



Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests

After the la Nina dominated summer and autumn, winter has started with a might polar blast. I hope you are all keeping snug and safe!

In May, we had a lucky break in the weather when we visited HMAS Waterhen. Thanks to Graeme Adam, our outings organiser extraordinaire, a contingent of 37 "went aboard" HMAS Waterhen ... a day of advanced technology, acronyms and a delicious lunch in the Officers' Mess. Experiences included an in-water demo on HMAS Yarra of an MDV (Mine Disposal Vehicle), showcasing a Mechanised Landing Craft (LCM) and an MDS (Mine Disposal Simulator). The most impressive aspect was the passion and professionalism of the young men and women we met, so proud of their roles. This special event is unlikely to be offered again by the Navy. So, a big thank you to Graeme!

Thanks to Rob Wright, our croquet group has made a successful start and is playing regularly at the Chatswood Croquet Club. In the meantime, the 2.50 Club is in abeyance and we are hoping a new leader will step up soon. I wish to thank John Pike for his role in the past in organising this activity.

We have a series of very exciting outings coming up. On Tue June 21st we will visit the State Theatre (now fully subscribed). In July we will have a guided tour of the Archibald Exhibition on Fri 15th, and the much anticipated Winter Feast will take place on Tue 26th. In August, there will be a day tour of the newly opened visitors centre of the Western Sydney International Airport (Badgersy Creek), combined with a visit to Warragamba Dam and the Botanical Gardens at Mount Annan. Please put your names down on the sign-on sheets at the General Meeting and watch out for the flyers in your inbox, or check our Webpage for further information.

Finally, an update on the Norfolk Island tour, 16-23 September. This is specially organised by Robin Frith. The itinerary is absolutely fantastic. Currently, there are only four spots left, and time is running out to register to secure seats on the plane. Please contact Robin directly on his mobile (0419 176 096), or Kwan for further information.

I for one am looking forward to having a whale of a time when we welcome Johnny Pace as our 'speaker' for this month's General Meeting.

Yiu Lam Kwan, President

TOUR OF HMAS WATERHEN May



NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14th June 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

Grahame White

Career: Steel Manufacturing and Processing (Director Bronx Group)

Interests: Golf, Travel, History, Current Affairs

Grahame and Fran live in Neutral Bay

Annual Subscription of \$50 is NOW OVERDUE

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.**

Club Activities for Diary

Tuesday 21st June Tour of State Theatre

Friday 15th July Archibald Exhibition Tour

Tuesday 26th July Winter Feast

Tuesday 23rd August South West Sydney Tour (including New Airport, Warragamba and Mt Annan Botanical Gardens)

16th - 23rd September Norfolk Island Tour

Tuesday 23rd October Jacaranda Cruise

Tuesday 29th November Blue Mountains Botanical Gardens (Mt Tomah)

Tuesday 13th December Christmas Lunch

Monthly Joke "Grandpa's Face"

A little girl was sitting next to her grandfather as he read a bedtime story to her. From time to time she took her eyes off the book and reached up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She touched her own cheek after she touched his.

After a little while of thinking she asked, "Grandpa, did God make you?"

He looked at her and said, "Yes, sweetheart, God made me a long time ago".

She paused for a few seconds and then asked, "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

He replied, "Yes, indeed pumpkin, God made you just a little while ago".

Touching their respective faces again, she whispered to him, God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

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TOUR OF STATE THEATRE Tuesday 21st June 10am to 12 noon

Since its opening in 1929, the State Theatre has captivated the hearts and minds of patrons with its majestic elegance. We have a 2hr guided tour of this magnificent and unique building. Please see the flyer for details (**Tour now fully subscribed**)



ANNUAL WINTER FEAST Tuesday 26th July at 12.00 for 12.30

Our Winter Feast will again be held at "Watergrill", Sydney Rowing Club, Abbotsford. Overlooking beautiful Parramatta River and 50m from Abbotsford RiverCat wharf (Suggest 11.07am ferry from Circular Quay). Cost is \$65 pp for great 3 course meal plus coffee. Details in flyer. Add your name to the Meeting sign-on sheet and optionally advise table companions. Please arrange payment.



OTHER REGULAR 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. To register your interest either SMS **Rob Wright** on **0416 161 863** or add name(s) to sign-on sheet at the 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. Venue now is "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** 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 but **ADDITIONAL RIDERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO TAKE PART**. Normally Monday rides start at 10 am and Saturday rides start at 7.30 am from Milsons Point Railway Station or from Observatory Hill at 7.35am .

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 an online game lasts for about 1.5hours, at 4pm each Thursday

Lost Soles Strollers. Friday 17th June NEWTOWN, SYDNEY UNI/CHAU CHUK WING MUSEUM Meet 10.00am at the forecourt at Newtown Station, facing King St. A short stroll to St.Stephen's church (1874), with the mass tomb of Dunbar 1857 shipwreck victims. Then we stroll along King Street and its eclectic retailers to Sydney Uni - the Great Hall and Quadrangle, and the new-ish Chan Chak Wing Museum (art, science, history, and culture). Lunch in the Café. Bus or walk back to Central. About 4km. Please advise **Stewart Horwood** if you are coming, stewh444@tpg.com.au.

June Guest Speaker JOHNNY PACE – Entertainer and Motivator Extraordinaire!

"PUTTING HUMOUR TO WORK"

JOHNNY PACE is best known for his many television appearances (over 1400). He was one of the stars of Network Ten's "The Celebrity Game", "Blankety Blanks," "Celebrity Squares," as well as his drive time shows on 2GB amongst others.

With comprehensive experience in every branch of his profession, Johnny has become the complete comedy entertainer. He has been twice winner of an MO award as the Best Comedy Act in Australia.

He states that his talk will be half serious "Don't manage stress - Avoid it!" and half humorous..... "Humour, in all its forms, is the great panacea; the leveller; the healer."

So we will learn a lot but, one thing is certainWe will walk away with a smile on our faces!



July Guest Speaker Mike Munro "The Last of the Bushrangers" and "This is Your Life"