



Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow members, partners and guests.



What a month it has been, continued Covid restrictions, quarantining for those returning from overseas, early bush fire burn offs in preparation for a potentially difficult bushfire season and already we are experiencing above average temperatures indicating a warm, warm summer. But there are green shoots. Have you noticed early flowering of plants and shrubs, green buds on deciduous trees and the fact we look forward to sharing our friendship, knowledge and fun via amazing technology.

It has been a tough month for me with my beloved Trisha admitted to RNS Hospital after the trial drug program for her cancer failed. In frail health she was admitted to Greenwich Hospital to strengthen her for chemotherapy. When this failed, despite the magnificent care and support of the amazing caring and generous staff, via Zoom we were able to have our daughters, Carolyn (Phuket) and Melissa (LA) join us in the hospital room to be with Trisha till her last breath was drawn.

It was deja vu as she was in the same room occupied by Geoff Lumsdaine when he was a patient and in the next room I had occupied. Ken Priest in his recent stay was in the room just around the corner. Perhaps we should be promoting a Neutral Bay Probud Ward at Greenwich Hospital.

The remarkable teamwork of the medical profession is another of the 'green shoots' in our midst. I salute our medical services personnel, doctors, nurses, occupational therapists, ancillary staff and cleaners, all offering service with a smile. Around our great land I am sure these services are being offered in the battle against the virus.

A further green shoot that has helped us stay connected is IT. Our computing skills and subsequent sharing enhance our lives.

It was suggested we invite a member not on Zoom to share the experience this Tuesday. We have had up to 50 'Zoomers' at a past meeting so we could double that to 100. This could be the chance to invite a prospective member to join the general meeting with us. We can guarantee a brief General Meeting followed by an interesting personal corner and informative guest speaker.

It was once said that if our troubles were like overcoats and we hung them on a rack by the door, we would choose our own when we considered those of others. So dear fellow members thank you for your great support and encouragement.

Kevin Fitzpatrick President

September Meeting is on ZOOM

The September Meeting will be held **over the Internet at 11.00am** on Tuesday September 8th using Zoom. This will be an attenuated meeting over approximately one hour. **Login procedures will be advised by separate email. Agenda is as follows:**

- 11:00 - 11:15 General business
- 11:15 - 11:25 Personal Corner
- 11:25 - 11:55 Guest Speaker
- 11:55 Questions and Wrap Up

Vale

Trisha (nee Hancock) Fitzpatrick

Trisha trained as a Librarian at the Adelaide State Library and later worked at Kansas State University and Claremont College, California. Back in Australia as President of the Public Libraries Association she successfully won equal pay for female librarians. Described as 'feisty' she used her vast talents in church and civic organisations (Outstanding service to the Community North Sydney 2011) Kevin describes her as 'the wind beneath his wings'. She taught me to fly. May she rest in peace.



We members of the NB Probud Club are privileged to have Kevin as our President. Kevin cares so much for others but now it is our turn to express our care for him. Our sincere condolences, Kevin, at this sad time.

Personal Corner

Robin Frith

Residence: North Sydney

Academic: Electrical Engineering

Career: IT

Last position: Lateral Concepts International

Interests: Walking

[Robin transferred from Launceston Probud]

2:50 Club Passing Luna Park "Just for Fun" on the way to Wendy Whiteley's Garden



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Ted Kraegen
Yiu Lam Kwan
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Bob Pearce
Sailing
Ross Bruwel
Speakers
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Peter Turner
Tours, Outings
Bob Pearce
James Ritchie
Website
David Bruce-Steer

“Nuclear Power - Australia’s Answer to Climate Change?”

Nuclear power generation has served the international community well and with remarkable safety for over 60 years. Today it is part of the portfolio of over 30 countries and growing with over 440 civilian power reactors in service worldwide. It provides about 10% of the world’s electricity. Over 50 new reactors are under construction, with over 400 more planned or proposed. Despite having nearly 30% of the world’s easily won low cost uranium resources, nuclear power is not part of Australia’s generation portfolio and remains illegal. Should this be so? The Australian nuclear debate is far from over – indeed it is really only just beginning.



Martin Thomas served on Prime Minister Howard’s Uranium Mining, Processing and Nuclear Energy Review. He was Head of the Cooperative Research Centre for Renewable Energy and a founding member of the Warren Centre Energy Committee at Sydney University. He has been President of Engineers Australia, President of the Australian Institute of Energy and Vice president of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering. His AM was awarded for services to energy and engineering.

His Presentation will consider

- The findings of Howard’s Uranium Mining, Processing and Nuclear Energy Review taskforce.
- Issues of cost, sustainability, the alternatives, safety and spent fuel disposal.
- What are the current thoughts of politicians? {Note following the change of Federal Government in 2007 and its re-election in 2010, policies surrounding uranium and nuclear power generation in Australia have remained on hold}
- Should nuclear power be part of Australia’s 2050 clean energy commitments?”

OUTINGS

Update on Orange Tour

As announced last month we have a new booking -

Tuesday 24th November to Friday 27th November.

Please keep these dates in your diary. **However being realistic it is doubtful whether we will be able to go ahead with this trip.** Updates will follow.

Bob [bobpearce37@gmail.com] and James [jamesfr@ozemail.com.au]

Update on Christmas Function

It also seems unlikely that we will be able to hold our Christmas lunch at Manly Golf Club on 8th December as booked, due to Government restrictions on group dining.

In the event that this is the case, we are looking at the possibility of having some sort of outdoor event, similar to our annual High Tea at Balls Head, **on Tuesday 8th December.**

We will keep you informed as the months progress.

2.50 Club Tuesday 15th September

Royal Botanic Gardens in Spring

Meet at Wharf 4 Circular Quay at 11am for a 10 minute walk to Gardens. Stroll around displays. Lunch at the Botanic Gardens Bistro where lunch special is \$12.90. **John Pike 0403 007 273**



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

CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

John Brooks 9908 2820



Here’s many folk wanting to know when they can see the ARCHIBALD & WYNN prizes show? It’s been postponed until opening 26th Sept, lasting to 10th Jan next year. Also at the NSW Art Gallery you could look at their BIENNALE of SYDNEY ‘European Art’, ‘Life in Water’ and others.

Try the National Trust-SH Ervin Gallery to see the ‘Portia Geach Awards’ exhibition until 20th Sept. They plan to show ‘SALON des REFUSES 2020’ from 26th Sept to 29th Nov. There you should catch great alternatives to the Archibald selections..

CYCLING

Contact Stewart on 9439 9609

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

GOLF Murray 0419 488 609

MOVIE ENJOYMENT

David Bruce-Steer 9419 7017

Meets on the 4th Monday of the month

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 from 10am to 12pm. This is an enjoyable morning and extra players are invited to join in. Please contact Peter.

Canine Social Distancing

