

Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT



This month Probus Neutral Bay celebrates its 45th anniversary. The actual date of establishment was 12th February 1980. The history of Probus clubs in Sydney is an interesting one with the first Probus Club being formed in Hunters Hill in 1976. Soon after there was a flurry of clubs formed throughout Sydney including ours.

Probus Neutral Bay is one of the outstanding successes of Probus with well over 100 members most of whom attend regularly. And importantly, we have good numbers of new members joining us on a regular basis which gives us the impetus to renew and to re-energise continually.

As I have said occasionally as we get older it is imperative to have good social contact to enjoy life to its fullest. Probus Neutral Bay provides that in spades and has done so for 45 years. We should be proud of achieving this milestone.

As Kwan said to me today stay cool. I add as a cucumber although I haven't had one for aeons.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Cheers,

And Happy New Year!

Reg

Reg Richardson AO, President

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 Feb 2025, 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

Wed 19 - Fri 21 Mar Marvellous Mudgee
Tue 15 April Tour of Reg & Sally Richardson's Art and Sculpture Collection

Personal Corner

The next Personal Corner will be in Feb 2025, and will be given by **John Hunter**. John spent his career as a Corporate Lawyer. Besides being a keen sailor, his other interests and hobbies include hiking, travel and reading. John and Diane live at Seaforth

Advance Notice - AGM

Members are advised that the 45th AGM will be held on 11 March 2025 in conjunction with our normal monthly meeting. Detailed papers will be distributed in February.

Report on the Christmas Luncheon, Manly Golf Club, 10 Dec 2024



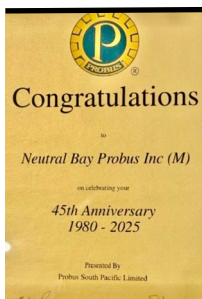
This most popular annual event was attended by over 100 members and guests. The weather was wonderful, the venue and service were impeccable and the atmosphere was jovial and convivial. Indeed it was a joyous celebration of Christmas, and of another successful year for our Club.

We also honoured **Stewart Horwood** with a Life Membership in recognition of his long-term dedication to the service of Neutral Bay Probus. A pin and certificate were presented to Stewart by Ted Kraegen on behalf of our Club (right).



Recognition of New Members. Fifteen new members have joined us over the last 24 months, and it was high time we put those who were at the luncheon in the spotlight. To quote MC Graeme Adam: "These fresh-faced new members will make their mark on Neutral Bay Probus, and are to be commended for their good judgement in joining what is arguably the best Probus Club in Australia".

L to R: **Mark Millar, Chris Milner, Paul Mottek, Reg Richardson (President), John Hunter, Peter Dowling, Stuart Paterson, Enda Bannan, Ian Doig, Bill Kearsley, Peter Turner (Membership Officer)** **Y L Kwan**



Celebration of an Important Milestone: our 45th anniversary!

On the 12th February 1980 under guidance of the Neutral Bay Rotary Club and members of existing Probus clubs our club was established at the Cammeray Golf Club. With 28 members we became the 13th club in NSW. In 1982 with 41 members we moved to the ANZAC Memorial Club and in 2002 the Norths Leagues Club. In all 35 Presidents have chaired some 440 meetings. We are grateful for their leadership and the generous service of Committee members and the support of our many members and partners. **Kevin Fitzpatrick**

COMMITTEE

President
Reg Richardson AO

Vice President
Mike Walker

Imm. Past Pres
Ian Ashbrook AM

Secretary
Brian Thomas

Treasurer
David Bruce-Steer

Committee
Graeme Adam

John Beckhaus

David Bruce-Steer

Ross Bruwel

Ian Doig

Kevin Fitzpatrick

John Metcalf

Tony Michaels

Barry Stone

Peter Turner

Michael Walker

Yiu Lam Kwan

OTHER ROLES

Archivist

Kevin Fitzpatrick

Bowls

Peter Cornish

2.50 Club

Brian Thomas

Croquet

Rob Wright

Cycling

Bob Pearce

Golf

Murray Mair

Hon Auditor

David Lloyd

Hospitality

Michael Walker

Lost Soles Strollers

Nick Baines

Meetings

Michael Walker

Enda Bannan

Membership

Peter Turner

Minute Secretary

John Beckhaus

Movies

David Bruce-Steer

Music, Art

Reg Richardson AO

Newsletter

Yiu Lam Kwan

Ted Kraegen AO

Pickleball

Murray Mair

Postman

Paul Shea

Sailing

Ross Bruwel

Speakers

Barry Stone

Tennis

Peter Turner

Tours, Outings

Graeme Adam

Ian Doig

Website

David Bruce-Steer

Welfare

Kevin Fitzpatrick

Report on BBQ/High Tea, Balls Head Reserve Tue 14 Jan 2025

The lead-up to the day was a nerve racking one with the unrelenting threat of rain and thunderstorms. Miraculously, it turned out a clear and a beautiful afternoon. The camaraderie amongst the 80 or so guests was particularly evident with lots of stories being shared over food, wine, and sweet treats. There were several expressions of appreciation: "Another well organised and hugely successful Probus event", and "A great team made our BBQ a great success". Special thanks from me to BBQ Captain Peter Turner who set a new standard in sourcing quality snags and onions. To Mike for bringing his Weber to make up for the defective hot plates. He literally saved the day! To Ian on the hotplates and Kwan on the beverages. And to Brian and Ian for their logistical assistance. And Carolyn, Ros, Judy, and Virginia for their skills with the bread and butter. – Graeme Adam



DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Marvellous Mudgee/Rylstone/Gulgong! Self-drive and Coach Tour 19th - 21st March 2025

Savour this stunningly beautiful, historic wine and food focussed region in the company of Probus Neutral Bay friends. A three day/ two-night adventure with option to stay longer. Tour Mudgee Arts Precinct, dine at Lowe Wine, sample Rylstone olive oils, lunch at De Beaurepaire Wines, visit Gulgong Pioneer Museum, Opera House and Henry Lawson Centre. And there's more! Guest speaker, fun and prizes. Full details in flyer. Sign on at general meetings or email Graeme Adam at outings@probusneutralbay.org
Special note: **Sign-on deadline extended to 18 Feb.**



Jayne Bentivoglio, Rylestone Olive Press (photo at right)

Tour of Reg and Sally Richardson's Art and Sculpture Collection Tue 15 April 2025



Venue: the beautiful harbour-view home of our president and his wife, Reg and Sally Richardson, at 18 Wolseley Rd Mosman, off Middle Head Rd, Tues 15 April, commencing at 4pm sharp and finishing at 6pm. A tour of Reg's extensive collection of over 200 paintings and 60 sculptures, acquired over some six decades. Artists include Sir Sidney Nolan, Sali Herman, Rosalie Gascoigne, John Coburn, Tracey Moffatt, Rover Thomas, Emily Kngwarreye and Henri Matisse. Light refreshments by Serena Sanderson of Rose Bay. In 2024 Reg was made an Order of Australia for distinguished service to community health organisations and the visual arts. Sign on by email to outings@probusneutralbay.org or at general meetings. If sign-ons exceed capacity, there will be a wait list. All enquiries to Reg please. Last sign-on to be announced in April. Probus members and partners are guests of Reg and Sally. No charge. Flyer at general meetings and by email.

Stop Press Good News for 2:50 Club fans - this activity will continue in 2025 under the leadership of Brian Thomas. Stay tuned

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.

Pickleball We are now playing **every Thursday** at Willis Park, Eastern Valley Way, Castle Cove from 9:30 am until 11 am. 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**

Tennis Following recess over Xmas/New year, we will resume in **March 2025**. 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 Murray Mair welcomes all members to play; generally play on 4th Friday of each month at a local course. 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! Resumption of sailing is unfortunately delayed due to some electrical problems of the boat. 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.

11 Feb 2025 Guest Speaker - Ian Thompson - Iconic Australian Inventions of Our time



After first graduating in Chemistry then followed by Entomology, Ian worked for the majority of his working life as a Research Chemist in curbing insect pests in both agricultural crops and the urban environment.

With a passion for Science, Ian regards himself as a tinkerer, together with a strong interest in Australian colonial history and the inventions and of our early settlers in this land we call home.

Ian now presents a wide range of general science and other topics for non-profit organisations such as Probus, U3A, historical societies and garden clubs.

In this presentation Ian looks at the people and the science behind some of our classic Australian discoveries and inventions from the 19th century colonial era through to our present time.

11 March 2025 Guest Speaker Evan Penn - OnCourse Tours "New Hope Charity" in Cambodia

This is sponsored by KWIKKOPY 6/129-133 Military Rd Neutral Bay ph 9953 3077