

Newsletter

May
2022

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests



I note with great sadness the passing of our dear friend John Minnett on 16th April. Together we grieve his loss. John was a true stalwart of the club of more than 35 years standing, and served as president twice. He and Helen were great supporters of the club, and close friends to so many. We will remember them in our hearts always.



It is opportune for us to recognise the great and many contributions of the more senior members of our Club. We should all try and do what we can to ensure we stay in touch and engage with them both socially and in various club activities.

The 3-day Hunter Valley tour (26-28th April) was a great success. Among the highlights were the visits to the Hunter Valley Gardens, the two contrasting thoroughbred studs – Widden (set in the stunning Wollemi Valley) and the '5-star' no expenses spared Godolphin - and the historic small town of Wollombi. We also learned a lot about coal mining in the Hunter region and the emerging organic wine industry. We enjoyed some exquisite food and wine, and above all, we had lots of fun sharing each other's company.

I want to thank Robin Frith who is in the preliminary stages of planning a 7-day tour of Norfolk Island in September. He will send out a scoping survey soon to gauge the extent of interest.

We are excited to have two new members joining our ranks – Nick Baines and Grahame White. Please make them welcome.

This month we witness the commencement of a new outdoor activity, croquet, initially alternate Mondays at 1 pm at the Chatswood Croquet Club. There was a big turnout for the introductory day on 2nd May. Big thanks to Rob Wright for seeing this through to fruition.

Just a quick reminder about our exciting upcoming events: visit to HMAS Waterhen on Tuesday 24th May, tour of the State Theatre on Tuesday 21 June, and a tour of the Archibald exhibition on Friday 15th July. And of course, our ever popular Winter Feast, which will be on Tuesday 26th July.

We are delighted to welcome our May speaker, the Hon Roger Dive, former Snr. Judge of the NSW Drug Court. I am certain his talk on the Drug Court Program will be most interesting and informative, as well as thought provoking.

Yiu Lam Kwan, President

Hunter Valley Tour April



New Activity

Croquet at Chatswood



NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10th May from 10.30am** in the **Norths Leagues Club Auditorium, Abbot St Cammeray. Club Entry from 9.45am.**

- 10.30 - 10.50 General business
- 10.50 - 11:00 Personal Corner
- 11.00 - 11:20 Morning Tea
- 11.20 - 12:20 Guest Speaker
- 12.20 - Questions and Wrap Up

Personal Corner

Reg Richardson AM

- Honorary Fellow University of Sydney
- Founder of Poche Centres of Indigenous Health at Universities of Sydney, Melbourne, Queensland, WA and Flinders (SA & NT)
- Member of NSW Advisory Council of St Vincents Hospital Australia
- Emeritus Chairman Melanoma Institute Australia
- Custodian South Sydney Rabbitohs

New Members

Nick Baines

Career: Management Consultancy

Interests: Tennis, Bush Walking, Gardening, Environment, Politics, Railways, Sailing
Nick and Chris live in Normanhurst

Grahame White

Career: Steel Manufacturing and Processing (Director Bronx Group)

Interests: Golf, Travel, History, Current Affairs
Grahame and Fran live in Neutral Bay

Club Activities for Diary

Friday 13th May Lost Soles Woolloomooloo

Tuesday 24th May Tour of HMAS Waterhen, Waverton, the Royal Australian Navy's lead establishment for Mine Warfare.

Tuesday 21st June Tour of State Theatre (details later).

Friday 15th July Archibald Prize Tour

Tuesday 26th July Winter Feast

September Seven day Norfolk Island Tour in planning stage (details later)

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.
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Kevin Fitzpatrick

Tour of HMAS Waterhen. Tuesday 24th May.

Join us for this unique tour of Royal Australian Navy's lead establishment for Mine Warfare, and Mine Countermeasure Equipment, based at Waverton. Highlights will be going aboard a Minehunter Vessel and a Landing Craft while a Navy member briefs guests.



WHEN: Tuesday 24th May starting at 8.45am at Norths, back at Norths early afternoon. For security reasons, access is **only** by group transport from Norths. Members will need a form of photo ID (**hard copy not digital**) and be **Covid vaccinated** or have a valid exemption.

HOW: Please register with **Graeme Adam** at outings@probusneutralbay.org. Sign-on sheet at general meeting.

COST: \$25pp for transport - no charge for actual tour. Lunch in canteen is for you to choose and pay for yourself. Can't find the Waterhen flyer? Email Graeme at graemeadam1@bigpond.com.

Other Ongoing Activities.

Neutral Bay Probus Croquet Group. Mondays 1pm to 3pm Chatswood Croquet Club. Free coaching and tuition for Neutral Bay Probus members in stroke techniques and in tactics of the game. Requirements to play croquet – no bending, just an ability to swing a mallet with reasonable eye-hand co-ordination – plus regular attendance. Map re location of Chatswood Croquet club and parking will be given to attendees To register your interest either SMS **Rob Wright** on **0416 161 863** or add name(s) to sign-on sheet at the May general meeting



Roll Up Lawn Bowls every Wed 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 for fully vaccinated players. Venue change to "Love n Deuce" Talus St Naremburn courts. From 10 am to 12 pm on the first and third Tuesday of the month, followed by coffee and a social chat. All members are welcome. Please contact **Peter Turner 0428 611 456** or **Ted Kraegen 0421 385 824** for details.

Golf Murray Mair welcomes all members to play, generally on Fridays on a local course. Please contact **Murray on 0419 488 609** for details.

Cycling We have a very active, regular cycling group led 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.

Sailing Ahoy! For a great day on a comfortable cruising yacht, the "Renada", please contact **Captain Ross Bruwel** on **0421 817 106** for information or to book a place. Ross will advise the next sailing date (usually last Tuesday of month). Pick up at Middle Harbour Yacht Club at 10.30 am.

Movie Enjoyment? At the Orpheum, Cremorne on the last Monday of the month. Contact **David Bruce-Steer** on **0455 655 451**.

Bridge. 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. Woolloomooloo Walk Friday 13th May. Meet at 10.00 on Park Street under the VIP LOUNGE sign about 80m east from Town hall station. The walk takes in views of Hyde Park, St. Mary's Cathedral, Plunket Street Public School (1878), picturesque terrace rows, St. Columbkille's church (1875), the Finger Wharf, Harry's Café de Wheels, and a view of naval ships at Garden Island. Lunch at the Frisco hotel, or Harry's. Then either walk back to Town Hall or catch the 311 bus. About 4km. Please advise Stewart if you are coming on 9439 9609 or stewh444@tpg.com.au

May Guest Speaker THE HONOURABLE ROGER DIVE

"CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH REHABILITATION"

Judge Roger Dive retired last year after 50 years in law. This included 17 years as the Senior Judge of the Drug Court. Roger oversaw the expansion of the Drug Court from Parramatta to now include programs in Central Sydney, the Hunter region, and Dubbo. These locations will manage approximately 250 adult drug offenders who would otherwise be in gaol. In 2011 he was awarded the 2011 Prime Minister's Award for outstanding contribution to Drug and Alcohol endeavours, and was the 2022 NSW Nominee for Senior Australian of the Year



Roger will tell us about the Drug Court program – how it works and why it is expanding. And there are some stories to tell which put paid to any assumptions that courts are dry and humourless work places.

June Guest Speaker Johnny Pace Entertainer Extraordinaire "Stars I have Dimmed"