



newsletter

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Hello fellow members, including honoraries and partners.

This is my last newsletter piece before my term as President concludes. It is also intended to be the traditional President's Address for the purposes of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

I have enjoyed the presidential experience immensely. It has been trouble free, I think, because every committee member and volunteer organiser/manager has performed with enthusiasm and good humour. Yes there have been minor differences but always graciously resolved.

All have served the Club brilliantly. Some names deserve special mention.

Barry Stone assisted by Tony Bowra have organised our Outings with care, efficiency and sensitivity. Jim (Jaunts) Holloway has taken us on interesting walks and John (\$2.50) Minnett has shown us marvellous ways to ride on trains and buses. Allan Blake always found the right visiting spruiker on a suitable subject at our monthly meetings.

Hugh Seccombe has done invaluable work in the Club's money vaults and John Mattes has maintained meticulous minutes of momentous committee decisions. Bob Pearce is our punctilious Postman and Secretary. Rufus Wolfson and Martin Grover always welcomed us with a smile at the reception desk. Peter Dee, even when overseas, produces our monthly award winning Newsletters. Peter Cornish always keeps us up to date as to ailing, sick, injured, members.

The ever popular sporting groups continue without fail, thanks to Allan Blake and Stewart Horwood (biking), Ross Bruwel (boating), Peter Cornish (bowls), David Harris (tennis) and Tony (golf balls) Travers. David Bruce-Steer kept inviting us to movies and John Brooks updated us on the worlds of local art and culture. Last, but not least, we are again grateful for the work of our Honorary Auditor, David Lloyd, who makes sure our credits exceed our debits.

I have no doubt that we have a splendidly healthy Club. However, looking into my crystal ball: as with all voluntary associations, we are always dependent on members coming forward and contributing their time and energy to helping the management of our meetings and activities. As we get older this becomes more difficult for some. Our median member age is around 76 which is a little high. Looking ahead, this could be a problem to maintain the high management standards we currently enjoy. No way has yet been found to reduce the age of existing members and we welcome all those eligible to join our ranks. However, we can particularly encourage younger fellows to join our ranks as well as those more senior in age.

My final paragraph...this year I am grateful to have experienced a double dose of fellowship, friendship and fun in working as President. I am grateful to my wife Rosemary for her support. I welcome Peter Davenport as he takes over and wish him well. I look forward to inducting him at the Annual General Meeting.

Cheers, **Gerald Christmas, President**



MARCH MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13th March** in the Auditorium at North Sydney Leagues Club, Abbot St Cammeray.

- 10:00 - 10:20 monthly meeting
- 10:20 - 10:40 annual general meeting
- 10:40 - 11:00 morning tea
- 11:00 - 11:50 guest speaker
- 11:50 - 12:00 meeting end & photos
- 12:00 - optional lunch and snooker

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 13th March 2018

The 39th Annual General Meeting of members will be held at North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at approximately 10:20am during an adjournment of the monthly meeting.

AGENDA

- To confirm the Minutes of the 38th AGM held on Tuesday 14th March 2017
- To receive the President's Report
- To receive the Income & Expenditure Statement for the Year ending 31 December 2017, the Statement of Financial Position at 31 December 2017 and the Auditor's Report thereon
- To maintain the annual membership subscription at \$45 and the member joining fee at \$15
- To present the List of Club Activities
- To elect the Officers and Committee: we have received the following unopposed nominations: Peter Davenport (President), Kevin Fitzpatrick (Vice President), John Metcalf (Secretary), Hugh Seccombe (Treasurer), Gerald Christmas (Immediate past President), Alan Ambler, Tony Bowra, Ross Bruwel, Richard Hannaford, Bob Pearce, James Ritchie, Barry Stone, Peter Turner & Rufus Wolfson (Committee)
- To re-appoint the Honorary Auditor, David Lloyd

NEW MEMBERS

Yiu Lam KWAN

Career: Medicine, Haematology
Last position: Senior Staff Haematologist, NSW Health
Interests: Tennis, Travel, Music, Sailing
Kwan lives in Gordon

Warwick CONDON

Career: Property Development
Last position: Asset General Manager Westfield
Interests: Travel, Reading, Gym
Warwick and Heather live in Mosman

OUTINGS

RIVERBOAT POSTMAN CRUISE

Tuesday 20th March 2018

This scenic cruise is now fully booked.

CLASSIC CAR MUSEUM & JAPANESE GARDEN GOSFORD

Thursday 26th April 2018

The museum showcases some 450 cars acquired mostly in Australia and valued at over \$70 million in total. Enthusiasts and others should appreciate these classic & vintage cars and motorcycles. Being a self-guided tour, you set your own pace and enjoy your own favoured areas.

Gosford has a sister city agreement with Edogawa, Japan. A gift from Edogawa, the Commemorative Garden was designed in accordance with the original principles of the Japanese Heian (700AD) period. Join us on a guided tour of these unique gardens which offer a tranquil setting in which to relax and enjoy art and nature. Time permitting, you may also visit the Gosford Regional Gallery.

Cost is \$45pp which includes the coach, morning tea & entry fees; lunch is extra. See the flyer for more detail. Contact **Barry Stone** on 9953 6748 or mobile 0400 388808.

COACH TOUR North East Victoria 14-19 October 2018

This excursion is now fully subscribed. Those who have booked a place should (a) complete the booking form, giving a hard copy to Barry at Tuesday's meeting and (b) pay the deposit of \$100pp preferably by bank transfer (see instructions at the bottom right of this page) or alternatively by cash or cheque to Barry at the March meeting.



Jim's Jaunt

April GUEST SPEAKER

Bryan SKEPPER

The new Sydney Fish Markets

GUEST SPEAKER

Paul DELPRAT: why art is good for you

Paul, renowned Mosman Artist & *Prince of Wy*, is the Principal of the Julian Ashton Art School. His art is held in the National Gallery of Australia and in state, municipal and university galleries as well as numerous private collections. He studied art in Paris & London and has since held exhibitions in all Australian state capitals and London. Delprat is Patron of the Mosman Art Society, Patron of Portrait Artists Australia and was Mosman Citizen of the Year 1996. In 1993, he applied to Mosman Council to build a driveway over an unmade road near Wyargine Reserve, to provide access to his property. The proposal was controversial because the road reserve had been zoned environmentally protected bushland by the Council. Delprat's plans were approved in principle, but he encountered bureaucratic errors which had to be remedied by the local council. After 11 years, Council finally rejected the application. In retaliation at Mosman Town Hall on 15 November 2004, the Mayor had to accept Delprat's declaration for the secession from Mosman of the *Principality of Wy*, with Delprat adopting the title *Prince Paul of Wy*.

Guest Speaker Paul DELPRAT



Annual Subscription Due

Your annual subscription of **\$45** is now due. Please don't leave it till the membership deadline in June. You can pay by cash at the meeting or by cheque or, preferably, transfer online including your name for reference. See the box below right for account details.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820

Sydney's **MARCH ART MONTH** is a city-wide festival with over 100 exhibitions. See William Kentbridge's work at the Annandale Galleries or consider global colonisation problems whilst viewing *In your Dreams* at the Centre for Australian Photography, Oxford St. Darlinghurst. Much nearer, there's the opening of *The Red Project* at Waverton Coal Loader. How about a short walk to the Manly Art Gallery & Museum - close to the big ferry wharf. The **CONSERVATORIUM of MUSIC** has begun its free-entry, lunchtime concerts, perhaps giving its students opportunities of public performances. They start at 12.30 on most Wednesdays & Thursdays. On the 14th March is *Piano*, 15th March is *Chamber Music*. Maybe you would like the much larger show of *Wind Symphony* on 28th March or the big Jazz orchestra on 29th March. Take a look at their newsletter at <music.sydney.edu.au/enews>.

CYCLING

Stewart 9439 9609 Allan 9960 8830

On Mondays, routes & times vary. Saturdays, we ride around the wharves & Barangaroo starting Glebe or Milsons Point at 7.45am, finishing around 10am; distance about 25km. If interested, contact Stewart or Allan. More details on our group e-mail.

GOLF Tony Travers 9439 4996

Each Monday from 8.15am for 18 holes or 9.45am for 9 holes at the Lane Cove Country Club.

MOVIE ENJOYMENT

David Bruce-Steer

9419 7017

Meet at the Cremorne Orpheum on 4th Monday each month. Look out for our flyer in the week before.



ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS

Peter Cornish

9909 8994

Roll-up Lawn Bowls is usually held at North Sydney Bowling Club at St Leonards Park every Wednesday morning.

SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

Ross invites you to join him on board the beautiful *Renada* on Tuesday 27th March; embarkation is normally at Middle Harbour Yacht Club. See Ross for further details.



TENNIS. David Harris 9488 5259

Due to the absence of some of our regular players, there will be no tennis in March.

Payments: Kindly pay for outings in advance of any deadline and online if possible. When paying online, please ensure that you quote your name & the relevant activity, albeit abbreviated, in the description to minimise any confusion. Note the following bank account details:

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