



# Newsletter

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests

The remarkable cultural anthropologist, Margaret Mead said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world". This month's Speaker Professor Richard Collins will address Climate Change.

Unprecedented weather events around the world point to a crisis. Here in Australia we are faced with ravaging

drought, bushfires and a water shortage. That famous character Anon has said, "Crisis is an incredible driver of change" Furthermore Anon has claimed "For the first time the young are seeing history being made before it is censored by their elders". A proposed Global Climate Strike will be staged at The Domain at 1200 on Sept 20.

Meanwhile our club optimistically looks forward to celebrating 40 years as a stable, highly successful club. Our executive has completed a Health Check Review of the club and given it a clean bill of health.

Our three action groups – Membership, Promotion and Feedback have recommended the following:

- \* Streamline meetings. No need to repeat newsletter reports.
- \* A Travel blog giving a tabulation of trips taken by members and a link to the Probus South Pacific travel page.
- \* Transport to meetings for people who find it difficult to attend.
- \* New member induction to be personalised so we are better acquainted.
- \* Encourage word of mouth as the best form of recruitment.
- \* Peter Turner to prepare a draft press release of our club's milestone.
- \* Ross Bruwel and Peter Davenport will continue to seek feedback.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Luncheon on December 12 as a double celebration of friendship and gratitude for those who have ensured the success of our club over four decades. The fortieth anniversary will be celebrated at our general meeting in February 2020. We are seeking a special keynote speaker, a sociologist to review the changes encountered by our club and to challenge us to prepare for the next decade. May you enjoy this season of spring with good health and enjoy fun and friendship through the activities of the Neutral Bay Probus Club.

**Cheers, Kevin Fitzpatrick President**

## Sept MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10th September** 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

## Sept GUEST SPEAKER

### Prof. RICHARD COLLINS

**"Global Warming, the Greenhouse Effect, and all that"**

Prof. Collins retired in 2000 after 40 years as a scientist in industry, government and academia. The last included 20 years as Professor of Applied Physics at the University of Sydney with 4 years as Head of the School of Physics. He has chaired several Australian Government bodies, including the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation [ANSTO]

The talk will address important questions such as:

- What is the greenhouse effect and is it changing?
- Is the earth warming and sea level rising?
- Is human activity affecting these things?
- What should we do about it?
- Is all this a symptom of a larger problem?

### COMMITTEE

**President**  
Kevin Fitzpatrick  
**Imm. Past Pres**  
Peter Davenport  
**Secretary**  
John Metcalf  
**Treasurer**  
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**  
David Lloyd  
**Hospitality**  
Richard Hannaford  
**Jim's Jaunts**  
Jim Holloway  
**Meetings**  
Martin Grover  
**Membership**  
Peter Turner  
Stewart Horwood  
**Minute Secretary**  
John Mattes  
**Movies**  
David Bruce-Steer  
**Music, Art**  
John Brooks  
Gerald Christmas  
**Newsletter**  
Ted Kraegen  
Peter Dee  
**Postman**  
John Metcalf  
**Sailing**  
Ross Bruwel  
**Speakers**  
Barry Stone  
**Tennis**  
Peter Turner  
**Tours, Outings**  
Bob Pearce  
James Ritchie  
**Website**  
David Bruce-Steer  
**Welfare**  
Peter Cornish

## Tour of "Bundanon" Arthur Boyd's Home, Shoalhaven



## 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  
**NOW FULLY BOOKED.**

### 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 cash/cheque at meeting.

## PERSONAL CORNER

### Barry Friere

**"How I was born with a Silver spoon in my mouth and how I kept it there all my life"**

## NEW MEMBERS

### James Humphery

**Academic:** Dip Ag MBA  
**Career:** Marketing, Commercial  
**Last position:** Business Manager, Huntsman Corp  
**Interests:** Travel  
**Residence** Cremorne

### John Brien

**Career** Real Estate and Livestock Agent  
**Last position:** Shareholder Agency, Cattle Farmer  
**Interests:** Bowls  
**Residence** Neutral Bay

### 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 Cammeray return by 5pm.  
**COST:** \$295 per person.(single supplement \$30) Includes coach, hotel, all meals and entry fees.

**REGISTER :** Max 50 people. Please add your name to the monthly meeting sign-on sheet or by email to Bob or James [bobpearce37@gmail.com](mailto:bobpearce37@gmail.com) [jamesfr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jamesfr@ozemail.com.au)

### NOTE

**Depending on numbers interested, we can arrange for partners of members to go to Hunter Region Botanical Gardens instead of visiting Williamtown Air Base. Likewise, on the Wednesday, we can arrange an alternative to visiting Fort Scratchley.**



warmly invites you to its

### 2019 SPRING '9 x 5 EXHIBITION'

of unframed works for sale by members -  
with max. cost of \$250 for 9x5s, \$350 for 9x7s

### JULIAN ASHTON ART SCHOOL

Hut 17, Headland Park,  
Middle Head Road, Mosman

SAT 31 AUG - SUN 15 SEP 2019  
10am to 4pm daily

## OCTOBER SPEAKER

John Williams  
"I was a Barnado's Boy"

## SPECIAL INTERESTS

### CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

John Brooks 9908 2820

At the [Conservatorium](#) each Saturday at 11 and 2pm some very young pupils are on show - indeed they're 'Rising Stars'. In August we watched fantastic piano and violin playing by 10 to 13 year-olds. Much older students can be heard during 40 minutes concerts, starting at 12.30 each Wednesday and Thursday. Consider the Pianists on Wed 18 Sep, perhaps the Jazz Orchestra on the 19th or listen to the Grand Organ on 25 Sep.

The [Rochfort Gallery](#) (317 Pacific Hwy, North Sydney), has a still-life exhibition called "Bloody Beautiful" - it's mostly modern art. [The Carriageworks](#) at Eveleigh (Oz's largest multi-arts Centre), has its Farmers' Market on Saturdays, between 8 and 1pm. At 10.30am on 14 Sep celebrated chef Andy Evans will demonstrate his cooking. [The Power House Museum](#), Harris St., Ultimo, has the Apollo11 Exhibition, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing.; seniors \$8.

### 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 Tues 24th September, normally from Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Contact Ross for details.

### TENNIS Peter Turner 0428 611 456

Tennis is held 10am-noon on the first Tuesday of the month at [Primrose Tennis Park](#).

### BRIDGE John Pike 0403 007273

After our monthly meeting. 1:00 pm to 3:00 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.