



Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members, Ladies and Visitors



October is an interesting month for me as I have yet another birthday, having been born in Broken Hill on the 30th of that month, just before the outbreak of the Second World War which of course I had nothing to do with.

In October many years ago Sally and I visited Munich, not realising that it was the time of Oktoberfest, their annual beer drinking festival. Having originally come from the Hill where beer drinking was the most popular local pastime, I thought how good is this going to be! Little did I know that the Germans are the biggest beer drinkers in the world and I was left in their wake, in particular by the large women with whom we often shared drinking booths. It was a savage blow to my fragile ego and I felt like a Rechabite in a land of beer swillers.

On another matter, King Charles is visiting our country in October which made me recall that exactly 70 years ago his mother, Queen Elizabeth, then aged about 28 visited 57 towns and cities in Australia. She visited Broken Hill where I was at school and we were all so excited that someone so important should visit our little town. When she was leaving town in an open car I excitedly ran beside it waving and cheering for about 2 miles on its way to the airport. I was a little fitter then. If in the unlikely event that I have the opportunity to meet King Charles, I'll regale him with the story of the time I saw his Mum up close 70 years ago.

To conclude, as we grow older social contact is more important than ever, so if you see a fellow Probus member in the street or anyone you know, make contact and have a chat; life is not so busy these days that we just go to the shop and go home. Talk to people you know. It's good for your spirits and hopefully, your soul.

Looking forward to seeing you all in October.

Cheers, Reg

Reg Richardson AO President

MONTHLY MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th October 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 Break
11:20 - 12:20 Guest Speaker
12:20 - 12.30 Questions and Wrap-up

Club Activities for Diary

Mon 21st Oct Lost Soles Botanic Gardens
Fri 25th Oct 2.50 Club Watsons Bay visit
Nov 20th - 22nd Blue Mtns et al Tour
Tue 10th Dec Christmas Lunch Manly GC
Tue 14th Jan 2025 BBQ /High Tea Balls Head
Mar 19th - 21st Marvellous Mudgee Tour

Personal Corner

Chris Milner

Chris has worked in the corporate and private sectors in finance, sales, marketing, and management roles. He was born in Adelaide and has lived in Crows Nest with Janet for the last 31

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Bob Pearce
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Murray Mair
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ANSTO, Australian Nuclear Science & Technology for the Benefit of all Australians



On 18th September 31 members & partners visited the ANSTO facility at Lucas Heights NSW.

Comments, 'What an amazing research & manufacturing facility it is, world leading, who knew?!'

'Everyone was impressed with the scale of the organisation, quality of its research and equipment.'

The day was perfect, weather, coach & driver, our guide Wayne and the ANSTO tour itself. The day was rounded off nicely with lunch at Bundeena and a ferry ride across Port Hacking to Cronulla.

ANSTO uses nuclear science & technology to deliver real world benefits to Australia improving health, providing expert advice to Government and leading the development of a nuclear workforce. **Ian Doig**

Lost Soles Barangaroo & Darling Harbour Sept 23rd



On the Lighter Side

I can't believe I forgot to go to the gym today. That's seven years in a row, now.

So my neighbour knocked on my front door at 3 am. 3AM!!! Luckily I was already up playing the bagpipes.

Driver: "What am I supposed to do with this speeding ticket?" Officer, "Keep it. When you collect four of them, you get a bicycle."

Apparently RSVP'ing to a wedding invitation with "Maybe next time" isn't the correct response.

DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Lost Soles Strollers Botanical Gardens Monday 21st October

Meet at 10.00am on the piazza in front of the old Customs House at Circular Quay. a scenic stroll through the Botanical Gardens to the Calyx (spectacular vertical garden) and hopefully see some new growth and flowers in the main gardens, then back via the Opera House forecourt. Lunch at either the Kiosk or train to Kirribilli pub. About 3km. Expressions of interest to **Stewart Horwood** please on stewh444@tpg.com.au.

2.50 Club. Friday 25th October. Watsons Bay by Ferry

Meeting place will be Circular Quay Ferry Wharf 2 at 09.00 (09.15 is OK), and we will take the 09.45 Watsons Bay Ferry to arrive by 10.08 followed by a coffee stop and a walk to Green Point Park and a look-see at the Camp Cove residences. Then a stroll back to Watsons Bay and a lunch at Doyles on the Beach or someplace close by. **Tony Michaels** tonygmichaels@gmail.com

Three-day Blue Mountain and Zig-Zag Railway tour. Wed Nov 20 - Fri Nov 22

More than 30 members and guests are already signed up. However we still have room for a few more! See flyer for more details and payment arrangement. Contact **Ian Doig**. outings@probusneutralbay.org

Annual Christmas Lunch Manly Golf Club Tuesday 10th December

From 12 noon. Sign on with **Kwan** at outings@probusneutralbay.org or on the clipboard at October or November Meetings. You can nominate a person you would like to sit with. Please indicate if you would like to host a table (minimum eight, maximum 10 or 12. Any enquiries re table placings to Kwan. Last date for sign-on and payment is 2nd December. Because Probus is required to make non-refundable payment to Manly Golf Club on that date, **no refunds can be made to individual members after 2nd December**. Cost: \$100 per person, subsidised by Probus Neutral Bay. Pay by Bank Transfer BSB:082 302 A/c. no: 28869 5672. NAB Neutral Bay. Name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay. Include name plus words "Xmas" when making EFT payment. Full details in Flyer



Marvellous Mudgee/Rylstone/Gulgong! Self-drive and coach tour 19-21st March 2025

Exclusively for PNB members and partners, savour this stunningly beautiful, historic wine and food focussed region. A three day/two-night adventure with option to stay longer. Tour Mudgee Arts Precinct, dine at Lowe Wine, visit Rylstone Olive Press, lunch at De Beaurepaire Wines, visit Gulgong Pioneer Museum and Henry Lawson Centre. And there's more! Guest speakers, fun and prizes. Full details in the flyer to come. Tour is operated by Probus. Sign-on at general meetings or via **Graeme Adam** at outings@probusneutralbay.org.

OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Neutral Bay Probus Pickleball Now every second Thursday starting October 10th at Willis Park Eastern Valley Way Castle Cove from 0930. We are always looking for more players so if you have not tested your pickleball skills, please give it a go. No prior playing experience required. Contact **Murray Mair** on **0419 488 609**

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** or **99098994** 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 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! Tentative date (to be confirmed) Tue 29th Oct. Sailing on Middle Harbour. Confirm with **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**.

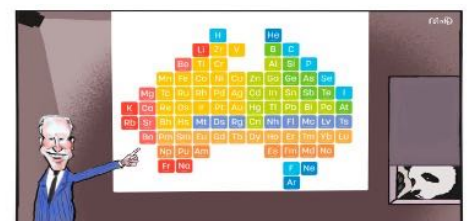
October Speaker ALBERTO MIGLIUCCI – Geologist and Investment Banker Extraordinaire

"From Rocks to Riches: My View on Gold, Nickel, and the Glittering World of Billionaires."

Alberto Migliucci is an investment banker and geologist with more than 30 years of experience in the energy, mining, and natural resources sectors. He has led numerous landmark transactions and according to Forbes magazine (2019) "*Alberto Migliucci has facilitated over US\$150 billion in commodities deals*".

His presentation will draw on his experience and will cover such topics as:

- **Australia's Mining Magnates:** What are the billionaires digging into now?
- **King Coal:** Yet to be dethroned.
- **Nickel:** The metal powering the future.
- **Gold:** It cannot be replicated or substituted.
- **The future energy metals** like nickel, lithium, cobalt, copper and vanadium.



November Speaker

Brendan Somes State Library

"Australian Stories of the Olympics"

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