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OCTOBER MEETING



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Spring is here folks...many of our members are now returned from their time in the warmer climes of the northern hemisphere. We are hoping soon to welcome Ross Bruwel back from his overseas sailing adventures. The greenery in our gardens, or window boxes, is growing again - I have an interesting collection of weeds if anyone is interested. Some members are now

coming to experience the sacred cool waters of Balmoral. Your hardworking Committee has been gently steering the good ship Probus Neutral Bay through peaceful waters. Our talks and outings have a seafaring theme.

Noel Phelan's talk last month about the tragic sinking of the HMAS Sydney II was a fascinating and moving presentation. We also enjoyed a very interesting visit to the Bahai House of Worship. It proved to be a very popular event. Afterwards we had an excellent light lunch in the salubrious Pittwater RSL Club nearby.

We are looking forward to the October and November outings each maintaining a maritime flavour: the Maritime Museum on 24 October (keeping us afloat) and Garden Island on 28 November (keeping Australia safe). See you soon.



Bob Pearce sent us a notice on 26 Sept as to Gary Cook's talk at our forthcoming meeting about living Museums around Sydney. It looks good.

Cheers,
Gerald Christmas, President

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10th October** 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 COOK Sydney Living Museums

Sydney Living Museums is the custodian of twelve historic properties in NSW. They care for and interpret the houses, museums, gardens, furniture & inclusions. The history of the families who lived in the properties adds to the rich tapestry of Australian history.

Gary retired from senior management in 2002 and decided to volunteer in a number of roles concentrating largely on Australian history. Currently he is a speaker and guide for Sydney Living Museums, speaker for Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, speaker and guide for History and Heritage Tours of the State Library of NSW. In 2011, Gary was awarded the NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Award.

PERSONAL CORNER

Hugh LANDER

Career: Agribusiness, Sydney Heritage Fleet

Last Position: General Manager

Interests: Competitive harbour racing, bush care, gardening, croquet

Hugh lives in Cremorne



at the Bowral Tulip Festival

OUTINGS

Australian Maritime Museum

Tuesday 24th October 2017

Located at Darling Harbour, the Australian Maritime Museum is Australia's national centre for maritime collections, exhibitions and research. There are basically two sections, a Permanent Gallery which, via artefacts and exhibitions, gives a chance to connect to Australia's maritime past and present in an innovative way. Secondly, one of the largest floating historical vessel collections in the world including a replica of Cook's *HMB Endeavour*, the destroyer *HMAS Vampire*, the submarine *HMAS Onslow* and many more. Docked at their wharves, you can climb aboard and explore. We have organised guided tours of both sites.



We meet at Reception at 10.15am, to check in, then at the onsite *Yots* cafe for morning tea including scones, jam and cream. The Gallery tour commences at 11.00am, followed by some of the historical vessels. The tours end about 1.00pm. Lunch at *Yots* Café is optional – please advise. Make your own way to the Museum for example by F4 ferry.

Cost is \$25pp including morning tea and tours or \$42pp including lunch.

Please add your name to the Sign On Sheet at the next meeting or contact **Barry Stone** home 9953 6748 mobile 0400 388808

Tony Bowra 9969 1128
MACHIN'S MEANDER North Sydney
Tuesday 31st October

In Jim's absence, Ian has offered to lead this month's walk. We shall rendezvous at 09.30 at North Sydney station street level. The walk will not be arduous as we explore the hidden parts of North Sydney. We'll finish with a pub lunch. Please sign up at the October general meeting or contact:

Ian Machin 9908 4423

WORLD SOLAR CHALLENGE 8-12 October 2017

Follow the progress of this unique event at <worldsolarchallenge.org>. Member Richard Kuipers is a sponsor of one of the entrants *Nuna9*.

Nov GUEST SPEAKER

Graham WILCOX
Era of the Steam Train

Nov PERSONAL CORNER

Peter TURNER

OUTINGS

2FIFTY CLUB Church Point Friday 10th November 2017

We are planning an outing to Church Point and Scotland Island. We will meet at Neutral Bay Junction at 9:30am to catch the 9:49am Palm Beach bus to Mona Vale where we catch the 10:58am bus to Church Point. After a short break we take the 11:30am ferry (\$8) for a trip around Scotland Island and back to Church Point where we can stop for lunch. A little while later we can catch the 2:35pm bus to Mona Vale then change for the bus back to Neutral Bay arriving at 3:45pm.

John Minnett 9417 7705

RAN ACTIVE DUTY WARSHIP Tour Tuesday 28th November 2017

The Canberra Class Amphibious Assault ships, *HMAS Canberra* and *HMAS Adelaide*, also known as LHDs (Landing Helicopter Deck) are the largest ships ever built for the Royal Australian Navy. These ships give the RAN one of the most capable and sophisticated air-land-sea amphibious deployment systems in the world. After touring the ship we transfer by coach to the *Salthouse Cafe* at the RAN Heritage Centre, also at Garden Island, for lunch. We leave Norths by coach at 9.15am. Put your name(s) down on the sign-on sheet at the meeting.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Tuesday 12th December 2017

Christmas lunch will again be held at the Manly Golf Club from noon. The historic 1920s clubhouse is regarded as one of Sydney's finest Georgian Mediterranean buildings. The food and service were great last year and should be equally delightful this year. Cost is \$68pp including a welcoming drink, canapés, main course, dessert and some wine on the table. Check out the flyer for more details and put your name(s) down on the sign-on sheet at the meeting or contact

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Bahai'i Temple Tour

SPECIAL INTERESTS

ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820

The **Mosman Art Society** bi-annual exhibition will be held between Friday 3Nov and Sunday 26Nov.

Already on show at Mosman Art Gallery until Sunday 29 Oct are fabulous entries in the Art Prize paintings and sculptures; some paintings are offered for sale between \$700 and \$20K.



The **Sydney Conservatorium** continues to show off different groups of students. Their lunchtime concerts are on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12.30 each week during their term time.

Viola ensemble 11 Oct, Saxophone orchestra 12 Oct, Chamber choir 18 Oct, String orchestra 19 Oct, Percussion 25 Oct, Big band 26 Oct, Postgrad opera 01 Nov, Big band 02 Nov.

There is a free concert of popular music by two pianists at 2pm on Sunday 22 Oct.

CYCLING Stewart 9439 9609 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 10am; distance about 25km. If interested, contact Stewart or Allan. More 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 has a break.

TENNIS David Harris 9488 5259

Tennis will be held at Love n Deuce in Talus St Naremburn on Monday 16th October between 2 and 4pm. Sign the sheet at Tuesday's meeting or contact

Payments: Kindly pay for outings in advance of any deadline and online if possible. When paying online, please ensure that you quote your name & the relevant activity, perhaps abbreviated, in the description to eliminate confusion. Note the following bank account details:
BSB 082 057 a/c no: 28869 5672
a/c name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay.