FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Probians and partners
Those of you who couldn’t join us for our Winter Feast at Dede’s Restaurant at Abbotsford missed something special. Great food, great organisation, a spectacular venue and excellent weather combined to provide a very enjoyable July outing for a large group.

Sadly I have to report that another member has passed away. John Gleeson had been heavily involved with unaccompanied choirs large and small, and his Barber Shop Quartet entertained us at our Christmas Lunch some years ago. Vale John.

Our August outing is a guided tour of the ABC Studios at Ultimo on Tuesday 26th August. This was a very popular outing when we last visited the ABC Studios some years ago. John Minnett is leading the $2.50 outing to Newcastle on Thursday 28th August, providing an opportunity to visit the Elioth Gruner exhibition at the Newcastle Art Gallery.

More extensive outings are planned for September and October – an opportunity to visit Floriade in Canberra in September and a cruise to Adelaide in October, returning on the Indian Pacific. Details are in the Newsletter.

The speaker for August is Dr Tom Crow who will speak on stroke recovery.

On a slightly disturbing note your Committee is aware of some dissatisfaction with Probus South Pacific out in Probusland, and is monitoring the situation closely. We note that some Clubs are calling for reform of the governing body, and we will keep abreast of developments.

Hope to see you all next Tuesday.
Peter Cornish

GUEST SPEAKER

“Improving Stroke Recovery”
Dr. Tom Crow

Tom is a graduate civil engineer with a masters in Building and a Doctorate in Strategic Planning of Projects. He has been a management consultant on many major projects, including Gladesville Bridge, Sydney Opera House and Sydney 2000 Olympics.

His partner had a stroke in January 2011 and was in hospital for 7 months. Tom kept a diary of the stroke recovery journey. He concluded that there were many parallels between managing stroke recovery and major construction projects.

As a result, he has used his project management experience to document how families, partnering with medical professionals, can significantly contribute to improving stroke recovery.

PERSONAL CORNER

Brendan Walsh will be thee 10 minute speaker at our August meeting.
He has been a corporate speaker and also conducting training seminars in Communication & Presentation skills.
Brendan was a director of 2MBS-FM and regularly broadcasts on the renamed “FineMusic 102.5” programme.
Brendan lives with Christine in Lindfield.

NEW MEMBER

Hugh Seccombe

He has been a consultant in Human Resources, retiring as a Principal of Mercer Australia but continuing as a volunteer Lifeline Financial Councillor. Hugh likes Tennis, walking and overseas travel. He lives with Judy in Milsons Point.

Tuesday 12 August at 10.00am.
at the North Sydney Leagues Club, Abbot St. Cammeray.
• 10.00 - 10.20 General Business
• 10.20 - 10.30 Personal Corner
• 10.30 - 11.00 Morning Tea
• 11.00 - 12.00 Guest Speaker.
• 12.00 - 1.30 Optional Lunch.
After lunch join in a game of snooker with Don Orr and friends. The tables are behind the large sports TV in the main lounge.
ABC STUDIOS AT ULTIMO 9.40 Tuesday 26 August - the cost is $10
We meet at the ABC Ultimo Centre, 700 Harris St., Ultimo, (Quite close to the Railway Square). Easy to make your own way to the Main entrance but arrive no later than 9.40. 

This guided tour is likely to include a visit to one of the two digital television production studios, an on-air radio studio, perhaps a new studio and control room. So how does it all work? Close up with some of the country’s most respected journalists, and TV and radio personalities. Luncheons will be in the ABC café but at your own cost. The tour is almost full but you join the standby list.

Ross Bruwel 9451 2870 for more details.

FLORIADE FESTIVAL and HIGHLIGHTS of CANBERRA 14 - 16 September
Travel by luxury coach with 2 nights accommodation, including b’fasts & dinners. Costs are $475 pp with a single supplement of $150.
We have seen beautiful garden beds with thousands of colourful blooms at previous outings to the FLORIADE. The festival includes entertainment & markets. The CANBERRA tour includes a Lake Burley Griffith cruise, visits to the War Memorial, the National Portrait and National Art Gallery - the Royal Mint too. The coach will pass Government House, many of the Embassies and the Mount Ainslie Lookout.

Ross Bruwel 9451 2870 106 or 0421 817 or rbruwel@gmail.com

$2.50 CLUB Trip to NEWCASTLE
Meet at 8.30 Thursday 28 August on platform 5, Hornsby Station. Catch the 8.52 train to Newcastle, alighting at the Civic station. It’s a short walk through the Civic Park to the Art Gallery, where we can view the Elioth Gruner exhibition of the TEXTURE of LIGHT. The adjacent Cultural Centre has prize winning photographs. Afterwards we can find lunch at a waterfront café by the Maritime Museum. Return by the 2.37 Sydney train arriving at Hornsby by 4.40pm.

John Minnett 9417 7705

BOOK GROUP
3rd Monday each month. Start with a coffee in the Bistro of Norths at 10.00am. Upstairs we continue with our new format. Each member can briefly introduce their current book. Why not come and join us?

Nel Bethwaite 9953 2855
Maureen Travers 9439 4996

CYCLING
Each Monday our Group meets for a ride. If you would like to join us, call one of the coordinators or see them at our General Meeting. It’s possible to organise an introduction for beginners on Saturdays.

Dates, Venues are on Cycling Group e-mail.

Barry Stone 9953 6910
Michael Baston 9908 1182
Stewart Horwood 9439 9609

LAWN BOWLS
Wednesdays, about 10.15 for a 10.30 start. We play at the North Sydney Bowls Club in St.Leonard’s Park, entrance off Ridge St. Newcomers are welcome.

MOVIE ENJOYMENT GROUP
4th Monday each month. We meet at the CREMORNE ORPHEUM Look out for the e-mail flyer with details of the movie we’ll see on Monday 21st July.

David Bruce-Steer 9419 7017

SAILING
Ross will welcome you on his yacht RENADA. Sailing will be on Tuesday 19 August, pick-up probably from the Middle Harbour Yacht Club but see Ross at our General Meeting.

Ross Bruwel 042 181 7106

TENNIS
3rd Monday each month, playing between 2 & 4pm at “Love ‘n Deuce” in Talus St., Naremburn. Next game Monday 18 August. Interested members can sign the sheet.

Alan Ambler 8920 1352

WEEKLY 9 HOLE GOLF
Each Monday at 10am at the Lane Cove Sports Centre.

Tony Travers 9439 4996

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JIM’s JAUNTS Monday 29 September
A relaxing ferry ride, followed by a superb coastal walk around South Head with stunning views only accessible on foot. After lunch, visit the Gap and follow the cliff-top path through Gap Park. History buffs will have a field day!
Meet on the Circular Quay to catch the Watsons Bay Ferry, departing at 10.05am. Sign up or contact Ian Machin (9908 4423 imachin@bigpond.com) who will be standing in for Jim on this occasion.

John Gleeson Member since 2005