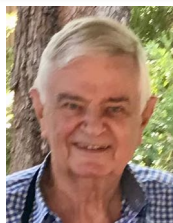


Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members, Ladies and Visitors

I trust that this finds you well and, if not, that you have a speedy recovery or at least some relief from your ailments. On a broader scale, we are living in increasingly stressful times with some serious conflicts playing out. While we are all affected by these in our own different ways, I can only hope that you and your families are not directly impacted. It's amazing, isn't it, how quickly the world can change.

Our Club activities continue apace and it is good to see the Movie Enjoyment Group, under the guidance of David Bruce-Steer, back in action following a break for refurbishment works at the Cremorne Orpheum Cinema. The screenings are usually attended on the 4th Monday of the month and David advises all by email the attendance details along with those of the movie, about a week before. Attendees can also join David and Leith, if they wish, for lunch or coffee, as appropriate, either before or after the movie. Of course, all of you are most welcome.

Lunch at Norths, after our October General Meeting, was well attended with some lively conversation; but, unfortunately we sat at the wrong tables! North's staff had reserved us a couple of large tables closer to the bar but, unfortunately, being away from our normal area and not highly visible these were overlooked. Can I ask the early arrivals for lunch in future to look for the reserved tables, please.

Finally, special thanks to our Minute Secretary, John Beckhaus, with backup from John Metcalf, for their excellent timely records, which is no easy task. Writing good minutes is an art, particularly the balance between capturing the key points and decisions, while avoiding scribing a transcript. On behalf of all of us, many thanks John B and John M.

And, don't forget Stewart's final Stroll for the season on Monday 21 Nov. Full details are in this Newsletter.

Cheers, Ian

Ian Ashbrook, President

NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th November 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 27th Nov Lost Soles Stroll Cremorne Pt

Fri 24th Nov Bundanon Tour

Tue 12th Dec Christmas Lunch

Tue 16th Jan 2024 Balls Head BBQ/High Tea

Personal Corner

Dr Stephen Yeomans

Educated in Sydney at Trinity Grammar

Studied Metallurgy at UNSW.

Professor at UNSW, Sydney and Canberra (Aust Defence Force Academy).

Through his academic career Stephen has been involved with professional activities in materials, welding and corrosion.

Relocated to Sydney early this year.

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Barry Stone

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Michael Walker

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Bowls

Peter Cornish

Cashier

Philip Brook

John Hirst

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Bob Pearce

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Murray Mair

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David Lloyd

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Michael Walker

Lost Soles Strollers

Stewart Horwood

Meetings

Michael Walker

Membership

Peter Turner

Minute Secretary

John Beckhaus

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David Bruce-Steer

Music, Art

John Brooks

Gerald Christmas

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Ted Kraegen

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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

Report on The Navy in Sydney Harbour East Cruise



The much awaited **Harbour East Cruise on the Bennelong** took place on Fri 27 Oct. She departed right on time from Wharf 3 at Darling Harbour, carrying a full complement of passengers. Thirty nine of our members made the starting lineup, and there was an equally big crowd from the Abbotsford Probuss Club, plus a few from the Royal Flying Squadron. Some initial inclement weather gave way to sunny breaks and the harbour turned on its charm - and there were jacarandas aplenty along the foreshore. Noel Phelan and Ray Rees did an excellent job providing live commentaries and running the highly informative slide show. We learned some important aspects of our naval history, with specific interests linked to different parts of the harbour. For example, we heard that Rose Bay Water Airport (RSE) was Australia's first international airport (days of the luxury flying boats operated by Qantas Empire Airways), and we learned the importance of degaussing in seabed mine warfare when we passed Steele Point. On a lighter note, we saw the Disney cruise ship Wonder alongside Circular Quay. It's her maiden voyage in Australia. Morning tea and lunch refreshments did not disappoint. There was uniform high praise for the cruise when we returned to land around 1230. The crew did a really excellent job. A big thank you to Graeme, who unfortunately couldn't make the cruise himself, for making this excellent event possible with all the intricate negotiations with the National Naval History Society. **Y L Kwan**

DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Bundanon Tour Friday 24th November

This tour is fully booked. Details in last month's Newsletter or in flyer. **Wait list available** in case of last minute cancellations.

Lost Soles Strollers. Cremorne Point Walk, Lunch Mosman Pub Monday 27th November

Meet at the 225 bus stop on Wycombe Road (western side), just before Military Road at Neutral Bay for the 10.18 bus to Cremorne Point wharf. Then we walk along a paved path on the eastern side of the point and over the newly re-built Harnett bridge. We exit at Mosman Bay to catch a 230 bus to Spit junction for a Mosman pub lunch. Less than 4km, this will be our last 2023 walk. **To express interest, kindly email Stewart Horwood at stewh444@tpg.com.au.** Lost Soles will re-commence in March 2024.

Probus Neutral Bay Christmas Lunch: Tuesday 12th December 12.00 for 12.30pm

Manly Golf Club, 40 Balgowlah Rd. Drinks and canapes on lounge or terrace. Lunch: main course, dessert (both alternate serves) and tea and coffee. Choice of red and white wines. Contact us if gluten-free preferred. Free parking in car park. If wheel-chair access is needed, please let us know beforehand. **Sign on with Kwan at November meeting or at outings@probusneutralbay.org and please make any enquiries to Kwan.** \$95 per person, significantly subsidised by Probus. Pay by bank transfer by 2nd December. BSB: 082 302 A/c. no: 28869 5672. NAB Neutral Bay. Name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay. Please include your name and "Christmas Lunch". **Sign on and make the payment before 2nd December. As we have to pay MGC in full from this date, any cancellation after 2nd December will mean that refund cannot be made.**

Barbecue and High Tea. Balls Head Reserve, Waverton. Tuesday 16th January 4.30pm

Designated parking bays. We provide the sausages, onions, bread and butter, plates, utensils, cups and the wine and juices. Our expert BBQ-ers will do the cooking for you. So please join us. And invite your friends. **Please sign-on with Graeme Adam at November meeting. There will also be sign-on sheet at the Christmas lunch or contact Graeme at outings@probusneutralbay.org. \$20.00 per person.** Please pay by Bank Transfer by 9th January: BSB:082 302 A/c. no: 28869 5672. NAB Neutral Bay. Name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay. Please include your own name when making the EFT payment and "BBQ". Limited fixed seating, please bring a fold-away table & chairs. Please bring nibbles, salad, sweet treats & tea/coffee. BYO beer.



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. Will recommence in Feb or March 2024. 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 21st November.**

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.

November Guest Speaker

Robin Frith

"Computer, Communications and Information Storage Technologies Over the Ages"



Robin Frith, now a valued member of Neutral Bay Probus, was one of the founders of the computer and Information Technology industry in the early 1960s. Then followed a 45-year career in the computer industry in the US and Australia, including as founder CEO of the Australian subsidiaries of two major computer companies. Assignments incorporated global strategic planning strategies in the United States, Japan and Ireland.

Robin will trace the development of the technologies that made the lifestyle of today possible. This talk will cover the evolution of computer technology from the Babbage engine to cloud computing; electronic communications technology from the Telex machine to the Internet and electronic storage technology from the punched card to the solid-state memory of today. Then he will give a brief intro. to AI...artificial intelligence.

Note: Robin has been a keen aviator. During his career he and his family of five relocated from the US to Australia in their single engine, six-seater Cessna 206. The adventure is documented in a book **'Virginia's Diary'**please see website **robinfrith.com.au.**

