



Newsletter

June 2019

FROM THE PRESIDENT

JUNE MEETING



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- 2Fifty Club**
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- Music, Art**
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- Sailing**
Ross Bruwel
- Speakers**
Barry Stone
- Tennis**
Sandy Lamb
- Tours, Outings**
Bob Pearce
James Ritchie
- Website**
David Bruce-Steer
- Welfare**
Peter Cornish



Dear fellow members, partners and guests

Napoleon Bonaparte once described leaders as 'dealers in hope'. In the past I conducted courses in The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People and Principled Centred Leadership both authored by Stephen Covey. My assistant on some of the courses was a former leader of an outlawed bikie club who had used his considerable intelligence and leadership skills for the dark side.

Fortunately he reviewed his past and turned to the light. Leadership is something that has intrigued me. At a social function I met Sir Richard Branson and asked, in his opinion, who was the leader's leader. Without hesitation he replied, "Nelson Mandela" a man imprisoned for 27 years for his non-violent anti-apartheid activity. harsh, cruel treatment he forgave his gaolers and went on to lead his country. In the movie Invictus Mandela was considered the sixteenth man on the team for the victorious South African team in the 1995 Rugby World Cup.

A leader I admire is Ernest Shackleton who exercised remarkable leadership in saving his 27 crew members when their ship was crushed in the harsh isolation of Antarctica.

In our regular Personal Corner we often experience people of great talent, leaders in their respective fields. We are truly blessed with members possessing great talents. These are people who have spent their whole life improving their knowledge and honing their professional skills.

A media release from Probus South Pacific states "the committee that leads a club is vital to its ongoing growth and survival and groups need to recognise and utilise the talents of its members for its advantage."

I salute our current dedicated committee sharing time and talent to ensure we achieve our goals of fun, friendship and encouraging personal growth. Should you be approached to assist us as we prepare for our fortieth year please share your time and talent.

I take this opportunity to thank John Minnett, a man of vintage, our oldest member who has served this club generously since he joined in 1986. Thank you John and Helen. John has passed the baton of the \$2.50 Club to John Pike who has commenced with a Vivid display of initiative.

Thanks to all who have led our club in any way in its thirty nine years.

Cheers **Kevin Fitzpatrick President.**

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11th June** 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

June GUEST SPEAKER

Nick Gleeson

"The Many Ways of Seeing"
An Inspiring story of blindness, friendship and adventure.

Nick's life changed forever at age seven when an accident left him totally blind: his final sight was of his mother. He attended a boarding school for blind children and was one of the first of his peers to finish Year 12. He then completed a BA at Melbourne University.

Nick's great passion has always been sport and adventure. He has represented Australia in athletics on three occasions, and played blind cricket for almost 20 seasons at state and national level. Other achievements include carrying the Sydney Olympic torch, running in New York City and other Marathons, and leading trekking expeditions. Additionally he has just won first prize in a Global Voice World writing competition.

Nick describes himself as a very ordinary person who has managed to follow many of his dreams - among them marrying Heather, who is also blind, and raising two teenagers, Peter and Belinda.

He will describe becoming blind and many of the achievements mentioned above. He will talk about some of his fabulous recreational challenges that were scary but lots of fun.

In 2017 he wrote "The Many Ways of Seeing" - available at our Meeting.

PERSONAL CORNER

Sandy Lamb
"Ocean Racing"

July GUEST SPEAKER

Ryan Comican
Dixon Advisory Group

Jims Jaunts

Phillips Landing, South Head



OUTINGS

ANNUAL WINTER FEAST Tues 23rd July at 12.00 for 12.30



Our Winter Feast will again be held at "Watergrill", Sydney Rowing Club, Abbotsford. Overlooking beautiful Parramatta River and 50m from Abbotsford Rivercat wharf (Suggest 11.07am ferry from Circular Quay). Cost is \$65pp for great 3 course meal plus coffee. Details in flyer. Add your name to the Meeting sign-on sheet and arrange payment.

2FIFTY CLUB Sydney Vivid Festival – Thursday, 13th June, 2019

Meet at 5.30pm
Wharf 4 Circular Quay. Walk around Botanic Gardens, Circular Quay and the Rocks finishing by 7.30pm.



Add name to Meeting Sign-On Sheet or contact John Pike 0403 007 273 or thejohnpike@gmail.com

STATE LIBRARY Tour Tuesday 18th June 2019.

Our Heritage Tour covers Library architectural features and must-see collections. Now fully booked.

Aperture Australia Photography Conference

This major conference at Darling Harbour on 22nd-23rd June offers 80% discount to Probus members (use code PROBUS80) via website <https://apertureaustralia.com.au>

PAYMENTS

Payments: Pay for outings ahead of any deadline and online if possible. If online, please quote your name & the activity, albeit abbreviated, in the description. Bank account details: **BSB 082 057 a/c no: 28869 5672; a/c name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay.**

NEW MEMBER

Peter Moll

Career: Journalism and Sales Management.

Last Position: MD Villeroy & Boch
Residence: Waverton

VALE

Lockwood de Forest

Valued member for eight years

SPECIAL INTERESTS

ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820

To Sunday 25 Aug, The Mosman Art Gallery will be exhibiting Tracey Moffatt's "Body Remembers". There are many photos of Domestic issues & Colonisation.

To Sunday 28 Jul, at the National Trust S.H. Ervine Gallery, "Salon des Refuses 2019" paintings and sculptures not selected for the Archibald & Wynne prizes.
11am-5pm, Tuesdays to Sundays

12 to 14 Jun, Conservatorium of Music Students' Performance Examinations 10am to 3.30pm daily in the East & West Recital Halls. You're freely welcome to watch them play (cello, organ, flute etc) or sing beautifully.

The NSW ART Gallery to 8th Sept "Archibald Prize" paintings. Also look at their extensive website for many more exhibits.

CYCLING

Stewart 9439 9609 Allan 9960 8830

Monday rides usually start at 10am, routes & 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

Murray 0419 488 609

Mondays from 8.15am for 18 holes or 9.45am for 9 holes at 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 0421 012 538

Roll-up Lawn Bowls is usually held at North Sydney Bowling Club at St Leonards Park every Wednesday morning from 10am.

SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

Sailing is in Winter Recess until August

TENNIS Sandy Lamb 0409 944 500

Tennis is held 10am-noon on the first Tuesday of the month at Primrose Tennis Park. Sign the sheet at the meeting.

Nepean Cruise



Sake Brewery Tour



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