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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear fellow members, partners and guests

So now the cricket season is well and truly upon us and we wait a decision on the Australian Open Tennis Tournament. The late Davis Cup mentor Harry Hopman had a great way to motivate his charges with outstanding success. For the diminutive, even puny, Ken Rosewall he gave the nickname, 'Muscles' while the slow moving, laid back Rod Laver earned 'Rocket'. That is why I address fellow Probeans and people of our mature age as 'Young.....'. You see we are what is called 'superagers'. President-Elect Biden qualifies at 78. We read that Paul McCartney has at 78 brought out a new album created during lockdown while in the area of religion Pope Francis continues as an international leader at 84. I believe the average age of our members hovers around 78.

It has been said, 'Do not regret growing older. It's a privilege denied to many.' This year has taught me how important family is, that we are interconnected to the whole human race as never before, that we are blessed to live in Australia served by so many generous health workers and scientists.

So 'Young Probeans' we gather in the Manly Golf Club on Tuesday to celebrate as we did on Tuesday February 11 2020 when we marked a milestone 40th birthday of our club. Like icons, Qantas and the NRMA at 100 not out, our year may have been low key, but we have prevailed. Zoom was our retreat, fall-back position. Thank you David Bruce-Steer for your excellent work both as webmaster and for keeping us on track.

I thank our Committee for their commitment and service. It has been a privilege to work with you for our members. For the members, thank you for maintaining your financial membership of the club when we could not deliver a full program of activities. We thank Barry Stone for excellent speakers. They left us entertained and stimulated to continue asking important questions.

We salute James Ritchie who has stepped down after 10 years of generous service. As one of our Committee notes, James was always one of the first to put up his hand when a volunteer was called for.

We approach Christmas, a time when we hope for peace, a time of joy and good will. The year finishes with a pilgrimage to the Archibald's on December 17, Thank you Gerald Christmas. As I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and a bright healthy 2021, may I leave you with the words of that well known sage, Anon. 'People who wonder whether the glass is half full or half empty are missing the point. The glass is refillable.'

Kevin Fitzpatrick
President



NEXT MEETING

Next monthly meeting Tues Feb 9th 2021
Advice will be given closer to the date as to whether it will be via Zoom or at its normal venue (Norths Leagues Club)

**Bowls Group
End of Season Lunch**



**2.50 Club Vietnamese Lunch in
Marrickville**



Jims Jaunt Glebe Past and Present
[Special Thanks to Jim's friend Judith for hospitality and expert guidance]



**St Helens
Community Garden**

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Manly Golf Club Tue 8th December 12.00 for 12.30

We can now look forward to our Christmas Lunch at Manly Golf Club!

For four years 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 2020 Christmas event will be also here with Covid-related modifications (proceed directly to allocated table, no mingling at bar or at other tables). The subsidised cost of \$80 per person, includes a welcoming drink and canapes, a choice of turkey or barramundi, desserts with table wine, tea and coffee. Gluten free diets will be catered for. The Seating Plan has now been circulated. **Please contact** Bob Pearce at bobpearce37@gmail.com or 0400 291 373 or James Ritchie jamesfr@ozemail.com.au for questions.



Payment is now due: preferably by transfer to Neutral Bay Probus BSB 082 302 Account 28869 5672. Contact Treasurer, Barry Friere (0447 545 554) for cash/cheque payments. For those driving, there is ample parking adjacent to the club buildings and in Balgowlah Road. For those wishing to use public transport, there is a bus stop at Manly Golf Club. It is serviced by Sydney Buses route 142 which leaves from Belgrave Street, Manly.

OUTINGS

Archibald Exhibition Guided Tour Thurs 17th December 2020

Recognised as Australia's most extraordinary art event, the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes is an annual exhibition eagerly anticipated by artists and audiences alike.

We convene in the GALLERY lobby area of the Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Rd, the Domain, at 9.30 - 9.45am

WHERE? The Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Rd., The Domain, 9.30am,

PAYMENT ... On arrival, please pay Gerald \$20 per head in exact cash so he can then pay the Gallery prior to the commencement of the tour. DO NOT PAY THE GALLERY

HOW Book in by email to Gerald Christmas geraldc38@gmail.com ASAP, BUT NO LATER THAN 14 DECEMBER. Queries – Gerald on 0438 601 005



"High Tea" BBQ Balls Head Reserve Tuesday 19th Jan 2021 4.30pm

[Details below subject to modification if Covid Restrictions still apply]

STARTING AT 4.30pm we will provide the sausages and onions, bread and butter, plates, utensils, and cups ... and the wine and juices.

And a few of us will volunteer to do the cooking for you. So please join us and invite your friends.

WHEREYou will need to come in your car, or with a friend, to Balls Head Reserve, Balls Head Drive, Waverton. There is plenty of designated parking on the southern side, with the BBQ area just opposite.

COST \$12.00 per person. Transfer to Neutral Bay Probus BSB 082 302 Account 28869 5672 - otherwise cash/cheque on the day.

HOW.....Contact Bob Pearce bobpearce37@gmail.com. It will help us to cater.

Also there will be a sign-on sheet at the Christmas lunch.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING? There is limited seating so please bring a ground rug or, if you have them, a fold away table and chairs. Please bring a salad or other food and tea or coffee. Add beer, if you would like one before the wine or soft drink.

Importantly, make sure you can come, together with any friends you would like to invite. We look forward to seeing you there.



SPECIAL INTERESTS

CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

John Brooks 9908 2820

AUSTRALIAN Museum has just reopened after \$57m upgrade.



Natural sciences-climate change awareness-spiders & native frogs-mammals-birds-fishes and insects galore.

10-5pm daily. Free general admission.

NSW Art Gallery is open with free entry between 10 & 5pm. **Archibald, Wynne & Sulman** prize paintings are on show until 10Jan21. Contact Gerald Christmas to join our ProBus group for the 17th Dec visit. There's also 150 works of **Arthur Streeton** for \$20 entry. He visited Egypt,UK,Italy and France.

Royal Hall of Industry at Moore Park has a multi-sensory exhibition "**Van Gogh Alive**". Close to the Entertainment Centre, open Mon -Thu 9am to 9pm until 20Dec20. Fantastic show of his masterpieces - tickets cost about \$45 but cheaper tickets and senior discount is available, particularly if you're there early. Check the **Van Gogh Alive** website for details

CYCLING Contact Bob on 0400 291 373

Now back to Monday rides at 10am. Also Sats at 7.30am from 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

[**Note** We are also looking at the feasibility of a "Virtual Movie Group" ie individually watching an accessible movie by streaming, and then meeting by Zoom for Discussion. Comments to David or C'tee are welcome]

ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS

Peter Cornish 0421 012 538

Norths Greens, St Leonards at 10am Wednesdays

SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

Resumes in February 2021

TENNIS Peter Turner 0428 611 456

Resuming from March on the first Tuesday of the month at Middle Cove from 10am to 12pm. Extra players are invited to join in.

Merry Christmas

Guest Speaker – Tuesday 9 February 2021 Shauna Chadlowe "Restoring Australia's Biodiversity"

[Australian Wildlife Conservancy \(AWC\)](http://www.awc.org.au) represents an exciting, new model for conservation and is protecting endangered wildlife across more than 6.5 million hectares, including in iconic places such as the Kimberley, Cape York, Lake Eyre and the Top End. **Shauna Chadlowe** is the Chief Development Officer at AWC. Her Presentation will include: "The plight of Australia's wildlife and AWC's response in the wake of the bushfires." "How AWC's radical new approach is delivering exciting outcomes for Australia's biodiversity." "Undertaking Australia's most ambitious rewilding program." "Future-proofing Australia's natural capital".

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