



Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests



I am delighted to tell you that we are planning to resume physical activities. What great news, because being together is what we love.

We have created a Covid safe sub-committee to monitor the Covid 19 safety requirements and to guide the safe re-opening of our activities. Our members' safety is our main concern. So our activities will be set within the State Government health orders and guidelines. Within them, we can look forward to resumption of our monthly meetings from November, a November outing, a December Christmas lunch and at least some of our various sporting and cultural activities. This newsletter contains more detail.

Please invite your friends to come to one of these club events and learn about the club. It is very important that we encourage friends to consider joining the club, for its long term health. This newsletter and our website are valuable sources of information.

Meanwhile, in October our on-line activities will continue, including the October meeting by Zoom on 12 October. Over 60 members participated in the on-line September meeting. Thank you David Bruce-Steer for the excellent tech seminars you have run during lockdown. They have been most educational and practical, responding to members' interests and problems. They have been good fun, interactive and have kept many of us together week by week. Our second great trivia quiz will be on 19 October. It's open for everyone, for fun and prizes.

I am also glad to announce the creation of a club archive. We have a long and happy history, being one of the first Probus Clubs established in NSW. Some memorabilia are already collected on the club website at www.probusneutralbay.org/archive. If you have club records or memorabilia, could you please contact Kevin Fitzpatrick or David Bruce-Steer who will be pleased to arrange for its collection or to borrow it from you.

I hope that, as with our colourful Spring gardens and longer daylight saving days, you will enjoy an uplifting return of our activities.

With warm regards,

Roger Freney, President

Be COVID Smart, Before We Restart

We are all looking forward to a return to some sort of normality soon. The Committee is keen to start a safe return to as many face to face meetings and activities as possible. To expedite this, a set of safety guidelines is required.

A COVID Safe Subcommittee has been formed which is tasked to advise the Club, armed with all relevant up to date information, the best and safest way to do so. A COVID Safe Plan will be in place. In addition, there will be a regular mailout to members concise communications outlining the latest developments. The aim is to clarify what limitations and precautions are required for the resumption of various activities.

In this regard, the Club Committee strongly believes that only fully vaccinated individuals who do not have any symptoms consistent with a COVID infection should consider attending any of our Club activities. This is in consideration of the welfare of all members, partners and guests.

Further details will be provided as opportunities arise for our physical activities to resume. With easing of certain restrictions from Oct 11, be on the alert for updates over coming weeks by email. We will detail activities that are recommencing and the conditions under which they will operate.

Yiu Lam Kwan Covid Safe Sub-Committee

Oct Meeting is by Zoom

The October Meeting Zoom will be held over the Internet at 10.30am on Tuesday Oct 12th using Zoom. **As for last month the Zoom will commence at 10.15am to allow for informal Members' Chat for 15min.**

Login procedures will be advised by email. Schedule is as follows:

- 10.15 - 10.30 Members' Chat
- 10.30 - 10.50 General business
- 10.50 - 11:00 Personal Corner
- 11.00 - 11:50 Guest Speaker
- 12.00 Questions and Wrap Up

PERSONAL CORNER

Robin Frith

Shortly after graduating in Electrical Engineering, Robin was fortunate to have spent 7 years in the USA with a startup computer company, Digital Equipment Corporation. While there he learned to fly and could take his wife and 3 children on vacations and weekends around the Eastern USA. On returning to Australia, he bought a new Cessna Aircraft and flew his family, with 4 bikes on board, from Boston to Sydney with a 2 month tour of Europe along the way.

Robin will discuss this trip and talk about some of the adventures his family experienced on the way.

For the Diary

October 19th Travel Trivia Quiz

October 28th 2.50 Club

November 11th - Blue Mountains Outing

December 14th - Christmas Lunch

Club Archives

It has been agreed to set up a **Club Archives** and we would be grateful for **contributions of memorabilia** etc.

In addition there is a suggestion to create **your account of our current, once in a lifetime (we hope) lockdown pandemic experience.**

- How did you cope with this?
- How do you think our club guided its members through this?
- What were some benefits - did you learn a new skill or embark on a new endeavour, for example, begin your Memoir or Life Story?
- What were the negatives of the past 18 months?

Our newly appointed **Archivist Kevin Fitzpatrick** thanks **Tony Bowra** for his contribution and that of his family as they faced the impact of Covid. In each newsletter we will visit our Archives and share it with you. .

Just send your account to either **David Bruce-Steer** or **Kevin Fitzpatrick**.

COMMITTEE

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OTHER ROLES

2Fifty Club

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Archivist

Kevin Fitzpatrick

Bowls & Welfare

Peter Cornish

Cashier

Philip Brook

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Cycling

Allan Blake

Stewart Horwood

Golf

Murray Mair

Hon Auditor

David Lloyd

Hospitality

Richard Hannaford

Lost Soles Strollers

Stewart Horwood

Meetings

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Movies

David Bruce-Steer

Music, Art

John Brooks

Gerald Christmas

Newsletter

Ted Kraegen

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Postman

David Bruce-Steer

Sailing

Ross Bruwel

Speakers

Barry Stone

Tennis

Peter Turner

Tours, Outings

Bob Pearce

Website

David Bruce-Steer

Aviation in Australia began in the 1920s with the formation of Qantas, which became the flag carrier of Australia. The Australian National Airways (ANA) was the predominant domestic carrier from the mid-1930s to the early 1950s. But there is a lot more to this story, both before and after.....



When our programmed speaker was forced to withdraw at short notice, Kevin volunteered to present this interesting talk (Thanks again Kevin!).

Kevin's first Primary School Project on Air Travel coincided with his first domestic flight 70 years ago in a trusty DC3. And his first overseas trip was in a 707 in 1969. As we prepare to "take flight" after four "clipped wing" experiences of lockdown he will reminisce, take a flight through the **History of Air Travel in Australia** and encourage us to share our memories, both good and bad.

Have you had a memorable flight? Please share your experience with us.

ONLINE CLUB ACTIVITIES

Second Virtual TRAVEL TRIVIA Quiz by Zoom

Following the hugely successful first trivia quiz, our second quiz will be conducted by Peter Turner on **Tuesday 19th October 2-3pm**. All members and their friends are invited to join in the fun, banter and prizes.



OUTINGS

The following activities are planned but subject to Covid-19 restrictions at the time.

2.50 Club: Museum of Sydney and Club York. Thursday October 28th

Imagine early Sydney at this new Museum on the site of the original Government House. Meet at 11am at Museum of Sydney Cnr Bligh and Philip Sts, ticket office, Thursday October 28. \$15 or use Discover NSW and get a month pass for an extra \$10. Then by tram to Club York, near Town Hall for 5 Star service. Coordinator **John Pike (0403 007 273 thejohnpike@gmail.com)**

Campbell Rhododendron Gardens Blackheath Thurs November 11th

It's that time of year again to visit the Blue Mountains in Spring. Join us for a day tour to the well-known Campbell Rhododendron Gardens in Blackheath.

The Gardens are one of the Blue Mountains favourite venues where, uniquely, Azaleas and Rhododendrons are planted amongst eucalypts and bushland. After lunch, on our return trip, we will stop at Jamieson Lookout at Wentworth Falls.

WHEN: Thursday November 11, by luxury coach departing North Sydney Leagues Club 8.45 am, morning tea/coffee en-route, returning approx. 5.00 pm.

LUNCH: Own selection/own cost at yet to be determined cafe/restaurant, probably New Ivanhoe Hotel at Blackheath.

COST: Only \$33 per person. Includes luxury coach, morning tea/coffee en-route plus entry fees to Gardens and Museum. Please pay by Bank Transfer to BSB 082 302 Account 28869 5672.

REGISTER: please email **Bob Pearce bobpearce37@gmail.com** OR **James Ritchie jamesfr@ozemail.com.au** **Maximum numbers 50**

PLEASE NOTE THAT PARTICIPATION IS CONDITIONAL ON FULL VACCINATION AND WEARING OF MASKS



Lost Soles Strollers: Glebe Walk. November date to be set

Lovely level walk along Blackwattle Bay, historic Burley Griffin incinerator, Chinese temple plus top drawer Victorian Glebe streetscape. Lunch at Tramshed.

Coordinator **Stewart Horwood (stewh444@tpg.com.au , 9439 9609)**

CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

John Brooks 9908 2820

Public museums and galleries etc are currently closed due to Covid regulations and are likely to remain so in October. Please **check websites** (listed in last Newsletter) for reopening and other details.

Normal scheduling of activities and/or contact person are shown below.

Whether any take place in October is subject to COVID-19 Regulations.

CYCLING Contact Bob on 0400 291 373
Normally 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 0455 655 451
Meets on the 4th Monday of the month. Cremorne Orpheum theatre

ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS

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

SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106
No October sailing. Contact Ross.

TENNIS Peter Turner 0428 611 456
Tennis resumes for fully vaccinated players on Tuesday, 19 October from 10am to 12pm at Castle Cove, followed by coffee at a local café. New players please contact Peter for details.

BRIDGE John Pike 0403 007 273
Internet bridge Thursdays 4-5.30pm.

A Lockdown Distraction



Taronga Zoo is celebrating the birth of five lion cubs (first for 18yrs) with a new live "Cub Cam".

View this via the Taronga Zoo website to 22nd Oct (may extend) for a small donation to the Zoo. Fascinating viewing and a worthy cause.

The Last Word

