



Newsletter

**Nov
2019**

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests

As we advance in age and wisdom many members enjoy travel while some sadly face health challenges. During the past week my wife, Trisha, was a guest of Royal North Shore Hospital where she experienced the best of total health care. Ancillary and nursing staff, doctors and specialists showed kindness, respect and

professionalism. One experience stood out. While in the lift leaving the hospital, a Chinese patient with absolutely no English but aided by Dr Google's translation app and an understanding carer was able to navigate what is at the best of times a challenging experience. It is said, 'Kindness is the language blind people can see and deaf people hear.' In Probus we strive for fun, friendship and fellowship, the latter translating as a community of interest and feeling. To have been successful and still growing after forty years we have maintained interest, feeling and respect for our members, partners and guests. Again we salute all those who have fostered such a spirit in our club.

We hope this dignity and decorum is maintained at our Ambrose Competition golf day at nearby Cammeray Golf Club on Thursday 21 November commencing 12 noon. It is a team game and should be fun.

For those who wish to compare our imminent Light Rail with Light Rail of yesteryear this month's trip to the Tramway Museum will be nostalgic and enlightening. Should be a blast from the past.

The Christmas Lunch at the Manly Golf Club on December 12 is a must. Be assured that if you have mobility problems they have an inclinator at the front of the club. Called in there to check out this facility and was impressed with the friendly helpful staff.

Cheers, Kevin Fitzpatrick President

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

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

Nov MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 12th November** 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

November GUEST SPEAKER

Greg Gebhart "Can you spot a scam?"



Australians lost nearly half a billion dollars to scammers in 2018 but that figure is just "the tip of the iceberg", the consumer watchdog has warned. Scams include: Attempts to gain your personal information; Investments; Threats and extortion; On-line buying or selling; Dating & romance; ; Computer hacking. Fake charities etc (see www.scamwatch.gov.au)

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is Australia's national independent regulator for online safety. Its purpose is to help safeguard Australians at risk from online harms and to promote safer, more positive online experiences. **Greg Gebhart**, its Senior Trainer has a degree in Applied Science (Physical Education) and a Masters in Computer Education.. He has been recognised for his achievements many times, including an International Society for Technology in Education global achievement award.

Greg's presentation will cover

- Common scams
- Tips on how to spot them
- What to do and what not to do
- Where to go for help

PERSONAL CORNER

Ian Ashbrook

"Reflections"
(Ian is a past President of an interstate Probud Club)

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to:
Bill Northcott
Bill Smallhorn

Jim's Jaunts "Sculpture by the Sea"



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; Probud Club of Neutral Bay.

Otherwise cash/cheque at meeting.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Manly Golf Club Thu 12th December

For three years now, Manly Golf Club have done a wonderful job hosting our Christmas lunch. We have enjoyed the peaceful outlook over the course, the festive décor and general ambience, the friendly and helpful staff and, most

importantly, the great food. Our 2019 Christmas event will be at the same location. The cost of \$77 per person, subsidised by Probus, includes a welcoming drink and canapés, a choice of turkey or barramundi, desserts with some table wine, tea and coffee. Gluten free diets will be catered for. Add your name to the sign-on sheet at our next meeting or contact Bob Pearce bobpearce37@gmail.com or James Ritchie jamesfr@ozemail.com.au



OUTINGS

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 or James Ritchie jamesfr@ozemail.com.au



Golfers Note: Annual Ambrose Day

The **Ambrose Golf Day** organised by Alan Ambler will be held at **Cammeray Golf Club** on **Thursday 21 November 2019**

Alan's plan is to start from 12 noon with the hope that at least 20 players will take part.

Please add your name to the sign-on sheet at the monthly meeting or contact Alan at corpdir@bigpond.net.au or 0419 259 887



"Your main problem is you are standing too close to the ball... after you have hit it."

Jim Holloway with several of his happy walkers



SPECIAL INTERESTS

CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

John Brooks 9908 2820

Conservatorium of Music.Free viewing of Students as they partake their main performance exams. Mon 11th to Thu 14th Nov, each day between 09.30 and 3.20pm.

For more info: look at the WEBSITE <boxoffice-music.sydney.edu.au>.

City Recital Hall.There's "A little Lunch Music" featuring 40 mins of European tunes...12.30 Mon 25th Nov: all tickets \$15.

National Trust, S.H.Ervin Gallery until 17Nov there's paintings by more than 20 artists, to illustrate the devastation of the Murray-Darling rivers system.

Manly Art Gallery. Until 1st Dec, take a ferry ride to view 80 documentary photos from SMH's archive. They relate to the Northern beaches of the current past.

Mosman Art Gallery until 26th Nov "Through the Eyes of Many" - Mosman Art Society has many professional artists in its membership. Over 70 paintings are exhibited.

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

Sailing is in recess this month

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.