



newsletter

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Dear fellow members, partners & visitors,

2018 is coming to a close with our Christmas lunch at Manly Golf Club. I understand that we will have over 100 members and guests attending. As previous Presidents have emphasised, Probud is a group of like-minded people who meet socially to have fun and I think Probud Neutral Bay is achieving that. The January event will be the picnic at Balls Head on

Thursday, the 31st January, there will be a sign on sheet at the Manly lunch.

This is also the time when we plan for next year, not only our monthly speakers and our excursions for 2019 but also to prepare for our AGM in March. One key activity is the nomination and election of the new President, the Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee members. At the moment, Kevin Fitzpatrick has been nominated and has agreed to stand for President, John Metcalf will continue as Secretary and Hugh Seccombe will continue as Treasurer. One new role for next year is that of managing our website. This is our main means for telling the world what we do and attracting new members. It has been a very good website but has not been updated for a couple of years. David Bruce-Steer has volunteered for the task and will join the committee.

Most members of the committee have agreed to continue in their current roles which leaves us with a vacancy for Vice President, (which is a doddle of a job unless the President is indisposed or overseas) and two committee members, so please let us know if you are interested.

There are two roles where incumbents would like to retire, the producer of the newsletter Peter Dee and the minute taker John Mattes. They would like to invite members to volunteer to be their understudies with the aim of taking over later in the New Year. Please contact them to find out what is involved.

A Club is only as good as the people who run it. We have been fortunate to have people who run this club very well and look forward to new people taking up the baton. It's a rewarding exercise, most committee members enjoy the camaraderie and satisfaction to be gained by doing a good job. They meet for about an hour at 2pm on the first Tuesday in the month at the North Sydney Leagues Club.

Peter Davenport, President

DECEMBER MEETING

Christmas Lunch, on **Tuesday 11th December**, will be our next get-together and it will again be held at the **Manly Golf Club**, 38-40 Balgowlah Rd Manly, for members and guests who have prepaid. Introductions start at 12 noon with lunch following from 12:30pm onwards.

For those driving, there is ample parking adjacent to the club buildings and in Balgowlah Road.

For those wishing to use public transport, there is a bus stop at Manly Golf Club. It is serviced by Sydney Buses route 142 which leaves from Belgrave Street Manly at Stand E. From mid to late morning it is an hourly service at quarter to the hour.

Merry Christmas



Committee Nominations 2019

Members are invited to consider nominating to join the 2019 Committee effective from the March AGM. Ask President Peter or any Committee member for advice on the work undertaken by the Committee and a nomination form.

Feb GUEST SPEAKER

Derek JONES

Africa: The Hope and the Horror



La Perouse Museum Tour

OUTINGS

HIGH TEA BBQ Balls Head Thursday 31st January 2019 Starting from 4:30pm

The setting is spectacular and the company is great. All in all, it will put us in a good frame of mind to commence 2019.

We will provide the sausages and onions, bread and butter, plates, utensils and cups ... and the wine and juices. And a few of us will volunteer to do the cooking for you. So please join us and invite your friends.

You will need to come in your car, or with a friend, to Balls Head Reserve, Balls Head Drive, Waverton. There is plenty of designated parking on the southern side, with the BBQ area just opposite.

There is limited seating so please bring a ground rug or, if you have them, a foldaway table and chairs. Please bring a salad or other food and tea or coffee. Add beer, if you would like one before the wine or soft drink.

Cost is \$12.00 per person. Add your name to the sign-on sheet at the Christmas Lunch; otherwise, contact:

Tony Bowra 0410 840 077
abowra@alpha.net.au

Bob Pearce 0400 291 373
bobpearce37@gmail.com

Tour of BUNDANON, Home of Artist ARTHUR BOYD, Shoalhaven River, South Coast Tuesday 26th February 2019

Wander through the iconic landscape that inspired one of Australia's greatest artists. Experience artwork from Bundanon's extensive collection, on show at Arthur Boyd's home and studio. Then follow up with a bush walk to the natural amphitheatre on the Shoalhaven River.

Our tour at Bundanon gives an overview of the arts practice and life of Arthur Boyd and the Boyd Family. We will be introduced to the history of the property and visit the Homestead which houses four generations of Boyd Family artworks and explore Arthur Boyd's studio

We can enjoy the hectares of sculptor gardens, a stroll to the river on a short walking track and a two-course lunch at the Berry Bowling Club.

Cost is \$55 per person for the tour, coach, morning tea and lunch.

Our coach departs North Sydney Leagues Club at 8.00am; morning tea/coffee is provided on the way; return at approximately 5.00pm.

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One of the beautiful paintings on display at the State Library



Photo taken on Jim's recent harbour-side Jaunt

SPECIAL INTERESTS

ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820 NSW ART GALLERY

Not to be missed, Modern Masters' 65 paintings on loan from the Russian Hermitage Museum until 3rd March 2019.

MOSMAN ART Gallery

Paul Delprat's *Harbour Spirits* has his local paintings until 10th Feb 2019.

S.H. ERVIN ART Gallery

Destination Sydney Re Imagined has landscape paintings you can recognise... until 17th March 2019

NSW STATE LIBRARY

Magnificent special exhibition of the Library's own collection-of 300 original portraits and landscapes of Sydney & environs. Free audio guide. Open 10-5 except Sundays. The waterfront painting below left is an example.

CYCLING

Stewart 9439 9609 Allan 9960 8830

Mondays, usually 10am start, routes & durations vary. Saturdays, around the wharves & Barangaroo, about 25km, starting Milsons Point at 7.30am, finishing around 10am. Contact Stewart or Allan.

GOLF

Tony Travers 9439 4996

Play is scheduled each Monday from 8.30am at a variety of courses including Chatswood, Cammeray, Gordon, Lane Cove and Warringah.

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 at 10am.

SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

Ross advises that sailing is now in recess.

TENNIS Peter Turner 9488 5259

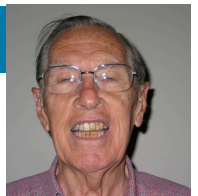
Tennis is under review.

Tom Power OAM

Represented by his wife Trish, Tom Power was posthumously awarded the Irish Presidential Award for the Irish Abroad at Áras an Uachtaráin (the Irish Presidential Residence) on 29th November, primarily in recognition of the significant role he played in the establishment of the *Great Irish Famine Memorial* inaugurated at the Hyde Park Barracks in 1999.

VALE

David PIKE



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.