

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests



Spring has finally arrived and we can look forward to some warmer weather. At the same time, it looks as though the peak of the current wave of COVID-19 has passed. Although there are other challenges (especially socioeconomic), with increased freedoms, movements and willingness to travel domestically and even internationally, there is an air of guarded optimism.

In the same vein, I want to encourage everyone to try and be more active - physically and socially – which will result in genuine benefits to our body and mind. The tour of the new Western Sydney Airport and the general meeting in August were both well attended, and there was uniform praise for the Guest Speakers segment (no small thanks to Barry Stone, again!). Interactions and random conversations take place at these gatherings, and perhaps joining in having a drink or a meal afterwards. What better ways are there to lead to “fun, friendship and fellowship”! Also, have a look at the plethora of regular monthly activities, which cover a wide range of interests. These also cater for different levels of physical fitness. Approach any committee member to arrange transport, pickup/drop off if this is a limiting factor for your participation.

Like so many other similar organisations, we depend entirely on volunteers to keep our Club running, for the enjoyment of all members and guests. Although we are currently in a sound position, it is time to plan for succession in 2023. There are a number of positions to be filled. Please consider seriously to help out in the Committee, or indeed any other roles. If you are approached by a committee member with an invitation to join the committee it is an act of confidence in your ability to contribute. Above all you have the backing of an experienced committee with a track record of team spirit. Ultimately the vitality of our Club depends on your enthusiasm and your willingness to contribute. Do keep this in mind.

Yiu Lam Kwan, President

Postscript to HMAS Waterhen Tour in May

On 23rd August, Outings Co-Coordinator Graeme Adam was invited to meet HMAS Waterhen Commanding Officer Michael Miller to present a letter of thanks on behalf of Probus and President Kwan; and was in turn presented with a memento of the occasion. The one-off tour in May apparently went so well that Waterhen would welcome Probus Neutral Bay back (or other Probus clubs).



NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13th September from 10.30am** in the **Norths Leagues Club Ken Irvine Room**, Abbot St, Cammeray. **Entry from 9.45am.**

- 10.30 - 10.50 General business
- 10.50 - 11:00 Personal Corner
- 11.00 - 11:20 Morning Tea
- 11.20 - 12:20 Guest Speaker
- 12.20 - Questions and Wrap Up

Personal Corner

Colin Davidson

Colin is a retired Judge and is very active in sailing with the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and the Australia Day regatta.

Club Activities for Diary

Fri 16th Sept Lost Soles Woolloomooloo walk

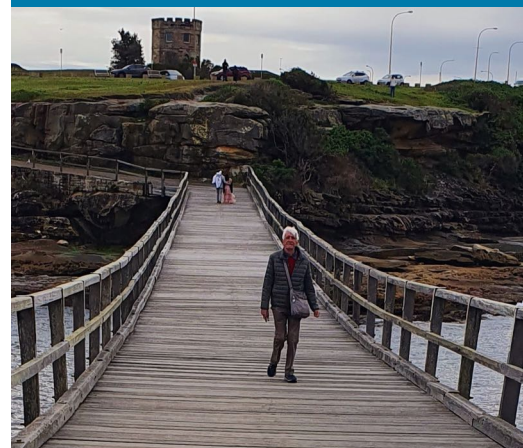
Thurs 22nd Sept Powerhouse Museum

16th - 23rd Sept Norfolk Island Tour

Tuesday 25th October Jacaranda Cruise

Tuesday 22nd November Blue Mountains Botanical Gardens (Mt Tomah)

A “Lost Sole” at La Perouse



South West Sydney Tour (New Badgery's Creek Airport, Botanical Gardens Mt Annan)



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DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

JACARANDA CRUISE aboard historic R.A.N motor launch “Harman” Tuesday 25th October

A leisurely voyage up the Inner Harbour on one of the Sydney Heritage Fleet to enjoy Sydney’s spectacular jacarandas in bloom. After enjoy a light waterside lunch at Ripples Café at the Maritime Museum.

WHERE and WHEN: Meet 09.30am at Two Anchors to right of entrance to National Maritime Museum. Return approx 11.45am

Note that this is now fully booked. However contact Graeme Adam at outings@probusneutralbay.org if you wish to go on a reserve list.

COST: \$62 per person including cruise and light lunch.

TRANSPORT, PARKING, CONDITIONS: See flyer for details. Park in Hanbourside Car Park, in Murray St, validate your parking ticket at Australian National Maritime Museum desk and fee will be \$15 flat.



Blue Mountains Botanic Garden and Lunch at Kurrajong Tues 22nd November

Guided tour of Blue Mountains Botanic Garden with Lunch at Archibald Hotel, Kurrajong Heights. Starting at 8am at Norths, back at Norths by around 5pm. Full details are in emailed flyer.

COST: \$50 per person covering guided tour and coach. Lunch: order and pay.

HOW: Expression of Interest sign-on sheet with **Graeme Adam** at monthly meeting or to Graeme at outings@probusneutralbay.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Sign-on priority will be given to those who placed their name on the Expression of Interest list. The number of members who have expressed interest is close to the limit for Garden tour groups. Other members are welcome to sign on, and as spaces become available, we will let you know.



OTHER ACTIVITIES.

Neutral Bay Probus Beginners Croquet Group. Mondays 1pm to 3pm Chatswood Croquet Club. Contact Rob Wright on 0416 161 863

Roll Up Lawn Bowls every Wed morning at 10 am at Norths Greens, St Leonards (near North Sydney Oval). Call **Peter Cornish on 0421 012 538** for more details. All regular players and beginners are welcome to play and socialise.

Tennis. Venue is Willis Park Eastern Valley Way Castle Cove courts. From 10 am to 12 pm on the first and third Tuesday of the month, followed by coffee and a social chat. All members are welcome. Please contact **Peter Turner 0428 611 456** for details.

Golf Murray Mair welcomes all members to play, generally on Fridays on a local course. Please contact **Murray on 0419 488 609** for details.

Cycling We have a very active, regular cycling group led by **Bob Pearce** on **0400 291 373**.. Normally Monday rides start at 10 am and Saturday rides start at 7.30 am from Milsons Point Railway Station or from Observatory Hill at 7.35am . **Extra Riders Welcome!**

Sailing Ahoy! For a great day on a comfortable cruising yacht, the “Renada”, please contact **Captain Ross Bruwel on 0421 817 106** for information or to book a place. Next sailing date **Tuesday 27th September**. Pick up at Middle Harbour Yacht Club at 10.30 am.

Movie Enjoyment? At the Orpheum, Cremorne on the last Monday of the month. Contact **David Bruce-Steer on 0455 655 451**.

Bridge. Please contact **John Pike** for details on **0403 007 273**. Typically an online game lasts for about 1.5hours, at 4pm each Thursday

Lost Soles Strollers. Friday 16th Sept Woolloomooloo Meet at 10.00am on Park St at the VIP LOUNGE sign about 80m E of Town Hall Station. The walk passes Hyde Park, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Plunkett Street Public School (1878), picturesque terrace rows, St. Columbkille’s church (1875), the Finger Wharf, Harry’s Café de Wheels, and a view of naval ships before lunch at the Frisco hotel, or Harry’s. Bus or walk back to Town Hall. About 4km. Bring the usual sun protection, water, etc. Please email **Stewart Horwood** if you are coming, stewh444@tpg.com.au.

Powerhouse Museum Visit. Thurs 22nd Sept. Meet in the Museum cafe at 11:30am then stroll around, returning for lunch in the restaurant at 12:30pm. SMS or phone if you are coming, **John Pike 0403 007 273**

September Guest Speaker

TOM SWEENEY – Past President Willoughby Theatre Co.

“LET’S PUT on a SHOW!”

Founded in 1957 the **Willoughby Theatre Company** (WTC) is now one of Australia’s leading theatre companies. Operating on a not-for-profit basis, it was established to provide quality theatre for the local communities The Company is passionate about musical theatre and strives to be a major and essential contributor to the cultural life of the community.

Tom Sweeney is the Past President of the WTC. Although by day employed in various health-related Community Relations, he has been a Theatre Director extraordinaire by night, including directing over 38 productions for the WTC since 1978.

His Presentation will include much general discussion on the WTC but this also will be a behind the scenes look at the process of auditions, scenery, costumes etc and the costs involved.

While the magic of theatre comes with its own pitfalls, **“The show must go on”!**



October Speaker Topic

“StrokeSafe!- Stroke Awareness and Prevention.”

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