

Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members, Ladies and Visitors

I was honoured at the Aug meeting to be able to offer life membership to James Holloway following the unanimous support of our members. Jim has contributed much to Neutral Bay Probus, particularly with his Jim's Jaunts and is indeed highly qualified to receive such prestigious recognition by his fellow members. While he has difficulties now in attending meetings, we look forward to seeing him as often as possible in the future.

We also continue to enjoy a huge spectrum of backgrounds and experiences in our Personal Corner segments; but, can I ask that presenters please keep to a max of about 10 minutes (this is about 1000 words max) and speak slowly and clearly, directly into the microphone. Unfortunately, the audio system in the auditorium is very sensitive to any deviations from this, which is further exacerbated for those of us with impaired hearing.

As recognised at our last meeting, it was sad to record the passing of former member, Bernard Maybloom. Bernard joined in 2009 but, unfortunately, had to resign in 2021 due to ill health.

In reviewing the last few Newsletters to refresh myself on Club activities, I was again impressed by the very high standard of this publication and would like, I'm sure with your support, to again thank Ted Kraegen for the huge effort he puts in to making the Newsletter so informative and interesting, while sticking rigidly to the two page format. It is also worth noting that the Newsletter has become the authoritative reference for Club activities. Many thanks Ted.

Very best wishes, Ian

Ian Ashbrook, President



Jim Holloway with President Ian

Report on HMB Endeavour Outing

On an early spring morning 28 Probus members gathered at the Australian National Maritime Museum to start the tour at 09.30. First to the Theatre with a welcome address by Tony and an introduction to our speaker Phillip Armstrong. Phillip has studied the voyage of James Cook to the Antipodes (1768/1770) and his knowledge was remarkable, explaining the political implications surrounding the voyage, the personnel involved in the decision making and the scientific reasons for this voyage.

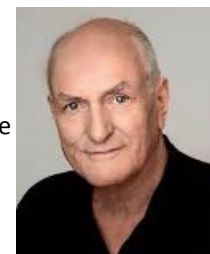
Following the address we moved to the wharf to board the HMB Endeavour (replica) and with four Museum volunteer guides we made a detailed tour of the ship. Unfortunately, one of our members had a fall while on board and the Museum staff took over and he was transported by ambulance to RNSH. We wish him well and a speedy recovery. **Tony Michaels**

Sept Guest Speaker RICHARD BROINOWSKI AO – Former Australian Diplomat

“The Future of Australia’s Foreign Policy”.... Are we heading in the right direction?

Richard Broinowski will be describing the way our options in a fast-changing regional world have been restricted by the Morrison and Albanese governments, how our sovereignty has been compromised by a too-close engagement with the United States military and how we could be drawn into a war with China over Taiwan. In addition, he will explore our contradictory relationship with China – how on the one hand we flatter them with well-meaning assurances, and on the other, busily prepare for war against them. He will also touch on the usefulness, or otherwise, of purchasing up to eight nuclear propelled submarines from the United States.

Richard has had a distinguished diplomatic career. After early postings to Tokyo, Rangoon, Tehran and Manilla he served as Australian Ambassador to Vietnam, South Korea and Mexico. In addition from 1990-1993 he was Managing Director of Radio Australia. Since retirement he has held various academic appointments and has been President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs. Subsequently he received an Order of Australia in 2019. He has published several books, with topics including nuclear energy.



NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th September from 10.30am in the Norths Leagues Club Auditorium
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

Mon 18th Sept Lost Soles Stroll Dee Why
Mon 25th Sept Anzac Memorial Hyde Park
Fri 27th Oct Navy in Sydney Harbour Cruise
Fri 24th Nov Bundanon Tour

Personal Corner

Barry Partridge

Adjunct Prof Barry Partridge has been a University Lecturer in Education, Learning and Development. During his varied and extensive career Barry spent an interesting four years lecturing and educating in Papua New Guinea. Barry will be telling us about these years.

New Members

John Hunter

Career - Solicitor
Interests -Sailing, Hiking, Travel, Reading
Residence -John and Diane live in Seaforth

Paul Tham

Career - BEc Uni Sydney, Auditing Govt Departments
Interests -Current Affairs, Music, Board & Card Games, Tennis, AFL, Walking
Residence - Paul lives in Mosman.

Dr Stephen Yeomans

Career - Prof UNSW Sydney and Canberra, Metallurgy and Materials Consultant
Interests -Tennis, Golf, Travel
Residence - Stephen & Susan live in Greenwich
Welcome to John, Paul and Stephen!

COMMITTEE President
Ian Ashbrook AM
Vice President
Reg Richardson AO
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 May.
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
Yiu Lam Kwan
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

Lost Soles Strollers. Stony Range Gardens Dee Why Monday 18th September

Meet at the Spit Junction northbound B1 stop at 10.00am. At Dee Why we alight and stroll to the Gardens (free entry) - an oasis of Oz native plants, and a little rain forest hopefully with spring colours to admire. The safe paved 3/4 Km walk has optional side tracks. A short walk brings us to the Dee why Pub for lunch, then the B1 for return. **Please advise Stewart by email stewh444@tpg.com.au if interested.**



Anzac Memorial Tour Hyde Park Monday 25th September

A conducted tour of the **Anzac Memorial** in Hyde Park Sydney. We meet at the Elizabeth Street entrance by 09.45 for a 10 am start with tour duration of 1.5 hours. Afterwards we will stroll through Hyde Park for a 12.30pm lunch at **Strangers Dining Room at NSW Parliament House** (limited to 24 persons). See flyer for more details. **Cost : Tour Free with a requested individual donation.** Lunch cost is a Seniors Special 2 course lunch with coffee/tea at \$60 pp (wine not included) with pre-payment to Probus Outings. **Sign-On with Tony Michaels and pre-payment of \$60 for lunch by bank transfer to Probus Club of Neutral Bay, BSB 082-302 A/c 28869 5672 (Include Name).**

The Navy in Sydney Harbour East Cruise Friday 27th October Last Chance!

Cruise by the **Naval Historical Society** on MV Bennelong; covering **Naval activities and facilities in Sydney Harbour east 1788 to the present.** 9.30- 1pm. **Live Commentary by retired RAN officers. Generous buffet-style morning tea. Sign-On with Graeme Adam outings@probusneutralbay.org or on sign-on sheet at Sept meeting.** Cost \$75. **Deadline for sign-on AND payment by bank transfer: Thursday 21st September.** Details in the mailed-out flyer dated 19th July, (including society's cancellation policy)



Tour of the "new" Bundanon, famous artist's gift to the nation: Friday 24th November

A premium art experience amid the beautiful South Coast hinterland:

Comprehensive guided tour of homestead and studio of celebrated Australian artist Arthur Boyd, followed by light lunch at **Ramox Café** and viewing of the new **Art Museum's exhibition of works by East Arnhem Land artists.** Coach leaves Norths 7.45am sharp, returning approx. 6.30pm. Sign-on with Graeme Adam at Probus meetings or email outings@probusneutralbay.org Price \$107 per guest.

Numbers limited to 30 due capacity constraints at Bundanon. So first in best dressed! Flyer out early September. Please pay by Bank Transfer BSB:082 302 A/c. no: 28869 5672. NAB Neutral Bay. Name:

Probus Club of Neutral Bay. Please include your name and "Bundanon" when making EFT payment.



OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY 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 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. Pick up at Middle Harbour Yacht Club at 10.30 am. **Next Sailing date Tuesday 19th Sept**

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.

October Speaker

Sarah Martin

"Breaking the Silence of Mental Ill Health - One Family's Story"