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SEPTEMBER MEETING



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The recent Probus visit to the Cook Islands was a time to remember: warm tropical sun, coconut palms, coral laced waters, gentle sand, good company of Probus friends, good food, relaxing and interesting excursions to learn about the local culture. We learnt something of Cook Islands wisdom. We learnt that time is flexible. We learnt how to climb a coconut tree without a ladder. We can survive on

coconut and nothing else for years. All you need for food in your bomb shelter is a supply of coconuts. We learnt a few local words. Hello is 'Kia Ora' (not recommended however for use around Neutral Bay). Thank you Barry Stone and Jenny for your friendly management, assistance and guidance for the whole week.

Holidays, whether long or short, are not always possible for some of us some of the time but it must be said that a break from our everyday routine should be part of our programme. This applies just as much to retirees as to those still in the workforce. Holidays are good for our health and well being. Our doctors always recommend them.

Furthermore, Probus Clubs such as ours can provide day outings, short getaways and holidays to places and in ways not possible on our own. A group can get to places and do things not always possible individually.

Rosemary and I have many happy memories of Probus outings shared with the company of fellow members. Perhaps it illustrates the truth of the wise old saying, that 'a joy shared is a joy doubled'.

Jim (Jaunts) Holloway will be overseas for the next few months and I am delighted that Tom Ingham readily agreed to arrange some Jaunts in Jim's absence. Tom is planning walks on Tuesdays 31 October and 28 November - more details later. Have a great journey Jim and Heather, and thank you Tom for filling the gap.

The Committee is very grateful that our Club has a membership willing and able to contribute time to helping and doing things to keep the Club wheels rolling. We are always in need of fellows who are willing and able to join the committee or to step in for a particular job which needs to be done or role which needs to be filled. We often need such people to back up others when absent for any reason.

Every ship needs a crew to keep it going. Not all the jobs are on the bridge or in the engine room. The good ship HMAS Probus Neutral Bay is no exception. If anybody would like to volunteer, we would be delighted to hear from you. There could be a slot that suits you.

Cheers,

Gerald Christmas, President

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 12th September** 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

Noel PHELAN

HMAS Sydney v HSK Kormoran

This is a story of two ships that met 100 nautical miles off the WA coast: the **HMAS Sydney II**, the pride of the Australian Navy with an impeccable battle record, and the **HSK Kormoran**, a German merchant raider with camouflaged guns that had recently sunk 11 allied merchant ships. Both ships sank with no survivors from the 645 crew of the *Sydney* but with over 300 survivors from the *Kormoran*. This battle raised lots of questions about what happened.

Noel Phelan's first career was as a science and mathematics teacher. He then moved into IT with IBM where he spent 25 years in various technical and management positions.

NEW MEMBERS

Tony ANDREW Career: General Practice; Last Position: Principal, Cremorne Medical Practice; Interests: travel, music, theatre; Tony & Lynne live in Mosman

Gerard LANZARONE Career: International trade; Last Position: Executive General Manager Austrade; Interests: grandchildren, languages, travel, cycling; Gerard & Josette live in Seaforth

PERSONAL CORNER

Rufus WOLFSON
An interesting youth experience



In the Cook Islands

OUTINGS

ARCHIBALD TOUR

Thursday 14th September 2017

The Archibald Prize tour will be conducted at the NSW Art Gallery where you can also view the *Sulman* (subject/genre or mural painting) and *Wynn* (landscape) prize entries. 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

Oct GUEST SPEAKER

Gary COOK
Sydney Living Museums

Oct PERSONAL CORNER

Hugh LANDER

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. 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
mobile 0400 388808

Tom's Tramp Tuesday 31st October

SPECIAL INTERESTS

ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820

Mosman Art Gallery exhibits Ros Ashley Morgan's paintings of 'Hanging Rock' landscapes in Victoria. Until 17 Sep there are also amazing photos, taken from old popular magazines, which poked fun at colonial Australia.

S H Ervin Gallery Salon des Refuses proudly shows some of the paintings & sculptures that were not selected for the Archibald etc prizes.

Sydney Conservatorium has different student groups giving lunchtime concerts from 12.30pm each Wednesday & Thursday during term times - Piano 13 Sep, Brass 14 Sep, Vocal 20 Sep, Choral & Symphony orchestra 21 Sep, Organ 4 Oct, Composition 5 Oct. The concert Thursday 21 Sep will have over 100 students.

CYCLING

Stewart 9439 9609 **Allan 9960 8830**

On Mondays, routes & times vary. Saturdays, we ride around the wharves & Barangaroo starting Glebe or Milsoms 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

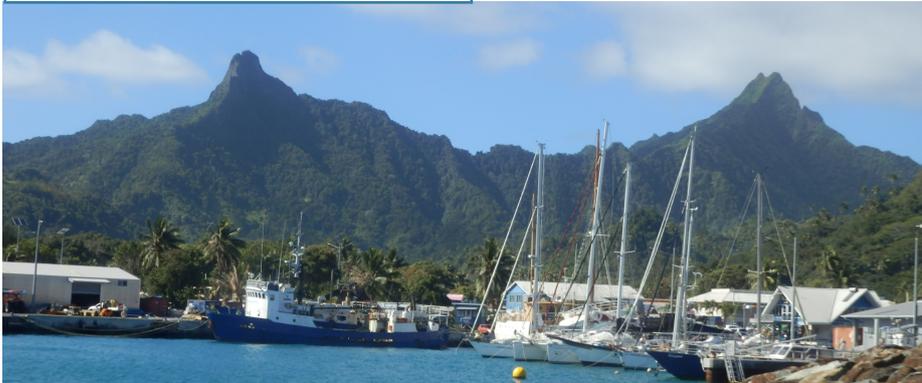
SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

In recess while Ross takes a break.

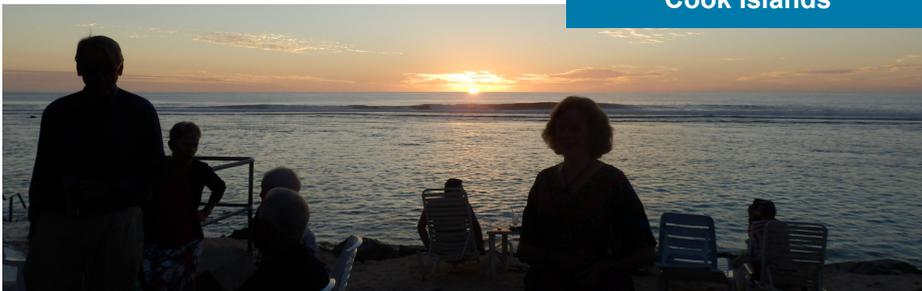
TENNIS

David Harris 9488 5259

Tennis will be held at Love n Deuce in Talus St Naremburn on Monday 18th September between 2 and 4pm. Sign the sheet at Tuesday's meeting or contact David.



Cook Islands



VALE



Bill CAPE



Keith HALL



John SPIERS

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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