

## Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024

### HANS KUNNEN – A Remarkable Man



### “I SURVIVED 9/11”

**Introduction** – September 11, 2001. Nine/Eleven attacks, a series of coordinated terrorist strikes in the US that killed almost 3000 people and changed the world forever.

Most of us remember where we were when we heard the terrible news of the collapsing twin towers. Hans Kunnen certainly did. He was working in New York when the towers fell, as close as one can possibly get. Please see the pictures on page 2.

His story, however, is not only how close he was to the action, or how he described the flames, the smoke, the hurtling bodies. It is also about how he talks about the kindness of a stranger – the hope amidst the chaos of what was the most traumatic day of his life. Three days later, he gave blood at a New York emergency centre.



**Our Guest Speaker .. HANS KUNNEN** Hans Kunnen was born in Scotland to Dutch parents and migrated with his family from England to Australia over 50 years ago. B.Ec Economics – Uni WA; M.Ec Economics, Uni New Eng. Hans taught at the University of New England in the early 1980s and was a tutor in Robb College. In 1984 he joined the State Bank NSW and by 2001, Hans was chief economist at Colonial First State, one of Australia’s largest fund and superannuation managers. Following that he was chief economist at St. George Bank for some years. He is also an accomplished financial and retirement adviser.

His experience inspired him to start making a difference by giving blood to help save lives. He has gone on to save in excess of 300.

Hans attends Glenhaven Anglican church in Sydney and has been involved in mentoring refugees. He lives in Dural and is married to Suzanne. They have three adult children.

**His Presentation ...** He covers all of the aspects mentioned in the Introduction.



September 11, 2001

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