## Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2022 Mike Munro AM – Renowned TV Journalist



"The Last Bushrangers" and "This is My Life"

Local boy makes good. Mike Munro is a home-grown..... [He refuses to be called a legend]. From a difficult beginning he has gone everywhere in his remarkable life, both literally and figuratively. He will speak on three subjects: His notorious ancestors - in some detail - and touch on his fifty years in journalism and his less than fortunate childhood ....please ask him many questions as you like because he thrives on Q&A. To protect the family from shame, Mike's grandfather illegally changed the family name after Mike's two bushranger great uncles – the Kenniffs - committed a crime so gruesome and violent, it would go down in history as one of Australia's worst. One of the bushrangers was hanged in Brisbane jail in 1903 after killing a policeman and a station manager, burning their bodies and putting the remains in police saddle bags.

Mike started his journey in journalism as a copy boy in Sydney newspapers at 17. After seven years he was posted to News Corp's New York bureau as a foreign correspondent. On his return, Mike reported for "Willesee" and "60 Minutes" before becoming a host of "A Current Affair" and "Sunday Night". He then became synonymous with the biographical show "This Is Your Life"... with an audience of 2mill. per week. Decades of authentic reporting have made him one of Australia's most trusted and respected media figures.

Now he is making documentaries for the History Channel. More recently he wrote his second book, "The Last Bushrangers".

This book will be on display and autographed copies can be purchased. [Cash or Credit Card]

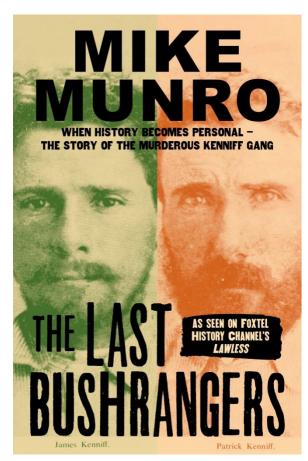
Our Guest Speaker .....Mike Munro. He was born in 1953, attended the Sacred Heart Primary School in Mosman and grew up in a Marist monastery where his mother worked. She was a lovely, caring, well-read Dr Jekyll when sober but a horrendous, abusive, alcoholic Mr Hyde for much of his younger life.

Mike is married to Lea and they have two children. He is a besotted grandfather of six.

This, however, says it all.... A note from the organiser of a large annual motivational conference......
"You could have heard a pin drop as he shared his life's story with us. His sense of justice and strong ethical character was clear to everyone. Everyone was moved and there wasn't an eye without a tear. He is one of the strongest examples of resilience that I could ever hope to meet. From where he started, to what he has accomplished. No blame for his mother, just love and sadness at what she lost - he is an amazing man...."
In the 2014 Queen's Birthday Honours List, Mike Munro was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM), for "significant service to journalism as a television current affairs reporter and presenter, and to the community as an ambassador for a range of charitable organisations".

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This is an opportunity to meet this remarkable man in person.