



# Newsletter



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests**



This is my last contribution to the newsletter before my term as president ends. I have incorporated here the traditional President's annual report.

Over the past 12 months we saw the progressive removal of COVID restrictions. With that, there was noticeable uplifting of spirits, as well as visitor numbers and new members (14). Our current membership stands at 118, and 17 honorary members.

I should note with sadness the passing of three of our stalwarts – John Minnett, Martyn Chapman and Peter Dee. Between them, they had served us in so many roles, and for so long.

During the year, Peter Davenport stepped down from the Committee after many years serving in a variety of roles – thanks Peter! And we welcomed Tony Michaels as Outings and Events co-organiser.

It has been a tremendously humbling and pleasant experience to serve as your President. My task was made so much easier by an excellent committee (and executives), as well as the non-committee members who serve a variety of vital roles. I have heard remarked often that we are a happy and sociable club. The success is in no small measure due to our outstanding outings (Graeme Adam) – with a number of 'one-offs', guest speakers (Barry Stone), Personal Corners (Peter Davenport/Roger Freney) and the wide range of activities, including the newly introduced weekly croquet (Rob Wright). Robin Frith also organised a trip to Norfolk Island. And I want to specially thank Roger for a tremendous job behind the scenes.

The success of our webpage (David Bruce-Steer) and newsletter (Ted Kraegen) deserve a special mention, and Peter Turner has continued to do an excellent job looking after membership. I want to thank John Beckhaus for his meticulous minutes, and Barry Friere, John Hirst, Philip Brook, Malcolm Verman and Mike Walker at the welcome desk. Kevin Fitzpatrick has kept us well informed of the welfare and progress of some of our members. Barry Friere, who has already served three years as Treasurer, has agreed to stay on this coming year – a very big thank you!

I wish the incoming President Ian Ashbrook and his Committee well, and to have a successful, healthy and enjoyable year. I also want to thank Reg Richardson for nominating for Vice President – great news for our Club indeed. All the committee positions will be declared vacant at the AGM and for these we have received the corresponding number of nominations.

**Yiu Lam Kwan, President**

## Tours of new Allianz Stadium and Rugby AU HQ



Tours were led by Graeme on 21st Feb and 3rd Mar, split due to numbers, but totalling 40 NB Probus members.

We explored the world class stadium for Rugby Union, Rugby League, Soccer and concerts (including Elton John!).

## AGM & GENERAL MEETING

This month's meeting and the AGM will be held on Tuesday 14th March from 10.30am in the Norths Leagues Club Auditorium, Abbot St Cammeray. Club Entry from 9.45am.

- 10:30 - 10:50 General Business
- 10:50 - 11:10 Annual General Meeting 2023
- 11:10 - 11:30 Break
- 11:30 - 12:25 Guest Speaker
- 12:25 Wrap-up and Group Photo

## Annual General Meeting Agenda

The 43rd Annual General Meeting of members will be held at Norths Club, on Tues 14th March 2023 at approx. 10:50am.

- To confirm the Minutes of the 42nd AGM held on Tuesday 8th March 2022
- To receive the President's Report
- To receive the Income & Expenditure Statement for the Year ending 31 December 2022, the Statement of Financial Position at 31 December 2022 and the Auditor's Report thereon.
- To Set the Membership Subscription for 2023/4
- To present the List of Club Activities.
- To elect the Officers and Committee: we have received the following nominations: Ian Ashbrook (President), Reg Richardson (Vice President), Brian Thomas (Secretary), Barry Friere (Treasurer), Yiu Lam Kwan (Immediate Past President), Graeme Adam, John Beckhaus, David Bruce-Steer, Ross Bruwel, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Ted Kraegen, John Metcalf, Tony Michaels, Barry Stone, Peter Turner, Michael Walker (Committee).
- To reappoint the Honorary Auditor, David Lloyd

## Club Activities for Diary

- Monday 20th March** Lost Soles Strollers
- Tuesday 21st March** Sydney Modern Project (Art Gallery of NSW)
- Tuesday 18th April** Sydney Jewish Museum
- Tuesday 16th May** Riverboat Postman Cruise

## Happy Croquet Players



- COMMITTEE**  
**President**  
 Yiu Lam Kwan  
**Vice President**  
 Ian Ashbrook  
**Imm. Past Pres**  
 Roger Freney  
**Secretary**  
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 Ross Bruwel  
 Kevin Fitzpatrick  
 Ted Kraegen  
 John Metcalf  
 Tony Michaels  
 Barry Stone  
 Peter Turner  
 Michael Walker

- OTHER ROLES**  
**Archivist**  
 Kevin Fitzpatrick  
**Bowls**  
 Peter Cornish  
**Cashier**  
 Philip Brook  
 John Hirst  
**Cycling**  
 Bob Pearce  
**Golf**  
 Murray Mair  
**Hon Auditor**  
 David Lloyd  
**Hospitality**  
 Michael Walker  
**Lost Soles**  
**Strollers**  
 Stewart Horwood  
**Meetings**  
 Michael Walker  
**Membership**  
 Peter Turner  
**Minute Secretary**  
 John Beckhaus  
**Movies**  
 David Bruce-Steer  
**Music, Art**  
 John Brooks  
 Gerald Christmas  
**Newsletter**  
 Ted Kraegen  
 David Bruce-Steer  
**Postman**  
 David Bruce-Steer  
**Sailing**  
 Ross Bruwel  
**Speakers**  
 Barry Stone  
**Tennis**  
 Peter Turner  
**Tours, Outings**  
 Graeme Adam  
 Tony Michaels  
**Website**  
 David Bruce-Steer  
**Welfare**  
 Kevin Fitzpatrick

## DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Lost Soles Strollers. Bradleys Head and Zoo Precinct Monday 20th March** Catch the 100 bus to its Zoo Terminus where we meet at 10.00am. Downhill walk to Bradley's Head and the HMAS Sydney Memorial, continuing to the Zoo Wharf. Then an optional 800m walk to Whiting beach with fine views (decision on the day). Return to the Wharf, then 238 bus up to Mosman shops with lunch (coffee shop or pub). Some steps on the walk but all with handrails. About 3.5km, 5km with option. Please contact **Stewart Horwood** [stewh444@tpg.com.au](mailto:stewh444@tpg.com.au) for information.

### Reminder: Sydney Modern (Art Gallery of NSW) Tuesday 21st March

Tour Sydney Modern Gallery, Meet there inside entrance foyer at 9.45am. Currently only a few spots available. **Graeme Adam can take new bookings and payments up to noon on the 14th March.** \$28 pp. Pay by Bank Transfer BSB:082 302 A/c. no: 28869 5672. NAB Neutral Bay. Name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay. Include your name with EFT payment. Graeme's email is [outings@probusneutralbay.org](mailto:outings@probusneutralbay.org)

Tour is followed by optional brunch/lunch at own cost at MOD Dining in Sydney Modern or at the cafe in AGNSW main building (both walk-in only), plus two takeaway outlets.



Exterior view of the North Building, Art Gallery of New South Wales, photo © Art Gallery of New South Wales, Jenni Carter

### Tour of Sydney Jewish Museum, Darlinghurst. Tuesday 18th April

We meet there at 10.00am for a 2 hour tour with guide (Cost \$20). Address is 148 Darlinghurst Road, Darlinghurst, a short 10 minute walk from Kings Cross Station. Major exhibition spaces cover Jewish history, the Holocaust and involvement in Australian history. Current feature exhibition "Reverberations" shines a light on the humanity and life experiences of holocaust survivors. Lunch (optional) at one of the many nearby cafes (eg A Tavola, 348 Victoria St, or The Rusty Rabbit, 252 Forbes Street) If driving there is secure parking at Holiday Inn, Victoria St next door to Kings Cross train station. Sign on with **Tony Michaels**, Outings and Events Co-coordinator at the Outings Table at the March General Meeting.



### OTHER ACTIVITIES.

**Neutral Bay Probus Beginners Croquet Group.** Mon 1 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, commencing for 2023 in March. Tennis is 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 Tues 28th March. Pick up at Middle Harbour Yacht Club at 10.30 am.

**Movie Enjoyment?** At the Orpheum, Cremorne on the 4th Monday of the month. Contact **David Bruce-Steer** on **0455 655 451**.

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

## MARCH GUEST SPEAKER STEPHEN PEAD Former Media Industry Trainer/Coach



### "The Lighter Side of Doing Business in India"

In 2021, India was Australia's sixth-largest two-way goods and services trading partner and fourth-largest goods and services export market. Two-way goods and services trade with India was \$34.3 billion in 2021.

**Stephen Pead** has had a long and very successful media career in which he has worked for well over 40 years across radio, television and newspaper. In recent years he has run his own training and coaching consultancy, working with sales teams and management to improve their selling and communication skills. His clients are leading media groups located in Australia and around the world; his favourite however is.... **INDIA!** Stephen will talk on the "lighter side" of doing business in India and will share some of his "road" stories, some funny, some sad, but all are unique!

- The family by the side of the road
- The fish truck and the thief
- The mystery of the taxi air conditioning
- The risk of drinking Old Monk
- The Indian restaurant fiasco
- The Christmas Carol experience



April Guest Speaker and Live Performance Paul Baker The Banjo Man

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