



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

## JUNE MEETING



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### Fellow Members and Partners

Your committee has approved unanimously the nomination of Gerald Christmas to fill the vacant position of Vice President. Gerald is a past president of the club and has served on the committee for a number of years.



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Our May outing was to the Optus Satellite Facility at Belrose. Unfortunately I could not attend and I missed what was from all reports an exceptional outing. Thirty eight people attended and some of the ladies later said that they had doubts about going but were amazed. Comments like fantastic and incredible were made by others. Most were very surprised as to what was behind just turning on your TV. Optus, with some very competent and highly skilled technicians and engineers in its team, maintains a complex satellite facility containing antennas, dishes, electronics and computers. Signals bounce off six geostationary satellites to ensure that we receive TV signals of the highest quality from across Australia and around the world. Much revenue earning activity is based on television led by Foxtel but there are many other customers like Queensland Police, WA TAB, Tiger Fisheries, SA Ambulance, Woolworths and Qantas. It was comforting to learn that even if the Belrose site was shut down suddenly, Optus maintains backup sites around Australia and NZ to take over. A very pleasant lunch was had at the Belrose Hotel. Well done Barry and Tony.



Two scam warnings about suspicious messages: 1) if you receive an email from Australia Post about an undelivered parcel, DON'T open it or click on the link to download the number. The fortunate recipient of this email did not open it but rather phoned Australia Post to be told it was a scam; 2) the unfortunate recipient of an email from AGL did open it and clicked on the attachment, only to find his computer frozen with demands for payment of \$\$\$ to unfreeze it.

I would like to welcome new members Malcolm Verman and Russell Brain. These two bring our total membership to 123. Feel free to bring along a friend to our meetings and outings; this is the best way to keep our numbers healthy.

Please note that we have changed our banking arrangements, effective immediately. For all online payments to the Club, use the following account: NAB Neutral Bay, BSB: 082 057 A/c 28869 5672 Name: Probud Club of Neutral Bay.

### Ross Bruwel, President



Optus Satellite Facility

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14th June** in the **Auditorium** at North Sydney Leagues Club, Abbott 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
- 11:50 - 12:00 wrap-up
- 12:00 - optional lunch and snooker

### Guest Speaker

#### NICK COWDERY AM QC

Nicholas Cowdery was the Director of Public Prosecutions for the State of New South Wales from 1994 to 2011. That Office is the largest prosecuting agency in Australia. He is now: an Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Law, University of Sydney; a Visiting Professorial Fellow in the Faculties of Law in the Universities of NSW and of Wollongong; and an Adjunct Professor at Charles Sturt University. He is a legal expert consultant to the Commonwealth Secretariat, London (being engaged in projects in a number of countries) and was a consultant to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on a project with the International Association of Prosecutors. He was appointed a Member in the Order of Australia (AM) in 2003 for service to the development and practice of criminal law, and for fostering international relations in the area of human rights. He has received many domestic and international awards. He is the author of "Getting Justice Wrong: myths, media and crime" (Allen & Unwin, 2001).

### New Members

#### RUSSELL BRAIN

Career in livestock farming & real estate  
Last position: self employed  
Interests: reading, travel, walking, swimming, poetry, cycling  
Russell lives in Woolloomooloo

#### MALCOLM VERMAN

Shipwright, boat builder & retailer  
Last position: Managing Director  
Interests: sailing, skiing, motor sports, gardening & travel  
Malcolm & Margaret live in Cammeray

### Personal Corner

#### DICK WILLIAMSON

Career in publishing & sales  
Retired Managing Director  
Interests: music, art, sailing, swimming  
Richard & Lale live in Mosman

## OUTINGS

### ABC Q&A Monday 27th June 2016

Following on from the success of our last such outing in 2013, we have been fortunate in booking into the audience for the Q&A show on Monday 27th June, only one week



before the Federal election. The venue planned is in Sydney but if the show is transferred to Brisbane or elsewhere,



there goes our night. Dinner beforehand at the Marigold is included in the total cost of \$35pp. There will be a ballot at Tuesday's meeting as we are limited to 30 participants.

**Barry Stone** 9953 6748  
**Tony Bowra** 9969 1128

### 2FIFTY CLUB to KIAMA Thursday 16th June 2016

We plan to meet on platform 25 at Central at 9:10am to catch the 9.27 train via Helensburgh, Wollongong and the South Coast to Kiama, arriving at 11:39am. There we tour the township, Blow Hole and the beaches before lunching at one of the cafes or restaurants. We then make our way back to the station for the 1:55pm train to Central arriving there at 4.04pm.

**John Minnett** 9417 7705

### JIM'S JAUNTS Thur 30th June 2016

Jim's next Jaunt is from Stanmore to Glebe. A pleasant walk over a mostly flat 4km for some 3 hours on terrific streets and bush tracks. Look out for the sign-on sheet at the June meeting.

**Jim Holloway** 9955 1368

## OUTINGS

### A WINTER FEAST

#### Thursday 28th July 2016

There is nothing like enjoying a great lunch with great friends at a great venue - you know you like it! Dede's has been renovated with a new Menu and a new name *The Smoking Goat!* Get there by Riverboat from Circular Quay or by car to 613 Great Northern Rd Abbotsford; start at 12 for 12:30pm; cost \$65pp + drinks. Add your name to the list at the meeting and form a table of 8-10.

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**Tony Bowra** 9969 1128

### CRUISE to PORT DOUGLAS

#### 9-19th August 2016

Join us on an 11-day cruise to Port Douglas on P&O's *Pacific Pearl* and get away from the Sydney winter to the tropics. Advise Warwick of your interest and discuss booking options with Barbara Gross of Trendsetter Travel on 9428 5900. Having made a booking with Barbara, you will need to pay the deposit within 72 hours.

**Warwick Lewarne** 9953 1916

### ARCHIBALD EXHIBITION Tour

#### Thursday 25th August 2016

Our annual guided tour of the prestigious Archibald, Wynne & Sulman exhibitions starts at 11am.

**Gerald Christmas** 9960 1005

### COACH TOUR to BELLINGEN

#### 30th October-4th November 2016

A 6-day trip to Bellingen and the Coffs Coast. Places are now full but you can add to the reserve list.

**Barry Stone** 9953 6748  
**Tony Bowra** 9969 1128

## ACTIVITIES

### ART

#### Gerald Christmas

9960 1005

*Vivid Sydney* until 18 June; *Branching Out* by Jan Hook at Mosman Art Gallery; *Tang: treasures from the Silk Road capital* at the Art Gallery of NSW; *Balmorality Glimpses* by GC at the Ensemble till 30 June.

### CYCLING

#### Michael 9908 1182 or Stewart 9439 9609

Monday routes vary. Saturdays, we ride around the wharves & Barangaroo from Glebe or Milsons Point (~25km). Start at 7:45am, finish around 9:30. If interested in Saturdays, contact Stewart Horwood or Allan Blake. Details on our group e-mail.

### 9 HOLE GOLF

#### Tony Travers

9439 4996

Each Monday from 9:45am at the Lane Cove Country Club.

### MOVIE ENJOYMENT GROUP

#### David Bruce-Steer 9419 7017

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

### MUSIC

#### John Brooks

9908 2820

There's free musical entertainment at Sydney's Conservatorium. On Saturdays at 11am or 2pm, listen to talented rising stars playing piano, strings, brass, precision etc. The 12.30 lunchtime concerts Wed & Thurs are also popular.

### ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS

#### Peter Cornish

9909 8994

The usual venue for Wednesday morning Roll-up Lawn Bowls is at North Sydney Bowling Club at St Leonards Park. For more news, contact Peter.

### TENNIS

#### David Harris

9488 5259

Tennis will be held at *Love n Deuce* in Talus St, Naremburn on Monday 20th June from 2 to 4pm. Sign the sheet at the next meeting or contact Hugh.

### SAILING

#### Ross Bruwel

0421 817 106

Ross will welcome you on his yacht *Renada* on 21st June. The pickup is usually at Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Call Ross or see him at the meeting.



## July Guest Speaker Graham Wilcox

*Federation: Struggle for Unity*

### OUTINGS in plan

- Kimbriki waste management
- Randwick race course
- Powerhouse museum



Salt Pan Creek



Optus Satellite Facility Tour

### Annual Subscriptions Due

We note that 21 members have yet to pay their annual subscription. Please don't put it off any longer. You can pay the \$45 now due by cash at the meeting, by cheque or transfer online to our **new** bank account:

- BSB 082 057; a/c 28869 5672
- a/c name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay
- include your name for reference.

### Payments:

Kindly pay for outings in advance of any deadline and online if possible. When paying online, please ensure that you put your name and the activity (perhaps abbreviated) in the description to avoid any confusion. Please take note of the new bank account details in the box above.

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