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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Finally the Paris Olympic Games are kicking off and Australia have already won gold medals.

My first recollection of the Olympic Games was in 1948 when I heard on the radio in my grandmother's flat where we lived in Woolloomooloo that Dutchwoman Fanny Blankers Koen had won four gold medals in athletics. I thought what a funny name that

lass's got.

In the following Olympics this famous Dutchwoman was beaten by our very own Lithgow Flash, Marjory Jackson who was as skinny as a needle but could sprint like a cheetah.

I have only been to the Olympic Games once and that was the evening in Sydney when Cathy Freeman won gold and that was a truly exciting night. The return trip by train was wonderful as everyone was lit up with the excitement of it all and it wasn't only due to the booze.

Stade de France is far removed from Reg Bartley Oval where we Marist Brothers Darlo boys had our athletics carnival once a year. I wondered what happened to the good old fashioned character building events that we had at Reg Bartley (a former Lord Mayor of Sydney) such as the three-legged race, the egg and spoon race, the wheelbarrow race and the sack race where you hopped in a hessian bag for 100 yards. There were no John Landys or Ron Clarkes amongst us but we enjoyed our athletic carnival nearly as much as they do now in winning gold at the Olympics.

The Olympics have a lot in common with Probus membership in that they generate relationships among people who would not normally be together, typifying what Probus is about.

On the local front, our Winter Fiesta at Abbotsford Rowing Club was a great success, bringing everyone together in the spirit of friendship and fellowship.

See you all soon.

Cheers,

Reg **Reg Richardson**

NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 Aug from 10.30am in the Norths Leagues Club Auditorium
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 Your Diary

- Mon 19 August**
Lost Soles Strollers-Woolwich Point
- Wed 18 September**
ANSTO, Lucas Heights
- Wed Nov 20 - Fri Nov 22**
The Blue Mtns & Zig-Zag Railway tour

Personal Corner

The next personal corner will be given by **Ian Doig**. Ian has lived in Neutral Bay for more than thirty years with his wife, son and daughter. He loves dogs, cycling and Mollymook, and intends to spend more time there following a forty five year career in sales, marketing and fundraising.

Report on a Day Out at Woy Woy



2:50 Club Outing on Friday 2 August

The rain cleared and fourteen intrepid souls gathered to make the rail journey from Central to Woy Woy. We picked up members in Epping and Hornsby. We explored the town under glorious sunny conditions and had a coffee break before arriving at the Fisherman's Wharf for lunch. We occupied one corner of a very large restaurant. Some went over to the Harbour View Hotel. After lunch we caught the train for the return trip to Central and onwards. **Tony Michaels**

Report on Winter Feast, Tue 23 July, 2024



On Tuesday 23 July, 70 members and partners enjoyed our annual mid-year Winter Feast lunch at Watergrill at the historic Sydney Rowing Club overlooking the Parramatta River at Abbotsford Point. The weather and location were at their brilliant best and the plentiful three course lunch was of its usual high standard and enjoyed by all. Fittingly, three of our longer serving members, John Pike, Barry Stone and Peter Cornish were the winners of the President's Lucky Door prize of a bottle of Tasmania's finest bubbly. **John Metcalf**

VALE Brendan Walsh OAM Brendan Enda Walsh's early years were spent in Mayo, Ireland. His early career in London was teaching and later real estate. In Australia he became an auctioneer and also President of the Public Speakers Association. He did a speaker tour of America and also entertained many on cruise ships. He was recognised for his contribution to radio after 25 years hosting Drive Time on Fine Music FM. We extend our condolences to his wife, Christine, and his three daughters. May he rest in peace. **Kevin Fitzpatrick**

DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Lost Soles Strollers - Woolwich Point Walk - Monday 19 August 2024

Meet in front of the 0945am ferry (normally wharf 5) to Woolwich. Walk up to Woolwich Road and a short diversion for Lane Cove River views. A pleasant stroll up to The Goat Paddock where we walk (gravel track) down to the old graving dock, now a boat mooring area. Walk around the dock to Clarkes Point reserve, a view of Cockatoo Island and up the short hill to the lookout for extensive harbour views. Lunch at the Pier Hotel (beer garden or inside). Walk back for the ferry, generally downhill. Expressions of interest by email to stewh444@tpg.com.au please. Photo (right): Old Balmoral Tram Line and Rawson Park stroll on 15 July 2024



Day Tour to ANSTO and Lucas Heights - Wednesday 18 September 2024

Departs Norths at 8:30am and returns at approx. 5pm. Program includes Lucas Heights Discovery Centre Tour, lunch at Bundeena RSL (own cost), voyage across beautiful Port Hacking, and the Royal National Park. **Cost: \$75 includes luxury coach transportation and morning tea.** Sign on at the meeting or email Ian at outings@probusneutralbay.org.

Pay by EFT BSB:082 302 A/C. no: 28869 5672. NAB Neutral Bay. Please include your name and 'Lucas Heights' when making your transfer. **Last day for sign-on and payment is Tue 13 August.**



Other Upcoming Activities

Wed Nov 20 - Fri Nov 22: Three-day Blue Mountain and Zig-Zag Railway tour. This will be our exclusive tour, with more than 30 members and guests already signed up. However we still have room for a few more!

REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Neutral Bay Probus Croquet Group Mon 1 to 3pm at Chatswood Croquet Club. Additional players and beginners are welcome! Please contact **Rob Wright** on **0416 161 863**

Pickleball *Pickleball News:* We now play on the **2nd & 4th WEDNESDAY** of the month. Dates for August are Wednesday 14th & 28th. We have over 20 men and women of all standards who participate in this fastest growing sport in Australia. Members and friends form an enthusiastic group who enjoy the exercise and fellowship. Dress is as for tennis with balls and paddles provided. Contact **Hugh Seccombe** on 0411 644 886

Roll Up Lawn Bowls There is room for a few more new members. We are a social bowling group that is associated with North Sydney Bowling Club, part of the Greens at North Sydney, and the Greens look after us well. We meet every Wednesday for a 10am start and play for an hour or so before we adjourn to the bar where we socialise and solve the nation's troubles. Once or twice a year we stay on for a social lunch. So, the main aim is social, but we have a healthy, competitive attitude to the game. If you do not own bowls, there are still sets available that the Greens may let us have. Parking at 10am at the Greens is not a problem. Call **Peter Cornish** on **0421 012 538** or **02-99098994** for more details.

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** on **0428 611 456** for details.

Golf Golf play is on every 4th Friday at Warringah Golf Course for 9 holes beginning at 10am. More players welcome. Please contact **Murray** on **0419 488 609**.

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! No sailing for August as *Renata* is being slipped. Next sailing in September. Stay tuned. Contact **Ross Bruwel** on **0421 817 106**

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

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

August Guest Speaker **James Kelly**

Accommodation Options for the Elderly and Their Interaction with Estate Planning



James is a partner of Owen Hodges Lawyers. He has worked in regional practice since 1991 and has developed his legal practice mainly in the area of 'Elder Law'. He was made a Special Agent in 2000 and is currently the head of the Seniors, Estate and the Residential Conveyance Team at Owen Hodge Lawyers. James is actively involved with several seniors' groups and advisory committees. He also regularly addresses seniors' groups on legal issues.

In estate planning for the elderly, there are many matters to consider. There are emotional issues, financial issues as well as complex legal issues.

In his presentation, James will consider some available options, financial and legal issues and how that impacts on your estate planning.

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September Guest Speaker: **Oliver Greeves** "Horatio Nelson: Myths, Legends & Awkward Facts"