



Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members, Ladies and Visitors



We started the new Probus year with a good attendance of 59 at the General Meeting and a lively and unusual guest speaker, Paul Baker, with his presentation 'Banjo Man'. Then, the following Monday, 14 Lost Soles Strollers, ably led by Stewart Horwood, participated in a very interesting guided walk through historic Balmain and even those who missed the ferry ('no names no pack drill'), demonstrated great initiative and eventually managed to locate us in Balmain.

Not to be outdone, the following day, perhaps fittingly just before Anzac Day, some 37 of us visited the Sydney Jewish Museum in Darlinghurst, outstandingly organised by Tony Michaels. Carolyn and I have visited a number of similar memorials and sites from the amazing Holocaust History Museum in Jerusalem, the heart wrenching camps at Auschwitz- Birkenau and Mauthausen and the Jewish Ghettoes in Prague and Warsaw and while the feelings of revulsion are always there, on this occasion they were reinforced by a lengthy address by a Holocaust survivor, 93 year old Egon Sonnenschein. (Photo below). Egon and his family escaped during the war from the then Yugoslavia through Italy and eventually into Switzerland. Egon's presentation was an outstanding and emotional experience, which he still managed to lighten with some humorous memories.

Meanwhile, the more active have continued with Tennis, Golf, Lawn Bowls, Croquet, Cycling and Sailing, while others have enjoyed David's Movie Group. So, there's plenty to do and a very big thank you to the organisers of all of our activities. That said, our next major activity is the Hawkesbury River Postman Cruise, including morning tea and lunch, on Tuesday 16th May and encompassing a guided history of the early Hawkesbury years. This is one of the highlights on our calendar, enjoyed year after year by our members; so, why not join in.

Our Guest Speaker on 9th May is Dr Garry Lowder 'A Journey through the Elements - Memoirs of a Fortunate Geologist'. Our speakers are renowned and this promises to be another outstanding presentation.

Hopefully we'll see you on the 9th May.

Ian Ashbrook, President

Lost Sole Strollers at Balmain



Sydney Jewish Museum Tour

(Showing Address by Egon Sonnenschein)



NEXT MEETING

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

Club Activities for Diary

- Monday 15th May Lost Soles Strollers
- Tuesday 16th May Riverboat Postman Cruise
- Tuesday 20th June Port Kembla Steelworks
- Tuesday 27th June Archibald Prize Tour
- Tuesday 25th July Winter Feast

Personal Corner

Bob Fuss

We look forward to Bob's talk this month. Bob has a Law degree from UNSW, and lists his principal career as Accountancy and Tax Agent. Last position was as Director with Company Doctor Pty Ltd. His interests are walking, exercise, travel, plays, reading & research - stock exchange.

New Member

We welcome **Peter Dowling** to our Club. Peter was formerly a Partner - Management Consulting. He lists his interests as Tennis, Kayaking, Ocean swimming and History. Peter and Virginia live in Cremorne.

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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DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Lost Soles Strollers. Beauty Point and the Spit Stroll and Lunch Monday 15th May

We meet at the last bus stop before the Spit Bridge going north at about 10.00am. We walk around Pearl Bay, past the last remaining houseboat, to a site where stood a large dance hall in the 1890s. Then a few steps up to a lookout with magnificent views. Return along the Western foot path to pass under the Spit Bridge. The recommendation for lunch is a 144 bus to Mosman Pub although there are other possibilities. Kindly advise by email to Stewart Horwood if you are coming (stewh444@tpg.com.au)

Riverboat Postman Cruise Tuesday 16th May

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 9.45am 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.



Sign on with Tony Michaels, at the Outings Table at General Meeting, or email Tony at

outings@probusneutralbay.org

Cost \$54.00 pp Payment by Bank Transfer to Probus Club of Neutral Bay, BSB; 082-302 A/c 28869 5672 (Include Name) .

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. Guided Tour of the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes, 2023 will take place.



Cost \$67.00 pp Payment and Sign-On with Tony Michaels as for the outing above.

Guided Tour of the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes Tuesday 27th June

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Art Gallery of NSW. Cost is \$27 pp (concession). Sign on at the May or June general meetings, or email outings@probusneutralbay.org. Deadline for enrolment and payment is Mon 19 June. Please contact **Kwan or John Metcalf** via outings@probusneutralbay.org for further information.

NB Probus Winter Feast Tuesday 25th July

Venue and Time: 1200 for 1230pm, **Watergrill Restaurant, Sydney Rowing Club Abbotsford** (50m from Abbotsford ferry wharf, suggest getting the 1107am ferry from Circular Quay).

\$65pp for a great three course meal plus coffee. Drinks pay-as-you-go.

This annual Probus event offers a great opportunity to meet old and new members and relax in a social environment. So, go ahead and book your table (ten per table) and advise your planners of your table companions.

Cost \$65.00 pp Payment and Sign-On with Tony Michaels as for the 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. Next date 30th May (Fully booked). 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.

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

Dr Garry Lowder's Presentation is an entertaining account of one man's journey through life as a geologist. Garry is a geologist who spent over 50 years in the Australian and international mining industries. As an exploration geologist, Garry worked in Australia, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, playing key roles in the discovery of several mineral deposits. Later he held senior management positions with Australian mining companies and spent four years in government as Director General of Mineral Resources in NSW. In 1997 he founded Malachite Resources Ltd, a minerals exploration company, retiring as Managing Director in 2011. Garry will introduce his memoir (published by Connor Court Publishing in 2019) and also provide some insights into why understanding how our planet works is so important for our long-term survival.



June Speaker

Prof Kim Oates "Errors in Health Care"

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