

Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests

I hope that we all had a very happy and safe Easter. It is a joyful occasion.

We look forward to a wonderful year for our club. Already many great activities are planned for the coming months. Please choose which ones interest you and let the organiser know.

2020 was particularly challenging. Thank you to Kevin Fitzpatrick and our club committee for navigating the club in very good shape through the restrictions of the Covid 19 pandemic. Kevin and the committee created ingenious ways of keeping our friendship, fellowship and fun all bound together, despite the physical constraints. Hopefully, with increasing vaccination and eased public health restrictions, we will be able to spend more time together in 2021.

It's wonderful that so many members take responsibility for our different club activities. The left hand column of this page details the office holders and the activities organisers. I thank you all for volunteering so widely. Our club is vibrant because of your willingness. I particularly welcome Graeme Adam and Robin Frith to the committee, and Stewart Horwood for leading the Lost Soles Strollers walking group.

On Sunday 25 April we will remember ANZAC veterans and serving Defence Force personnel. Several of our club members served in the Defence Forces, including, but not only, John Quick RAN, Ian Ashbrook and John Wood RAAF, Peter Davenport RN and Geoffrey Lumsdaine AM, a life member.

Geoffrey Lumsdaine flew Catalina Flying Boats over the Coral Sea and the South China Sea in World War 2. Geoffrey was a navigator and bomb aimer. Based in Darwin, Madang and the Philippines, Geoffrey flew on reconnaissance missions, mine-laying and returning Prisoners of War to Australia. John Wood flew Mustangs as a trainee pilot, attached to the City of Sydney 22 Squadron. Thank you to them and to all our members who served for our country. As we reflect on ANZAC day, let us think that the sacrifices they made helped to create a wonderful future for Australia.

Roger Freney President

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Tennis
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Tours, Outings
 Bob Pearce
Website
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NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th April from 10.30am in the North Sydney Leagues Club Auditorium, Abbot St Cammeray.

Covid Precautions Apply

- 10:30 - 10:50 General Business
- 10:50 - 11:00 Personal Corner
- 11:00 - 11:20 Break
- 11:20 - 12:20 Guest Speaker
- 12:20 Wrap-up

PERSONAL CORNER

Brian England

Qualifications BEc

Career Global Sales & Marketing

Last Position Director Sales & Marketing
Millenium Chemicals

Interests Travel, Sport, Volunteer Reading

Residence Brian and Pamela live in Greenwich

Annual Subscription

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

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OUTINGS PAYMENTS

Kindly pay for outings in advance of any deadline and online if possible. When paying online, please ensure that you quote your name & the relevant activity, albeit abbreviated, in the description to minimise any confusion. Note the bank account details above

Cancellations

The March Basin BBQ and the Lost Soles Strollers Beauty Point Walk were cancelled due to wet weather. These may be rescheduled at a later time.

For the Diary

- June 22** – visit to Sydney Institute of Marine Science at Chowder Bay
- July 28** – Winter Feast at Abbotsford
- August 18** – Hawkesbury River Cruise – WWII defence sites

Group Photo Annual General Meeting March 2021



“Pine Gap – The Inside Story of the National Security Agency in Australia”

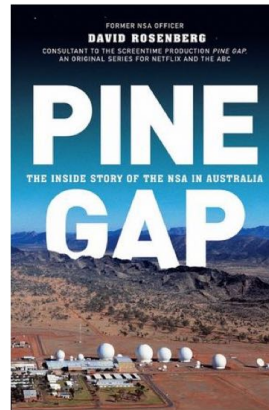


Pine Gap, which is located 20km outside Alice Springs in the Northern Territory, is a joint Australia-United States intelligence collection facility that contributes to the national security of both nations by providing information on terrorism, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and military and weapons. The location is strategically significant because it controls United States spy satellites.

David Rosenberg managed a team in Operations at Pine Gap. His talk will incorporate....

- embarking on a career where secrecy ruled every aspect of his working life.
- an insider’s account of what goes on behind the closed doors of the most technically sophisticated, and one of the most closely guarded intelligence collection facilities in the world.
- a story of people and of an enduring, remarkable partnership between the USA and Australia.
- Pine Gap has also been a source of controversy since its early days, eg. Did the USA and Britain conspire to get rid of Gough Whitlam due to his opposition to the continued operation of Pine Gap?

His book – **“Pine Gap ...The Inside Story of the NSA in Australia”** will be on display and can be purchased.



FUTURE OUTINGS

Lost Soles Strollers: Rawson Park, old tram line & Balmoral 16th April

Meet at the corner of Cross Street and Bradley’s Head Road at 10.00am on Friday 16 April, (bus 100 stops - second stop after the roundabout at Middle Head Road. We walk through **Rawson Park**, then down to the scenic **old tramway** bush walk to **Balmoral beach**. An esplanade walk up to **Rocky Point** then back for lunch. Takeaway choices or bring a sandwich. Finish about 12.30. The walk is very scenic, historically interesting, gentle, and nearly all downhill. Contact **Stewart Horwood** if you are coming (stewh444@tpg.com.au , **9439 9609**). Wear walking shoes, bring Opal cards, sunscreen and water.

Cockatoo Island Tuesday 25th May 2021 Max 30 people

While most of us have been to Cockatoo Island it is time to revisit the history of this vital part of Sydney Harbour.

TOUR: Join Parramatta ferry (F3) from Circular Quay leaving at 9.37am, arriving at Cockatoo Island at 09.58am. Then a private 90 min guided tour of the main features of the Island on both levels.



LUNCH: Following the tour, lunch is available at Marina Café and Bar, 500m from the wharf OR Societe Overboard, 80m from wharf – menus for both available at April and May meetings.

RETURN FERRIES: F3 ferries return to Circular Quay at 12.13pm and then every 30 minutes, Alternatively, F8 ferries return to Circular Quay at 12.19pm and then every 60 minutes.

COST: Only \$16 per person for tour. Ferry (\$2.50) and lunch at your expense. Please pay by Bank Transfer to BSB 082 057 Account 28869 5672.

REGISTER : via the Meeting sign-on sheet or by email to **Bob Pearce** bobpearce37@gmail.com OR **James Ritchie** jamesfr@ozemail.com.au

ILLAWARRA FLY TREE-TOP WALKWAY, KIAMA & NOWRA

2 DAY OUTING – TUES/WED APRIL 20-21, 2021 (Spaces still Available)

On the Tuesday, a visit to the **Illawarra Fly Tree-Top Walkway**, a 1.5km elevated walk through beautiful temperate rainforest with spectacular views to the Coast, then lunch at **Kiama Bowling Club** and visit the Blowhole. Then travel to our 4 star hotel, **Parkhaven, Nowra**, with dinner and breakfast included. On Wednesday, we visit the **Fleet Air Arm Museum** in Bomaderry, lunch in **Kangaroo Valley**, a visit to **Fitzroy Falls** before returning to Cammeray.

TRAVEL: Coach departing North Sydney Leagues Club 8.30am, returning approx. 5.00pm on Wednesday, April 21 **COST:** \$290 per person.(single supplement \$50) Includes coach, hotel, all meals and entry fees. Pay by Bank Transfer to BSB 082 057 Account 28869 5672.

CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

John Brooks 9908 2820

SYDNEY HARBOUR “La Traviata” - Mrs Macquaries Point. Tickets are \$99 and upwards. 7.30pm 26Mar to 25Apr21.
 NSW ART GALLERY 10 to 5pm and entry is free. At noon each day there’s a Collection Highlight Tour lasting 1 hr, followed by a Mystery Tour beginning at 2pm, also for 1hr.
 MOSMAN ART GALLERY - Exhibition of paintings & Sculptures “2021 Artists of Mosman” continues until 24Apr21.
 S.H.ERVIN GALLERY (Part of the National Trust Building). Exhibitions Tue to Sun 11 to 5pm :“Tree of Life”, 10Apr to 10May21
 Archibald & Wynne Prize alternatives : “Salon des Refuses 2021”, 5Jun to 15Aug21.
 MOSMAN LIBRARY - an Author Evening Event, 14Apr21, 7 to 8pm. Susannah Fullerton talks about classic novel “Rebecca” by Daphne du Maurier.

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. Cremorne Orpheum theatre

ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS

Peter Cornish 0421 012 538
 Norths Greens, St Leonards at 10am Wednesdays

SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106
 Tuesday April27th 2021

TENNIS Peter Turner 0428 611 456
 First Tuesday of the month at Middle Cove from 10am to 12pm. Extra players are invited to join in.

Sailing with Ross



VALE

We express our sincere condolences to James Jeans, whose partner Meropi Reynolds passed away recently