

PROBUS CLUB NEUTRAL BAY

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newsletter



FROM THE PRESIDENT

AUGUST MEETING



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David Bruce-Steer
Music, Art

Music, Art John Brooks Gerald Christmas

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David Harris
Tours, Outings
Tony Bowra
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Tony Bowra Bob Pearce Website James Ritchie Welfare

Peter Cornish

Dear fellow members, partners & visitors,

First of all, thank you to Kevin Fitzpatrick for deputising for me at the June and July meetings. I understand he did a good job and enjoyed it so much he's impatient for his turn to become President next year.

I was pleased to get back from overseas in time for the winter feast which I thought was a big success, the food was good, the setting perfect and of course the company made it.

That is what Probus is all about, enjoying the company of likeminded people.

I am very sorry to tell you that Rufus Wolfson has died and we wish to express our sympathy for Shirley and the Wolfson family at their loss. It is a testimony to the high regard in which Rufus was held in the Neutral Bay Probus Club that about thirty members attended his funeral.

Rufus manned the attendance desk with Martin Grover, he made sure that any new member was welcomed and introduced to other members. He learned every members name and included them in conversations if they seemed to be on their own. Everyone spoke of his kindness, his readiness to help in any activity and his quirky sense of humour. We will miss him, he was the consummate Probus member.

It's a policy of the Club that if any widow/partner wishes to continue to be associated with the Neutral Bay Probus Club that they be invited to do so, firstly as a visitor, then in accordance with the Club Constitution they can be elected as an honorary member. As Shirley has been a keen supporter of Club activities I hope that she welcomes this opportunity. Unfortunately there is another issue which raises its head when members leave Probus. We have to start replacing them with more like minded people and try to reduce the average age at the same time. The best way to do this is to introduce the club to our friends, bring them along to a meeting and show them how we work, introduce them to other members and encourage them to join in the activities.

I went to a Northbridge Probus meeting 10 years before I joined the Neutral Bay branch, they were chalk & cheese. This club is more welcoming, more active in outings and has more interesting speakers. Let's keep it that way. I'm sure we all know someone who would benefit from joining Probus. Ask them to come along as we do not have a waiting list.

I'd like to draw your attention to the planned outings for August and September. Darlinghurst Gaol, ie the National Arts School, the visit to State Parliament House and the visit to the Australian Centre for Field Robotics at Sydney University. Unfortunately places are limited so I've missed out on a couple of outings I would have enjoyed. So get in early!

WINTER FEAST

Peter Davenport, President

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14th August** 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

GUEST SPEAKER

Ross SCOTT Osteoporosis Awareness

Osteoporosis? ...we don't have to be concerned about that. What did you say? Every five minutes, an Australian is hospitalised with an osteoporosis related fracture. Half of Australian women and a third of Australian men will experience an osteoporotic fracture after the age of 60, according to Osteoporosis Australia.

Osteoporosis is a medical condition in which the bones become brittle and fragile from loss of tissue, typically as a result of hormonal changes or deficiency of calcium or vitamin D. Osteoporosis affects most people eventually as they age.

Perhaps we had better be concerned about that!

This presentation gives information which will help people to establish and maintain healthy bones, recognise and manage their risk factors and continue an active and healthy life.

Ross is a trained volunteer peer educator with the Health Promotion Service. This means that he is himself an older person, personally engaged with the information he presents.

PERSONAL CORNER

Ross McDUIE

Career: HR Management/Leadership Counselling

Last position: Senior Associate

Interests: Occasional coaching consulting, grandchildren, golf, travel, wine, home handyman projects



OUTINGS

JIM'S JAUNT 16th August 2018 Darlington & Chippendale

Something easy & different. We start by catching the M30 red bus from Military Rd Neutral Bay. We should arrive about 9.30 at the second stop up City Rd from the Broadway, opposite the entrance to Sydney University, just after passing the Seymour Centre. We visit a small gem of a museum and indulge in nostalgia perhaps. We then walk through Darlington and Chippendale to lunch on Asian Student Food in Spice Alley, paying with a credit card. It is an easy flat stroll of some three km distance and three hours duration.

Jim Holloway 0421 559 618 Ian Machin 9908 4423 DARLINGHURST GAOL Tour Tuesday 28th August 2018

The old Darlinghurst Gaol is one of Australia's oldest and best preserved examples of colonial sandstone



architecture, currently the National Art School. This tour is now fully booked.

OUTINGS

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR FIELD ROBOTICS Tour

Tuesday 25th September 2018 The Australian Centre for Field Robotics at the University of Sydney (ACFR) focuses on the research, development and application of autonomous and intelligent robots and systems for outdoor environments. During our visit we will have a presentation from Professor Stefan Williams, Head of the School of Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering at ACFR who will tell us of the Centre's activities and achievements. After that we will visit the neighbouring lab to see some of the products the Centre has developed. There are no set arrangements for lunch, just a short walk to the Kensington Street Eatery - described as

There are no set arrangements for lunch, just a short walk to the Kensington Street Eatery - described a a "must visit lifestyle precinct". Kensington St is home to restaurants, cafes, markets and galleries. Lunch choices are abundant.

The bus departs Norths at 8:15am; return is at your own arrangement. Cost \$10 per person to cover the coach hire. Add your name to the sheet at the next meeting, or contact

Tony at <u>abowra@alpha.net.au</u> or 0410 840 077 or Bob at

bobpearce37@gmail.com 0400291373

SPECIAL INTERESTS

ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820 CONSERVATORIUM of MUSIC has an open day on 25th August. On Wed 15th August at 12:30pm there'll be a free lunchtime concert of Stringed instruments, Harps will feature on 16th, the Big Band show on 29th and Classical Guitar on 30th August.

S H ERVIN GALLERY exhibits William Robinson's contemporary landscape paintings until 7th October

MOSMAN ART GALLERY: Albany Awakes until 16th Sept;

NSW ART GALLERY: King Henry 8th's portrait painting is exposed & scientifically examined until 9th Sept; more info on the 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

WIN OUTER

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.

SAILÍNG Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

Ross invites you to join him on board the beautiful *Renada* on Thursday 30th August; embarkation is normally at Middle Harbour Yacht Club. See Ross for further details.

TENNIS David Harris 9488 5259 Tennis should be held at *Love n Deuce* at Talus St Naremburn on 20th August between 2 and 4pm. Sign the sheet at Tuesday's meeting or contact David.

APOLOGIES - We record everyone's attendance at meetings and any apologies. So if anyone brings an apology for someone, could you make sure it is recorded at the attendance desk when you arrive. It will then be recorded in the minutes as people expect to see their apologies acknowledged when they make the effort to tender an apology.

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:

BSB 082 057 a/c no: 28869 5672 a/c name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay.

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FIELD ROBOTICS



NSW STATE PARLIAMENT Tour.

Tuesday 20th September 2018

A visit to the NSW State Parliament House is planned. This follows an invitation to the club from MP Felicity Wilson to attend a lunch/refreshments from 1 to 2 pm followed by a visit to the public gallery during Question Time. Numbers are limited. Please contact Tony for further information **Tony Bowra 0410 840 077**



NSW State Parliament

VALE

Rufus Wolfson member since 2005





Sep GUEST SPEAKER

Lt Colonel Riccardo BOSSI

Living and fighting against war on terror in Afghanistan and UAE

Sep PERSONAL CORNER

Robert WRIGHT