



Newsletter



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests

It's been a long break since our last general meeting in November. Do you feel like children at the point of starting a new school term? A resounding yes, maybe, I hear, except of course we are a touch more mature!

In the interim, we had our two highly successful annual mega events – Christmas luncheon and BBQ/High Tea. We owe a big collective thank you to Graeme for his meticulous planning. The turnout and the support from members, partners and guests were amazing.

Australia is gradually reopening for business, and what have we learned from another year of COVID? I am reminded of the message from our esteemed past president Kevin back in 2021 – the importance of family and friends; staying in touch, and humour – are still relevant now, albeit hopefully we are at the tail end of the pandemic.

Our AGM will be held on 14th March with the General Meeting. Barry Friere has indicated his wish to stand down as Treasurer. We would like to thank him for three years of dedicated service. Nominations are now open for this position, and also for that of Vice President. New blood is essential to ensure continual rejuvenation and vibrancy. Please consider contributing your time and expertise!

Our guest speaker this month, Kathryn Greiner AO, needs no introduction. She will present 'Ageism – the Next Frontier'. I can't think of a more appropriate topic!

We can look forward to a wonderful array of activities and speakers in 2023, and we are sure to be enthralled by our newer members when they regale us in Personal Corners. Do keep a close eye on the announcements in the newsletters.

Finally, our membership number is healthy, but spread the word, bring your friends, and let them know about our website.

Yiu Lam Kwan, President

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th February 2023 from 10.30am in the Norths Leagues Club Auditorium, Abbot St, Cammeray.

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

Alan Hauserman

Two year old Alan fled Java arriving into Sydney Harbour on Australia Day 1942. He will talk about some youthful experiences before recognising that his dyslexia precluded any possibility of obtaining a university qualification. Working alongside actuaries, lawyers and public servants, Alan developed an interesting career advising international companies on the provision of health, personally catastrophic and retirement benefits for their Australian employees.

If you're buying a watch from Amazon, be warned. I learned the hard way that if it says you can swim with it, this only applies if you can already swim without it.

BBQ and High Tea Balls Head



The capricious weather behaved this year as some 80 members and friends turned out for our first outing for 2023. This annual al fresco occasion is special because of the way your committee volunteers to make it all happen.

Honourable mention to: Michael Walker, Ian Ashbrook, (Vice-President), Peter Turner, (left to right in photo), Ross Bruwel, Roger Freney, Yiu Lam Kwan (President) and Graeme Adam.

Club Activities for Diary

Tuesday 21st Feb and 3rd March 2023

Tour of new Allianz Stadium and Lunch

Monday 20th March Lost Soles Strollers

Tuesday 21st March Sydney Modern Project (Art Gallery of NSW)

Tuesday 18th April Sydney Jewish Museum

Christmas Lunch Manly Golf Club and New Members



The 2022 Christmas Lunch at Manly Golf Club was almost a full house with 107 present and according to reports a successful day. Some of the **new members for 2022** were inducted by President Yiu Lam Kwan at the lunch: Chris Gingell, Assoc Prof Colin Moore, Phillip Vandervaere and Harvey Ord. Others who joined in 2022, and who will be inducted in 2023 are: Bob Fuss, Dr Peter Fitzgerald, and Peter Klanberck. The number who joined in 2022 was thirteen, which is very pleasing indeed.



At Left: Also at the lunch, Kwan invited Virginia Adam to adjudicate the authenticity of three red dots for the Lucky Door Prizes. Holding the evidence were Robin Lewarne, Bruce Russell, Lorraine Freney, and Kevin Fitzpatrick. Three lucky households each bagged a Magnum of Moët.

DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Tour of Allianz Stadium, Moore Park, Tuesday 21st February and 3rd March

Tours are on 21st Feb and 3rd March, both starting at 9.45am. The 21 Feb tour is full **but there is space for 3rd March tour**. Sign on with **Graeme Adam** at outings@probusneutralbay.org. For rendezvous, program and payment details, see flyer that was mailed out on 11th January or email Graeme as above or call him on **0423 741 681**



Tour of Sydney Modern Project (Art Gallery of NSW) Tuesday 21st March

Private one hour conducted tour with the theme - **“State of the Art”**
Assemble at 9.45am at Welcome Hub in the Plaza at Sydney Modern Project.

Explore the art and architecture of the Art Gallery’s new \$340 million building with a host of installations from significant Indigenous artists to new sculptural work by international artists. Followed by optional brunch/lunch at own cost at MOD Dining in Sydney Modern or at Cafe in AGNSW main building (both walk-in only).



Exterior view of the North Building, Art Gallery of New South Wales, photo © Art Gallery of New South Wales, Jenni Carter

HOW: Sign on with **Graeme Adam** at outings@probusneutralbay.org. \$28 pp. **Please pay no later than 17 March**, by Bank Transfer BSB:082 302 A/c. no: 28869 5672.

NAB Neutral Bay. Name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay. Please include your name when making EFT payment. There is a limit on numbers, so wait list will apply. A flyer with full details of tour to be distributed early February

Tour of Sydney Jewish Museum, Darlinghurst. Tuesday 18th April

Exhibition now on **“Reverberations” (A Future for Memory)**. The Museum (148 Darlinghurst Rd) is a short 10min walk from Kings Cross Station. Adult tour (2 hour with guide) 10:00AM to 12.00 PM. Cost per visitor \$20.00. Sign on with **Tony Michaels**, Outings and Events Co-coordinator at the Outings Table at the February and March General Meetings.



OTHER ACTIVITIES.

Neutral Bay Probus Beginners Croquet Group. Mon 1 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 is Willis Park Eastern Valley Way Castle Cove courts. From 10 am to 12 pm on the first and third Tuesday of the month, commencing for 2023 in March. Tennis is 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 (**28th Feb still to be confirmed**). Pick up at Middle Harbour Yacht Club at 10.30 am.

Movie Enjoyment? At the Orpheum, Cremorne on the 4th 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. The plan for 2023 is a walk on Monday in the week after the General Meeting, ie March 20th. Details next Newsletter. Please contact **Stewart Horwood** stewh444@tpg.com.au for information.

FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER KATHRYN GREINER AO

Ageism - The Next Frontier

Kathryn Greiner AO – an Australian Politician and Social Advocate, is a remarkable Achiever and Contributor to our Society, well known to us all. Among her many involvements and directorships, in September 2012 Kathryn Greiner was appointed Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing. She has devoted herself to improving the lot of Australia’s aged population, hence the topic of her presentation today.

Kathryn says that it generally takes half a generation to shift the dial of change in the community’s thinking. Think sexism, think racism and now ageism. It’s the next hurdle to overcome to be a truly inclusive society. So, she has drawn on her vast experience in public policy-making and review positions to describe the impact of ageing on Australian society.

She has many creative thoughts about improving both the lives of older Australians and society.



March Guest Speaker **Stephen Pead**

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