

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

## CLUB MEETINGS



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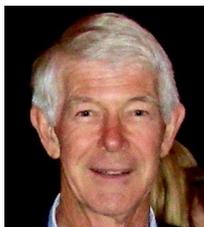
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### Fellow Members and Partners

Thank heavens for Christmas!



That glorious time for reconnection with families and friends. The frenzy of last minute shopping and shared feasting behind us we have time to relax, to talk and to take in the wonder of children and grandchildren, neighbours and friends. It is a special time and I hope it brings with it peace and happiness to you all.

Our November outing was a guided tour of the Sydney Town Hall. The guide was a retired employee of some 30 years service. His knowledge and enthusiasm was wonderful.

From the laying of the foundation stone in 1868 it took a succession of six architects and 21 years to complete the main structure. Built on the site of the Old Burial Ground, the remains were transferred to alternative sites. However, in 1991-92 when remedial excavation work was underway in the basement, more remains were discovered.

While over 2000 people were thought to be interred on the site only two have been identified. The location of these two graves, is marked out on the floor in a well used corridor in the basement. Of the many ghost stories we heard, one by a current employee told us of his encounter when working back late one night.

The interior of the building is in wonderful condition following extensive renovation work in recent years. The first electric elevator in Sydney was installed there in 1906 and is still working. We saw the Centennial Hall, Grand Organ, Vestibule and Council Chamber, the Lady Mayoress's Rooms, the interior of the Clock Tower, Lower Town Hall and the Civic Collection. Two and a half hours packed with information.... thanks to Barry and Tony.

Some of our members have found the Probus Travel Insurance very attractive as the age penalties are not as severe as those found in other policies. A detailed summary is available on the Probus web site or by phoning PSPL.

Morning tea payment at our Monthly Meetings was discussed at the December Committee Meeting. The first option discussed was to consider including the cost of Morning Tea in the annual subs for all members. The second option discussed was to continue with the present system. It was agreed that the present system should continue as it is now working well. Also it meant that members not attending a meeting or not wanting morning tea would not therefore be penalised

Did you know?

The new Strata laws make provision for further control of cigarette smoking in new apartment buildings. The Government has now created the option for designated smoking zones. These areas have to be set up so that smoke does not drift into homes or nearby common property. Fortunately existing strata schemes could adopt a similar by-law when they undertake the compulsory reviews of their in-house rules that have to be completed within a year.

I look forward to welcoming you at our Christmas lunch next Tuesday and our High Tea BBQ at Balls Head on Tuesday 24th January 2017.

Finally I wish you all on behalf of the committee and myself a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year.

**Ross Bruwel, President**

Christmas Lunch **Tuesday 13th December** will be our next gathering. This year it will be held at the **Manly Golf Club**, 38-40 Balgowlah Rd Manly, for members and guests who have prepaid.

- 12:00 - 12:30 introductions
- 12:30 onwards for lunch

For those driving, there is ample parking adjacent to the club buildings and in Balgowlah Road. For those wishing to use public transport, there is a bus stop at Manly Golf Club. It is serviced by Sydney Buses route 142 which leaves from Belgrave Street Manly at Stand E. From mid to late morning it is an hourly service at quarter to the hour.

*Merry Christmas*



### New Members

#### Hugh LANDER

Career: Agribusiness, Maritime Heritage  
Last position: Manager  
Interests: Harbour Racing, Bushcare, Gardening, Croquet  
Hugh lives in Cremorne

#### John O'NEILL

Career: Information Technology Sales  
Last position: Client Executive NSW Govt with Microsoft  
Interests: Competitive Swimming  
John & Neryl live in Mosman



at the Sydney Town Hall



## OUTINGS

### HIGH TEA at Balls Head

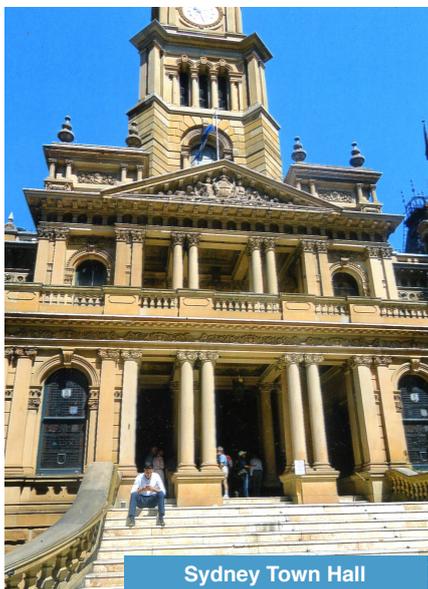
**Tuesday 24th January 2017**

The British tradition of High Tea began in the mid-1700s but we all know that the Aussie version is really an informal BBQ. So please join us at our annual High Tea BBQ. The setting is spectacular and the company is great. All in all, it will put us in a good frame of mind to commence 2017.

We will provide the sausages and onions, bread and butter, plates, utensils, and cups ... and the wine and juices. And a few of us will volunteer to do the cooking for you. So please join us and invite your friends too. There is a modest charge of \$10pp payable online or by cash or cheque. Sign-on at the Christmas lunch and come by car to Balls Head Reserve, Waverton for a start time of 4pm

**Barry Stone**  
**Tony Bowra**

**9953 6748**  
**9969 1128**



Sydney Town Hall

### Next GUEST SPEAKER

**Harvey BROADBENT**  
*Kemal Ataturk and Post WW1 Turkey*



at the Old Butter Factory Cafe Bellingen

## OUTINGS

### JOADJA CREEK HERITAGE Tour

**Tues 28th Feb-1st Mar 2017**

Located near Mittagong, Joadja Creek is an historic village/ghost town established by the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company in the late 1870s. Unfortunately the town lasted only until 1911 and has slowly decayed until some recent restoration. Travelling by luxury coach, we shall tour this fascinating site followed by a BBQ lunch. We then head to Mittagong and an overnight stay at the 4-star Springs Resort in Mittagong. The next morning we visit historic Berrima for a guided tour of the Courthouse, which operated from 1838 to 1873, and a stroll through the historic township. Lastly we visit Bargo for lunch and a tour of the dingo sanctuary established there to promote better understanding of Australia's native dog.

Cost is \$260pp including transport, accommodation and all meals. Check out the flyer for more details and contact Barry or Tony.

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At our AGM in March 2017, in an audio visual presentation, Dennis Notley And Paddy Macdonald are going to give two different perspectives on their visits to Cuba and the country's relationship with the surrounding area. With the recent passing of Fidel Castro, Cuba is a topical subject

### Committee Nominations 2017

Members are invited to consider nominating to join the 2017 Committee effective from the March AGM. See President Ross or any committee member for advice on the work undertaken by the committee and a nomination form.

### Next PERSONAL CORNER

**Terry CRONAN**

## ACTIVITIES

### ART & MUSIC

**John Brooks**

**9908 2820**

See the exhibition of works by **Margaret Olley** painter, peer, mentor, muse and by others at the **SH Ervin Gallery** 7 January - 26 March.

A free organ recital at the **Sydney Town Hall** on Monday 30 December from 12:30 to 1:30pm when the theme will be **Young organists day**. The grand instrument has only recently been tuned, a process that takes a long time. Here's a tip...rows 11 to 13 are acoustically the best places to sit.

### CYCLING

**Stewart 9439 9609 or Allan 9960 8830**

Monday routes & times vary. Saturdays, we ride around the wharves & Barangaroo from Glebe or Milsons Point, say 25km; start at 7:45am, finish around 10:00am. 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.



### ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS

**Peter Cornish**

**9909 8994**

Roll-up Lawn Bowls is usually held at North Sydney Bowling Club at St Leonards Park every Wednesday morning. The venue is under new management and is in recess until the new year. For more information, contact Peter.

### SAILING

**Ross Bruwel**

**0421 817 106**

Sailing with Ross on his yacht *Renada* is in recess until February on a date to be advised.

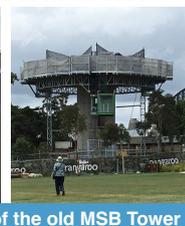


### TENNIS

**David Harris**  
**5259**

**9488**

Tennis, usually held at *Love n Deuce* in Talus St, Naremburn on the third Monday, is in recess until February.



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### Payments:

Kindly pay for outings in advance of any deadline and online if possible. When paying online, please ensure that you quote the relevant activity, perhaps abbreviated, in the description to eliminate confusion.

Note the new bank account details  
**BSB 082057 a/c no: 28869 5672**  
**a/c name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay.**