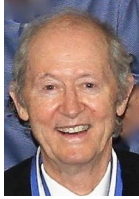


Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests

It is good to be back after an extensive summer break. I sincerely thank members for their support and concern for my welfare. Above all I thank and congratulate Past President, Peter Davenport and the great committee team for celebrating our fortieth celebration in so memorable a fashion. People are clamouring for James Ritchie's cake recipe. It was memorable that John Minnett provided such a link to our initial foundation when members of his late wife, Helen's family, were the Rotarians sponsoring Neutral Bay Probus Club into existence. We thank the Norths Leagues Club for their support and look forward to continuing our working relationship.

Today at what must be a 400 plus club meeting, our AGM, it is pleasing to see our club continue to prosper. Our finances are sound, our outings well planned and appreciated by members. Patonga was a standout, enjoyed by some 40 members. Our Speakers program, surely a significant part of our monthly meeting is well researched and expedited by Barry Stone.

We thank our outgoing Treasurer, Hugh Seccombe for his sterling job. We thank Minutes Secretary, John Mattes, while stepping down will guide Kwan Liu Lam in the role. Finally a big thank you to Committee member, Alan Ambler who retires after 10 years of service. Hopefully Alan will continue to organise our Annual Ambrose Golf Tournament.

In September 2019 our website was updated by webmaster, David Bruce-Steer, assisted by Peter Turner. It is noteworthy the increased number of hits or visits to the site from that time. Statistically Australia heads the list followed by the United States and in third place Russia. Hopefully there will be no interference in the AGM election of officers and is it that there are nations looking for a neutral bay to anchor their ships when visiting our great city?

Kevin Fitzpatrick President



**Our 40th Year Club Anniversary
John Minnett cuts the cake**



March MEETING

This month's meeting and the AGM will be held on **Tuesday 10th March** in the North Sydney Leagues Club Auditorium, Abbot St Cammeray.

- 10:00 - 10:20 general business
- 10:20 - 10:40 Annual General Meeting
- 10:40 - 11:00 morning tea
- 11:00 - 11:55 guest speaker
- 12:00 - optional lunch
- 01.30 - optional bridge

Annual General Meeting 2020

The 40th Annual General Meeting of members will be held at North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at approximately 10:20am during an adjournment of the monthly meeting.

AGENDA

- To confirm the Minutes of the 40th AGM held on Tuesday 12th March 2019
- To receive the President's Report
- To receive the Income & Expenditure Statement for the Year ending 31 December 2019, the Statement of Financial Position at 31 December 2019 and the Auditor's Report thereon
- To increase the annual membership subscription to \$50. The member joining fee to remain at \$15
- To present the List of Club Activities
- To elect the Officers and Committee: we have received the following unopposed nominations: Kevin Fitzpatrick (President), Roger Freney (Vice President), John Metcalf (Secretary), Barry Friere (Treasurer), Peter Davenport (Immediate Past President), Ian Ashbrook, David Bruce-Steer, Ross Bruwel, Richard Hannaford, Ted Kraegen, Kwan Yiu Lam, Bob Pearce, James Ritchie, Barry Stone, Peter Turner (Committee)
- To re-appoint the Honorary Auditor, David Lloyd

New Member

Welcome to **Brian England**
Retired Sales & Marketing Director
Millenium Chemicals.
Brian and Pamela live in Greenwich

Annual Subscription Due

Your annual subscription of \$50 is now due. Please don't leave it until the deadline in June. You can pay by cash or cheque at the meeting but preferably by online bank transfer: include your name for reference.

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Imm. Past Pres
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Secretary
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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
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
Postmen
John Metcalf
Bob Pearce
Sailing
Ross Bruwel
Speakers
Barry Stone
Tennis
Peter Turner
Tours, Outings
Bob Pearce
James Ritchie
Website
David Bruce-Steer
Welfare
Peter Cornish

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

Kim McKay AO - Director & CEO Australian Museum

KIM MCKAY AO, has led the transformation of the Australian Museum into one of the world's pre-eminent natural history and cultural institutions. She co-founded the Clean Up Australia and Clean Up the World campaigns. She also co-created The Genographic Project, the world's largest DNA population study, for the National Geographic Society, and is the co-author of five books.

Kim will discuss the 193 year history, plus future plans for the Australian Museum, She will talk about the transformation of the Museum including new galleries and the Crystal Hall. Kim will also discuss the upcoming "Tutankhamun" exhibition together with highlights of the current renovation project "Project Discover". Kim will preview the exciting new spaces being created at the Museum, reopening in Spring.



SPECIAL INTERESTS

CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

John Brooks 9908 2820

Mosman Art Gallery still has those 2020 Artists group who show/sell their works until 22 Mar. There's a tour at 10.30 to 12noon on Thu 12th Mar. Doubtless it will include *Balnaves Gift* of paintings by impressionists of 20th Cent. local Mosman views.

Conservatorium of Music has begun the weekly 40 min. performances of their best students' familiarity with various instruments: They perform at 12.30 on Wed. 11th: *Strings*, Thu. 12th: *Piano*, Wed. 18th: *Collaborative Piano*, Thu. 19th: *Piano*. and so on...

City Recital Hall For a \$50 seat you can listen to *Handel's Messiah* at 6pm on Sat. 14th. Mar. **NSW Art Gallery** is showing lots of *European paintings* brought up from its store - perhaps the enormous Battle Charge scenes or the Picasso masterpiece of a Reclining Woman on a Couch would interest. There are huge overhead movies too.

National Trust S.H. Ervine Gallery close to the Rocks on Observatory Hill, still has that exhibition of famous works gifted by Margaret Olley to 22 Mar. not open Mondays

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 24th March, normally from Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Contact Ross for details.

TENNIS Peter Turner 0428 611 456

Tennis first Tuesday of month 10-12pm at Primrose Park, Cremorne

BRIDGE John Pike 0403 007273

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.

OUTINGS April and May



Tuesday 21 April is our visit with **COCHLEAR at Macquarie University**. During our tour, we aim to learn about their world-leading hearing technology and witness its manufacture.

Tuesday 19 May is our second visit to **THE BRAIN AND MIND CENTRE at Sydney University**. We aim to learn of their research into the treatment of disorders including dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and motor-neurone disease



Both of these venues are forced to limit the numbers of visitors they can accommodate. Ensure that you are included. Get your name to Bob [bobpearce37@gmail.com] or James [jamesfr@ozemail.com.au] **NOW**

Jims Jaunt

Back Streets of Glebe

Thurs 27th March

An easy flat walk passing old Glebe Victorian mansions. see interesting street art and gardens. Lunch at Toxteth Pub. Meet 0930 Railway Square bus island to catch 431 bus.

Jim Holloway 0421 559 618 or Ian Machin 9908 4423

2.50 Club Light Rail, Labyrinth and Lunch



Challenged by Centennial Park Labyrinth!

Ferry ride and Lunch at Boat House Hotel Patonga. A great day!



Payments

Please pay for outings ahead of any deadline and online if possible. If online, please quote your name & the activity, in the description. Bank account details:
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