

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests



With yet another peak of COVID, being resilient is no longer sufficient. Instead, there is a definite, though subtle shift, in adopting 'responsibility' as well – the taking of personal responsibility in assessing and managing one's own risks. To have any semblance of 'normality' we now have to carefully consider our own prevailing circumstances before partaking in any large social or public gatherings.

With this in mind, it is heartening to see all our Club activities continue by and large without any interruptions. On July 15, the group that attended the guided tour of the Archibald Exhibition was treated to a wonderful experience in gaining insight to the artists, the paintings and the stories behind the paintings of all the twenty five final entries. An added bonus was the Daniel Boyd exhibition which explores the connections between our early colonial history and the First Nations peoples.

The Winter Feast was an unqualified success. Around 80 members, partners and guests enjoyed a wonderful luncheon at the Watergrill Restaurant at Abbotsford. We enjoyed wonderful weather and excellent food, and the staff was most accommodating. A very big thank you to John Metcalf for organizing this very important Club event, and for contributing two bottles of champagne as door prizes!

The outing on August 23 is the SW Sydney Tour. This incorporates the Badgerys Creek International Airport, Warragamba Dam and Mt Annan Botanical Gardens. There are a small number of vacancies due to withdrawals. Please email outings@probusneutralbay.org for information if you are interested.

Last, but not least, we have a wonderful guest speaker lined up for our meeting this month – Skye Leckie. She needs no introduction. Her talk, entitled "The Life and Times of Skye Leckie", will be moderated by her close friend Michael Yabsley

Yiu Lam Kwan, President

NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9th August 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

Nick Baines

Early Life Grew up in England, vacation work in Switzerland, SA and Canada, post-uni Production Engineer with GEC, then in 1969 paid 10 quid and spent 5 weeks on boat to Oz

Academic Engineering (MA) at Cambridge, Economics (BSc) from London University

Career Management Consultancy
Last Position MD Baines Management Resources

Interests Bushwalking, tennis, swimming, sailing, gardening, model trains, Politics, Economics, USA

Residence Nick and Chris live in Normanhurst

Club Activities for Diary

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

16th - 23rd September Norfolk Island Tour

Tuesday 25th October Jacaranda Cruise

Tuesday 22nd November Blue Mountains Botanical Gardens (Mt Tomah)

Tuesday 13th December Christmas Lunch

Archibald Exhibition Tour



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

COMMITTEE

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Yiu Lam Kwan
Vice President
Ian Ashbrook
Imm. Past Pres
Roger Freney
Secretary
Brian Thomas
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Barry Friere
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David Bruce-Steer
John Beckhaus
Ross Bruwel
Peter Davenport
Kevin Fitzpatrick
Ted Kraegen
John Metcalf
Barry Stone
Peter Turner
Michael Walker

OTHER ROLES

Archivist
Kevin Fitzpatrick
Bowls
Peter Cornish
Cashier
Philip Brook
John Hirst
Cycling
Bob Pearce
Golf
Murray Mair
Hon Auditor
David Lloyd
Hospitality
Michael Walker
Lost Soles
Stewart Horwood
Strollers
Meetings
Michael Walker
Membership
Peter Turner
Minute Secretary
John Beckhaus
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
Welfare
Kevin Fitzpatrick

DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SOUTH WEST SYDNEY TOUR (Badgery's Creek Airport, Warragamba Dam, Mt Annan Gardens) Tues 23rd August

At **Badgery's Creek Airport Experience Centre**, we will learn via "stopovers" about the region and its people and understand the opportunities that will come from Australia's first smart airport. We will have a clear view of the future airfield and be able to see the airport come to life. The tour is combined with a visit to **Warragamba Dam** (our morning tea stop) where we can marvel at this engineering masterpiece as it nestles quietly in native bushland. The included lunch will be at the Gregory Hills Tavern. We will finish the tour with a stroll through **Mt Annan Botanical Gardens** on the way back to Sydney.

Depart: Norths Leagues Club at Cammeray at 8:30 am, returning to Norths around 5:00 pm

Please note: there are only a few spots left on this tour - please email outings@probusneutralbay.org if you are interested in taking part.

Cost: \$60 pp including lunch and morning tea. Payment preferably by EFT to **Probus Neutral Bay, BSB 082302 Acc no 288695672**

JACARANDA CRUISE aboard historic R.A.N motor launch "Harman" Tuesday 25th October

Join us for a leisurely voyage up the Inner Harbour on one of the Sydney Heritage Fleet to enjoy Sydney's spectacular jacarandas in bloom. After enjoy a light waterside lunch at Ripples Café at the Maritime Museum.

WHERE and WHEN: Meet 09.30am at Two Anchors to right of entrance to National Maritime Museum. Return approx 11.45am

Sign on with Graeme Adam at outings@probusneutralbay.com. Sign-on sheet at monthly meetings. Limit of 23 passengers, so first in, best dressed. **COST:** \$62 per person including cruise and light lunch.

TRANSPORT, PARKING, CONDITIONS: See flyer for details. Park in Hanbourside Car Park, in Murray St, validate your parking ticket at Australian National Maritime Museum desk and fee will be \$15 flat.



OTHER REGULAR ACTIVITIES.

Neutral Bay Probus Croquet Group. Mondays 1pm to 3pm Chatswood Croquet Club. Contact Rob Wright on 0416 161 863

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**. 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. **Extra Riders Welcome!**

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. Next sailing date **Tuesday 16th August**. 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 12th August La Perouse Meet at 10.15 at the Kingsford bus/light rail interchange in front of South Sydney Juniors. The Juniors Kingsford light rail runs from Circular Quay, George street, or Chalmers street at Central and takes about 20 min from Chalmers St. **Get the Juniors Kingsford not the Randwick light rail.** The 390x bus then takes us to La Perouse where we walk a 4km loop with magnificent views; then to the Museum (free with the story of the English and French visitation, plus a good coffee shop. Several choices for lunch. Please advise Stewart at stewh444@tpg.com.au if you are coming. Bring mask, opal card, broly if needed.

August Guest Speakers

Skye Leckie OAM and Hon. Michael Yabsley"

"THE LIFE and TIMES of SKYE LECKIE"

Skye Leckie, as well as the wife of media baron **David Leckie** has an incredible and fascinating life and career of her own.... A Sydney society queen, hosting – and presence at - incredibly lavish parties, primarily in the Eastern Suburbs. She is well-known for her relentless charity fundraising – referred to as a "charity queen", hounding Sydney society for contributions. She appeared in SBS's Series 2 "Filthy Rich and Homeless", - 10 days and 10 nights attempting to survive on the streets.

The Joint Presentation: Former politician **Michael Yabsley** is a very close and longstanding friend of Skye. We understand that, via a technique similar to Q & A, all will be revealed through a series of highlights and anecdotes about Skye's life.



September Guest Speaker

Tom Sweeney

History of the Willoughby Theatre Company