



FROM THE PRESIDENT

NOVEMBER MEETING



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Hello fellow members, including honoraries and partners.

After the 'busyness' of the past 10 months or so, Probus soon enters a holiday period when our programme is a little less crowded. So, it's a good time to reflect on our activities as a Club.

Is our Club meeting your expectations? May I encourage you to share your views with other members and the Committee. Do it by phone, email or personally.

Recently the committee discussed the possibility of something like a Suggestion Box where we can drop off comments, gripes, grumbles or even compliments. Watch this space.

We are looking for your feedback. Whether bouquets or brickbats, we would like to get your views. Specifically, for example:

- *Are the talks relevant and interesting for you?
- *What subjects would you like/not like?
- *What about the outings? Any suggestions?
- *Are the General meetings enjoyable? Any changes?
- *Are the special interest groups what you are looking for? Any others that should be started?

We have a highly successful club. We have a fine tradition of doing things well. We have all enjoyed ourselves. Next year we want to keep it that way and do even better. What a great time we had at the Maritime Museum crawling all over the HMAS Vampire. Nothing like P&O or Sitmar, was it!!

We continue to be very mobile. Thank you Ian Machin for the 'Meander' on 31 Oct, and welcome back to Jim Holloway who will do a walking 'Jaunt' for us on 23 Nov around the old historic areas of Redfern and Newtown. By the time you read this, John Minnett will have led a group of Two Fiftiers in the waters around Scotland Island.

The visit to Garden Island on 30 Nov (not 28 Nov) should be very special. This walking tour will tell of the Navy's role in defending our fair land from marauding invaders.

We are certainly a club on the move and I have not even mentioned our very active energetic Cycling Group. After all these meanders and visits we finish the year on 12 Dec with the Christmas Lunch when we forsake the North Sydney Leagues Club for the salubrious Manly Golf Club. The only walking involved will be to and from the dining room etc.

Cheers,
Gerald Christmas, President

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14th November** 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

Graham WILCOX The Era of the Steam Train

Australians are fascinated by the way our railways expanded during the era of the steam train. Australia comprised separate colonies so when it came to railway gauges these matters were influenced, not only by the English experience, but by the way several Irish migrants in the early nineteenth century felt about anything English. There were other influences like the cost of track laying and an early belief that local railway lines would never be part of a railway system spanning the whole continent. Steam locomotives and the telegraph were influential in helping to bring the country together.

PERSONAL CORNER

Peter TURNER

Career: Marketing and Advertising
Last Position: MD at Turner & Gold
Interests: Travel, photography, sailing, cinema/theatre and food/wine
Ann & Peter live in Naremburn

NEW MEMBER

Les MILLER

Career: Life Insurance Broker
Qualifications: Financial & Estate Planning
Interests: Public speaking, Memoir writing
Les & Mary live in Neutral Bay



at the Maritime Museum

OUTINGS

JIM'S JAUNT Redfern Eveleigh Newtown

Thursday 23rd November

We meet near exit gate of Redfern Station at 9.30am. Governor Phillip stepped ashore in Sydney on 26 Jan 1788. In 1887 a factory to build railway locomotives (eventually 152) was started in Eveleigh St, a mere 99 years after first settlement. Only 86 years later, in 1973, this hell hole of terrible conditions - deaths, molten steel, strikes, lockouts, Coventry (?) and union chaos - was closed. We can see the machinery, foundries, tools of long ago still there - amazing! Engineers should be proud of what great grandfather did back then. On to the Carriage Works then to St Steven's Cemetery for history in stone including the very old Dunbar grave. This will be a flat walk over 4 km and 3 hours with a Pub lunch. Sign up at the meeting or contact:

Jim Holloway ph 9955 1368
mobile 0421 559 618

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 Barry or Tony

Barry Stone home 9953 6748
mobile 0400 388808



at the Maritime Museum



Feb GUEST SPEAKER

Prof Graham GILL
The Russian Political System

OUTINGS

RAN Historical Society Tour of GARDEN ISLAND

Thursday 30th November 2017

On arrival a representative of the Naval Historical Society will escort us to the Boatshed for a briefing. We will then do the historical tour of Garden Island including the secure precinct. Highlights include the HMAS *Kuttabul* Memorial, the Chapel built in 1901, Navy Stores Building (1894), Sail Loft and Rigging Shed (1877) and the Captain Cook Dry Dock..

After the tour we meet at the *Salthorse* Cafe in the RAN Heritage Centre to enjoy a light lunch from a selection of gourmet sandwiches and wraps; beverages are available.

We take the Eastern Suburbs ferry from Circular Quay leaving at 9.57am; Garden Island is the first stop. Cost is \$32.50 tour including lunch.

The tour will take about an hour and a half. Considerable walking is involved so attendees need to be relatively mobile. The tour is limited to 30 visitors only. Please email your interest either to Tony or Barry **before** the November meeting.

HIGH TEA BBQ Balls Head Tuesday 23rd January 2018 from 4pm

Do join us at our annual *High Tea* BBQ. Why is it so popular? The setting is spectacular and the company is great. We'll provide the sausages and onions, bread and butter, plates, utensils, and cups ... and wine and juices! And a few of us will volunteer to do the cooking for you. So please come along, invite your friends and enjoy a great start to 2018. Cost is \$12pp.

COACH TOUR North East Victoria 14-19 October 2018

Join us on an excursion to the land of 'Legends, wine and spectacular high country' in NE Victoria. We'll stay five nights in Wangaratta with tours daily to the beautiful surrounding districts of Milawa, Yarrawonga, Glenrowan, Bright and Beechworth. The excursion is timed to take in the spring blossoms. More details are in the flyer.

Barry Stone home 9953 6748
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Tony Bowra 9969 1128



SPECIAL INTERESTS

ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820

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

See Gerald's exhibition of Balmoral folk paintings at the **Bathers Pavilion** Nov-Dec 2017.

NSW ART Gallery has a fascinating exhibition of paintings from the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, from 11 Nov to 18 Feb 18. Items include Janet Lawrence's *Cabinet of Curiosities* with analysis of Dutch paintings by conservators.



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

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

Ross is back and invites you to sail with him on his yacht *Renada* on Tuesday 28th November; embarkation is usually at Middle Harbour Yacht Club.



TENNIS

David Harris 9488 5259

Tennis will be at Love n Deuce in Talus St Naremburn on Monday 20th November between 2 and 4pm. Sign up at Tuesday's meeting or contact David.

Feb PERSONAL CORNER

Barry STONE



a meander through North Sydney

VALE

Tom INGHAM



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.