

Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**WE'RE BACK!!**

**Kevin Fitzpatrick – President Neutral Bay Probus Club**

**“THE ANTARCTIC FESTIVAL”**



The only event of its kind in Australia, the biennial Australian Antarctic Festival brings Antarctica to the Hobart waterfront. The Festival provides visitors with the opportunity to board and inspect the nation's research and supply vessels and enjoy a fascinating program of Antarctic science and discovery.

This year the festival was to run from 29 July to 3 August to coincide with two major international conferences; the Scientific Committee for Antarctic Research (SCAR) and the Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programs (COMNAP). It would bring 1200 delegates from 18 countries together to showcase and celebrate Hobart as Australia's gateway to Antarctica.

Owing to circumstances well beyond their control, organisers were compelled to announce a postponement of the Australian Antarctic Festival for 2020.

**KEVIN FITZPATRICK.** I asked Kevin for a few words on himself to place here but, as depicts his very modest nature, received not one. But he cannot get away with it.....fortunately through his Presidential Addresses on a monthly basis we all get a wonderful insight into what a remarkable bloke he is. I thought “eloquent” and, when I checked Thesaurus, got it in one. Expressive, fluent, articulate, persuasive, stirring, powerful, moving and well-expressed.

Our speaker program has been a little disrupted with uncertainly over venue, zoom etc. Naturally Kevin jumped in and offered to fill in – irrespective of the situation. Shows the mark of the man.

**HIS PRESENTATION:** Kevin's teaching and history research background led to a 40 year fascination in Antarctica and its famous explorers. He attended the first two Festivals (2016 & 2018). As mentioned, the 2020 Festival was cancelled so he invites you to a virtual Antarctic Festival in Hobart.

**“Come fly with me!”**