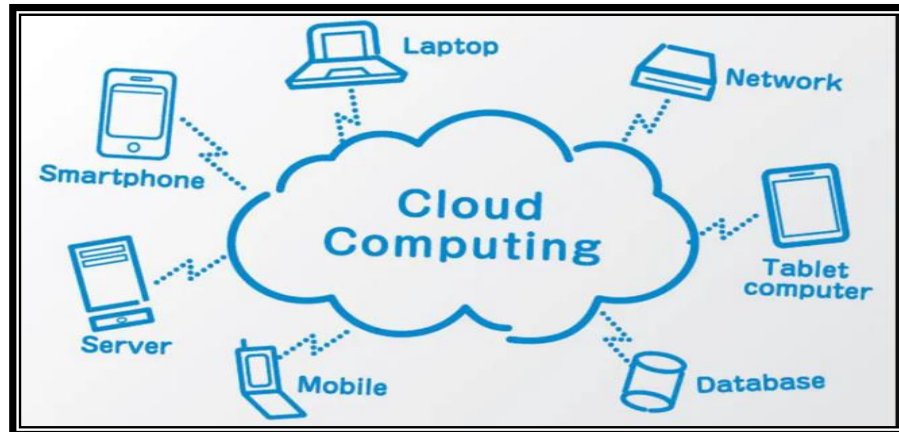


Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tues. 14th NOV. 2023

ROBIN FRITH – Esteemed Member of Neutral Bay Probus



“Computer, Communications and Information Storage Technology Over the Ages”

Introduction – We have all lived through a huge transformation in the way we communicate non-verbally with each other, from simply hand-writing a letter, to the wonders of Internet Technology. None of this would have been possible without the development of the digital computer.... from the Babbage engine to cloud computing.

What does all this mean? Let’s find out.

Our Guest Speaker – Robin Frith Valued member of Neutral Bay Probus Club.



Robin was raised in Launceston and graduated in Electrical Engineering from the University of Tasmania. He was one of the founders of the then computer and now the Information Technology industry in the early 1960s. Then followed a 45-year career in the computer industry in the US and Australia, including founder CEO of the Australian subsidiaries of two major computer companies. Assignments incorporated global strategic planning strategies in the United States, Japan and Ireland.

During this time the 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. Unfortunately, wife Virginia has since passed away.

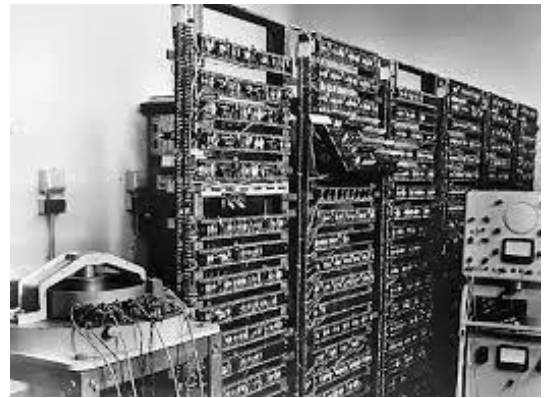
In retirement Robin became involved in researching water quality and sedimentation in the upper reaches of the Tamar River, culminating in the formulation of a transformational strategy to improve the aesthetics and aquatic amenity around Launceston.

To be close to family, Robin now lives in Mosman, joining Neutral Bay Probus in 2020.

His Presentation ...

In this presentation 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, a brief intro. to AI...artificial intelligence.

THE BABBAGE ENGINE



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