

Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tues. 12TH April 2022

[SEN.] STEPHEN LOOSLEY AM



“A NEW REALITY” or The Times in Which we Live

Introduction – This introduction is a little different from the norm because I don’t specifically know what Stephen is going to talk about..... and he probably isn’t sure at this time. Why? I believe he is an “off-the-cuff” speaker and reacts rapidly to the daily changes in this ever-changing world.

You will probably best remember him when he was a Senator in the Australian Parliament from 1990 – 1995, serving under the governments of both Bob Hawke and Paul Keating. He chaired the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade and the Senate Regulations Committee.

You will see from his resume that during that time, and thereafter, he acquired an impressive network of international and local politicians and diplomats, many with whom he still keeps in touch. Thus he keeps himself up-to-date with the latest local and global issues.

Our Guest Speaker – Stephen Loosley AM.

Stephen has had an impressive working career and life thereafter. Please refer to Page 2.

On a more personal basis

Stephen was born in Sydney’s Carlton in 1952 – the eldest of three children. He was educated at Carlton Public School and the selective Sydney Technical High School. He undertook a BA degree at the NSW Uni. and gained 1st class honours in political science. Later, 1st class honours in Law. In 1985 he married Lynne Davidson, a former school teacher, and they have two sons.

Working Career and Life Thereafter – **STEPHEN LOOSLEY AM**

1972	Joined the ALP the Carlton/West Kogarah Branch
1975	Secretary of the party's St George federal electorate council
1976	Research officer to ALP Senator Kerry Sibraa
1977	ALP party organiser
1979	Assistant General Secretary of the NSW branch.
1983	General Secretary of the NSW party.... succeeding Graham Richardson.
1989	Senior national vice-president of the ALP
1990	ALP National President
1990	Elected to the Senate at the head of the ALP NSW Senate ticket
1993 – 1995	Chairman Joint Standing Committees on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.
1995	Resigned from the Senate

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1995-9	Law firm Dunhill Madden Butler – Dir. International and trade law division. Became a Partner. Company merged with Price Waterhouse Coopers Legal.
1997	Completed his Law degree commenced in 1993. Achieved 1st class honours.
2006	Babcock & Brown Ltd. Investment - strategic adviser.
2009-15	Minter Ellison Lawyers - strategic counsellor.

Over the Years.....

He has been a published author, a book reviewer and writes regular articles for *The Australian*, *The Spectator Australia* and *The Strategist* in which he is a regular media commentator on Australian and US politics.

A number of executive positions: Chairman of the Committee for Sydney (2003–11); the Aust. Strategic Policy Institute (from 2008); the Woomera Prohibited Area Advisory Board (from 2013); a senior vice president of the European Aust. Business Council (2010–14); a deputy chairman of the Asia Society Australia (from 2012); a board member of the National Rugby League (2001–12); the St James Ethics Centre (from 2008) and the Salvation Army (from 2008).

Published Books.....

“Machine Rules: A Political Primer”

****In 2015 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia.**

This will be a fascinating presentation by a fascinating man.