

PROBUS CLUB NEUTRAL BAY

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Newsletter



FROM THE PRESIDENT

APRIL MEETING



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Dear fellow members, partners and guests

US statesman Benjamin Franklin lived his life in three parts; 1) gained an education 2) worked to establish financial security 3) spent the final phase as he wished. He did this magnificently as a statesman, inventor and entrepreneur. Probus former president, Gerald Christmas simplified the process. Spend the first half of your life

growing the grapes and the second half enjoying the fine wine of your achievements. Following this analogy each of us in Probus brings a variety of grapes which pressed together gives us a rich wine of experience, wisdom & knowledge.

An American Church community calls its senior members KEENAGERS. Now keen means sharp/ showing mental penetration & acumen/animated/ardent. Our great committee seeks to press our members into a fuller, enjoyable life by its program of guest speakers, educational outings, walks, sport, cultural pursuits and opportunities for fellowship. Thank you Committee members past and present.

Our guest speaker co-ordinator, Barry Stone, a member of the Committee brings us excellent, stimulating speakers. Has anyone else pulled out their world atlases to follow up on the February speaker's talk on the African continent or have you like me had a shot at Getting fitter with litter as you go for your constitutional or take the dog for a walk? Given that is the homework good speakers can stimulate. And think again. Derek Jones (Feb) is in his early 90s while Don Wilson (March) is 88 years young.

We encourage you to establish new friendships by meeting newer members at the coffee break - visitors have a red dot on their name tag, outings and excursions. I recommend our excellent website to you www.probusneutralbay.org Visit it. Look at the past newsletters, they go back to 2014, and learn about the new members mentioned there and members who have shared their life stories in Personal Corner. So Keenagers, go for it, Oh, and don't forget to renew your membership and make sure you include your name with the payment.

Kevin Fitzpatrick, President

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9th April** in the Auditorium at North Sydney Leagues Club, Abbot St Cammeray.

- 10:00 10:30 monthly meeting
- 10:30 11:00 morning tea
- 11:00 11:50 guest speaker
- 11:50 12:00 meeting end
- 12:00 optional lunch

Annual Subscription 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 by online bank transfer: include your name for reference. See the box belów for account details.

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

April Personal Corner

a/c name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay.

Ron Boys

Career: Engineering, Shopping centre and office development

Last position: Development Manager,

Westfield

Interests: Family, travel, sailing Residence Ron and Robyn live at

Northwood



APRIL GUEST SPEAKER

JONATHON HUNYOR CEO PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE (PIAC)

Jonathon will talk about the centre's work and how it seeks to create lasting change for people who are marginalised or experiencing disadvantage

Established in 1982, PIAC is an independent, non-profit legal centre that seeks to promote social justice that impacts on many Australians in a practical and strategic way. It conducts test cases and strategic litigation in the public interest, and provides legal assistance, policy advice and training to create positive change to the lives of people who are disadvantaged and marginalised. PIAC tackles such diverse issues as Homelessness - Indigenous Justice - Mental Health and Insurance - Police accountability - Asylum Seeker Health Rights - Discrimination and human rights - Government, and the rule of law - and discrimination against people with a disability.

Jonathon has practised for 20 years as a lawyer in NSW and the Northern Territory. He was previously the Principal Legal Officer at the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency in Darwin from 2010-2016 and before that the Director of Legal Services at the Australian Human Rights Commission. Jonathon is a University Fellow at Charles Darwin University. He has taught discrimination law at the University of NSW and has published widely in academic and professional journals.

OUTINGS

SAKE BREWERY & NEPEAN CRUISE Penrith, Tues 28th May 2019

Did you know that we export Sake to Japan? Yes, and it's manufactured at the Go-Shu Australian Sake Brewery at Penrith. So please join us for a unique, informative, and enjoyable tour of this plant. We follow this with a lunch at Penrith RSL's famous Star Buffet.

In the afternoon, we take a 90 minute cruise aboard the *Nepean Belle* paddle wheeler. Whilst partaking in a Devonshire Tea, relax and enjoy the peaceful surrounds of the river and the majestic Nepean Gorge as you gently cruise along the beautiful Nepean River and into the Blue Mountains National Park. Cost \$68pp includes coach, lunch, cruise, Devonshire tea.

Tony Bowra 0410 840 077 Bob Pearce 0400 291 373

May GUEST SPEAKER

Susan RYAN AO
Former Federal Minister,
Age Discrimination Commissioner
"Older Australians:
Australia's unrecognised treasure"

OUTINGS

Tour of VICTORIA BARRACKS Paddington Thursday 18th April

Victoria Barracks is one of the best known examples of military architecture in Australia. Most of the barracks was constructed using local sandstone between 1841 and 1849. Our tour covers the establishment of the colony, the Army's role in its



success and the Barracks' current role as Headquarters Force Command.
Our coach departs Norths at 9am and returns ~ 2pm. Morning tea or coffee and biscuits will be provided on arrival. You can make your own way to Victoria Barracks but let us know in advance; there is no parking on site.
Lunch is at Paddington RSL in Oxford Street at individual cost (See flyer). Cost is \$15pp for return coach travel or \$20pp if you wish to visit the Military Museum. Photo ID will be needed. Contact Bob at bobpearce37@gmail.com.



SPECIAL INTERESTS

ART & MUSIC John Brooks 9908 2820



Chinese Bibles: "Revolution and Art" at **NSW Art Gallery** to May 28th. This gallery also features HSC work in "Art Express 2019".

- Until 5th May the National Trust
 S.H.Ervin Gallery exhibits paintings by 20 winners of the Brett Whiteley Scholarships.
- Until 28th Apr Mosman Art Gallery features "Artists of Mosman".
- Conservatorium 11.30 ferry then a short bus-ride - students perform Lunch Break Concerts at 12.30. Program is

Wed 10Apr: String Orchestra, Thurs 11Apr: Vocal, Wed 17Apr: Brass, Thurs 18Apr: Classical Guitars. Wed1May: Contemporary Music, Thurs 2 May: Big Band Jazz.

CYCLING

Stewart 9439 9609 Allan 9960 8830

Monday rides usually start at 10am; routes and durations vary. Saturday rides, about 25km around the wharves & Barangaroo, start at Milsons Point at 7.30am and finish around 10am. Contact Stewart or Allan.

GOLF

Murray 9439 4373 Tony 9439 4996

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.

SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

Ross invites you to join him on board the beautiful *Renada* on Tuesday 16th April; embarkation is normally at Middle Harbour Yacht Club. Contact Ross for further details.



TENNIS Peter Turner Sandy Lamb 0428611456 0409844599

First Tuesday of month 10am-12pm Love n Deuce Talus St Naremburn

ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS

Under review.

VALE PETER WALLIS



Peter has been a valued Probus member since October 2014. He will be missed. Our thoughts are with Suzie and his family

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