



# Newsletter



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Dear Fellow Members, Ladies and Visitors



Firstly, thank you for the honour of electing me as your president for 2023. Neutral Bay Probus is one of the largest Probus Clubs in Australia and is certainly the envy of many, with our high end speakers, wide range of activities and outstanding members.

As a relative newcomer to the Club, I didn't set out to achieve this position and certainly not so early in my membership and I appreciate that I have some very large shoes to fill. Kwan has done a magnificent job and demonstrated a huge capacity for empathy and understanding and I thank him again, on your behalf, for his contributions. Thanks also to the other members of the committee, largely unchanged for 2023, for their contributions and also to those members who undertake the 'other roles' which keep our club ticking along. Roger Freney retires as Immediate Past President and on behalf of us all I would particularly like to thank him for the guidance he gave us as President in the early days of the pandemic. That said, I would like to warmly welcome Reg Richardson, who has very kindly volunteered to be our Vice President. I look forward to working with all of you.

Finally, I would like to say that our priorities for the year ahead will reflect those of previous committees in increasing our membership numbers, providing a suitable range of activities for the enjoyment of all and, above all, achieving this within the Probus framework of Fun, Fellowship and Friendship.

Ian Ashbrook AM, President

## NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th April 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

## Club Activities for Diary

**Monday 17th April** Lost Soles Strollers  
**Tuesday 18th April** Sydney Jewish Museum  
**Tuesday 16th May** Riverboat Postman Cruise  
**Tuesday 20th June** Port Kembla Steelworks

## Personal Corner

### Colin Moore

I graduated MB BS, Sydney Uni in 1964, then trained in General and Paediatric Surgery, working in Australia and overseas. In 1970 I became lecturer in Paediatric Surgery in Melbourne. In 1983 I took sabbatical leave from Monash Uni, then 10 years in the Middle East returning in 1992. I retrained in Aesthetic Surgery and spent the next 25 years in private Cosmetic Surgery Practice retiring in 2018.

## COMMITTEE

- President**  
Ian Ashbrook AM
- Vice President**  
Reg Richardson AM
- Imm. Past Pres**  
Yiu Lam Kwan
- Secretary**  
Brian Thomas
- Treasurer**  
Barry Friere
- Committee**  
Graeme Adam  
John Beckhaus  
David Bruce-Steer  
Ross Bruwel  
Kevin Fitzpatrick  
Ted Kraegen AO  
John Metcalf  
Tony Michaels  
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 Strollers**  
Stewart Horwood
- Meetings**  
Michael Walker
- Membership**  
Peter Turner
- Minute Secretary**  
John Beckhaus
- Movies**  
David Bruce-Steer
- Music, Art**  
John Brooks  
Gerald Christmas
- Newsletter**  
Ted Kraegen
- Postman**  
David Bruce-Steer
- Sailing**  
Ross Bruwel
- Speakers**  
Barry Stone
- Tennis**  
Peter Turner
- Tours, Outings**  
Graeme Adam  
Tony Michaels
- Website**  
David Bruce-Steer
- Welfare**  
Kevin Fitzpatrick

## Sydney Modern (NSW Art Gallery) Tour



Thanks to Graeme Adam for organising an enjoyable, informative tour to Sydney Modern

## New Members 2022-2023



**Left to right above:** Paul Shea, Barry Partridge, Mark Miller, Paul Crombie, Chris Gingell, Alan Hauserman & Colin Moore.  
**Other new members** Nick Baines, Colin Davidson, Peter Fitzgerald, Bob Fuss, Peter Klanberck, Harvey Ord, Tony Robinson, Philippe Vandervaere and Graham White.  
**Welcome to All!**

## Members Group Photo March 2023



## Annual Subs Due

Pay \$55 by cash/cheque at meeting but preferably by online bank transfer: include your name for reference.

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## Lost Soles Strollers. Ballast Point Balmain Walk and Lunch Monday 17th April

We meet at Wharf 5 Circular Quay for the 0945 ferry to Balmain. A level walk past the remains of Mort's Dock and waterfront to steps up to the old Texaco fuel terminal site with fine harbour views. Then a street (quiet) walk past pre-federation terraces back to Darling Street. Lunch at the Royal Oak or London pub or local cafes. Bus 442 back to Railway Square. About 4km. Contact **Stewart Horwood** [stewh444@tpg.com.au](mailto:stewh444@tpg.com.au) for information and bookings.



*Our dedicated guide and Lost Soles leader Stewart (shown at Bradleys Head last month) invites you to join him on "strolls".*

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

We meet there at 10.00am for a 2 hour tour with guide (Cost \$20). Address is 148 Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst, a short 10 minute walk from Kings Cross Station. Major exhibition spaces cover Jewish history, the Holocaust and involvement in Australian history. Current feature exhibition "Reverberations" shines a light on the humanity and life experiences of holocaust survivors. Lunch (optional) at one of the many nearby cafes (eg **Fortuna** 247 Victoria St) If driving there is secure parking at Holiday Inn, Victoria St next door to Kings Cross train station. Sign on with **Tony Michaels**, Outings and Events Co-coordinator at the Outings Table at the April General Meeting.



## Riverboat Postman Cruise Tuesday 16th May

A favourite Probus Outing - **a morning cruise on the Hawkesbury** with morning tea and lunch provided. Departs 1000am from **Brooklyn Postie Wharf**, Dangar Rd.. A History of the early days on the Hawkesbury with an experienced tour guide. Come prepared with a warm jacket for May on the water! **By Train** take the North Shore line to Hornsby and then change for the Central to Brooklyn train. Timetable on Transport NSW website (or tel 131 500) **A 09.45am arrival** will allow plenty of time to cross to the wharf. **By Car** allow time to find a car park. **Return trains** are at 1.27pm.



**Cost \$54.00 pp** Payment by Bank Transfer BSB; 082-302 A/c 28869 5672 ( Name ) .

**Sign on with Tony Michaels**, Outings and Events Co-coordinator at the Outings Table at General Meeting, or email Tony at [outings@probusneutralbay.org](mailto:outings@probusneutralbay.org)

## Port Kembla Steelworks Tour Tuesday 20th June

**Meeting at Norths Club by 7.45am (sharp)** for Bus to depart for Wollongong by 08.00. The three hour steel tour will start with overview and safety video, then we get required PPE (audio headset, hard hat, gloves and dust jacket) before starting tour. Around 12.30 we will board our bus to the Wollongong Golf Club for lunch on **The Deck** (own expense, wide menu available), leaving around 2.30pm for the return journey, arriving Norths around 5pm.



**Cost \$67.00 pp** Payment and Sign-On with **Tony Michaels** as for other outings above.

## 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. 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. No April sailing date, next date 30th May. 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 of online bridge on **0403 007 273**. Typically a game lasts for about 1.5hours, at 4pm each Thursday.

## April Guest Speaker and Live Performance Paul Baker The Banjo - Its Origins - Its Development



**Paul Baker** has been playing the banjo since his early twenties. His experience – both internationally and locally - is mind boggling. Hence, he is referred to as the **"Banjo Man"**. His involvement as a supreme banjo player includes Paul Furniss' San Francisco Jazz Band; Sydney Jazz Club; and Sydney Showboat. Having "retired", he still plays professionally as a specialist banjo player, but enjoys playing for people who can truly appreciate his talent.

Paul will talk on the origins of the banjo, starting in the 1800s, created by enslaved Africans and their descendants in the Caribbean and colonial North America. However, the banjo's creation was the result of a blending between West African and European forms, the latter having a different string formation. Hence the creation of the Black Minstrel Show

## May Speaker Dr Garry Lowder "A Journey through the Elements - Memoirs of a Fortunate Geologist"