

Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tues. 13th April 2021

David Rosenberg – Former USA “Spy”



“Pine Gap – The Inside Story of the National Security Agency in Australia”

Pine Gap, which is located 20km outside Alice Springs in the Northern Territory, is a joint Australia-United States intelligence collection facility that contributes to the national security of both nations by providing information on terrorism, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and military and weapons. The location is strategically significant because it controls United States spy satellites that are able to view one-third of the globe, including China, the Asian parts of Russia, and the Middle East. The facilities at the base consist of a massive computer complex with 38 radomes protecting radio dishes and have over 800 employees.

Our Guest SpeakerDavid Rosenberg. David was employed as a civilian by the United States National Security Agency (NSA) for 23 years, completing his last 18 years with the Agency managing his team in Operations at Pine Gap. After he left in 2008, he became a dual Australian citizen. David was trained in Electronic Intelligence and has over 20 years’ experience in the Signals Intelligence community, evaluating the function, capabilities, performance, and vulnerability assessment of all types of radar, associated weapon systems such as Surface-to-Air Missiles (SAMs), ballistic missiles, and cruise missiles, and countermeasure techniques / tactics. He has 18 years’ experience with all aspects of satellite surveillance resources, assets, equipment, and recording techniques and over 20 years’ experience in the production and reporting of intelligence across the global Intelligence Community.

David is now self-employed, including being an Author and Professional Speaker. He was the Technical and Creative Consultant for the Netflix/ABC TV series “Pine Gap”.

His book – “Pine Gap ...The Inside Story of the NSA in Australia” will be on display and can be purchased. Please see page 2

His Presentation

His talk will incorporate....

- embarking on a career where secrecy ruled every aspect of his working life.
- an insider’s account of what goes on behind the closed doors of the most technically sophisticated, and one of the most closely guarded intelligence collection facilities in the world.
- a story of people and of an enduring, remarkable partnership between the USA and Australia.
- Pine Gap has also been a source of controversy since its early days, eg. Did the USA and Britain conspire to get rid of Gough Whitlam due to his opposition to the continued operation of Pine Gap?

.....and much more.

