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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Following the stepping down of Ian Ashbrook after his very successful term as President of Probus Club Neutral Bay, I am happy to accept the role as President.

I have been on the board of a number of not for profit bodies but this is the first time I have been on the board of a club let alone as President of one. The beauty of clubs is that everyone is equal. So if you have any ideas

about how we can lift our game, if it does need to be lifted, please don't hesitate to approach me.

Ian had a number of good ideas one of which I would like to run with and that is having bi-monthly lunches at an inexpensive place where everyone can meet, chat and get to know each other. If you want you can bring your wife or partner. He suggested the Boathouse at Balmoral where there is a full range of options on meals, prices and wine selection. I think that would be a good place to start our lunches .

Let me know what you think. Cheers and best wishes .

**Reg Richardson President**

## NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th April 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 10th April** Jazz & Lunch in the Pub

**Mon 15th April** Lost Soles Strollers

**Fri 26th April** 2:50 Club: Streets of Saigon

**Tue 25th June** Archibald Exhibition

## Personal Corner

The next personal corner will be given by **Prof. Milton Cohen AM**, third Dean and Director of Professional Affairs of the Australian Faculty of Pain Medicine for 24 yrs

## New Member

**Welcome to Brian Schafer**

**Previous vocation:** finance/construction industry

**Interests:** share trading, golf, walking and the gym

**Residence:** Brian and Narelle live in Cremorne

## Annual Subs Due

Pay \$65 by cash or cheque at meeting, but Preferably by online bank transfer: please include your name for reference.

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## FROM THE 2024 AGM



**Group Photo following the AGM**



**Congrats, New Pres**



**Our Newer Club Members**



**Age Is No Obstacle— Our member Jim McCallum playing bowls and celebrating his 98th birthday with fellow Probians**

## Report on the Tour of the SCG

### A good innings at the SCG

On 19th March, it was back to Moore Park sports precinct where 34 Probus members and partners warmed up for a one day event at Sydney Cricket Ground. Two Probus teams were treated to a comprehensive tour of cricket's hallowed turf, facilities and museum. Our guides were amazing in their knowledge of the game and its rich history. Then it was onto Watson's EQ Hotel for a casual lunch where great food and friendship were on the menu. All in all, a good innings.



## DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### Jazz 'n' Lunch in the Pub - Wed 10 April 2024, 11:30 am SHARP, Freeway Hotel

#### A reminder from Graeme: Jazz 'n' Lunch in the Pub 11.30am Wed 10 April

If you have signed on, please confirm to Graeme Adam that you are coming. If you have found you cannot attend, please let me know. There have been some recent incidences where members sign on and then don't turn up. Given that space is limited at this event, and we are potentially oversubscribed, it is only reasonable that we know ahead of time, who is coming and who is not coming. We cannot accept any additional sign-ons. Email Graeme Adam at [outings@probusneutralbay.org](mailto:outings@probusneutralbay.org) or phone or text at 0423 741 681. Many thanks.

### Pickleball - Thursday 11th April, 10:00 to 12:00

This hopefully will be the forerunner to a regular monthly event for our club members. This popular gentle sport was kindly introduced to us and organized by Hugh Seccombe. Come, learn and have some fun! We are all new to the game! **Contact: Hugh** on Mob 0411 644 886  
**Where:** Willis Recreation & Sports Centre, 325A Eastern Valley Way, Chatswood. There has been a great initial response already.  
**Cost:** \$10 pp - please bring cash with you. The cost includes court hire and the use of balls and paddles. Attire: like tennis

### Lost Soles Strollers - Monday 15th April Narrabeen Walk

We meet at Spit junction at about 10.00am and catch the B1 to Narrabeen. Examine the old tram at the restaurant then follow the pretty lakefront trail (all paved) to the Sailing Club in Jamieson Park. We return to Robertson Street and head towards Narrabeen beach where we lunch at the Sands hotel (choice from 5 pub lunches at \$17). Then walk back for a B1 bus to Mosman. About 5km. Let me know please by email if you can make it on [<stewh444@tpg.com.au>](mailto:stewh444@tpg.com.au)

### 2:50 Club - Friday 26th April "Streets of Saigon" Cabramatta

Meet at 9:30 am SHARP at the York Street entrance to Wynyard Station. Bring your Opal Card!  
Travel on the T2 line 9:44 train to Cabramatta, then walk, taking in the sights, sounds of smells of this unique corner of Vietnam in Sydney. Following lunch and more sightseeing, depart at 2:30 pm back to Wynyard and beyond. Sign on with Tony Michaels via [outings@probusneutralbay.org](mailto:outings@probusneutralbay.org) Full details in emailed flyer.



## 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.

**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 on Tuesday 30th April.**

**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.

### April Guest Speaker

### Gordon Ingate OAM - 'Super Aussie Sailor'

#### "SAILOR— 9 yo to 98 yo"

Over a yachting career spanning 82 years, Gordon has represented Australia in the Admiral's Cup and the Olympic Games, challenged for the America's Cup, won the prestigious 8-race Prince Philip Cup in Dragons (2008, 2015 and 2017) and was very close to winning the Sydney to Hobart Race with "Caprice of Huon" in 1972. At the age of 91 he won the *Prince Philip Cup Dragon Class [skiff] Championship*.

Arguably one of the best and oldest one-design yachtsmen in the world, 98-year-old Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron member Gordon Ingate is a truly remarkable helmsman. In 2020, Gordon received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Australian Sailing, the governing body for the sport of Sailing in Australia. He has also been rewarded with an OAM.

Addressing us at 98 years of age?? Is he some special kind of bloke? ..... "Yes", and there will be no slides.



### May Guest Speaker: Andrew Campbell - "Hearing and Brain Health"

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