

# Newsletter

**Oct  
2019**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests

When Lawrence Roberts of MIT connected a Massachusetts computer with a California computer in a 1965 over a dial-up telephone it heralded an unprecedented data exchange revolution. Initially the preserve of Universities and the Military it now pervades every area of our lives. So it should not surprise us to read that today the most valuable resource is not oil but data.

Our Neutral Bay Probuss Club is fortunate to have members who have put us on the front foot providing an excellent web presence. Building on the work of members Geoff Lumsdaine and James Ritchie and others, David Bruce-Steer and Peter Turner have upgraded our web site into a vibrant dynamic platform. Please visit [www.probusneutralbay.org](http://www.probusneutralbay.org) and view the changes. It will be a valuable promotional tool for our club. Recommend it to friends and above all prospective members.

Peter Turner's marketing expertise has been an asset in creating a Press Release on our Club's fortieth year to be forwarded to regional newspapers. He tells us that a press release should be no more than 200 words, if possible whittled down to 100 words. Makes sense; after all the Gettysburg Address was 271 words and Greta Thunburg's address to the United Nations was 495.

So with my 266 words I thank our executive for the contribution they make to the club and urge you to enjoy the fun and friendship it provides. An Ambrose Golf tournament is being planned by Alan Amber in November. A new club activity, Bridge takes place after our meeting and lunch.

Cheers, Kevin Fitzpatrick President

### PERSONAL CORNER

**Barry Greive**

"Thoughts of a singing career"

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

As last year will be held at  
**Manly Golf Club .**

**Thursday 12th December.**  
**Cost \$77 pp. Details later.**

## Tour of Mount Tomah Botanical Gardens



## Oct MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8th October** 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

## October GUEST SPEAKER

**John Williams**  
"I was a Barnardo's Boy"



For most of us, childhood was the easiest part of our lives, but for thousands of Australian children it can be the hardest.

In 1870, Dr Thomas Barnardo opened his first home for boys in Stepney Causeway. He regularly went out at night into the slum district to find destitute boys. In 1921, the first Barnardo home was established in Australia to house British child immigrants.

In 1936, John was born in England into a disadvantaged family. He lived in an orphanage from the age of 5 to 12. Then arriving in Sydney he was sent to Barnardo House in Ashfield and then to a Barnardo home in Picton. This establishment was a training property for future farmers. [I will let John tell his own story.]

John married Elaine in 1966 = they have two sons and five grandchildren. He will talk on his life from birth to now, including his experiences as a Barnardo's Boy.

## NOVEMBER SPEAKER

**Greg Gebhart**  
"Can you spot a scam?"

## 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; Probuss Club of Neutral Bay.**  
Otherwise cash/cheque at meeting.

### COMMITTEE

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Kevin Fitzpatrick

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Ross Bruwel

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Ted Kraegen

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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

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#### Speakers

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#### Tennis

Peter Turner

#### Tours, Outings

Bob Pearce

James Ritchie

#### Website

David Bruce-Steer

#### Welfare

Peter Cornish

## OUTINGS

### 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. **For those not wishing to visit Fighter World, our Coach will take them to Hunter Regional Botanical Gardens before rejoining main group.** 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. Contact James Ritchie [jamesfr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jamesfr@ozemail.com.au) or Bob Pearce [bobpearce37@gmail.com](mailto:bobpearce37@gmail.com)

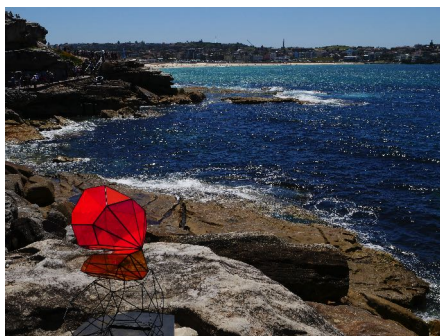
### Jims Jaunts : Sculpture by the Sea Walk Thurs 31st Oct 2019

#### Walking Bondi to Coogee

Meet 9.30am outside the ICEBERGS Club Notts Av Bondi Beach

Aside from viewing creative sculptures the walk has superb cliffside views. Distance is 4 km and we take a leisurely 3 hours. Some ups and downs. Then bus back from Tamarama to Bondi followed by Club / Pub lunch

**Jim Holloway 0421 559 618 or 9955 1368**  
**Ian Machin 9908 4423**



### Tour to Sydney Tramway Museum Loftus Wed Nov 20th 2019

See an extensive collection of Sydney trams from 1896 to 1952, including the unique prison tram that ran between Long Bay Gaol and Darlinghurst Court House. Also a variety of interstate and overseas trams. Then lunch at Cronulla RSL (own selection/own cost).

Depart NSLC at 9.00 am, return approx. 4.00pm. Tour \$35 per person. Includes coach, entry to museum, morning tea/coffee. Max No 25.

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



### Two Fifty Club September Manly Tour



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## SPECIAL INTERESTS

### CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

**John Brooks 9908 2820**

**NSW Art Gallery** has European figurative paintings by Picasso, Bacon, Freud, Modigliani, van Gogh and Pierre Bonnard.

**The Palm House** in the Royal Botanic Gardens has Ruth Law's unique floral paintings, 8-25 Oct.

**The National Trust's S.H. Ervin Gallery** "River on the Brink" to 3Nov. illustrates the devastation of the Barka/Darling river system.

**Conservatorium of Music** has free 40 mins. lunch-break concerts, on Wed and Thurs at 1pm. Try out the 'Classical Guitars' on Thu.10th or 'Saxophone Orchestra' on Wed.30th Oct.

**The Mosman Festival's** opening concert has a Jazz vocalist Emma Pask "Balmoral Beats" 3.30-5pm. The Musical Society perform 6-8.30pm on 18Oct. down at the Esplanade.

**Coal Loader Platform** has 20 acts by "Acoustic Musicians" from 3-9pm on 12 Oct. **Crows Nest Festival** for its 30th year, has 4 stages for street entertainment, 10-5pm, 20 Oct.

**Headland Artists** would welcome you to see their paintings from 19-27th Oct.

### 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 29th Oct, normally from Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Contact Ross for details.

**TENNIS Peter Turner 0428 611 456**

Tennis is in recess until Feb 2020

**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.