



Newsletter

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Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests

The greatest punishment in ancient times was to be sent into exile. The elders of the tribe knew that to be stripped of connection was a fate worse than death and was reserved only for the worst offences. Covid19 displayed our communal vulnerability that did not differentiate race, colour or creed. Our bonds have been stretched but not broken.

For the past four months our club has maintained connections through Zoom, emails and phone calls. Humour has prevailed. We exchanged it as well as instructive material. Some of our members have been upskilling on line. I'm impressed with Kwan's commitment to linguistic and musical programs. I have to say Ted Kraegen's bread baking skill was the only feedback received from my suggestion for a cookbook, resourced by members trapped in their kitchens.

Last Tuesday we held our first face to face executive meeting. We are pleased to report cycling, tennis, golf and bowls have resumed. James Ritchie proved an able scout in travelling to Orange to set up accommodation, catering and winery visits. He and Bob Pearce have organised the Mid-Winter Feast for August 25th. We take into account possible changes to these arrangements in light of the current Covid restrictions. Thank you to all our members who have paid their annual subscriptions.

It is my honour to be called off the reserves bench by our able Speakers co-ordinator, Barry Stone, to deliver a talk on the Australian Antarctic Festival. Normally I would be preparing to attend this bi-annual event in Hobart. Looking at July temperatures there I think the warmer Sydney weather may be my consolation.

I look forward to catching up with you at our meeting. Of course the club will take your temperature and contact number so allow time for the precautionary measures by the club.

The late Steve Jobs looking with regret on his life gave the following advice about the best six doctors in the world – sunlight, rest, exercise, diet, self-confidence and friends. In his own words, "Eat your food as medicine otherwise you will need to eat your medicine as food". And may our friendships in Probus continue to nourish us.

Kevin Fitzpatrick President

July Meeting is back at Norths

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14th July starting at 10am** in the Auditorium at North Sydney Leagues Club, Abbot St Cammeray. **Safety precautions** will be in place (entrance temperature check, details recording, plus the Club will arrange appropriate social distancing in the Auditorium). **Usual agenda is as follows:**

- 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

Personal Corner

James Humphery

Residence: 12 years in Cremorne

Academic Dip Ag, MBA

Career: Marketing - Commercial for multinational business

Last position: Business Manager, Huntsman Corp Aust.

Interests: Occasional golf, Rotary, volunteer work, long walks, travel

Vale

Jean Lever

Jean was a valued participant in our Club's activities. Ron Lever would like to thank Members for their kind words and prayers following the loss of Jean.



Tennis is our "Group of the Month"



The Antarctic Festival

The only event of its kind in Australia, the biennial Australian Antarctic Festival brings Antarctica to the Hobart waterfront. The Festival provides visitors with the opportunity to board and inspect the nation's research and supply vessels and enjoy a fascinating program of Antarctic science and discovery.

Kevin's teaching and history research background led to a 40 year fascination in Antarctica and its famous explorers. Kevin invites you to a virtual Antarctic Festival in Hobart.



OUTINGS

Winter Feast Tuesday 25th August

Our Winter Feast will again be held at "Watergrill", Sydney Rowing Club, Abbotsford. Overlooking beautiful Parramatta River and 50m from Abbotsford Rivercat wharf. Time 12.00 for 12.30pm. (Suggest 11.07am ferry from Circular Quay). Cost is \$65pp for great 3 course meal plus coffee. Advise attendance and optional table seating to James or Bob (emails below).

Arrange payment preferably by bank transfer.

Further details in flyer

Orange in the Spring

We still have a **few places available** for our proposed 4 day visit to Orange in September.

- Tuesday 22 September to Friday 25 September
- Good Fellowship, Food and Wine. Details in flyer.
- Contact Bob [bobpearce37@gmail.com] or James [jamesfr@ozemail.com.au] **NOW**

2.50 Club Thurs July 21st Light Rail and Daceyville Visit

Meet at Light Rail Terminus Circular Quay for the 11am tram to South Sydney Juniors Kingsford. Then a one hour stroll through Daceyville's heritage protected public housing project pre WW1 or proceed direct to The Juniors where we will lunch. eg Roast of The Day \$18. We will always be near the club so it is possible to retreat to the club or join in later.

John Pike 0403 007 273



Some regular activities have resumed as below. Group organisers below will monitor activities and will communicate when and if further possibilities arise.

CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

John Brooks 9908 2820

We suggest checking websites re galleries and museums as some are reopening with restrictions for social distancing eg **NSW Art Gallery**, the **MCA** and the **Powerhouse Museum** (Hooray its staying in Pyrmont!).

Also the **National Trust SH Ervin Gallery** on Observatory Hill is now open (check hours).

CYCLING

Contact Stewart on 9439 9609

Our usual Monday rides have been suspended. However, we are meeting each Mon and Thurs at 9.30am at Milsons Point Station for a 23km ride around the Opera House then wharves to near Anzac Bridge.

GOLF Murray 0419 488 609

MOVIE ENJOYMENT

David Bruce-Steer 9419 7017

Meets the 4th Monday of the month

ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS

Peter Cornish 0421 012 538

Playing at the Neutral Bay Club at 10am Thursdays until the Greens resumes at St Leonards

SAILING

Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

TENNIS

Peter Turner 0428 611 456

Tennis has resumed on the first Tuesday of the month from 10am to 12pm.



Broken Hill Social Distancing

Hidden Neutral Bay Jim's Jaunts



Stafford Walk Cooks River 2:50 Club

