



## PROBUS CLUB NEUTRAL BAY

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# Newsletter

# JUN 2025

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Dear Members, Partners and Guests,

I want to thank Kwan for taking over the presidential duties last month and inducting our two new members John Dale and Chris Wills into our club. I look forward to meeting them.

I also want to acknowledge the great job Peter Turner does in shepherding new members into the Club with his follow up meet and greets. Without new members, clubs slowly decline. That is not a

problem we have.

Following a recent holiday in the west I wanted to advise you, that you should never put off doing things now. My wife Judy and I had just returned from a great holiday involving the Indian Pacific by rail from Sydney to Perth, a week touring around the sights in the west followed by a 17 day cruise home around the top of Australia, very enjoyable. Within 24 hrs of arriving home I was being taken to hospital by ambulance with a little COVID plus a lot of pneumonia and another heart problem that I did not know I even had. After seven days in the Royal North Shore Hospital with warnings from the cardiologist and the Respiratory Team to take it very easy, life has changed. Having had a pacemaker in place for five years and monitored overnight at home, I was not aware of just how much data is stored night and day in the onboard computer that the technician was able to download and retrieve.

My point is you never know what is around the corner, so get out and enjoy life while you can. Probos gives you plenty of opportunities to do things and meet and greet other members. The Committee puts in a lot of work to cover off all these options. Please get out and enjoy.

**Mike Walker** President

### Important Changes to the Recording of Apologies at General Meetings

Apologies for General Meetings will now be recorded at the Welcome Desk on checking in. ***There will not be calls for apologies from the floor.***

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION IS NOW OVERDUE

Please pay \$85 by credit card or cash (exact amount) at meeting, or by electronic fund transfer. Please include your name for reference. BSB 082 302 A/C No. 28869 5672



### THE NOT 'SO LOST' SOLES STROLLERS

On Tuesday 27th May there was much joy to see the sun after all the rain, and the dust haze that blew in from South Australia. The Strollers experienced the feeling that they were in Athens, as we visited the new Pavilion at Barangaroo. From there it was a water-side amble with David Bruce-Steer setting a brisk

pace in his new electric mobility chair. Sights on the way were Barangaroo Reserve, Walsh Bay, under the bridge and the Rocks with much chat. On the way our maritime expert Paul Shea pointed out the old South Styne ferry moored in the distance, the James Craig and the rare sight of the Krait motoring in the harbour. We finished with a banter and a lovely lunch at the Museum of Contemporary Art Café. **Brian Thomas**



### NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 Jun 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 DIARY

**Tue 17 June 2025** 2:50 Club outing

Circular Quay to La Perouse

**Tue 24 June 2025** Archibald, Wynne & Sulman

Prizes Exhibition, Art Gallery of NSW

**Tue 22 July 2025** Winter Feast, The Watergrill

Restaurant, Sydney Rowing Club, Abbotsford

### PERSONAL CORNER

This month's Personal Corner will be given by **Dr Ross Bengier**.

Ross's career profession was an ophthalmologist surgeon specialising in ophthalmic plastic, lacrimal and orbital surgery. His practice was in Drummoyne. Ross and Susan live in Neutral Bay

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We extend a very warm welcome to our two new members:

**Chris Wills** Former vocation: pharmacist and publisher. Chris lives in St Ives

**John Dale** Former vocation: insurance broking. John and Rosemary live in Neutral Bay



### Advance Notice of a Day Tour to Dangar Island

Pencil in the date in your diary and start getting excited!! Our Outings Coordinator is organising a full day tour 'Dangar Island Adventure', on **Wednesday 24 September 2025**. Max number is capped at 43.

The tour package includes return coach transfer from Norths, a Hawkesbury cruise on The River Boat Postman, morning tea, and lunch. It is priced at \$108 pp. Further details and flyer to follow.

Brochure, and signup at the general meeting or email Ian Doig at [outings@neutralbayprobus.org](mailto:outings@neutralbayprobus.org)

## Report on Chat and Chew Friday 30 May 2025 The Oaks, Neutral Bay



Ted Kraegen gave a well researched and fascinating account of the professional life of his great grandfather Carl, a telegraphic engineer, and his involvement in the construction of the Overland Telegraph Line in the early 1870s. We also learned that the electorate of Dunkley was named after Ted's grandmother! A most memorable 'chat n chew'. Y Kwan



### DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

#### 2:50 Club Outing Tuesday 17 June Circular Quay to La Perouse

We will travel by light rail and bus from Circular Quay to La Perouse. Please meet outside Wharf 5 Circular Quay at 10 a.m. At our destination we will experience expansive views of Botany Bay, take in the various historic sights, and have lunch at the Boathouse Café situated right on the waters edge. It should be an enjoyable day!



Please advise **Brian Thomas** if you are able to come. Email [brian.b.w.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:brian.b.w.thomas@gmail.com) or text **0412 161 566**

#### Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes 2025 Tuesday 24 June 2025



*Enjoy a wonderful guided tour with expert in-depth commentaries!*

**Date:** Tuesday 24 June 2025.

**Duration of the tour** is approximately one hour.

**Meet at entrance to the Art Gallery at 9:45 am** for a 10:00 am start.

**How:** sign on with **John Metcalf** at General Meetings or email John at [johnmetcalf157@gmail.com](mailto:johnmetcalf157@gmail.com)

**Cost** is \$27.00 per person (unchanged from last year)



#### Winter Feast Sydney Rowing Club, Abbotsford Tuesday 22 July 2025



This favourite annual event offers a great opportunity to meet old and new members and relax in a social environment. Easy access by road and by ferry. A great 3-course meal plus coffee. Drinks PAYG. Cost: \$65 pp. Organise a table (10 per table) and advise John Metcalf of your table companions. Sign on at General Meetings. Last sign-on and payment: Monday 14th July. Contact: **John Metcalf**, email [johnmetcalf157@gmail.com](mailto:johnmetcalf157@gmail.com)



### 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** All members and their friends are welcome on the first Tuesday of each month at Willis Park on Eastern Valley Way (Chatswood) from 10am to 12pm. Tennis is followed by coffee and a social chat at the café. Please contact **Peter Turner** on **0428 611 456**

**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** Please note that sailing will be in recess for the next few months. 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.

#### 10 June 2025 Guest Speaker **DR STEPHEN YEOMANS** Metallurgy 101 - A Stroll Through the Wonderful World of Metals



Dr. Stephen Yeomans – metallurgist and academic extraordinaire ..... and a fellow member of our Club. Stephen holds the degrees of BSc (Hon I) and PhD in Metallurgy from the UNSW. He was a member of the academic staff from 1974 to 2019, primarily at the UNSW Canberra campus at the Australian Defence Force Academy. He taught materials science and materials engineering in both undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs. He has held a number of visiting appointments at highly respected academic and metallurgical institutes in Canada, England and the USA.

Stephen has also been a consultant, both locally and internationally, in component testing and evaluation, welded fabrication and construction, corrosion prevention and accident and failure investigations. He has provided expert evidence in legal proceedings including expert witness conclaves and court appearances in both civil litigation and criminal proceedings and coronial inquests.

So, what is metallurgy? Metallurgy is defined as a process that is used for the extraction of metals in their pure form from minerals e.g. soil, limestone, sand and rocks. In his presentation he will start with a little basic metallurgy exploring the nature and characteristics of the common metals steel, aluminium and stainless steels. Stephen will then mention some really extraordinary case histories of consultancies and investigations he has undertaken. We look forward to a fascinating presentation!

#### 8 July 2025 Guest Speaker **JENNIFER PHILPS** CMRI, Westmead **"Genetics - the Future is Now"**