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**Dear fellow members, partners & visitors,**

Welcome to the May meeting,

A lot of work goes into the selection, planning and organizing of the monthly outings to make them interesting and give us an opportunity to get to know other fellow members. I went to the Classic Car museum and Japanese garden in Gosford on Thursday 26th April. Seeing examples of the cars you owned 60 or more years ago was a nostalgic

event. Some seemed to be much smaller than I remembered and the yank tanks were so big that they wouldn't fit into our supermarket car parks today. I found the Japanese garden was very attractive and the guide explained the intricacies of the layout and meaning of the selection of plants, bushes & lanterns, water & Koi carp. I came home and googled Japanese gardens to learn more about the art.

I commend to you the outings which are planned for the next few months. I would have liked to go to the Historical Aircraft Museum at Albion Park but we will be in France.

Similarly I will have to miss Jim's Jaunt around Georges Heights which will include the WW1 fortifications and artists' precinct.

There are about 50 members whose subscriptions are now overdue. Could the delinquents make your payments as soon as possible as we don't want to have to chase you. Don't forget that after a while membership lapses automatically if the subscription isn't paid.

Please remember that minutes of last month's meeting and the Treasurer's report are provided on the front table for perusal during the tea break, so you can approve them when the meeting resumes.

One of the more popular events in our monthly meetings is the 'personal corner'. It is always interesting to hear about other people's life and experiences. We all have a book in us waiting to be written so maybe this is the time to start. New members introduce themselves by this medium to their fellow members. Peter Stepan will make his debut in June while Colin Thomas will make November his date; Norbert Kelvin, Ross McDuire and Robert Wright are to follow in due course. If anyone else would like to take advantage of this opportunity let me or Kevin Fitzpatrick know.

Cheers, **Peter Davenport, President**

ANNUAL SUBS DUE Your annual subscription of **\$45** is now due. Please don't leave it till the membership deadline in June. You can pay by cash at the meeting or by cheque or, preferably, transfer online including your name for reference. Account details overleaf bottom right.

**Gosford Classic Car Museum**

MAY MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8th May** in the Auditorium at North Sydney Leagues Club, Abbot St Cammeray.

- 10:00 - 10:20 general business
- 10:20 - 10:30 personal corner
- 10:30 - 11:00 morning tea
- 11:00 - 11:55 guest speaker
- 11:55 wrap-up
- 12:00 - optional lunch and snooker

May GUEST SPEAKER

JON TUALLY:**Who Discovered the Americas?**

Our guest speaker Jon is a manufacturing Industrial Chemist who has lived on three continents during the course of an extended international business career of 25 years.

He then changed his occupation to operate his own Insurance and Financial Services business for 29 years, finally retiring in 2005. He has a long term interest in history ancient and modern.

Jon will be tracing the early beginnings of the Americas, leading to the colonisation by Europeans. He will be touching on some of the most intriguing challenges, both the currently accepted course of history and also several recent alternative theories on *Who Discovered the Americas*.

We think this may be a key, winner-deciding question at your next Trivia Night so, to get the answer, come and enjoy Jon's presentation.



June GUEST SPEAKER

Les MILLER**The Antarctic – 15 Months on the Ice**

PERSONAL CORNER

Martin GROVER

Career: Chemical Engineer and Business in Oil Refining, Food Industry, Fisheries, Mining Industry & Telecommunications
Last position: Telstra Product Management.
Interests: Stock Market, Gardening, Reading, Learning, Singing & Travel
Martin & Anne live in Castlecrag

OUTINGS

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE Westmead Tuesday 22nd May 2018

For almost 60 years, the Children's Medical Research Institute at Westmead has been working to save lives and improve the health of future generations. Their mission is to discover cures for childhood diseases such as cancer, birth defects, epilepsy and genetic complications. They currently operate six research units with world leading expertise to unravel the mysteries of these issues.

A visit to this Institute should be well worthwhile to view their operations, achievements and plans. A brief tour of the laboratories is included and we meet with some of their researchers.

Cost is \$35pp including coach travel, tour, morning tea and lunch (see flyer for more details). Pay online if possible - see box below right; alternatively pay by cheque or cash at the meeting. Add your name to the sheet at the meeting or contact:

Contact **Barry Stone** on **9953 6748** or mobile 0400 388808.

JIMS JAUNT Georges Heights Thursday 17th May 2018

This is Mosman's little jewel - guns & fortifications from 1801 -1940, spectacular harbour views from the excellent bush tracks .

Bus route 244 leaves Wynyard at 9.39 for Chowder Bay so pick up from any stop along Military Rd and get off at Suakin Dr Middle Head Rd at 10.10 am or drive your car there. We start at Georges Heights visit barracks and emplacements, walk to Middle Head guns then back to Suakin Drive. We have lunch at the Mosman Pub. Duration will be some three hours over four km of tracks & paths. Contact **Jim** on 9955 1368 or 0421 559 618 or **Ian Machin** on 9908 4423 for more info.

ARCHIBALD Tour

Our annual Archibald Exhibition Tour will be held on Wednesday 6th June from 10.30am. Admission for the guided tour is \$20pp cash on the day. Please add your name to the sign-on sheet at the Meeting.

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HISTORIC AIRCRAFT MUSEUM Albion Park Tuesday 26th June 2018

On our tour of this remarkable facility, we will see some of the most amazing aircraft of bygone days.

On display is an extensive range of aircraft, both commercial and military, from Cessna, de Havilland, Douglas, Lockheed, English Electric, Hawker Hunter, Piaggio and other makes. Fine examples include the Qantas 747 *City of Canberra*, the 707 previously owned by John Travolta, an F111 jet fighter, Bell Huey Cobra and more.

We will be hosted by volunteer staff with lots of experience, all of whom are dedicated to Australian aviation history. They will be on hand to share their passion for the historical aircraft and answer questions.

Our coach departs Norths at 9am and returns at 4pm. Morning tea is provided and lunch is your choice from a selection of salads, light snacks, sandwiches, tea and coffee at the Cafe Connie.

Cost is \$40 pp for coach, morning tea and museum tour. Please pay online if possible - see details below right. Alternatively, pay by cash or cheque. Add your name to the sign on sheet or email **Tony Bowra** at abowra@alpha.net.au or **Bob Pearce** at bobpearce37@gmail.com

WINTER Feast

Our annual Winter Feast will be held on Tuesday 24th July. Look out for the flyer and add your name to the sign-on sheet.

GOLF DAY - back at last!

Join us in our nine hole 'Ambrose' Golf Day at Cammeray Golf Club on Thursday 24th May in teams of four selected by the organisers. Bring your wife and friends to join in and have a fun day. We will give you the rules! Pay on the day. Fees for golf are non - Members \$21 Members \$7 Carts \$21 plus \$5.00 each for prizes. Put your name and handicap on the sheet at the general meeting. Contact **Alan Ambler** on **8920 1352** for more information.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820

City Recital Hall has \$15 monthly 'little lunch music' at 12.30. On Thu10May18 there will be an hour of song given by a vocal quartet offering *Idea of North*. On Wed13Jun18 the sextet *Chaika* sing songs from the cinema, influenced from the Balkans & Jazz.

At the **Mosman Art Gallery** until 1st June, see the show 'Australian Exotica' featuring European cartographers visions of the world with drawings on the borders of their maps of Australia

Sydney's Conservatorium of Music offer free lunch-break concerts at 12.30 on Wednesdays and Thursdays - students play their chosen instruments. Try 'Contemporary Music' on Wed 9th May or maybe 'Strings' the next day. There's a Jazz concert by 20 enthusiasts in the 'Big Band' on Thu 24th May or maybe you'd like 'Modern Music Ensemble' on Wed 30th May. More can be found on the 'Cons' website.

CYCLING

Stewart 9439 9609 Allan 9960 8830

Mondays, usually 10am start, routes & durations vary. Saturdays, around the wharves & Barangaroo, about 25km, starting Glebe or Milsons Point at 7.45am, finishing around 10am. Contact Stewart or Allan for more details.



GOLF Tony Travers 9439 4996

Each Monday from 8.15am for 18 holes or 9.45am for 9 holes at the Lane Cove Country Club.

MOVIE ENJOYMENT

David Bruce-Steer 9419 7017

We meet at the Cremorne Orpheum usually on 4th Monday each month. Look out for a flyer in the week before.

ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS

Peter Cornish 9909 8994

Roll-up Lawn Bowls is usually held at North Sydney Bowling Club at St Leonards Park every Wednesday morning.

SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

Ross invites you to join him on board the beautiful *Renada* on Tuesday 15th May; embarkation is normally at Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Contact Ross for further details.

TENNIS. David Harris 9488 5259

Tennis will be held at *Love n Deuce* at Talus St Naremburn on 21st May between 2 and 4pm. Sign the sheet at Tuesday's meeting or contact David.

June PERSONAL CORNER

Peter STEPAN

Payments: Kindly pay for outings in advance of any deadline and online if possible. When paying online, please ensure that you quote your name & the relevant activity, albeit abbreviated, in the description to minimise any confusion. Note the following bank account details:

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Gosford Japanese Gardens

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