-Winter Feast, (make sure you get your booking and payment in asap) and next month a captivating trip to the Darlinghurst Gaol which should appeal historically as well as artistically.

We welcome any visitors with us today to hear what should be a topical, illuminating talk. We also welcome back some of our travelling members. I thank all committee members and those who volunteer at the welcoming or outing desk and of course those who assist with the tea and coffee and Peter Dee who puts together our newsletter.

**Kevin Fitzpatrick, Vice President**

## WINTER FEAST



This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10th July** in the Auditorium at North Sydney Leagues Club, Abbot 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 wrap-up
- 12:00 - optional lunch and snooker

## July GUEST SPEAKER

### Joe HATTLEY

#### The Search for Flight MH370

Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 disappeared on 8 March 2014 while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. The crew last made contact with air traffic control around 38 minutes after take-off when the flight was over the South China Sea. Military radar then tracked it deviating westward from its planned flight path where it vanished, 370kms NW of Penang. The plane is yet to be found and all 227 passengers and 12 crew are presumed dead. The disappearance of Flight MH370 has been dubbed one of the greatest aviation mysteries of all time.

Joe Hattley takes us behind the scenes of this mystery. As an aircraft accident investigator for over 24 years, Joe has been involved in a wide range of aircraft accident investigations throughout Australia and internationally, gaining experience in accident site management, developing accident investigation reports and making safety recommendations.

The loss of MH370 has brought out a raft of theories, opinions and books purporting to explain what happened to the Boeing 777 aircraft and the 239 persons on board.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) led the search for the aircraft in the Southern Indian Ocean - astonishing given the original flight was meant to fly to Beijing. Given all the background 'noise', how was the search conducted and what is its status today?

Joe will provide an insight into the science behind the search and the technology used to try to solve the mystery. He will also explain the differences between the search and the official Malaysian investigation - a point lost in the headline reports.

## PERSONAL CORNER

### Graeme ADAM

Career: Public Affairs

Last position: Public Affairs Manager, Premier Automotive

Interests: Sailing, choir, family history, travel, disability services

Graeme and Virginia live in Waverton

## OUTINGS

### WINTER FEAST at the *Water Grill* Tuesday 24th July 2018

Please join us at the Sydney Rowing Club at Abbotsford to enjoy this festive lunch whilst appreciating beautiful views of the Parramatta River. The restaurant is the same as last year but is renamed.

If you would like other members to join you at your table, please let us know. For newcomers, this is an ideal opportunity for other members to get to know you. We'll make sure you're on a table with some of the longer term members. As befits this occasion, friends are very welcome.

Cost is \$65pp which includes a three course meal & coffee; drinks are extra. Please add your name to the sheet at the next meeting, or contact Tony; the payment deadline is Friday 13th July Tony [abowra@alpha.net.au](mailto:abowra@alpha.net.au)  
Mob. 0410 840 077

## Aug PERSONAL CORNER

Ross McDUIE

## Aug GUEST SPEAKER

Ross SCOTT

Osteoporosis Awareness

## OUTINGS

### DARLINGHURST GAOL Tour Tuesday 28th August 2018

The old Darlinghurst Gaol is one of Australia's oldest and best preserved examples of colonial sandstone architecture. Construction commenced in 1822 with the building of the perimeter walls 21ft high and over 30in thick. The sandstone was quarried from the nearby Barcom Glen, now the corner of William & Forbes Streets. Over 30,000 tons of stone was used, convict labour doing the heavy lifting. Prisoners came first from the old George St gaol to Darlinghurst in 1841. In 1914, 76 hangings and one famous Australian poet later, Darlinghurst Gaol was closed and prisoners were transferred to Long Bay. The site was used as a military detention camp during World War 1, later a technical college and today the National Art School.

Following the gaol tour we will be given a tour of an exhibition at the National Art School before lunch. Places are limited to 25. Cost is \$25pp for the coach and tour; lunch at the Hangout cafe at your own cost. Add your name to the sign-on sheet at the next meeting, or contact Tony at [abowra@alpha.net.au](mailto:abowra@alpha.net.au) or on 0410 840 077

## SPECIAL INTERESTS

**ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820**  
City **RECITAL HALL:** *Young Performers* \$15 lunchtime 12 noon Single Sessions: Mon 16th July Viola, Tue 17th July Clarinet & Guitar.

Sydney **CONSERVATORIUM of MUSIC**  
Free entry *Open Academy* Sat 28th July at 11, 2 and 3pm: students of Piano & Violin  
**MANLY ART GALLERY** Frank Hurley photographic exhibition until 14th October  
**MOSMAN ART GALLERY:** *Bali Jakarta Textile Collection* 10th July to 16th Sept; *Albany Awakes* until 16th Sept; Regional acrylic paintings by Cheryl Richardson

**NSW ART GALLERY:** the *Archibald, Wynne & Sulman* paintings are still there until 9th Sept. *Exhibition of Photographic Portraits* by experts until 29th July. King Henry 8th's portrait painting is exposed & scientifically examined until 9th Sept

**CYCLING**  
**Stewart 9439 9609 Allan 9960 8830**

Mondays, usually 10am start, routes & durations vary. Saturdays, around the wharves & Barangaroo, about 25km, starting Glebe or Milsons Point at 7.45am, finishing around 10am. Contact Stewart or Allan for more details.

**GOLF Tony Travers 9439 4996**  
Each Monday from 8.15am for 18 holes or 9.45am for 9 holes at the Lane Cove Country Club.

### MOVIE ENJOYMENT

**David Bruce-Steer 9419 7017**

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

**SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106**

Ross is taking a break from sailing and will update members on future dates in due course.

**TENNIS David Harris 9488 5259**

Tennis should be held at *Love n Deuce* at Talus St Naremburn on 16th July between 2 and 4pm. Sign the sheet at Tuesday's meeting or contact David.



Archibald Prize



HARS Albion Park Tour

**Apologies** Those of us who bring apologies from absent members are requested to report them to the meeting desk upon arrival. This will allow a full record of apologies to be compiled for inclusion in the minutes.

**Payments:** Kindly pay for outings in advance of any deadline and online if possible. When paying online, please ensure that you quote your name & the relevant activity, albeit abbreviated, in the description to minimise any confusion. Note the following bank account details:

**BSB 082 057 a/c no: 28869 5672**  
**a/c name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay.**