



# Newsletter

**Feb  
2020**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### COMMITTEE

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### OTHER ROLES

**2Fifty Club**  
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**Music, Art**  
John Brooks  
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Ted Kraegen  
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**Postmen**  
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Barry Stone  
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Peter Turner  
**Tours, Outings**  
Bob Pearce  
James Ritchie  
**Website**  
David Bruce-Steer  
**Welfare**  
Peter Cornish



### Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests

As many of you will know, President Kevin has had a sporting accident which resulted in a broken femur and broken wrist. He is recovering well and is now able to put weight on his leg so only needs one crutch. As a result, I am deputizing for him until he is able to take the reins again, in time for the AGM in March.

The Christmas lunch at Manly Golf Club was a very successful event, good food, good company and well organised. Thank you Bob Pearce. I'm afraid I wasn't able to be at The Balls Head High Tea this year but I understand it was a big success. Again, Bob Pearce organised it very well, supported by his assistants at the BBQ.

At today's meeting we are celebrating Probud Neutral Bay's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday with a large cake for morning tea. Our most senior member, John Minnett will cut the cake; his parents in law & other Rotarians founded the Club in 1980 and John joined in 1986.

In March it will be AGM time. **We invite members to nominate for election to the committee and office bearers. We need new blood on the executive, starting with a Vice President and a Minute Secretary.** Could we have some nominations please. "The more you put into a club, the more you will get out of it." Speak to any of the executive about what is involved and where you think you can contribute.

Have you looked at our website recently? This is our main channel to advertise our Club and several recent new members came via this route. David Bruce-Steer is managing the website and would welcome input, - google "Probus Neutral Bay" to access the website.

Today we introduce John Sildever as a new member, I hope you will all make him welcome. Our guest speaker is Grant Bellve, International Export Manager, Tyrrell's Wines. With so much volatility in trade agreements & Brexit, I'm sure it will be a very interesting talk.

Lastly look at the outings being proposed in the coming months; book early, numbers may be limited.

**Peter Davenport Deputy President**

## Feeding the Troops . Balls Head "High Tea"



## Feb MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11th February** 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 **including 40th year celebration cake**
- 11:00 - 11:55 **guest speaker/wine sampling**
- 11:55 wrap-up
- 12:00 - optional lunch

## Feb GUEST SPEAKER

### "Wine Export – A Changing Picture"

**GRANT BELLVÉ**

**International Export Manager  
Tyrrell's Wines**



The Australian Government has recently invested \$50 million to grow Australia's wine exports. Currently we are in a boom phase but our export market has previously undergone considerable fluctuation. Why? For over 160 years Tyrrell's Wines has been one of Australia's pre-eminent family owned wine companies. They are certainly in a great position to enlighten us.

Grant joined Tyrrell's Wines in 1992 and is now responsible for 40 markets globally. He will discuss the growth and changes within the Australian wine industry on the global stage over the last 40 years and the influence Australia has had on the world of wine.

**And, in contributing to our 40th Anniversary, we will be sampling a Hunter Semillon and Shiraz.**

## PERSONAL CORNER

**Peter Moll**

## NEW MEMBER

**John Sildever**  
**Retired - NS Mitsubishi**  
**John and Jillian live in Roseville**

## Special Best Wishes

**To President Kevin for a speedy recovery!**

## OUTINGS

### The Boat House Hotel Patonga Tues 25th February 2020

Formerly known as the **Patonga Beach Hotel**, the hotel has been renovated and redeveloped by The Boat House Group. It's a very pleasant excursion for summer lunch, following a ferry trip from Palm Beach. Before or after lunch, stroll along the beach or through streets to the lagoon behind. For those preferring to drive, it's a one hour drive from Wahroonga.



**The ferry leaves Palm Beach Wharf promptly at 11.00am** – suggest you arrive a few minutes before. Travel to Palm Beach by own transport or get the L90 bus leaving Neutral Bay at 9.16am. Return ferry departs Patonga at 3.00pm

**Lunch:** Boat House offers a range of light and substantial meals – see web site

**Cost:** Bus, ferry and lunch at own cost – return fare for seniors on ferry \$15.00

**How:** Advise attendance by email to Bob Pearce at [bobpearce37@gmail.com](mailto:bobpearce37@gmail.com) or James Ritchie at [jamesfr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jamesfr@ozemail.com.au). **While there is no direct cost, we need to know numbers to advise the hotel and ferry.** Also please advise Bob or James if coming by car instead of the ferry.

### 2.50 Club Labyrinth and Lunch Thurs 20th February 11am

We will explore the newest Light Rail from Circular Quay to Randwick, catching the tram just after 11am and getting off at Centennial Park for about 30 minutes to try and succeed at the Labrynth - then on to the terminus at Randwick and lunch at the Royal Hotel, just across the square. Back to Circular Quay by 3pm. Just phone to catch up or if lost **John Pike 0403 007 273** but preferably email if coming [thejohnpike@gmail.com](mailto:thejohnpike@gmail.com) or sign on the Meeting sheet.



### Christmas Lunch at Manly Golf Club



### Future Outings for Diary

**Tues Mar 17 and May 19**  
**Mind and Brain Centre Sydney Uni**  
**Tues April 21st**  
**Cochlear Centre**

## SPECIAL INTERESTS

### CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

**John Brooks 9908 2820**

**NSW Art Gallery** <[artgallery.nsw.gov.au](http://artgallery.nsw.gov.au)>

6 Feb-26 Apr there's a section 'Art Express'. It shows a selection of students' art works, preparation for their HSC exams.. It's also possible to become lost whilst walking around 50 years of 'Kaldor's Public Art Projects', created by British artist Michael Landy. They're there until Sun16Feb.

**National Trust - S.H.Ervin Art Gallery**  
 <[shervingallery.com.au](http://shervingallery.com.au)>

'Margaret Olley's Gift' - 65 artworks of European, Japanese and Papua New Guinea masters until Sun 22 Mar.

**Sydney University's Conservatorium of Music**  
 <[boxoffice-music.sydney.edu.au](http://boxoffice-music.sydney.edu.au)>

Lunch break concerts, each of 45 minutes, begin again at 12.30 each day with 'Rising Stars' on Wed 26th and Thu 27th Feb.

**City Recital Hall**, Angel Place CBD  
 <[cityrecitalhall.com](http://cityrecitalhall.com)>

'Inside Mind of a Musician' a free 12.30 lunchtime talk by Rebecca Gelding on Tue 18 Feb. Also look at 'Belongings' the showing of images of 6 refugees with a large 3x7m screen...on until Wed 4 Mar.

### 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 18th February, normally from Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Contact Ross for details.

**TENNIS Peter Turner 0428 611 456**

Tennis resumes Mar 3rd 10-12pm at Primrose Park, Cremorne

**BRIDGE John Pike 0403 007273**

In recess in Feb but the plan remains to play bridge after our monthly meetings. 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Please consider joining in if you play bridge. Beginners welcome to come look to learn.