

# Newsletter

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests



Happily, after a hiatus caused by COVID, we can now keenly look forward to resumption of face to face activities. Our March meeting will be at Norths. It will be lovely to be together for an important meeting and to hear an intriguing speaker.

Barry Stone has arranged for Richard Broinowski AO, a former distinguished Australian diplomat, to discuss whether it's a good idea for Australia to be acquiring nuclear powered submarines. This will be an authoritative presentation on an intriguing topic.

Graeme Adam has arranged two great outings in March, which are detailed for sign-on in this newsletter.

Our other outdoor activities are up and running: see details in this newsletter.

The new Club Committee will be chosen at the 8 March meeting. We would like nominees for the Newsletter Editor and the Outings Co-Coordinator. Please contact me (0458171355) if you might be able to help and would like to know more about those roles. I wish incoming President Kwan and his committee all the best for the coming year.

I thank every member of our committee and every activity organiser for their very significant contributions to the club's activities this past year. Several long-serving office holders are concluding their current roles. Thank you very much for your outstanding contributions, which make our club work. Other members are taking up new leadership positions and I thank them sincerely for volunteering.

We can look forward to a fulfilling year, with our objectives of fun, friendship and fellowship being well satisfied.

With warm regards,

**Roger Freney, President**

## Covid 19 Update

Progressively, density limits, QR check-ins and show of proof of vaccination have been removed in most instances since 18 Feb 2022. And from 25 Feb 2022, masks are encouraged only for indoor settings where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others, but not mandated except in public transport and some specified venues. However, note that (1) some premises may choose to require people to be fully vaccinated or to wear a mask as a condition of entry, (2) everyone should exercise caution according to one's own specific circumstances as to whether to drop all previous preventative measures, and (3) it is vital to be up to date with vaccination, meaning getting a third dose if you are eligible. Above all, continue with good hand hygiene, keep physical distance where possible, and mask up if you are uncertain. **Yiu Lam Kwan Covid Sub-Committee**

## Lost Soles Strollers - Manly Foreshore Walk



## Annual Subscription

Your annual subscription of \$50 is now due. You can pay by cash or cheque at the meeting but preferably by online bank transfer: include your name for reference. **BSB 082 302 a/c no: 28869 5672; Probus Club of Neutral Bay.**

## NEXT MEETING AND AGM

This month's meeting and the AGM will be held on Tuesday 9th March from **10.30am** in the **Norths Leagues Club** Auditorium, Abbot St Cammeray. **Club Entry from 9.45am.**

**QR code entry optional**  
**Wear mask to Auditorium**

- 10:30 - 10:50 General Business
- 10:50 - 11:10 Annual General Meeting
- 11:10 - 11:30 Break
- 11:30 - 12:25 Guest Speaker
- 12:25 Wrap-up and Group Photo

## Annual General Meeting 2022

The 42nd Annual General Meeting of members will be held at Norths Club, Cammeray on Tuesday 8th March 2022 at approx. 10:50am during an adjournment of the Monthly Meeting.

### AGENDA

- To confirm the Minutes of the 41st AGM held on Tuesday 9th March 2021
- To receive the President's Report
- To receive the Income & Expenditure Statement for the Year ending 31 December 2021, the Statement of Financial Position at 31 December 2021 and the Auditor's Report thereon
- To increase Committee to 11 members
- To present the List of Club Activities.
- To elect the Officers and Committee: we have received the following nominations: Yiu Lam Kwan (President), Ian Ashbrook (Vice President), Brian Thomas (Secretary), Barry Friere (Treasurer), Roger Freney (Immediate Past President), Graeme Adam, David Bruce-Steer, John Beckhaus, Ross Bruwel, Peter Davenport, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Ted Kraegen, Barry Stone, Peter Turner, Michael Walker (Committee)
- To re-appoint the Honorary Auditor, **David Lloyd**

## Club Activities for Diary

**Tues 15th March** BBQ/High Tea Balls Head.

**Fri 18th March** Lost Soles Woolwich Walk

**Tues 29th March** 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.

## 2.50 Club - Outing to Zoo



### 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

##### Website

David Bruce-Steer

**Barbecue and High Tea. New Date Tuesday 15th March.**

See flyer sent by email or December Newsletter for full details. Balls Head Reserve from 4.30pm. Please sign on by emailing Graeme Adam at [outings@probusneutralbay.org](mailto:outings@probusneutralbay.org) no later than Sat 5th March. Cost \$12 pp by bank transfer or cash on day to Graeme. There is limited seating so please bring 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.



**Tour of St Andrews Cathedral School (Gawura Campus) and Cathedral Tuesday 29th March.**



A guided visit and presentation to learn about Gawura, the award-winning “school within a school” for indigenous children K-6. Followed by a guided tour of St Andrews Cathedral, the oldest in Australia.

**WHEN and WHERE** ...Meet at 8.45am in Sydney Square, outside Chapter House, an annexe to the Cathedral, opposite the school.



**HOW**..... Book with Graeme Adam, at [outings@probusneutralbay.org](mailto:outings@probusneutralbay.org) by Sat 19th March There will be a limit on numbers, so “first in, best-dressed”. Any questions, please call Graeme on 0423 741 68.

**COST** .....No cost for the school tour; cathedral: \$4 donation on entry into donations box or \$5 using credit card scanner.

**Other Ongoing Activities.**

**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 and third 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. The next sailing cruise is **Tuesday 22 March**. Pick up at Middle Harbour Yacht Club at 10.30 am.

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

**Bridge.** Beginners, intermediates, advanced players who would like an on-line game, please contact John Pike for details on 0403 007 273. Typically a game lasts for about 1.5hours, at 4pm each Thursday

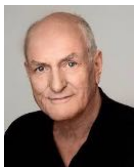
**Lost Soles Strollers. Woolwich Point Friday 18th February.** Meet Circular Quay to catch the 09.45am F8 ferry (normally wharf 5) to Woolwich. Walk up to Woolwich Road and down Gale Street for Lane Cove river views. A pleasant streetscape walk up to The Goat Paddock then down to the old graving dock, now a boat mooring area, and back to the top lookout for views. The Pier Hotel looks good for lunch with a beer garden. Then return to the ferry. There are some well graded and constructed steps on this walk. Bring Opal card, sunscreen, water and brolly if the weather is dodgy. Please advise Stewart ([stewh444@tpg.com.au](mailto:stewh444@tpg.com.au); 9439 9609) if you are coming.

**\$2.50 Club** Travel to points of interest making use of our Seniors Opal Card. Organised by John Pike (0403 007 273) this could be anywhere on public transport in the Greater Metropolitan area for \$2.50 in a day! Next outing in April, details TBA.

**March Guest Speaker**

**RICHARD BROINOWSKI AO – Former Australian Diplomat**

**“The Wisdom of Acquiring Nuclear-Powered Submarines ..... or Not.”**



Australia’s nuclear submarine deal generated an enormous amount of over-heated commentary at diplomatic levels....and initiated an on-going debate about which is better for Australia – modern conventional attack submarines or nuclear - powered submarines? **Richard Broinowski** will discuss this and consider a number of relevant issues.



Richard has had a distinguished diplomatic career. After early postings to Tokyo, Rangoon, Tehran and Manilla he served as Australian Ambassador to Vietnam, South Korea and Mexico. In addition from 1990-1993 he was Managing Director of Radio Australia. Since retirement he has held various academic appointments and has been President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs. Subsequently he received an Order of Australia in 2019. He has published several books, with topics including aspects of nuclear energy.