

Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tues.13th February, 2024

PAUL KEARNEY – Rock Historian Extraordinaire



THE HISTORY OF ROCK n ROLL – 1950s

It's Entertainment Time again! Rock n roll emerged as a defined musical style in the United States in the early to mid-1950s. It derived most directly from the rhythm and blues music of the 1940s and was performed principally by Afro - Americans. However, the music became very attractive to most teenagers and other singers quickly emerged.

Don't tell me you haven't heard of Bill Haley & Comets, Buddy Holly, Johnny Ray, Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Elvis Presley, Cliff Richard, Connie Francis, Harry Belafonte, Crash Craddock, Paul Anka, Bobby Darin, The Everly Brothers and The Platters?

Well, stay tuned! They emerged in the 1950s

Our Guest Speaker – Paul Kearney. A really interesting bloke with many diverse interests.



Educated at Marist Brothers Kogarah, he attended East Sydney TAFE where he undertook a Hotel and Restaurant Cooking course, Hospitality Administration & Management. He practised as a chef for 10 years both in Australia & in England. In 1975 he changed direction and became an experienced sales manager with a demonstrated history of working in the information technology and service industries. His skills included solution selling in sales, Sales Management and Hospitality Management. He states he is currently now happily semi-retired.

Paul is available to create Professional Audio-Visual Presentations for Weddings, Funerals and Anniversaries. For the past 24 years he has worked with St Vincent de Paul Society on Poverty Alleviation as an active volunteer; and, amongst other things, currently presents a series of video & lectures on the History of Rock & Roll on various Cruise ships, both here and overseas.

He and his wife live in Engadine in the Sutherland Shire. They have 3 children & 7 grandchildren.

His Presentation - Paul will present the history of rock n roll in the 1950s through a selection of great old Rock & Roll songs and Video clips, primarily of the artists mentioned above. Interspersed will be some short comedy clips.

Get ready to be entertained!