



newsletter

jun

2017

FROM THE PRESIDENT



COMMITTEE

President
Gerald Christmas
Vice President
Tony Travers
Imm. Past Pres.
Ross Bruwel
Secretary
Bob Pearce
Treasurer
Hugh Seccombe
Committee
Alan Ambler
Allan Blake
Tony Bowra
Peter Davenport
Kevin Fitzpatrick
Richard Hannaford
James Ritchie
Barry Stone
Peter Turner
Rufus Wolfson

OTHER ROLES

2Fifty Club
John Minnett
Bowls
Peter Cornish
Cashier
Peter Davenport
Cycling
Allan Blake
Stewart Horwood
Golf
Tony Travers
John Pike
Hon Auditor
David Lloyd
Hospitality & Jim's Jaunts
Jim Holloway
Meetings
Martin Grover
Membership
Peter Turner
Stewart Horwood
Minute Secretary
John Mattes
Movies
David Bruce-Steer
Music, Art
John Brooks
Gerald Christmas
Newsletter
Peter Dee
Postman
Bob Pearce
Sailing
Ross Bruwel
Speakers
Allan Blake
Brian Cohen
Tennis
David Harris
Tours, Outings
Barry Stone
Tony Bowra
Website
Geoff Lumsdaine
Peter Dee
Welfare
Peter Cornish



Fellow Members and Partners

It's been a cold and cloudy day today, but I have just returned to home base after our monthly Probus Committee meeting this afternoon. On a winter afternoon it was a warming and encouraging experience. The highlight was our frank and positive review of what we are doing to foster fun, fellowship and friendship among our members. We have just appointed one of our committee, Peter Turner, as Membership Secretary to keep us focused on our members, particularly those who have recently joined our ranks.

We already have a healthy list of special interest groups which cater for those who want to share or join with others for some common interest or activity. As our newsletter reminds us, there is a good range of options available but others could perhaps be added.

For example a computer or iPhone group, a painting or drawing group, studio or outdoor, a book reading group, a discussion group on the subject of technology or other topics of interest, a financial management group etc etc. If you have any interest in this kind of thing, then let me or any member of the committee know anytime.

We have set up an interesting line up of speakers to visit us at our Tuesday monthly meetings throughout the rest of the year. Make sure you and your partner don't miss these. Mark your diaries with "Probus GM" at 10 am on the second Tuesday of the month. We had a hiccup last month with the coffee but Norths have promised it will never happen again.

We are proposing to email you once a month advising you of the details of the speaker and the subject for each monthly meeting as it comes. If you missed last month's talk by Keith Mason AC QC on the story of Egon Kisch, you can catch the details on Google but without the special insights which Keith provided for us. It was most memorable.

This coming meeting our presentation focuses on Kemal Ataturk. The speaker is Harvey Broadbent AM, a very well known writer, television and radio broadcaster. It promises to be fascinating. Watch for the email coming your way soon.

If you have any suggestions about any aspect of the Club's activities, then please just phone or email any member of our committee.

Cheers,

Gerald Christmas, President



on Jim's Jaunt

JUNE MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13th 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
- 11:55 - 12:00 wrap-up
- 12:00 - optional refreshments, lunch and snooker

GUEST SPEAKER

HARVEY BROADBENT AM **Kemal Ataturk and post WWI Turkey**

Harvey is a writer, lecturer, former broadcaster and documentary maker. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia on Australia Day last year for 'significant service to the literary arts as an author and publisher, to the television industry as a producer, and to tertiary education'. After 25 years with the ABC, Harvey enjoyed a decade researching and writing history at Macquarie University where he is now an Honorary Fellow. He is author of the recently published *Gallipoli, the Turkish Defence* and the condensed version, *Defending Gallipoli*. His other books include *Voices of the First World War* (2014), *Gallipoli: The Fatal Shore* (2005) and earlier *The Boys Who Came Home: Recollections of Gallipoli*. Harvey graduated from the University of Manchester in 1974, majoring in Turkish Studies. He has an intimate knowledge of Turkey and is fluent in the language. Apart from continuing his research and writing, Harvey is an active lecturer for the U3A and Probus Groups.

NEW MEMBER

Murray MAIR

Career: Business Analyst
Last position: BNP Paribas
Interests: golf, hockey
Murray lives in Wollstonecraft

NEW MEMBER

Peter WEBB

Career: Retail
Last position: Officeworks
Interests: tennis, golf, walking, theatre
Peter and Trish live in North Sydney

PERSONAL CORNER

Richard KUIPERS

Career: Business Management, Two Men and a Truck
Last Position: Director of own company
Interests: Bridge and Flying
Richard and Cheryl live in Cammeray

OUTINGS

TOBRUK SHEEP STATION

Tuesday 27th June 2017

Our June outing is a guided tour of Tobruk Demonstration Farm at Maroota near Wisemans Ferry. Tobruk, a working farm, puts on an outback show perfect for anyone wishing to experience quintessential Australia, its beauty, history and culture in an entertaining way.

Meet the stockmen and station hands on this family operated property. Enjoy billy tea and damper from the campfire; watching working dogs in an amazing duck show and sheep muster; sheep shearing and a wool room presentation; a traditional Aussie BBQ located in the Drovers' Camp and lots more.

The cost of \$67pp includes coach, morning tea, show and lunch. See more detail in the flyer and add your name to the sign-on sheet.

Barry Stone home 9953 6748

JIM'S JAUNT Town Hall to Balmain

Thursday 29th June 2017

This is a walk we have done before, well worth repeating, always changing & interesting. We meet at Town Hall steps at 9.30 am to catch the bus in Druitt St to Rozelle. From there, a foreshore walk via Dawn Fraser pool to Ballast Point park and down to Morts Dock. Lunch at the excellent Dry Dock pub. Back to Circular Quay about 2pm. Duration approximately 3 hours over 5 kms with some stairs.

**Jim Holloway 9955 1368
Mobile 0421 559 618**

July PERSONAL CORNER

Peter STEVENS



Hyde Park Barracks and Mint tour

OUTINGS

WINTER FEAST at the Smoking Goat

Thursday 27th July 2017

Please join us at the Sydney Rowing Club at Abbotsford to enjoy this festive lunch whilst appreciating beautiful views of the Parramatta River. The Goat specialises in a fusion of modern Australian and Greek dishes. If you would like other members to join you at your table, please let us know - maximum of 8 to be nominated. For newcomers, this is an ideal opportunity for other members to get to know you. We'll make sure you're on a table with some of the longer term members. As befits this occasion, friends are very welcome. Cost is \$60pp including 3-course meal & coffee; drinks extra. Please add your name to the sheet at the next meeting, or contact Barry.

Other outings coming up.....

Cook Islands 18-25th August 2017

Baha'i Temple 26th September 2017

**Barry Stone home 9953 6748
or mobile 0400 388808
or cb.stone@bigpond.net.au**

Annual Subscription Due

Your annual subscription of \$45 is now due. Please don't leave it till the membership deadline in June. You can pay by cash at the meeting or by cheque or, preferably, transfer online. Include your name for reference. See the box below right for account details.

July GUEST SPEAKER

Quentin ANTHONY Papua New Guinea



2Fifty Club - Watsons Bay & The Gap



SPECIAL INTERESTS

ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820

Vivid Sydney presents numerous spectacular light displays, projections on buildings and colourful exhibits across various locations until 17th June.

Young students, the Conservatorium's "Rising Stars", show their progress at 11am and 2pm on Saturdays 17th and 24th June.

On another day, try walking down Cathedral St Woolloomooloo to its junction with Bourke to explore three floors of the SOHO Art Gallery - open each day from noon until late afternoon.

The Tokkotai Battle of Sydney Harbour exhibition by Mosman Art Gallery at Headland Park (in a former naval fuel tank) is open until 12th June.

Keep your diary free for the Archibald Prize tour at the NSW Art Gallery on Thursday 14th September (also view the Sulman and Wynn entries). Tickets will be \$18pp. Look out for the flyer.

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 (for 9 holes) at the Lane Cove Country Club.

MOVIE ENJOYMENT GROUP

David Bruce-Steer

9419 7017



Meet at the Cremorne Orpheum on 4th Monday each month. Look out for our flyer in the week before.

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. For more information, contact Peter.

SAILING

Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

Ross will update members at the meeting whether he will be sailing his yacht Renada this month; embarkation is usually at Middle Harbour Yacht Club.



TENNIS

David Harris

9488 5259

Tennis will be held at Love n Deuce in Talus St Naremburn on Monday 19th June between 2 and 4pm. Sign the sheet at Tuesday's meeting or contact David.

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 bank account details

**BSB 082 057 a/c no: 28869 5672
a/c name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay.**