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Dear fellow members, partners & guests,

Welcome to the May meeting. Our pre-Easter expedition to the historic Victoria Barracks in Paddington was led by 'Colonel' Tony Bowra and 'Major' Bob Pearce. Entering through the Convict Gate on the Moore Park side we were allocated to our three tourist platoons at the Guardhouse and given a briefing over morning tea. Our guides, former Army personnel, led us to the parade ground with its Hawkesbury sandstone Barracks as backdrop.

Begun in 1840 the first parade on its sandy surface was in 1846. Since then its beautifully manicured area has hosted many parades and been a training venue for the Wallabies and Waratahs. Two of our prominent Army Generals were schooled in Paddington. Both William Holmes and Peter Cosgrove attended local primary schools, the former was actually born at the Barracks. General Holmes was the highest ranking casualty of the First World War when killed by shrapnel while escorting the Premier of NSW in an inspection of the battlefield of Messines. Prior to his active military service Holmes had been Secretary of the Sydney Water Board and helped plan supplementing Sydney's water supply. General Holmes Drive was named in his honour.

It is ironic that the Barracks houses Busby Bore which provided Sydney's water supply after the Tank Stream became polluted. Other features were the canon from the First Fleet HMS Sirius that mounts guard in front of the 1845 Military Hospital, the beautifully designed barracks and Busby's Bore. Unfortunately our two hour barracks sortie meant the tour of the Museum was curtailed when the 'Major' summoned us for departure through the Victoria Gate on Oxford St. After a delightful lunch at the Paddington RSL we bussed home without any casualties, educationally enriched with a trip to this historic heritage listed site.

On Friday 26 April new VP Sandy Lamb and I attended a training and information day conducted by Probuss South Pacific. Those attending were from newly formed clubs and newly elected club executives. We learnt much from the presenters and many of the 61 people present about the highs and lows of running a successful club. We can happily say we are among the more successful clubs and can boast a track record of nearly forty years.

Finally, it is a pleasure to welcome our guest speaker, Susan Ryan and for Personal Corner Trish Power, wife of our late esteemed member Tom Power.

Cheers, **Kevin Fitzpatrick, President**



Victoria Barracks

MAY MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14th May** in the Auditorium at North Sydney Leagues Club, Abbot 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 wrap-up
- 12:00 - optional lunch and snooker

May GUEST SPEAKER

The Hon Susan RYAN Older Australians - 'Unrecognised Treasure' and the Role of Women

Susan Ryan was born in Sydney and educated at the Brigidine convent Maroubra. She earned a B.A. at Sydney University and an M.A. in English Literature at the ANU. She has worked as a teacher, university tutor and researcher. Susan was overseas from 1966-69 and 1970-71 on diplomatic postings with her husband in Vienna and New York. A mother of two, she became active in the Australian Labour Party and helped found the Women's Electoral Lobby. Susan was elected to the Senate in 1975.

With Hawke's election in 1983, Susan became the first female Cabinet minister in a federal Labor government, notably as Minister for Education and inaugural Minister assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women.

Susan served as Age Discrimination Commissioner from 2011 to 2016.

She now advocates for the rights of older people, with a focus on housing needs, engages in public debate on the role of women, especially in politics, and appears frequently on national TV, radio and in the press

Susan will cover her experiences as a reformer in parliament, her post parliamentary work in superannuation, and finally as the first age discrimination commissioner.

NEW MEMBER

Barry GREIVE

Career: Insurance
Interests: Share portfolio, Golf, Books, Singing, Rugby Union
Barry & Judy live in Castlecove

PERSONAL CORNER

Trish POWER

Career: Physiotherapist
Last position: Hironnelle Rehab Hospital
Interests: Just about everything!
Trish lives in Roseville

OUTINGS

SAKE BREWERY, LUNCH, NEPEAN BELLE RIVER CRUISE Tuesday 28th May 2019

Did you know that we export Sake to Japan? Yes - 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 the Penrith RSL, famous for their All You Can Eat Buffet offering a selection of the best eastern and western cuisines, seafood, dessert station and much more.

Afterwards, a 90 minute afternoon cruise aboard the *Nepean Belle* paddle wheeler. Enjoy a Devonshire Tea, 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 is \$68pp including coach travel, tour, morning tea, lunch, river cruise and Devonshire Tea. Pay online if possible, or by cheque or cash at the meeting. Add your name to the sheet at the meeting or contact:

Bob Pearce on **0400 291 373**

JIM'S JAUNT South Head Thursday 30th May 2019

We shall catch the ferry bound for Watson's Bay from Circular Quay, Wharf 4, leaving at 9.47am and arriving at 10.10. There it will be an easy flattish walk to South Head lighthouse and back to the 'Gap'. Lunch & beers at the Pub then back to the Quay with perhaps a stop at Garden Island. Flattish terrain, some stairs, magnificent views, lots of history. Duration about 3 hrs, distance about 3 km. Contact for more info: **Jim Holloway** on 0421 559 618 or **Ian Machin** on 9908 4423.

Next Jaunt is planned for Thursday 20th June at Manly

June GUEST SPEAKER

Nick GLEESON
Many Ways of Seeing

OUTINGS

ARCHIBALD Tour Thursday 30th May 2019

The Archibald is Australia's favourite Art Prize, awarded to the best portrait painting. The Wynne Prize is awarded to the best landscape painting of Australian scenery, or figure sculpture, while the Sulman Prize is given to the best subject painting, genre painting or mural project in oil, acrylic, watercolour or mixed media.

Our tour commences at 10.30am, so please meet in the foyer from 10am and no later than 10.15am at the Art Gallery of NSW. Add your name to the Meeting sign-on sheet or call **Gerald Christmas** on **9960 1005** or **0438 601 005** by 29th May.

STATE LIBRARY Tour Tuesday 18th June 2019.

The State Library of NSW, first established 1826, is the oldest library in Australia. Our Heritage Tour starts in the Macquarie St foyer and covers the architectural features of both the Mitchell Library and the Macquarie St building. The Gallery Tour guides us through six must-see library collections. We meet in the foyer at 10.20am. Check the flyer & add your name to the Meeting sign-on sheet.

WINTER FEAST Tues 23rd July 2019

Our annual Winter Feast will be held at Sydney Rowing Club, Abbotsford. Look out for the flyer and add your name to the Meeting sign-on sheet.

Annual SUBS Due Your annual subscription of **\$45** is due. Pay by cash at the meeting, by cheque or transfer online including your name for reference. Account details below.

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 activity, albeit abbreviated, in the description to minimise any confusion. Note the bank account details:
BSB 082 057 a/c no: 28869 5672; a/c name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

ART & MUSIC **John Brooks 9908 2820**

City Recital Hall will host *A Little Lunch Music* on Thurs 23rd May. A trio of Piano, Violin and Cello will play Beethoven's *Triple Concerto* and the concert will last about an hour.

The **Mosman Art Gallery** until 9th June, will be exhibiting the *Mosman Youth Art Prize*, awarded from over 400 entries. There is a Highlights Tour from 3-3.30pm on Sun 19th May

Conservatorium students playing in May: 15th Saxophone Orchestra; 16th Organ; 22nd Flute Ensemble; 23rd Jazz Big Band; 29th Clarinet Choir; 30th SCM Wind Symphony Orchestra.

At the **National Trust S.H. Ervin Gallery** from Sat 11th May to 28th July, view some of the paintings that were not selected for the Archibald & Wynne prize paintings known as the *Salon des Refuses 2019*.

CYCLING

Stewart 9439 9609 Allan 9960 8830

Monday rides usually start at 10am, routes & 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 0419 488 609

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

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

ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS

Peter Cornish 0421 012 538

Roll-up Lawn Bowls is usually held at North Sydney Bowling Club at St Leonards Park every Wednesday morning from 10am.

SAILING **Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106**

Ross invites you to join him on board the beautiful *Renada* on Tuesday 21st May; embarkation is normally at Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Contact Ross for further details.

TENNIS **Sandy Lamb 0409 944 500**

Tennis is held 10am-noon on the first Tuesday of the month at a *location to be advised*. Sign the sheet at the meeting.



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