

# Newsletter

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



### Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests

In our time of enforced shut down are you aware that it is an opportunity for creativity? Did you know that eminent scientist, mathematician, author and writer, Sir Isaac Newton had to work from home when the University of Cambridge temporarily closed due to the bubonic plague? It was the most productive period of his life and he used that time to develop his theories on calculus, optics and gravity.

So what have you learned during this spell from 'free range living'? Personally my discovery was in the kitchen, cooking a whole new experience. How about your ventures into things culinary? Is this age of discovery something to be passed on to future generations? Is it possible – ironically, that our men's club will produce its own cook book as a testimony to our combined cooking skills. My contribution would be Ronald Reagan's own recipe for macaroni and cheese or possibly a quiche.

Already our sporting groups are venturing forth to bikes, tennis courts, and bowling greens. The 2Fifty Club is about to tread the banks of the Cooks River. The Winter Feast an Orange trip are filling fast so make your booking now. A Trivia competition is being planned. And please remember to renew your annual club subscription.

Our June General Meeting will be a first, a Zoom meeting. You will receive appropriate instructions from our resident IT boffins, David Bruce-Steer and James Ritchie on how to participate from the comfort of your own home. Above all keep warm and safe. In the words of a recent advert for a particular beverage that is now liberally welcomed at clubs and pubs, 'at a time when we can't stand close we need to stand together'.

**Kevin Fitzpatrick President**

## June Meeting by Zoom

The June Meeting will be held over the Internet at **11.00am** on Tuesday June 9th using Zoom. This will be an attenuated meeting without a guest speaker but with Personal Corner. Details including login procedures will be advised by separate email.

**NOTE Starting time is 11.00am**

## Personal Corner

### Bill Smallhorn

Bill is a good golfer & tennis player, he was a Divisional Manager with Boral Timber before he retired & now spend most of his time, gardening, enjoying grandchildren, kayaking and going on exciting travel adventures!

## June Activities

The plan is to resume some activities in June in view of the excellent community response to the lockdown. These are detailed overleaf. We will be guided here by official Government advice, and additional activities will be considered as possible.

## Annual Subscription Due

Your annual subscription of \$50 is now due.  
**THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS THIS MONTH**  
You can pay preferably by online bank transfer:

include your name for reference.  
**BSB 082 057 a/c no: 28869 5672;**  
**Probus Club of Neutral Bay.**

## The Cycling Group is up and away again



### COMMITTEE

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### OTHER ROLES

**2Fifty Club**  
John Pike  
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Peter Cornish  
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John Brooks  
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David Bruce-Steer

**Winter Feast Tuesday 25th August**

Our Winter Feast will again be held at "Watergrill", Sydney Rowing Club, Abbotsford. Overlooking beautiful Parramatta River and 50m from Abbotsford Rivercat wharf. Time 12.00 for 12.30pm. (Suggest 11.07am ferry from Circular Quay). Cost is \$65pp for great 3 course meal plus coffee. Advise attendance and optional table seating to James or Bob (emails below).  
 Arrange payment preferably by bank transfer.  
 Further details in flyer



**Orange in the Spring**

We still have a **few places available** for our proposed 4 day visit to Orange in September.

- Tuesday 22 September to Friday 25 September
- Good Fellowship, Food and Wine. Details in flyer.
- Contact Bob [ [bobpearce37@gmail.com](mailto:bobpearce37@gmail.com) ] or James [ [jamesfr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jamesfr@ozemail.com.au) ] **NOW**

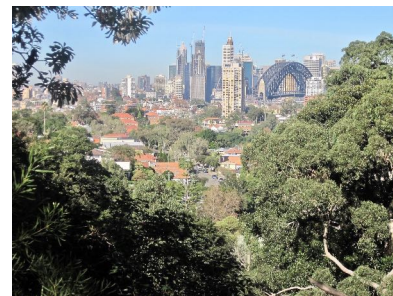


**2.50 Club Thurs June 11th Country Lunch in the City**

Meet at bus terminus Martin Place for 423 bus leaving at 11am. Exit at Cooks River for 10min walk to Marrickville Golf Clubhouse. Then rest or optional 40min river walk. Eating and drinking according to social distancing rules – possibly outside. If coming text **John Pike on 0403 007 273** as we may have to split the bus group, and communication is essential.

**Jims Jaunts Thurs June 25th Hidden Neutral Bay**

See a part of Neutral Bay that has been hidden for last 50 - 90years. Meet 10am at bus shelter Watson St opp Big Bear. We visit old bush tracks- parkland-- hidden houses - North Sydney's only airfield - interesting & different. Ferry back to Neutral Bay and lunch at the Oakes if OK for numbers. Distance 3km and time 3hrs. Optional to bring hiking pole.  
**Contact Jim Holloway 0421 559 618**



Some regular activities have resumed as below. Other Group organisers below will monitor activities and will communicate when and if possibilities arise.

**CULTURE, ART & MUSIC**

**John Brooks 9908 282**

The **NSW Art Gallery** requires you to book a "timed-entry ticket".

The **Power House Museum** and the **Modern Contemporary Art museum** are still temporarily closed.

So too are the **Museum of Sydney**, the **Australian Museum** and the **Australian National Maritime Museum**.

**CYCLING**

Our usual Monday rides have been suspended. However, we are meeting each Mon and Wed at 9.30am at Milsons Point Station for a 23km ride around the Opera House then wharves to near Anzac Bridge. Contact Stewart on 9439 9609

**GOLF**

**Murray 0419 488 609**

**MOVIE ENJOYMENT**

**David Bruce-Steer 9419 7017**

**ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS**

**Peter Cornish 0421 012 538**

Playing at the Neutral Bay Club at 10am Thursdays until the Greens resumes at St Leonards

**SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106**

**TENNIS Peter Turner 0428 611 456**

Tennis has resumed on the first Tuesday of the month at 10am to 12pm at Primrose Park Cremorne

The Time We All Stayed In

Another day of staying home and planning what to do.  
 I'll learn a language, read a book. I'll call a friend or two.  
 These weeks have seemed so very long away from kith and kin,  
 But one day we'll look back and recall  
 The time we all stayed in.

This Covid is a killer that's proving hard to control  
 Though victims cross the spectrum, some take a heavier toll.  
 They drive a bus, collect the trash, bring food and medicine.  
 They put their lives in danger,  
 So that we can all stay in.

Doctors, nurses, healthcare workers have paid too high a price.  
 With barely adequate PPE's, it's just a role of the dice.  
 But still they battle every day praying that they'll win  
 The fight to save the infected.  
 They just ask that we all stay in.

So, I won't complain that I can't go out lunching with my friends.  
 I'll plan how to be a better person when this disaster ends.  
 It's not too late. I still have time, and I'm ready to begin.  
 This crucial phase, must not be for naught,  
 The time we all stayed in.

**Jean Bailey Glauser April 2020**

On the Lighter Side



Now is not the right time to surround yourself with positive people.

So many coronavirus jokes out there, it's a pandemic.