



# Newsletter

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members, Ladies and Visitors



Wasn't the Winter Feast a fine event. 88 participants, outstanding organisation by John and Tony, fine food, good weather (streaming sunshine) and great company in a spectacular venue, all contributed to a fine day out. Many thanks to our organisers. That said, while the outing to Port Kembla was thoroughly enjoyed, numbers participating were disappointing. Unfortunately these sorts of activities require commitments up front particularly where buses are involved and when numbers aren't reached, the fixed costs still have to be met.

Last month, I mentioned accessing the Probuss South Pacific publications and David Bruce-Steer has asked me to point out that these can also be accessed on our Club website [www.probusneutralbay.org](http://www.probusneutralbay.org). However, if you wish to get them automatically to your inbox, then follow the process that I enunciated in the July Newsletter.

As mentioned at the last meeting and in the Newsletter, this month we will commence the trial of the book exchange at our monthly meeting. Alan Hauserman will be setting up a table at the back of the room and you are invited to bring along a couple of books and to swap. The key rule is that you take as many books as you bring. If everyone abides by this there should be no books left over. Alan will not be storing any books so, if there are any left they will have to be dumped. Hopefully this will be a successful addition to our meetings.

Very best wishes, Ian

Ian Ashbrook, President

## Winter Feast Sydney Rowing Club

In what can be described as a perfect Sydney winter day some 88 N B Probuss friends gathered at the Sydney Rowing Club on Abbotsford Point overlooking the Parramatta River, at its very brilliant best. We enjoyed an Italian styled starter "Il primo" with a main choice of lamb shoulder or salmon and followed with assorted cakes and sorbet for enjoyment with coffee. The chatter on all tables was great and everyone appeared relaxed and happy with the venue's food and service. Three Lucky members won the Lucky Door Prize for a quality bottle of Champagne. Thanks again to **John Metcalf** for his experienced organisation planning and supervision. Another great day's outing in our annual calendar. **Tony Michaels**

## NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th August from 10.30am in the Norths Leagues Club Auditorium, Abbot St Cammeray.

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

## Club Activities for Diary

Mon 14th Aug Lost Soles Stroll Neutral Bay  
Tues 22nd Aug Endeavour Tour  
Mon 25th Sept Anzac Memorial Hyde Park  
Fri 27th Oct Navy in Sydney Harbour Cruise

## Personal Corner

Hugh Lander

Hugh will outline his life story. His father was a 5th generation sheep farmer in the Riverina and Hugh attended boarding school in Sydney from the age of 7. After the Leaving Certificate (1st in State in Geology) Hugh worked briefly as a jackaroo before studying Agricultural Science at Sydney University.

## New Member

Welcome to Dr Milton Cohen AM

Career - Specialist Physician

Interests -Sailing, Hiking, Politics, philosophy, languages

Residence - Milton and Pam live in Mosman

**COMMITTEE**  
**President**  
Ian Ashbrook AM  
**Vice President**  
Reg Richardson AO  
**Imm. Past Pres**  
Yiu Lam Kwan  
**Secretary**  
Brian Thomas  
**Treasurer**  
Barry Friere  
**Committee**  
Graeme Adam  
John Beckhaus  
David Bruce-Steer  
Ross Bruwel  
Kevin Fitzpatrick  
Ted Kraegen AO  
John Metcalf  
Tony Michaels  
Barry Stone  
Peter Turner  
Michael Walker

**OTHER ROLES**  
**Archivist**  
Kevin Fitzpatrick  
**Bowls**  
Peter Cornish  
**Cashier**  
Philip Brook  
John Hirst  
**Cycling May.**  
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  
Yiu Lam Kwan  
**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. Hidden and Interesting Neutral Bay Stroll Monday 14th August

Meet by 10.00am at bus shelter Cnr. Watson St. and Military Road Neutral Bay. Walk down Bent Street to a beautiful native forest area and Forsyth Park (steps without handrails down, pleasant bush and harbour views). Further stroll downhill to Anderson Park (memorial to Kingsford-Smith's take off in 1934). A short uphill stroll yields fine views of the ex-Navy submarine base, a lift down to North Sydney wharf, ferry to Neutral bay wharf, then 2 buses to Mosman Pub for lunch. Kindly email your interest to **Stewart Horwood** on [stewh444@tpg.com.au](mailto:stewh444@tpg.com.au). This walk was one devised by **Jim Holloway** about three years ago as a "Jim's Jaunt". Many thanks to Jim

### Endeavour – A Voyage with James Cook Tuesday 22nd August

**Venue and Time:** Meet at **Maritime Museum** by 09.15 for 09.30am entry (meet at back entrance past Anchor and around to the front of building. Initial Presentation by Phillip Armstrong on James Cook and then a full half hour tour of the Endeavour with final brief and Q&A. Note the ship has steps/ladders requiring climbing abilities. Lunch (optional) at Ripples restaurant. Members can explore the Museum and ships for the rest of the day. See flyer for more details.

**Cost :** Concession rate of \$16.00 pp for admission and tour.

**Sign-On with Tony Michaels.** Payment of \$16 by bank transfer to Probus Club of Neutral Bay, BSB 082-302 A/c 28869 5672 (Include Name )



### Anzac Memorial Tour Hyde Park Monday 25th September

A conducted tour of the **Anzac Memorial** in Hyde Park Sydney. We meet at the Elizabeth Street entrance by 09.45 for a 10 am start with tour duration of 1.5 hours. Afterwards we will stroll through Hyde Park for a 12.30pm lunch at **Strangers Dining Room at NSW Parliament House** (limited to 24 persons). See flyer for more details.

**Cost :** Tour Free with a requested individual donation. Lunch cost is a Seniors Special 2 course lunch with coffee/tea at \$60 pp (wine not included ) with pre-payment to Probus Outings. **Sign-On with Tony Michaels and pre-payment of \$60 for lunch by bank transfer as above.**

### The Navy in Sydney Harbour East Cruise Friday 27th October

Cruise by the Naval Historical Society of Australia on the classic motor cruiser MV Bennelong; covering Naval activities and facilities in Sydney Harbour from 1788 to the present, especially during WW II. Check-in 9.30-10am, ending 12.30- 1pm. Live Commentary by retired RAN officers, supported by large screen visuals. A generous buffet-style morning tea is included. **Sign-on with Graeme Adam** [outings@probusneutralbay.org](mailto:outings@probusneutralbay.org) or on sign-on sheet at August or September Probus meetings. **Cost \$75. Deadline for sign-on AND payment by bank transfer: Thursday 21st September.** Full details (Including the Society's cancellation policy) in the mailed-out flyer dated 19th July.



## OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY 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 Tuesday of the month. 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. Pick up at Middle Harbour Yacht Club at 10.30 am. **Next Sailing date Tuesday 29th August**

**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.

### August Speaker

### Katie Little

### Catch a Falling Star - Growing up with Jeanne Little



**Jeanne Little OAM** began her television career in the 1970's, winning the hearts of audiences across the country - as well as the coveted Gold Logie in 1976. She became known for her over-the-top personality and wild fashion sense. You will remember her trademark catch phrase, "Ooooh aaah! Dahhhling!"

Her daughter and our guest speaker, **Katie Little**, describes herself as a cheap imitation of her iconic mother. She's a comedienne in her own right, and has appeared in numerous TV shows, including in the most highly rated episode in 2022 of ABC's Australian Story. Katie will be giving a presentation about her fabulous mother, her unconventional childhood and her remarkable life story. She'll also have copies of her book – "**Catch a Falling Star**" - for sale.

### September Speaker Richard Broinowski AO

### "The Future of Australia's Foreign Policy"