



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

## FEBRUARY MEETING



### COMMITTEE

**President**  
Peter Davenport  
**Vice President**  
Kevin Fitzpatrick  
**Imm. Past Pres.**  
Gerald Christmas  
**Secretary**  
John Metcalf  
**Treasurer**  
Hugh Seccombe  
**Committee**  
Alan Ambler  
Tony Bowra  
Ross Bruwel  
Richard Hannaford  
Bob Pearce  
James Ritchie  
Barry Stone  
Peter Turner

### OTHER ROLES

**2Fifty Club**  
John Minnett  
**Bowls**  
Peter Cornish  
**Cashier**  
Philip Brook  
John Hirst  
**Cycling**  
Allan Blake  
Stewart Horwood  
**Golf**  
Tony Travers  
John Pike  
**Hon Auditor**  
David Lloyd  
**Hospitality**  
Richard Hannaford  
**Jim's Jaunts**  
Jim Holloway  
**Meetings**  
Martin Grover  
**Membership**  
Peter Turner  
Stewart Horwood  
**Minute Secretary**  
John Mattes  
**Movies**  
David Bruce-Steer  
**Music, Art**  
John Brooks  
Gerald Christmas  
**Newsletter**  
Peter Dee  
**Postman**  
Bob Pearce  
**Sailing**  
Ross Bruwel  
**Speakers**  
Barry Stone  
**Tennis**  
Peter Turner  
**Tours, Outings**  
Tony Bowra  
Bob Pearce  
**Website**  
David Bruce-Steer  
**Welfare**  
Peter Cornish



### Dear fellow members, partners & guests,

It seems a long time since the Christmas lunch at Manly Golf Club. This was a very successful event, good food, good company and well organised. Thank you Bob Pearce.

The Balls Head High Tea was threatened by 40deg heat but the picnic site has very good tree cover and being on a headland catches the breeze. Again, Bob Pearce organised it very well and was ably supported by Stewart

Horwood, James Ritchie and other helpers at the BBQ. As forecast, the 'change' came through at 6pm with a strong 40 knot southerly which threatened to bring branches down, a small one fell on my car as we were leaving but as far as I know no-one was hurt.

In March it will be AGM time. We have had a good response to the invitation to members to nominate for election to the committee and office bearers. We have enough nominations to fill all the vacancies so it is unlikely there will be any need to hold any elections.

To make the morning more interesting we have invited a guest speaker, Don Wilson, who will talk about *Winning the war on waste*.

How many of you have looked at our website recently? This is our main channel to advertise our Club and several of our recent new members came via this route. David Bruce-Steer is bringing the website up to date and would welcome input. Google 'probus neutral bay' if you haven't seen the website.

I hope to see many of you on the Bundanon outing on the 26th February.

**Peter Davenport, President**

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 12th February** 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 - 12:00 wrap-up
- 12:00 - optional lunch and snooker

## NOTICE of 40th AGM

### Annual General Meeting Tuesday 12th March 2019

The 40th AGM of members will be held at North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at approximately 10:20am after the conclusion of the monthly meeting.

### Agenda

- To confirm the Minutes of the 39th AGM held on Tuesday 13th March 2018
- To receive the President's Report
- To receive the Income & Expenditure Statement for the Year ending 31 December 2018, the Statement of Financial Position at 31 December 2018 and the Auditor's Report thereon
- To maintain the annual membership subscription at \$45 and the member joining fee at \$15
- To present the List of Club Activities
- To elect the Officers and Committee: we have received the following unopposed nominations: Kevin Fitzpatrick (President), Sandy Lamb (Vice President), John Metcalf (Secretary), Hugh Seccombe (Treasurer), Peter Davenport (Immediate past President), Alan Ambler, David Bruce-Steer, Ross Bruwel, Richard Hannaford, Ted Kraegen, Bob Pearce, James Ritchie, Barry Stone, Peter Turner (Committee)
- To re-appoint the Honorary Auditor, David Lloyd

## GUEST SPEAKER

### Derek JONES

#### Africa Today: The Hope and the Horror

Africa, a Complex Nation .... most of the borders today are defined by the colonial boundaries of what imperialist powers could conquer and hold, especially against one another. These were not the 'natural' boundaries that would arise out of ethnic cooperation and African tribes conquering one another. As a result, we have a lot of strangely drawn borders that increase the chance of conflict today.

Our speaker will focus initially on Arab Africa then on Black Africa. Derek, resident in Africa for 10 years with wife Ruth has been married for 63 years! He travelled extensively throughout the African continent.

The presentation covers the years of corrupt governance, population explosion, lack of jobs, mass migration, tribalism and civil wars and highlights those few countries where good honest governance promises a bright future. And now, the increasing influence of China.



At the Christmas Lunch

## NEW MEMBER

### Simon FITZHARDINGE

Career: Banking & Business  
Last Position: Business Owner  
Interests: Tennis, bridge, swimming, walking, golf, handyman & travel  
Simon and Adele live in Mona Vale

## PERSONAL CORNER

### Robert GIBSON

Career: Chartered Accountant/CFO  
Last position: CFO IPSTAR Australia  
Interests: Sports, Cycling  
Robert and Patricia live in Mosman

## OUTINGS

### JIM'S JAUNT 22nd February 2019 See Sydney as a Tourist does

This will be a walk through Hyde Park where you can see things - monuments and fountains - you may not have seen for 20 years. The new War Monument is terrific.

Then we walk through the Botanical Gardens on a fantastic expedition - seeing for example plants that could eat you. Flowers everywhere and then even more flowers. It should be a pleasant stroll.

We shall meet at Museum Station (Liverpool Street exit) at 9.30am. The walk will cover some 4km and take some 3 hours over mainly flat ground, finishing at Circular Quay. We may take a ferry to Barangaroo for lunch.

See how fantastic Sydney really is and how much it has changed!

**Jim Holloway** 9955 1368  
0421 559 618

**Ian Machin** 9908 4423

### Tour of BUNDANON, Shoalhaven River, Tuesday 26th February 2019

Experience artwork from Bundanon's extensive collection, on show at **Arthur Boyd's** home and studio, then a walk to a natural amphitheatre on the Shoalhaven River.

Our coach departs North Sydney Leagues Club at 8.00am; morning tea/coffee is provided on the way; return at approximately 5.00pm.

**Tony Bowra** 0410 840 077  
**Bob Pearce** 0400 291 373

### The QUARANTINE STATION, North Head, Tue 19th March 2019

We tour this heritage listed old quarantine station & associated buildings off North Head Scenic Drive.

Our visit begins at 11.15am with a 45 minute guided tour, including an overview of the history of the Quarantine Station, with time to visit to the onsite cafe and museum and a lunch of chef-made sandwiches, cake and fruit, and tea or coffee. Cost \$32.50pp.

**Tony Bowra** 0410 840 077  
**Bob Pearce** 0400 291 373

## March GUEST SPEAKER

**Don WILSON**  
Winning the War on Waste



At the Balls Head BBQ



At the Christmas Lunch



## SPECIAL INTERESTS

**ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820**  
*Destination Sydney Re-imagined* can be seen in three Galleries with nine artists' works at the National Trust's S H Ervin, the Manly and the Mosman Art Galleries.

Consider the Sunday 3pm talks at the S H Ervin Gallery by well-known artists **Nicholas Harding** and **Richard Morecroft** on 24th February and **Wendy Sharpe** on the 10th March.

The **Senior Festival Week** has the Premier's **Gala Concerts** at 11.15am and 2.45pm on Thursday & Friday 14/15th February in the Darling Harbour International Conference Centre. They feature country music too.

At the **Conservatorium** the 12.30pm lunch-break concerts begin Wed 27th and Thur 28th Feb while 'Rising Stars' feature young musicians playing on Saturdays at 11, 2 & 3pm.

This year the Chancellor's first Symphony Concert, on Friday 15th March at 7pm, will have favourites: **Rachmaninov's** 3rd Piano Concerto and **Dvorak's** 8th Symphony at a cost of \$15pp.

**Taronga Zoo** entry costs \$15 for seniors (over 65yrs old... do you qualify?)

### CYCLING

**Stewart 9439 9609 Allan 9960 8830**

Monday rides usually start at 10am; routes and durations vary. Saturday rides, about 25km around the wharves & Barangaroo, start at Milsons Point at 7.30am and finish around 10am. Contact Stewart or Allan.

**GOLF Tony Travers 9439 4996**

PLAY is scheduled each Monday from 8.30am at a variety of courses including Chatswood, Cammeray, Gordon, Lane Cove and Warringah.

### 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

Bowls is under review.

**SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106**

Ross invites you to join him on board the beautiful *Renada* on Tuesday 19th February; embarkation is normally at Middle Harbour Yacht Club. See Ross for further details.



**TENNIS Peter Turner**  
9488 5259

Tennis is under review.

**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.**