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JUNE MEETING



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Dear fellow members, partners & visitors,

They say age is just a number. We live in a world with leaders such as Dr Mahathir Mohamad (92), Robert Mugabe 93, Queen Elizabeth 92, balanced of course by Emmanuel Macron (39), Jacinda Ardern (37) and Sebastian Kutz of Austria a mere 31.

During the week I had a phone call from a friend in Adelaide who is an active member of his Probus club. He related a story of a

member of his club, Alby, a 92 year old who is a member of the club's ukulele group, an indoor bowler and acts as a transporter of some of the club's older members to meetings and activities.

Recently new member Kwan related his story in Personal Corner. He reminded us to learn a new skill, engage in meaningful exercise and maintain good social contacts such as Probus. Fortunately the generous volunteers who lead our great club provide a full and interesting program. Our minister for culture Gerald Christmas gathered over 30 members to view the Archibald Exhibition and we were given a great tour by delightful docent Diana. The outing to the Children's Medical Research Institute provided great insight into the great research contributions of that body. Those who engaged in the recent golf day demonstrated that golf doesn't really mean Gentlemen Only Ladies Forbidden. Wives proved able partners in the Ambrose Competition.

We look forward to the June outing to the Aircraft Museum at Albion Park. For those of you who may find the evening temperatures challenging you can always view the city light show from the comfort of your home by visiting www.webcamsydney.com or if you are prepared to view part of the exhibition locally you can get parking at The Concourse in Chatswood and easily access Vivid there.

So members, wives and guests we are delighted to have your join us this Tuesday. Our member Antarctic, Les Miller will enthral you with his lived experience at a working Antarctic Station.

Kevin Fitzpatrick, Vice President



Jim's Jaunt Middle Head

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 12th June** in the Auditorium at 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 - 11:55 guest speaker
- 11:55 wrap-up
- 12:00 - optional lunch and snooker

June GUEST SPEAKER

Les MILLER

The Antarctic - 15 Months on the Ice

Les began a communications career with Civil Aviation at the age of 16, when he completed his initial training in the New Zealand Air Force. He was subsequently posted to airports in New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Sydney.

In 1964, Les was one of 60 expeditioners sent to the Antarctic to maintain Australia's three permanent bases on that continent. He was posted to the Mawson base as one of four radio operators in an era when Morse was a key ingredient in radio communication.

Returning from Mawson, and after 12 years in the industry, he recognised that radio communication was about to undergo a radical technical revolution, so he moved into company management before establishing his own Life Insurance brokerage firm. He is now retired.

Today he will share his story of living in 1964-65 in the most isolated, coldest, windiest and driest place on Earth: daily life and living in total isolation...mapping and surveying unexplored polar territory..working with huskies ..his involvement in a plane crash.. and more.

New Member

Graham MASON

Career: Manufacture and IT

Last position: Director, Practice Innovators
Interests: Reading, IT, cycling, sailing & carer

Graham lives in Balgowlah

PERSONAL CORNER

Peter STEPAN

Career: Medicine, Psychiatry

Last position: Principal, private practice.
Interests: Walking, Travel, Sailing & Gardening

Peter & June live in Cremorne Point

OUTINGS

HISTORIC AIRCRAFT MUSEUM

**Albion Park
Tuesday 26th June 2018**

On our tour of this remarkable facility, we will see some of the most amazing aircraft of bygone days.

On display is an extensive range of aircraft, both commercial and military, from Cessna, de Havilland, Douglas, Lockheed, English Electric, Hawker Hunter, Piaggio and other makes. Fine examples include the Qantas 747 *City of Canberra*, the 707 previously owned by John Travolta, an F111 jet fighter, Bell Huey Cobra and more.

We will be hosted by volunteer staff with lots of experience, all of whom are dedicated to Australian aviation history. They will be on hand to share their passion for the historical aircraft and answer questions.

Our coach departs Norths at 9am and returns at 4pm. Morning tea is provided and lunch is your choice from a selection of salads, light snacks, sandwiches, tea and coffee at the Cafe Connie.

Cost is \$40 pp for coach, morning tea and museum tour. Please pay online if possible - see details below right. Alternatively, pay by cash or cheque. Add your name to the sign on sheet or email **Tony Bowra** at abowra@alpha.net.au or **Bob Pearce** at bobpearce37@gmail.com

Look out for an **Interview** with Andrew Denton in July on a date to be confirmed.

OUTINGS

WINTER FEAST at the *Water Grill* Tuesday 24th July 2018

Please join us at the Sydney Rowing Club at Abbotsford to enjoy this festive lunch whilst appreciating beautiful views of the Parramatta River. The restaurant is the same as last year but is renamed.

If you would like other members to join you at your table, please let us know. For newcomers, this is an ideal opportunity for other members to get to know you. We'll make sure you're on a table with some of the longer term members. As befits this occasion, friends are very welcome. Cost is

\$65pp which includes a 3-course meal & coffee; drinks extra. Please add your name to the sheet at the next meeting, or contact Tony or Bob.

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ANNUAL SUBS 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. Account details bottom right.

July GUEST SPEAKER

Joe HATTLEY

The Search for Malaysia Airlines
MH370

SPECIAL INTERESTS

ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820

At the **City Recital Hall** Steven Isserlis plays Shostakovich's *1st Cello Concerto* in a concert including Haydn's London Symphony 7pm Sat 30 June; tickets \$25-\$152. *A Little Lunch Music* by the CHAIKA Sextet: an hour of Jazz & music from the Balkans 12.30 Wed 13 June; tickets \$15.

At the **NSW Art Gallery** see *The Lady and the Unicorn*, a fantastic display of six large scale 16th Cent tapestries, great surviving masterpieces of medieval European art from Paris, until 24 June.

Vivid Sydney is a spectacular array of light shows and art events, now in its 10th year, at prominent landmarks such as the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House and other popular locations. Described as the world's most incredible light festival, you have until 16th June to enjoy it.



CYCLING

Stewart 9439 9609 Allan 9960 8830

Mondays, usually 10am start, routes & durations vary. Saturdays, around the wharves & Barangaroo, about 25km, starting Glebe or Milsons Point at 7.45am, finishing around 10am. Contact Stewart or Allan for more details.

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

We meet at the Cremorne Orpheum usually on 4th Monday each month. Look out for a 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 will update members at the meeting whether he will be sailing his yacht *Renada* this month; embarkation is normally at Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Contact Ross for further details.

TENNIS. David Harris 9488 5259

Tennis will be held at *Love n Deuce* at Talus St Naremburn on 18th June between 2 and 4pm. Sign the sheet at Tuesday's meeting or contact David.



Cammeray Golf Day



Children's Medical Research Westmead



July PERSONAL CORNER

Ross McDUIE (to be confirmed)

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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