



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

## CLUB MEETINGS



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### Hello fellow members, including honoraries and partners.

Once again Christmas is upon us. The season of goodwill has come. It is a time for thanksgiving and celebration. Within our club we have had another good year. We have shared together some good meetings, enjoyed happy outings and good experiences which help us to more appreciate the world, country and city in which we live.

For me, this year has been greatly enriched by the fellowship with other Probus members. It has been a privilege for me as President to have been part of the committee responsible for the programme of meetings and activities we have enjoyed during the year.

Some of us recently enjoyed a morning tour of Garden Island Naval Base magnificently situated in the middle of our harbour with views to the Heads, Neutral Bay and Mosman, the Bridge and Eastern suburbs. There we lunched after a tour of the Naval facilities which were also a memorial to those who lost their lives in the Japanese submarine attack.

This reminded us that we live in a world where there is conflict and suffering and there are millions who today are not enjoying life as we do. Even on our doorstep, in our neighbourhood, there is hardship, loneliness and suffering. We are reminded that we must never forget those in need around us particularly in this Christmas season.

This month we do not have the usual monthly meeting. Instead of the brief monthly coffee/tea break at Norths we enjoy and savour a first class lunch at Manly Golf Club. About 120 will be present.

In January, we have our always popular High Tea Barbecue. This is another event which encourages fun, fellowship, and friendship. This is the very core of what it means to belong to a Probus club such as ours.

In March, we have our Annual Meeting when we bring in a new Committee. Some of the present members will continue but there is always the need for new recruits to bring refreshing new ideas and insights.

Many of our new members, I know, have talents which will energise the club and help us to foster the aims of Probus in coming months. I am hoping that we will be able to welcome them into the committees and offices and responsibilities which will lead our Club into the months ahead.

Cheers, **Gerald Christmas, President**

**Christmas Lunch** on Tuesday 12th December will be our next gathering. This year it will be held at the **Manly Golf Club**, 38-40 Balgowlah Rd Manly, for members and guests who have prepaid.

12:00 - 12:30 introductions

12:30 onwards for lunch

For those driving, there is ample parking adjacent to the club buildings and in Balgowlah Road. For those wishing to use public transport, there is a bus stop at Manly Golf Club. It is serviced by Sydney Buses route 142 which leaves from Belgrave Street Manly at Stand E. From mid to late morning it is an hourly service at quarter to the hour.

*Merry Christmas*



### Committee Nominations 2018

Members are invited to consider nominating to join the 2018 Committee effective from the March AGM. See President Gerald or any committee member for advice on the work undertaken by the committee and a nomination form.

**Happy New Year**

### Feb GUEST SPEAKER

**Prof Graham GILL**  
The Russian Political System



at Garden Island

## OUTINGS

### 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 welcome drink, canapés, main course, dessert and some wine - contact Barry or Tony.

### 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 9953 6748

mobile 0400 388808

Tony Bowra 9969 1128

## OUTINGS

### 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 sausages, 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 \$12pp.



### JIM'S JAUNT tba February 2018

Join us for an interesting walk looking at colonial activity in the Rocks area and Barangaroo followed by lunch at the Canteen. **Jim Holloway 9955 1368**

## SPECIAL INTERESTS

### ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820

At the **Independent Theatre**, opposite the Stanton Library in Miller St, you could try out their Sunday tea at 2.30 before the Chamber Concert starting at 3.30. Next year the first concert is 29 Jan. The tickets are \$16 to \$47 which includes the tea.

**NSW ART Gallery's** interesting collections include sculptures and paintings from the Philippines or there's contemporary figurative paintings of sex & family life. Don't miss the fantastic masterpieces from the Amsterdam Rijksmuseum by artists like Rembrandt and Vermeer.

### 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



Inspecting Eveleigh workshops



Cycling at Olympic Park



On a jaunt through St Stephens



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 advises that sailing is in recess until February.

### TENNIS

David Harris 9488 5259

Tennis is in recess until February.

## Feb PERSONAL CORNER

Barry STONE

**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:

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