

Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests Club Activities



We are all trying to make the best of it through these difficult times. The committee is determined to reschedule our postponed activities, when the Covid virus becomes less of a threat to the health and welfare of our members. Updates will be notified when possible. The committee is also maintaining as many of our ongoing activities as possible.

I realise that the joy of our fun, friendship and fellowship takes a hit when we cannot be together. But the large attendance at the Christmas lunch showed how much we enjoy each others' company whenever possible.

I am grateful that the many organisers of our outdoor activities are keeping them going as best they can. Please see the activities listed in the newsletter and contact the co-organisers for details. Bowls, Tennis, Golf, Cycling, Sailing are all on offer. On-line bridge, art gallery visits and movies enjoyment likewise are up and running.

I hope that you would like to join our on-line club meeting on 8 February. The committee reluctantly decided that it would be too risky to be held at Norths **this month (February) and have opted for a Zoom meeting. David Bruce -Steer will make it very easy for everyone to log into the Zoom meeting from an email link. We will also be asking you for your feedback at this Zoom meeting on whether you are comfortable having the March meeting at Norths.** Barry Stone has arranged for Noel Phelan to present the fascinating story of the Costa Concordia's sinking.

Committee Nominations

Please consider nominating for a position on the club 2022 Management Committee. Nomination forms are available from our Secretary John Metcalf at: johnmetcalf157@gmail.com. Nominations close on 28 February. The new Committee is formed at the AGM on 8 March. **We are looking for members to fill various roles including Newsletter Editor and Outings Organiser.** Kwan (the incoming President) or I are happy to elaborate.

I believe that the Welfare Officer and the Minute Secretary are vital roles, which should have dedicated positions on the Committee. To accommodate this, one more position needs to be allowed for by the Club's Standing Resolutions. At the March general meeting, I shall be moving an amendment to the Club's Standing Resolution 2, to increase the number of Committee positions from 10 to 11."

With warm regards,

Roger Freney, President

February Meeting is on ZOOM

- The Feb Meeting Zoom will be held over the Internet at 10.30am on Tuesday Feb 8th 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

In lieu of the usual Personal Corner our President **Roger Freney** will present a talk on Neutral Bay Probus Club entitled **"Our Club: Past, Present and Future"**

Club Activities for Diary

See **Whats On February** overleaf. There is plenty of opportunities for involvement in Club activities.

Tuesday March 15th New date for our annual BBQ/High Tea at Balls Head.

Tuesday 29th March (To be Confirmed), a tour of the indigenous K-6 school at St Andrews Cathedral School followed by a tour of St Andrews Cathedral.

Postponed, a tour of HMAS Waterhen, Waverton, the Royal Australian Navy's lead establishment for Mine Warfare. New date to be notified

Christmas Lunch 2021 Manly Golf Club



- COMMITTEE**
- President**
- Roger Freney
- Vice President**
- Yiu Lam Kwan
- Imm. Past Pres**
- Kevin Fitzpatrick
- Secretary**
- John Metcalf
- Treasurer**
- Barry Friere
- Committee**
- Graeme Adam
- Ian Ashbrook
- David Bruce-Steer
- Ross Bruwel
- Peter Davenport
- Richard Hannaford
- Ted Kraegen
- Bob Pearce
- Barry Stone
- Peter Turner
- OTHER ROLES**
- 2Fifty Club**
- John Pike
- Archivist**
- Kevin Fitzpatrick
- Bowls & Welfare**
- Peter Cornish
- Cashier**
- Philip Brook
- John Hirst
- Cycling**
- Allan Blake
- Stewart Horwood
- Golf**
- Murray Mair
- Hon Auditor**
- David Lloyd
- Hospitality**
- Richard Hannaford
- Lost Soles Strollers**
- Stewart Horwood
- Meetings**
- Yiu Lam Kwan
- Membership**
- Peter Turner
- Minute Secretary**
- Ian Ashbrook
- Movies**
- David Bruce-Steer
- Music, Art**
- John Brooks
- Gerald Christmas
- Newsletter**
- Ted Kraegen
- David Bruce-Steer
- Postman**
- David Bruce-Steer
- Sailing**
- Ross Bruwel
- Speakers**
- Barry Stone
- Tennis**
- Peter Turner
- Tours, Outings**
- Graeme Adam
- Bob Pearce
- Website**
- David Bruce-Steer

WHATS ON IN FEBRUARY 2022

Nominations for 2022 Committee and Organisers positions are open until 28 February. Please send the attached nomination form to John Metcalf. Next Monthly Meeting is by Zoom at 10.15 am on Tuesday 8 February.

Roll Up Lawn Bowls every Wednesday morning at 10 am at Norths Greens, St Leonards (near North Sydney Oval). Call Peter Cornish on 0421 012 538 for more details. All regular players and beginners are welcome to play and socialise.

Tennis is in full flight at Middle Cove courts for fully vaccinated players. From 10 am to 12 pm on the first Tuesday of the month, followed by coffee at a local shop. All members are welcome. New players please Contact Peter Turner on 0428 611 456 for details.

Golf Murray Mair welcomes all members to play, generally on Fridays on a local course. Murray is keen to resume regular Neutral Bay Probus Club golf. Please contact Murray on 0419 488 609 for details.

Cycling We have a very active, regular cycling group lead by Bob Pearce on 0400 291 373. A good many members enjoy the rides. Normally Monday rides start at 10 am and Saturday rides start at 7.30 am from Milsons Point Railway Station. Join up with Bob and the peloton!

Sailing Ahoy all sailors and land lubbers! For a great day on a comfortable cruising yacht, the "Renada", please contact Captain Ross Bruwel on 0421 817 106. February's sailing cruise is Tuesday 22 February at 10.30 am. Pick up and drop off are at Middle Harbour Yacht Club.

Movie Enjoyment? David Bruce-Steer, our very own David Stratton, will recommend a movie to see together at the Orpheum, Cremorne on Monday 28 February. For a relaxing outing and quite likely a critique discussion, contact David on 0455 655 451.

Bridge. For our members with a miss-spent youth, John Pike organises bridge. John is a director and accommodates players of all levels. Beginners, intermediates, advanced players who would like an on-line game, please contact John for details on 0403 007 273. Typically a game lasts for about 1.5 hours, at 4pm each Thursday

Art and Music Mosman Art Gallery now displays a fascinating exhibition "Destination Sydney: The Natural World" comprising delicate, sensitive works by three female artists of the natural botany of the Sydney basin. There is a free, guided highlights tour 2.30- 3.30 pm Sunday 6 February (book ahead). Outdoor sandwich shops are open nearby the gallery, which makes for a pleasant outing.

Lost Soles Strollers. Leisurely walks in attractive parts of Sydney. On Friday 18 February Stewart Horwood will lead a walk along a picturesque section of the **West Manly Foreshore Walk**, followed by lunch in Manly. Meeting place is 10.00am at the bus stop on Sydney Road at Condamine Street Balgowlah. A 144 bus will get you there. A downhill walk to Forty Baskets beach and then the walk to Manly passing Fairlight and Dalwood beaches. After lunch Manly Art Gallery is an option (open and free), or a walk to Fairy Bower. Then the ferry/bus back home. Total distance about 4 km. Please confirm with Stewart if coming (Ph 9439 9609; stewh444@tpg.com.au). Bring Opal card, water, sunscreen, walking shoes and FACE MASK. These walks are a great way to meet and socialise with members. Stewart is a very accommodating leader.

\$2.50 Club Travel to points of interest making use of our Seniors Opal Card. Organised by John Pike this could be anywhere on public transport in the Greater Metropolitan area for \$2.50 in a day! The next outing is to **Taronga Zoo on February 15th**. Fresh air and company. Use your Discovery Voucher and see the animals. Meet at 10:10 at the Wharf Zoo Entrance. Some of us will ferry there. Lunch will be at the open air restaurant. We will use the Sky Safari cable car to go up and then walk down. So you have a number of options: car, bus or ferry to the rendezvous. Confirm with John Pike (0403 007 273) if coming.

Covid 19 Update

While the detrimental effects the COVID-19 pandemic is having across society are plain to see, the current situation is very much in a state of flux. As well, school is back. There are continual changes made to regulations and health and safety recommendations. Instead of listing these individually, the following links from trusted sources provide very useful information on commonly asked questions:

- (1) **Where can I find rapid antigen test (RAT) kits?** <https://findarat.com.au/> : this shows sites where they are available and the price
- (2) **What to do if you test positive for COVID-19 on the RAT?** <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/rapid-antigen-tests-for-covid-19>
- (3) **Appointments for a 3rd dose of COVID-19 vaccine how & where?** <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/vaccination/get-vaccinated/boosters>

This site also lets you to choose which vaccine you prefer, e.g., Moderna or Pfizer

Meanwhile it's important to get the 3rd dose of the vaccine as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so. You are eligible if 3 months have elapsed since your second dose. And of course, don't forget to stay safe by practising all the well publicised COVID-19 safety measures.

STAY SAFE!

Yiu Lam Kwan Covid Safe Sub-Committee

February Guest Speaker

Noel Phelan

Australian National Maritime Museum

"THE SINKING AND SALVAGING OF THE COSTA CONCORDIA"

The **COSTA CONCORDIA** sank on the 13th January 2012, one hundred years after the TITANIC sank and in similar circumstances. The ship had 3,229 passengers and a crew of 1,023. The captain of the ship was Francesco Schettino. He diverted the ship from its normal course to do a "salute" to a friend on Giglio Island. Soon after it hit a rock which tore a 53 metre gash in the port side. All the vital compartments flooded resulting in the loss of power and electricity. At this point everyone on the bridge knew the ship would sink.

Join us on Zoom to hear what really happened, the chain of events that led to this disaster and the brilliant engineering that took 5 years and 2 billion dollars to salvage the ship.

Noel Phelan is a Team Leader at the Australian National Maritime Museum and has numerous historical maritime stories. After a career in teaching and then 25yrs in IT with IBM, Noel is an active volunteer in retirement. Noel also spent several years with Marine Rescue and the Rural Fire Service.



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