

# Newsletter

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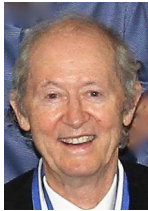


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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow members, partners and guests.



Tis the silly season, no, not Christmas but election time. Queensland has decided, New Zealand has decided and the USA is not so sure. In this crazy age of lobbyists and electoral colleges we think of the simplicity of yesteryear. The late Bob Menzies enjoyed the repartee of the hustings. The interjectors were deftly parried. A heckler kept slinging his barbs with the words, "I wouldn't vote for you if you were the Archangel Gabriel" to which Bob replied, "Well sir, if it were so, you certainly would not be in my electorate." The cost of the controversial F111 fighter aircraft was raised with the words, "it's too costly and it is hardly off the drawing board" to which Bob replied, "Young man, you are hardly off the drawing board yourself". Jessie Street, a member of the famous Street family, took her campaign literally to the streets, adjusting signs to say Jessie Street.

While our club election at our March AGM seems a long way away, I would like you to think of Committee and Executive succession. We will get to know our 2021 President, Roger Freney when he relates his most interesting life story at the November meeting. We are delighted that Kwan has indicated his willingness to run as Vice President. James Ritchie is stepping down after 10 years of service as a Committee member. We thank him for his generous service. Jim Holloway is about to draw the curtain on Jim's Jaunts. Thank you Jim for your historically researched peripatetics. Who will take up the baton? Will it be Trevor's trotting's or Peter's perambulations? If someone does approach you to stand take it as a compliment because they believe you have the ability to fill that role.

Even though 2020 has been an annus horribilis we remain hopeful for it is said, "Hope opens new horizons, making us capable of dreaming what is not even imaginable," Though there are huge challenges facing us we were buoyed up by our October Guest Speaker, Professor Bill Rawlinson and his team who are working tirelessly in the area of Covid testing and research. We are pleased to announce that activities throughout November are on the increase and that our Christmas Luncheon at the Manly Golf Club on December 8 is on. Though it is very close to Christmas we will make our annual pilgrimage to the Archibald Exhibition on 17th December.

I conclude with BREAKING NEWS. A nine year old girl has disappeared after applying moisturiser that makes you look 10 years younger. Here's to spring in your step and a month loaded with pep.

Kevin Fitzpatrick President

## November Meeting is on ZOOM

The November Meeting will be held by Zoom  
**Tuesday November 10th**  
[NOTE STARTING TIME AT 10.30am].  
Login procedures will be advised by separate email. Agenda is as follows:

- 10.30 - 10.50 General business
- 10.50 - 11.00 Personal Corner
- 11.00 - 12.00 Guest Speaker
- 12.00 Questions and Wrap Up

## Personal Corner

### Roger Freney

**Residence:** Roger & Lorraine live in Balgowlah.

**Qualifications:** Economics

**Career:** Reserve Bank & Commonwealth Treasury

**Last position:** Regulator of Superannuation Funds and Life Insurance Companies

**Interests:** Community affairs; aboriginal affairs; sailing; hiking; bridge; Probus

## October Jims Jaunts Darling Harbour



## Bowls in October





## “Nuclear Power - Australia’s Answer to Climate Change?”

Nuclear power generation has served the international community well and with remarkable safety for over 60 years. Today it is part of the portfolio of over 30 countries and growing with over 440 civilian power reactors in service worldwide. It provides about 10% of the world’s electricity. Over 50 new reactors are under construction, with over 400 more planned or proposed. Despite having nearly 30% of the world’s easily won low cost uranium resources, nuclear power is not part of Australia’s generation portfolio and remains illegal. Should this be so? The Australian nuclear debate is far from over – indeed it is really only just beginning.



**Martin Thomas** served on Prime Minister Howard’s Uranium Mining, Processing and Nuclear Energy Review. He was Head of the Cooperative Research Centre for Renewable Energy and a founding member of the Warren Centre Energy Committee at Sydney University. He has been President of Engineers Australia, President of the Australian Institute of Energy and Vice president of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering. His AM was awarded for services to energy and engineering.

**His Presentation** will consider

- The findings of Howard’s Uranium Mining, Processing and Nuclear Energy Review taskforce.
- Issues of cost, sustainability, the alternatives, safety and spent fuel disposal.
- What are the current thoughts of politicians? {Note following the change of Federal Government in 2007 and its re-election in 2010, policies surrounding uranium and nuclear power generation in Australia have remained on hold}
- Should nuclear power be part of Australia’s 2050 clean energy commitments?”

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH Manly Golf Club Thu 8th December 12.00 for 12.30

### Wonderful News; we can go ahead with the Christmas Lunch at Manly Golf Club!

For four years we have enjoyed the peaceful outlook over the course, the festive décor and general ambience, the friendly and helpful staff and, most importantly, the great food. Our 2020 Christmas event will be also here with Covid-related modifications



(proceed directly to allocated table, no mingling at bar or at other tables). The subsidised cost of \$80 per person, includes a welcoming drink and canapes, a choice of turkey or barramundi, desserts with table wine, tea and coffee. Gluten free diets will be catered for.

**Please contact** Bob Pearce at [bobpearce37@gmail.com](mailto:bobpearce37@gmail.com) or 0400 291 373 or James Ritchie [jamesfr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jamesfr@ozemail.com.au). Indicate any requests for seating company – tables of eight to 10 generally but up to eleven can be handled – if not indicated, we will follow seating plan for last year.

**Pay:** Preferably by transfer to the Probus account BSB 082 057 Account 28869 5672. Contact Treasurer, Barry Friere (0447 545 554) for cash/cheque payments.

## OUTINGS



### Jims Jaunts Thurs 19th November Glebe Historical Walk

Meet 10am Railway Square bus island. Bus 431 to Glebe Point Rd. Walk, with historical details, around Glebe mansions, hovels, churches & temples. After Lunch, tram back to city. Flat walk of 4 kms 3 hrs

**Jim Holloway** 0421 559 618 **Ian Machin** 9908 4423

**Note** Jim has indicated that this will be **his last Jaunt**. He wishes to thank all those who joined him over the last 10 years, and hopes that those who participated have been able to see our unique city and its history with new eyes. **Of course it is us who should thank Jim for his magnificent contribution to Neutral Bay Probus, and we hope he enjoys his rest from “jaunting”.**

### 2.50 Club Fri 27th November Marrickville’s Vietnam Influence

Meet at 10.50am Stand H Castlereagh St just Nth of Martin Place; then 11.00am 423 bus to Marrickville Rd, walk through Marrickville observing architecture and visiting various shops with Vietnamese influence (eg Butcher, GreenGrocer etc). Lunch at VN Street Foods (Nth Vietnamese cuisine), train back. **John Pike** 0403 007 273

### NSW Art Gallery Archibald Exhibition Thurs 17th December

NB Probus visit, details to follow. We have room for 30 participants divided into groups of 10.

## CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

**John Brooks 9908 2820**

**Mosman Art Gallery** has impressionist paintings by local Mosman artist Sue Sharpe entitled “From the Promenade” - 21Nov to 4Feb. <[mosmanartgallery.org.au](http://mosmanartgallery.org.au)>



**NSW Art Gallery** has the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman exhibition continues until 10Jan21. <[artgallery.nsw.gov.au](http://artgallery.nsw.gov.au)> (**Note** Group visit on 17th Dec, details later).

**S.H.Ervin Gallery** has paintings extra to the Archibald showings... Salon des Refuses 2020 until 29Nov20 <[shervingallery.co.au](http://shervingallery.co.au)>

## CYCLING Contact Bob on 0400 291 373

Now back to Monday rides at 10am. Also Sats at 7.30am from 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 on the 4th Monday of the month

[**Note** We are also looking at the feasibility of a “Virtual Movie Group” ie individually watching an accessible movie by streaming, and then meeting by Zoom for Discussion. Comments to David or C’tee are welcome]

## ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS

**Peter Cornish 0421 012 538**

Reverting to previous arrangement (Norths Greens, St Leonards at 10am Wednesdays )

## SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

Resumes 17th November. Pickup from Middle Harbour Yacht Club at 1015am

## TENNIS Peter Turner 0428 611 456

Resuming from March on the first Tuesday of the month at Middle Cove from 10am to 12pm. Extra players are invited to join in.

**NOTE** For further updates and information contact Coordinators listed above

## Tennis Group End of Season Lunch

