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Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests

How wonderful that we have resumed some physical activities. Our sports groups are back in action and the 11th November outing to the Rhododendron Gardens at Blackheath should be fabulous. Do contact Bob Pearce if you would like to make a late entry.

Unfortunately, however, Norths is not open to us for our 9 November general meeting. We have all been looking forward so much to being together, but now we will meet by our tried and true, trusty Zoom platform. We have done so well maintaining our friendships and fun that way for several months, so let's do it again in November.

That makes our Christmas Lunch at the Manly Golf Club, on Tuesday 14 December, all the more special this year. Please come, and bring your partners, friends and potential members with you. Book in with Bob Pearce for tables when bookings open. Manly Golf Club is a lovely venue and offers us a delicious luncheon and lots of good cheer.

I hope that you are all enjoying more freedom coming out of lockdown, and all the beautiful activities that Sydney offers at this time of year.

With warm regards,

Roger Freney, President

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Manly Golf Club Tues 14th Dec

For the last six years **Manly Golf Club** have done a wonderful job hosting our Christmas lunch we plan to continue that arrangement for this year.

Date: Tuesday 14th Dec
Time 12.00 for 12.30pm

Where: Manly Golf Club,
 40 Balgowlah Road Manly.
 Parking on site – contact us
 if you would like a ride –
 access for wheelchairs
 available.



Cost: \$85 per person; this price is significantly subsidised by Probus.
 Includes a welcoming drink and canapes followed by a choice of turkey or barramundi (alternate serves), an assortment of desserts with table wine, tea and coffee. Gluten free diets will be catered for, subject to previous advice.

How: Please contact **Bob Pearce** at bobpearce37@gmail.com or 0400 291 373 or **James Ritchie** jamesfr@ozemail.com.au. Please indicate any requests for seating company – tables of eight to 10 generally but up to eleven can be handled – if not indicated, we will follow seating plan for last year.

Pay: By transfer to Probus account BSB 082 057 Account 28869 5672. For cheque payments, contact Treasurer, **Barry Friere** (0447 545 554).

Re **Covid-19**, we will be returning to pre-Covid conditions **subject to all attendees being fully vaccinated**.

Covid-19 Safety: a brief update for November

The following are the main 'new' features from 1st Nov that may be relevant to our Club activities:

- those who are fully vaccinated can travel freely between Greater Sydney and regional NSW
- hospitality reopens with density limits of up to 20 per booking
- drinking indoors and outdoors may be seated or standing

Be on the look out for the next update in the December Newsletter.

PS The premier announced on Nov 2 that further lessening of restrictions for the fully vaxxed will be brought forward from Dec 1 to Nov 8. This change does not impact our November activities.

Nov 2021

Nov Meeting is by Zoom

The November Meeting Zoom will be held over the Internet at 10.30am on Tuesday Nov 9th using Zoom. **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

Terry le Roux "Beekeeping"

Terry is a new member. He has a wealth of experience advising large entities in financial and economic analysis. He has lived in several countries. Terry is a community leader striving for improvements in the Manly area. In recent years he has successfully taken up beekeeping in his garden. His hive produces much honey, which Terry shares around the neighbourhood.

VALE

Sadly **David Walker** passed away on the 18th of October. Our good friend and the friend of many others, David is no longer with us.

He lived his long life with a positive and quiet optimism, always generously laced with good humour.

We will miss him greatly,

Gerald and Rosemary Christmas.

Probus Travel Insurance

Probus Club members can now apply for Probus Travel Insurance with one of Australia's leading travel insurance providers, Allianz Global Assistance.

Probus Travel Insurance provides a range of options for both domestic and international travel. Depending upon your age, where you are travelling to and the length of your trip, members may be offered different plans. Apply online or see more details at https://www.probussouthpacific.org/pages/travel_insurance_landing_au

Our Secretary **John Metcalf** can supply membership numbers, which are required when applying.

For the Diary

November 11th - Blue Mountains Outing

November 19th - Lost Soles Strollers

December 14th - Christmas Lunch

January 18th - Barbecue and "High Tea"

There is every chance that sometime in your life you have undertaken ...or dreamed of undertaking... a journey on a Halvorsen cruiser on Sydney harbour. **Halvorsen?** Where did they come from? What did they achieve?

Most of us are descendants of immigrants or immigrants to this country seeking a better life for ourselves and our families. The Halvorsen family came from Norway in 1924 with very little and worked very hard to build a better life. They showed extraordinary commitment to boat building, excellent craftsmanship and boat design skills that made their boats highly desirable.



During WW2 they built many vessels for the war effort. They also demonstrated outstanding seamanship by designing, building and sailing their yachts with success in all the classic ocean racing events. They won back to back handicap honours three times in the Sydney Hobart race. Also they built and raced the first Aussie America's Cup challenger - GRETEL for Frank Packer.

Noel is a Team Leader at the Australian National Maritime Museum and has had a close connection with the water all his life. He has been a volunteer guide at the Maritime Museum for several years and loves it. His first career was as a science and mathematics teacher, then into IT with IBM where he spent 25 years in various technical and management positions. He is a Past President of Northbridge Rotary and is an active volunteer in retirement. With his sailing ability he is a director and sailing captain of his sailing club. Noel also spent several years with Marine Rescue and the Rural Fire Service.

Noel will discuss the origins of the Halvorsen family, their exploits and their achievements in some detailand more.

OUTINGS

Campbell Rhododendron Gardens Blackheath Thursday November 11th

(*Still some spaces available - contact Bob or James as below)*

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 a second stop will be made at the historic Mt Victoria Museum - opening just for us. .

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** boppearce37@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. Friday November 19th

Meet at Central light rail stop (Dulwich Hill line) at 10.00am. Lovely level walk along Blackwattle Bay, historic Burley Griffin incinerator, Chinese temple plus top drawer Victorian Glebe streetscape. To the Tramshed Markets for lunch (big choice) and light rail back to Central (or Paddy's Market for those seeking fruit/veg/fish). About 3km, nearly all level. Bring Opal card, water, walking shoes. Register in advance with **Stewart Horwood** (stewh444@tpg.com.au, **9439 9609**), for advice and in case of wet weather cancellation.

CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

John Brooks 9908 2820

Public museums and galleries etc are now generally open after the lockdown. Please **check websites** (listed in Sept Newsletter) for reopening and other details.

Activities are resuming in November 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 November 23rd sailing. Contact Ross.

TENNIS Peter Turner 0428 611 456

Tennis has resumed for fully vaccinated players - next date **Tuesday, 16th November** 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. All players welcome.

Selection of Steven Wright's Quips

- A lot of people are afraid of heights. Not me, I'm afraid of widths.
- My theory of evolution is that Darwin was adopted.
- OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
- If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.
- Someone told me half of all car accidents happen within a mile of your house. So I moved.
- I intend to live forever—so far, so good.
- If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving definitely isn't for you
- Change is inevitable... except from vending machines
- All those who believe in psychokinesis raise my hand
- The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard
- What happens if you get scared half to death twice?