



# Newsletter

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### Dear fellow members, partners and guests

Over the next six months our club will focus on a significant milestone in its history, the fortieth anniversary of its establishment in February 1980. Late in 1979, the Rotary Club of Neutral Bay determined it should sponsor and form a Probus Club in the area. A meeting to test interest was held at the Cammeray Golf Club on Tuesday 12 February 1980. Rotarians and 10 Probians from other clubs attended to lend support.

A club was formed, the thirteenth in NSW and one of seventeen clubs celebrating forty years in 2020. Our inaugural President, **Don Mackie** chaired the first meeting attended by 28 members. Joining fee was one dollar, with an annual subscription of two dollars. In 1982 membership grew to forty one necessitating a move to the Anzac Memorial Club in Cammeray. It remained there till 2002 when it moved to its present venue, North Sydney Leagues Club. The club had been incorporated in 1987.

The format of club meetings changed little during the whole period apart from the introduction of '10 Minute Speaker' in 2003. I consider this segment, now called 'Personal Corner', as significant. It seems better to hear and share one's active story rather than hearing it in panegyric form as we are laid to rest. Over the coming months our Executive will focus on our history and how we can grow our great club.

**PROMOTION: Hugh Seccombe** and I will head this activity and welcome ideas and support.

**MEMBERSHIP** is in the hands of **Peter Turner** and **Stewart Horwood**. It is pleasing to report we have 118 financial members and three others to be inducted.

**FEEDBACK** was another important sub-committee. **Ross Bruwel** and **Peter Davenport** welcome your valuable feedback on Speakers, Outings and Meeting Format.

Each of the above sub committees will present an action plan at our next executive meeting. As a committee we are as animated as the Australian Cricket Team that broached Fortress Edgbaston. So fellow members here's to an ever better club where fun and friendship abound.

Cheers **Kevin Fitzpatrick President.**

## August MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13th August** 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
- 01.30 - optional bridge

## August GUEST SPEAKER

**Gabriella Vigleone**  
**National Hearing Care**  
**"All you wanted to know about - and overcoming - hearing loss"**

A hearing loss is any impairment to one's hearing function. **Only one in five Australians who could benefit from a hearing aid actually use one.**

Gabriella is a Clinical Audiologist with experience working in over 15 clinics across NSW. She currently works at the National Hearing Clinic (NHC) branch in Hornsby. NHC, a subsidiary of Amplifon, is Australia's leading independent provider of hearing healthcare services. We thank them for releasing Gabriella to talk to us.

**Her Presentation will cover .....**

What is hearing loss? Types of hearing loss; Causes of hearing loss; Signs of hearing loss; Tinnitus; Assessing hearing loss; Managing hearing loss; Hearing aids and other listening devices.

### COMMITTEE

**President**

Kevin Fitzpatrick

**Vice President**

Sandy Lamb

**Imm. Past Pres**

Peter Davenport

**Secretary**

John Metcalf

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Hugh Seccombe

**Committee**

Alan Ambler

David Bruce-Steer

Ross Bruwel

Richard Hannaford

Ted Kraegen

John Mattes

Bob Pearce

James Ritchie

Barry Stone

Peter Turner

**OTHER ROLES**

**2Fifty Club**

John Pike

**Bowls**

Peter Cornish

**Cashier**

Philip Brook

John Hirst

**Cycling**

Allan Blake

Stewart Horwood

**Golf**

Murray Mair

**Hon Auditor**

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**Jim's Jaunts**

Jim Holloway

**Meetings**

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John Brooks

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**Sailing**

Ross Bruwel

**Speakers**

Barry Stone

**Tennis**

Sandy Lamb

**Tours, Outings**

Bob Pearce

James Ritchie

**Website**

David Bruce-Steer

**Welfare**

Peter Cornish

## Winter Feast



## OUTINGS

### MOUNT TOMAH GARDENS WINDSOR

Wed 25th September



Tour firstly to the [Blue Mountains Botanical Garden at Mt Tomah](#). The Garden contains hundreds of hectares of wilderness - additionally the Rhododendrons and Waratahs should be in full bloom at that time. We can either take a guided walk, or ride a shuttle vehicle.

Later we visit the [Hawkesbury Regional Museum](#) at Windsor, a prize-winning building with a superb, curated history of the third oldest settled region outside Sydney. The coach departs North Sydney Leagues Club 8.45 am, returning approx. 4pm

**LUNCH:** Own selection/own cost at the excellent Mt Tomah garden café  
**COST:** Only \$30 per person. Includes coach, morning tea/coffee on arrival plus guided walk or shuttle.

**REGISTER :** Max 28 people - please add your name to the sign-on sheet at the monthly meeting or by email to Bob Pearce or James Ritchie [bobpearce37@gmail.com](mailto:bobpearce37@gmail.com)

### 2FIFTY CLUB Manly by Ferry – Thursday, 5th September, 2019

Meet at 10:20 at Circular Quay for the 1030 ferry. 10 minute stroll to Manly 16' Skiff Club for lunch (see their website for menu). Back at Circular Quay by 3 pm. This is flexible with the possibility to leave at any time. Contact John Pike [thejohnpike@gmail.com](mailto:thejohnpike@gmail.com) 0403 007273, or add to meeting list.

### “BUNDANON” Rescheduled Tour Home of Artist Arthur Boyd Shoalhaven River South Coast By Coach Wed 28th August



Wander through the iconic landscape that inspired Boyd. View artwork from Bundanon's extensive collection, on show at Boyd's home and studio. We will hear about the history of the property and visit the Homestead. Enjoy the Sculpture gardens and stroll to the river.

The coach departs NSLC at 8.00 am, returning approx 5.30pm. Cost is \$63 pp incl. lunch in Berry. Max 50 people, preference in payment order. Add name to the sign-on sheet or email

[James Ritchie jamesfr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:James.Ritchie@ozemail.com.au)

### BRIDGE AFTER MEETING New Special Interest

After lunch, after our monthly meeting. Start at 1:30 pm and finish by 3:30 pm, PLEASE BRING CARDS, SCORERS, PENS. Rubber Bridge with a rotation of partners. Beginners welcome to come look and assess if they want to learn. John Pike 0403 007 273, [thejohnpike@gmail.com](mailto:thejohnpike@gmail.com)

### PAYMENTS

**Payments:** Please pay for outings ahead of any deadline and online if possible. If online, please quote your name & the activity, albeit abbreviated, in the description. Bank account details: **BSB 082 057 a/c no: 28869 5672; a/c name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay.** Otherwise pay by cash/cheque at meeting.

## SPECIAL INTERESTS

### ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820

[NSW Art Gallery](#) has free guided tours: At 11am “Gallery Highlights”, at 1pm “Contemporary Art”. An interesting talk at noon on Thu 22 Aug by Ron Ramsey “Canaletto Recollection”.

[National Trust](#), S.H.Ervin Gallery has an exhibition of more than 50 paintings, finalists for Portia Geach prize.

[Mosman Art Society's](#) popular ‘9 x 5 Spring Exhibition’ will be on show 31 Aug to 15 Sep.

[Sydney Uni's Conservatorium](#) has many free concerts - Michael Endres's “Masterclass Piano” 12md 14 Aug and 2pm 16 Aug. Also students' Chamber Music, at a 12.30 lunch break concert on 22 Aug.

Look at [Sydney.edu.au/music/boxoffice](http://Sydney.edu.au/music/boxoffice)

### 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 0730 & finish around 10am.

### GOLF

**Murray 0419 488 609**

Mondays from 8.15am for 18 holes or 9.45am for 9 holes at various courses.

### 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 the Renada on 20th August, normally from Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Contact Ross for details.

### TENNIS Alan Ambler 0419 259 887

Tennis is held 10am-noon on the first Tuesday of the month at *Primrose Tennis Park*.

### TWO DAY TOUR Williamtown Air Base and Newcastle Tuesday October 22nd and Wednesday October 23rd

On Tuesday we leave North Sydney Leagues Club at 9.00am firstly visiting [Fighter World Williamtown](#) for a museum tour plus lunch. Later, depending on weather, we will visit the WW11 gun emplacements at [Fort Tomaree](#) with spectacular views over Port Stephens. Then a stay at the 4 star Travelodge at West Newcastle with dinner and breakfast included.

On Wednesday we visit [Fort Scratchley](#), then lunch at Newcastle Diggers and a return to Cammeray by about 5pm.

**COST:** \$295 per person.(single supplement \$30) Includes coach, hotel, all meals and entry fees.

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### SEPT SPEAKER

**Prof Richard Collins**  
“Global Warming, the Greenhouse Effect and all that”

### PERSONAL CORNER

**Dr Tony Andrew**  
Career: Medical Practitioner  
Residence: Mosman

### NEW MEMBERS

**Ian Ashbrook**  
**Brendan Birsthistle**  
Welcome to Ian and Brendan!

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