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Welfare
Peter Cornish



Members, partners, honorary members and visitors,

This is the last newsletter before my term as President expires, so it is also the President's Annual Report for the Annual General Meeting.

The Club has had a very successful year, membership is now 124 full members and 18 honorary members.

We welcomed several new members last year some of whom introduced themselves through the medium of speaking in the personal corner segment. They were all very interesting vignettes. We have a membership from a wide range of professions, skill sets and intellectual pursuits. At the monthly meetings we have heard some very interesting speakers, ranging from a marriage celebrant to a retired soldier with Afghan and Iraq war experience and an expat with broad experience of living and working around Africa. We have to thank Allan Blake and Barry Stone for researching & recruiting these very interesting speakers. We have conducted outings to places ranging from the Classic Car museum & Japanese Garden at Gosford, the Children's Medical Research Centre at Westmead, State Parliament House, the Old Darlinghurst Gaol, a six day coach trip to NE Victoria and the La Perouse Museum. We have to thank Barry Stone, Bob Pearce and Tony Bowra for making them so interesting and financially successful.

We believe it is the personal corners, the outings and invited speakers which are of most interest to members, so the committee is making sure they continue to a high standard.

Probus Neutral Bay has a very good committee, I thank them for their efforts; they work well together. John Metcalf is a meticulous Secretary, Hugh Seccombe looks after the finances and reminds us that the annual fees are due on the 1st April. Note that they are staying the same as last year - \$45 pa. David Lloyd is our honorary auditor who checks Hugh's work at the end of every year and signs off the accounts. Peter Dee manages the pressures to produce the newsletter every month and John Mattes successfully records the minutes of every meeting.

I would like to thank them, the other committee members and all the club members who contribute their time to the club - they make the club successful.

We were very sorry to lose Rufus Wolfson during the year. Rufus had been on the committee for many years, lately serving on the reception desk so he reckoned he knew every member. We will miss his cheerful good humour.

Gerald Christmas is stepping down from the committee. He has been President twice and spent many years working for the club. I would like to thank him for his efforts.

For the 2019/20 year Kevin Fitzpatrick will be President and Sandy Lamb the Vice President and I wish them well. The other office bearers do not change. With the welcome addition of John Mattes, Ted Kraegen and David Bruce-Steer there are enough nominations for committee members to fill the vacancies so no ballot is required. With best wishes for the future,

Peter Davenport, President

MARCH MEETINGS

This month's meeting and the AGM will be held on **Tuesday 12th March** in the Auditorium at North Sydney Leagues Club, Abbot St Cammeray.

- 10:00 - 10:20 monthly meeting
- 10:20 - 10:40 annual general meeting
- 10:40 - 11:00 morning tea
- 11:00 - 11:50 guest speaker
- 11:50 - 12:00 meeting end & photos
- 12:00 - optional lunch

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 12th March 2019

The 40th Annual General Meeting of members will be held at North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at approximately 10:20am during an adjournment of the monthly meeting.

AGENDA

- To confirm the Minutes of the 39th AGM held on Tuesday 13th March 2018
- To receive the President's Report
- To receive the Income & Expenditure Statement for the Year ending 31 December 2018, the Statement of Financial Position at 31 December 2018 and the Auditor's Report thereon
- To maintain the annual membership subscription at \$45 and the member joining fee at \$15
- To present the List of Club Activities
- To elect the Officers and Committee: we have received the following unopposed nominations: Kevin Fitzpatrick (President), Sandy Lamb (Vice President), John Metcalf (Secretary), Hugh Seccombe (Treasurer), Peter Davenport (Immediate Past President), Alan Ambler, Tony Bowra (?), David Bruce-Steer, Ross Bruwel, Richard Hannaford, Ted Kraegen, John Mattes, Bob Pearce, James Ritchie, Barry Stone, Peter Turner (Committee)
- To re-appoint the Honorary Auditor, David Lloyd

Annual Subscription Due

Your annual subscription of **\$45** is now due. Please don't leave it till the membership deadline in June. You can pay by cash at the meeting or by cheque or preferably by online bank transfer: include your name for reference. See the box overleaf bottom right for account details.

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

Don Wilson
Winning the War on Waste



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Don Wilson: Winning the War on Waste

Waste is a recent concept. During the depression & World War II we did not waste anything but valued what little we had.

These days we are encouraged to consume. The average household wastes 30% of the food we buy. People throw out things when they have lots of wear left in them.

We have a waste crisis as our tips fill up and material ready for recycling goes into storage. Governments are not spending anywhere near enough to overcome it. Don Wilson is really concerned about this matter and has dedicated his life to promote and establish solutions to help resolve this crisis.

Don grew up in Newcastle. He was a paper boy during the war and rode the trams, prowled the pubs and stood on street corners selling papers. Following a weeding trip to Lord Howe Island Don became interested in *Bushcare* in 2000. With wife Marianne he founded Clive Park Bushcare, located on the shores of Northbridge, and later founded Bushcare's *Major Day Out*. Since watching *The War On Waste* Don studied the subject extensively and become heavily involved.

Don has received numerous community service awards including 2014 Willoughby Council's *Citizen of the Year*. He will talk on the history of plastics and the extent of the problems they are creating, then the biggest offenders.

Then, what we can all do to help **Win the War on Waste**.

OUTINGS

QUARANTINE STATION

North Head, Tues 19th March 2019

We tour the heritage listed old quarantine station and associated buildings off North Head Scenic Dr. Our visit begins at 11.15am with a 45 minute guided tour, including an overview of the history of the 'Q' Station, with time to visit the onsite cafe and museum and enjoy a lunch of chef made sandwiches, cake and fruit, and tea or coffee. Cost \$32.50pp.

SAKE BREWERY & NEPEAN CRUISE

Penrith, Tues 28th May 2019

Did you know that we export Sake to Japan? Yes, and it's manufactured at the Go-Shu Australian Sake Brewery at Penrith. So please join us for a unique, informative, and enjoyable tour of this plant. We follow this with a lunch at Penrith RSL's famous Star Buffet.

In the afternoon, we take a 90 minute cruise aboard the *Nepean Belle* paddle wheeler. Whilst partaking in a Devonshire Tea, relax and enjoy the peaceful surrounds of the river and the majestic Nepean Gorge as you gently cruise along the beautiful Nepean River and into the Blue Mountains National Park. Cost \$68pp includes coach, lunch, cruise, Devonshire tea.

Tony Bowra 0410 840 077
Bob Pearce 0400 291 373

OUTINGS

Tour of VICTORIA BARRACKS

Paddington Thursday 18th April

Victoria Barracks is one of the best known examples of military architecture in Australia. The Regency style barracks was designed by Lieutenant Colonel George Barney who also built Fort Denison and reconstructed Circular Quay. Most of the barracks was constructed using locally quarried sandstone between 1841 and 1849.



Our tour covers the establishment of the colony, the Army's role in its success and the Barracks' current role as Headquarters Force Command.

Our coach departs Norths at 9am and returns ~ 2pm. Morning tea or coffee and biscuits will be provided on arrival. You can make your own way to Victoria Barracks but let us know in advance; there is no parking on site.

Lunch is at Paddington RSL in Oxford Street at individual cost. Cost is \$15pp for return coach travel or \$20pp if you wish to visit the Military Museum. Photo ID will be needed.

Contact Tony at abowra@alpha.net.au or Bob at bobpearce37@gmail.com.



S H Ervin Gallery continues their collaboration with the art galleries of Manly and Mosman until 17th March. They are showing works by nine eminent artists who have responded to the influences of Sydney.

The **Conservatorium of Music** has begun their free lunch-break concerts by students on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12.30pm. On March 13th Strings, 14th Piano accompaniments, 20th Strings, 21st Chamber Music, 27th Historical Performances, 28th Piano and, on 3rd April, Chamber Music.

CYCLING

Stewart 9439 9609 Allan 9960 8830

Monday rides usually start at 10am; routes and durations vary. Saturday rides, about 25km around the wharves & Barangaroo, start at Milsons Point at 7.30am and finish around 10am. Contact Stewart or Allan.

GOLF

Tony 9439 4996 Murray 9439 4373

Play is scheduled each Monday from 8.30am at a variety of courses including Chatswood, Cammeray, Gordon, Lane Cove and Warringah.

MOVIE ENJOYMENT

David Bruce-Steer 9419 7017

We meet at the Cremorne Orpheum usually on 4th Monday each month. Look out for a flyer in the week before.



SAILING

Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

Ross invites you to join him on board the beautiful *Renada* on Tuesday 26th March; embarkation is normally at Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Contact Ross for further details.



ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS & TENNIS

are under review.

April GUEST SPEAKER

Jonathon HUNYOR Public Interest Advocacy Centre

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, albeit abbreviated, in the description to minimise any confusion. Note the following bank account details:

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