



# newsletter

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

## JULY MEETING



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### Fellow Members and Partners

As I write this, Rosemary and I are about to travel up North to enjoy and explore for a few weeks the wide broad lands of North Queensland. When you read this we will be probably around Townsville somewhere.

We always enjoy Queensland. Somehow the sky is higher and wider and the air is fresh, except for the occasional sugar cane smoke.

We are very privileged to have on our doorsteps in Australia a rich and varied landscape to enjoy without the hassles, delays and tensions of overseas travel. 'See Australia first' is still a good motto and there is always more to see.

We are going to miss the Probus meeting and outings planned for July including the Winter Feast on the 27th. It promises to be a very special warm and welcoming occasion, just what is needed in the depths of winter.

I am particularly sorry to be missing the talk at the General Meeting by Quentin Anthony who will share with us his experiences as a Patrol Officer in Papua New Guinea. Many years ago I used to visit the Highlands, where my brother in law was working for some years. It is still a rich, picturesque but troubled land.

I have had a little more feedback from members with ideas about special interest groups which we might be able to set up. For any group to commence, we need a motivating and initiating leader and an adequate number of interested members. So far it does seem that many of us are already busy in other ways. There is always the danger of us being too busy. So many of us retirees have noticed that we can get just as 'busy', if not more so in retirement, as when we were engaged in full time work!

Maybe we need a relaxation, meditation or yoga group! On the other hand, there are many opportunities and offers at hand elsewhere to join such a group.

That is all for now. See you in August.

Cheers,

**Gerald Christmas, President**



photo courtesy Wikipedia

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11th July** 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

### QUENTIN ANTHONY

#### Experiences as a Patrol Officer in Papua New Guinea

Born in Sydney in 1932, Quentin spent his early childhood in Rabaul, New Guinea. He was evacuated from there in 1941, before the Japanese invasion, then continued his education at King's School, Auckland, and the Armidale School (TAS).

Appointed as a Cadet Patrol Officer at the Department of Native Affairs PNG in 1951, Quentin served as a Patrol Officer and Assistant District Officer in various Districts. In 1964 Quentin was recruited by ASIO and served for 30 years; he retired from Canberra to the Central Coast in 2007. Quentin was awarded the Police Overseas Service Medal in 2013.

Quentin and his wife Jan are members of the Probus Club of Terrigal; they have three sons born in Port Moresby and six grandchildren.

## PERSONAL CORNER

### PETER STEVENS

Career: General Commercial Business  
Last Position: General Manager/Director  
Interests: Living life to the full  
Peter and Libby live in Mosman



## 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.

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or mobile 0400 388808  
or cb.stone@bigpond.net.au

### JIM'S JAUNT Rhodes Homebush Bay - Bicentennial Park Thursday 20th July 2017

Interesting walk meeting at Rhodes Station Thursday 20th July at 9.30am. Train from Wynyard platform 3 about 8.50 arriving about 9.20am. Street walk through new high rise development to the top of Homebush Bay then foreshore walk to new waterfront development with six cranes.

Sydney now: all waterfront units, massive and interesting; all new! Then onto Bicentennial Park: waterbird refuge, birds from Siberia. Bring binoculars - well worth it; mangroves & more. A flat walk over 6-7 km in about three hours; then we enjoy a pub lunch before heading to Concord West Station. If the weather is poor please contact me as the walk has no shelter and may not be pleasant - it is winter after all!

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mobile 0421 559 618



Jims Jaunt



## OUTINGS

### ARCHIBALD TOUR Thursday 14th September 2017

The *Archibald Prize* tour at the NSW Art Gallery will be held on Thursday 14th September (when you can also view the *Sulman* and *Wynn* entries). Tickets will be \$18pp. Look out for the flyer

### 2FIFTY CLUB Bowral Tulip Festival Tuesday 19th September 2017

We are planning to meet on platform 23 at Central station at 8:30am prior to catching the 8:42 train to Bowral, changing at Macarthur, and arriving at 11:04. From the station we walk through the town to the Corbett Gardens at Bendooley Street to see the Tulip Festival. Along the way there are many shops and museums worth seeing; after stopping for lunch, we return to the station catch the 3:02pm train to Central arriving at 5:16pm.

**John Minnett** 9417 7705

### Annual Subscription Due

Your annual subscription of \$45 is now due. A significant number of members have yet to pay their fees. Kindly pay by cash at the meeting or by cheque or, preferably, transfer online. Include your name and 'subs' for reference. See the box below right for account details.

## August GUEST SPEAKER

**Gary HUGHES**

### On the Edge of Sundown

On the theme of 'why is it here', this presentation gives a general overview of Broken Hill. It covers the history of Broken Hill, the mineral discoveries, the mines past and present, and the development of the city and its characteristics.

## August PERSONAL CORNER

**Sandy LAMB**



## SPECIAL INTERESTS

### ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820

Enjoy a walk down Cathedral Street, Woolloomooloo to Crown Street where you'll find the SOHO Galleries with three floors of fascinating, colourful and original modern works; open each day from noon onwards.



Consider setting aside another day to visit the NSW Art Gallery's *Making Modernism* exhibition. It features pioneering artists Georgia O'Keefe, Margaret Preston and Grace Cossington Smith, who have helped the development of modern-style paintings.

### CYCLING

### Stewart 9439 9609 or Allan 9960 8830

Monday routes & times vary. Saturdays, we ride around the wharves & Barangaroo starting at Glebe or Milsons Point at 7:45am, finishing around 10:00am; distance about 25km. 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 8:15am for 18 holes or 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 is taking a well earned break and will update members on future sailing dates in due course.

### TENNIS

### David Harris 9488 5259

Tennis will be held at *Love n Deuce* in Talus St Naremburn on Monday 17th July 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

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**a/c name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay.**