



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

## AUGUST MEETING



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### Fellow Members and Partners

Having just returned from five weeks away, I am all the more appreciative of the privilege it is to belong to a Club such as ours.

Our best club asset, really the only asset that matters, is its members - our interesting, diverse and talented members.

Bob, our industrious secretary, is sending out our latest membership list and this reminds us that our membership is now at 121. We are at optimum quantity, as well as quality.

Could I suggest that, when you receive your email list, you read it and dwell on it for a short time. Mark on your printed copy the members or partners you know. See how many of your fellow members you do not know. There will be quite a few. At least that has been my experience.

Maybe we could use our morning tea breaks and our social occasions to meet a member we have not met before so that we might learn from each other and discover our mutual interests as well as any differences.

We thereby broaden our horizons and help each other to come to grips with life in a complex, changing and sometimes confusing society. Australia is well placed on the world scene but, after our few weeks in Queensland, Rosemary and I became aware of those who are struggling with unemployment or finding retirement a constant challenge. It was heartening to see how people cope with their problems. Many of those we encountered in Townsville were elderly and often artists or musicians or birdwatchers etc. Many were in their nineties.

I am absolutely sure of two things:

- that creativity stimulates us humans into longer and better quality of life and
- secondly, that Probus Neutral Bay has a significant role to play in encouraging us retirees to enjoy our retirement years in the Lower North Shore.

We are doing well, but let us not miss out on opportunities to do even better.

Cheers,

**Gerald Christmas, President**



Enjoying a scrumptious Winter Feast at the 'Smoking Goat'

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8th August** 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

### 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, the mineral discoveries, the mines past and present, and the development of the city and its characteristics.

Although he was born in, grew up in and lived for much of his life in Sydney, Gary spent some of his early childhood, and went to school, in Broken Hill. His father taught Carpentry and Joinery at the Broken Hill Technical College. In later life, Gary was to work for nearly 40 years for the Company that had its origins in, and carried the name of, Broken Hill.

Gary is an historian with interests in family history, Australian history, industrial history, mining history, railway history and of course Broken Hill history.



Gary has conducted a number of private tours of Broken Hill, and is a regular speaker to the Historical Society and Library groups in Broken Hill as well as numerous service clubs. He has also been interviewed on many occasions on historical matters.

## VALE

**John CLARKE**



## PERSONAL CORNER

### SANDY LAMB

Career: International Airlines; Executive Recruitment

Last Position: Principal, TQN Consulting Services

Interests: Golf, Tennis, Gym  
Sandy lives in Pymble

## OUTINGS

**COOK Is 18th August** - 21 travellers in Paradise whilst the rest of us suffer.

### ARCHIBALD TOUR

**Thursday 14th September 2017**

The *Archibald Prize* tour will be held at the NSW Art Gallery, where you can also view the *Sulman* (subject/genre or mural painting) and *Wynn* (landscape) prize entries, Thursday 14th Sept. We meet in the foyer no later than 10:15am. Cost is \$18pp cash on the day. Add your name to the sign-on sheet or phone **Gerald Christmas**.

### 2FIFTY CLUB Bowral Tulip Festival

**Tuesday 19th September 2017**

We meet on platform 23 at Central station at 8:30am, ready for the 8:42 train to Bowral (via a train-change at Macarthur). In Bowral, we walk through town to Corbett Gardens in Bendooley St to see the Tulip Festival.

Along the way there are many shops and museums worth visiting. After stopping for lunch, we return to the station for the 3:02pm train to Central, arriving there at 5:16pm.

**John Minnett 9417 7705**

## Sept GUEST SPEAKER

**Noel Phelan**  
HMAS Sydney vs HSK Kormoran.



Winter Feast



## OUTINGS

### BAHA'I TEMPLE

**Tuesday 26th September 2017**

How many times have you travelled along Mona Vale Rd, passed the Baha'i Temple and said 'I wonder what that is all about? Must go in there one day.'

The Temple grounds cover an area of nine hectares; the beautiful



gardens, containing a large variety of native plants, are well worth exploring. We start with coffee/tea in the covered picnic area, before a video presentation.... then a tour of the Temple and a walk in the gardens.

The tour starts at 10am and you will need to get there by car. Lunch will be nearby at the Pittwater RSL. Cost is \$20pp including morning tea/coffee, tour and lunch. Please add your name to the sign-on sheet or contact Barry.

### Australian Maritime Museum

**Tuesday 24th October 2017**

At Darling Harbour - details to follow.

**Barry Stone home 9953 6748**  
or mobile 0400 388808

## Sept PERSONAL CORNER

**Rufus WOLFSON**  
*An interesting youth experience*



## SPECIAL INTERESTS

### ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820

Visit an exhibition of June Spier's colourful paintings on show upstairs in the Bathers Pavilion on the Balmoral Promenade. This August, talented students at the Conservatorium give free 40 minute concerts beginning at 12.30pm each lunchtime. See and hear Strings on 16th, Harps on 17th, Saxophones on 24th and Contemporary Music on 30th August.

### CYCLING

**Stewart 9439 9609 or Allan 9960 8830**

On Mondays, routes & times vary. Saturdays, we ride around the wharves & Barangaroo starting Glebe or Milsons Point at 7:45am, finishing around 10; distance about 25km. If interested, contact Stewart or Allan. Details on our group e-mail.

### 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.



Jim's Jaunt - Homebush Bay



### SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

In recess while Ross is takes a break.

### TENNIS

**David Harris 9488 5259**

Tennis will be held at *Love n Deuce* in Talus St Nareburn on Monday 21st August 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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