

Newsletter



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests

They say necessity is the mother of invention. Did you know Da Vinci invented the napkin to halt the spread of disease by communal handwashing at the table? There is no masking his genius. If he could see us now masked and wringing our hands in washed satisfaction.

We begin our forty-first year with expectation and hope.

Australia is renowned and respected for its handling of the pandemic. We are on the cusp of gathering together for our February General Meeting at Norths. Our high Tea as this point is booked out. The movie group rolled camera on a great new Aussie movie, Penguin Bloom, not only in the familiar territory of Newport, but some of our members actually know the Bloom family through their own family and friends who live in that great beachside suburb. Many colleagues and friends have commented on the magnificent ABC Australia Day Concert, still available on IView, if you missed it. What lessons can we draw from 2020? There are many. There is the value of family and friends, the importance of touch, of 'staying in touch' through a more informed use of technology, the importance of humour, of our pets, the hidden gifts revealed by our members in the kitchen. I say hidden because of my unsuccessful appeals to fellow members to share their cooking specials for what could be a best seller, The Locked-Down Chef. Now I am willing to contribute my famous pumpkin cake recipe or even that of a spinach quiche. Roger Freney's wife Lorraine has incentivised me with a loan of BLOKES – tasty no fuss recipes. Perhaps we can present a copy to the member who contributes the most appealing culinary delight. An unnamed member was recently revealed as the 'Club's Iron Man' Mr X has shown amazing dexterity in the ironing department. As we move to reclaim normality in our lives may I leave you with what has been a help to healing and normality in my life – humour. After all, laughter is the best medicine.

Of the recent heat wave: 'It's so hot, they are feeding ice to the chooks so they do not lay hard boiled eggs' and 'It's so dry, trees are chasing the dogs.'

So, fellow Probeans, from the words of that well known sage, Anon. 'Laughing at your own mistakes lengthens your life. Laughing at your wife's mistakes, shortens it'.

Kevin Fitzpatrick President

*Here's to a happy
and Covid-free 2021*

NEXT MEETING

Back at Norths

Note Start Time 10.30am

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th February in the Auditorium at North Sydney Leagues Club, Abbot St Cammeray. (Covid Precautions apply)

10:30 - 11:00 general business

11:00 - 11:10 personal corner

11:10 - 11:30 morning tea

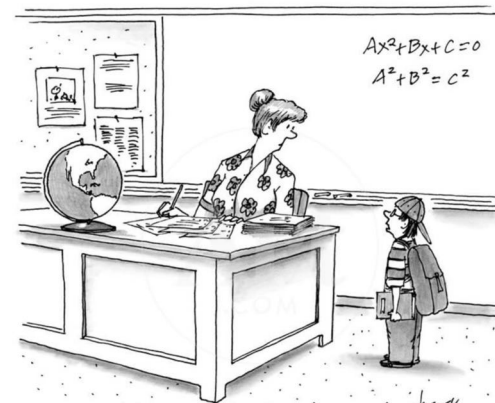
11:30 - 12:25 guest speaker

12:30 wrap-up

PERSONAL CORNER

David Bruce-Steer

"How to use our website
(amongst other things)"



The Cloud ate my homework!

Christmas Lunch 2020 Thanks to Manly Golf Club



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Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) represents an exciting, new model for conservation and is protecting endangered wildlife across more than 6.5 million hectares, including in iconic places such as the Kimberley, Cape York, Lake Eyre and the Top End.

Shauna Chadlowe is the Chief Development Officer at AWC. Her Presentation will include: "The plight of Australia's wildlife and AWC's response in the wake of the bushfires."

"How AWC's radical new approach is delivering exciting outcomes for Australia's biodiversity." "Undertaking Australia's most ambitious rewilding program." "Future-proofing Australia's natural capital".



FUTURE OUTINGS

"High Tea" BBQ Balls Head Reserve Tuesday 16th February 2021

4.30pm [New Date]

[Note Now fully subscribed at 50 people - may be possible to allow more if Covid restrictions are eased]

STARTING AT 4.30pm 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.

WHEREYou 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.

COST \$12.00 per person. Transfer to Neutral Bay Probus BSB 082 302 Account 28869 5672 - otherwise cash/cheque on the day.

HOW.....Contact Bob Pearce bobpearce37@gmail.com. It will help us to cater.

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING? There is limited seating so please bring a ground rug or, if you have them, a fold away 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.

2.50 Club Mittagong Visit Friday 26th February 2021

Meet at Central Platform 23 inside the entrance 10am for the 10.15 train to Mittagong. Then a short 8 minute walk to the Vietnam Orange restaurant. After lunch, a walk to the nearby Colo Street Park (see photo) and return on the 14:15 train to be back by 4:30pm. Contact Details: Text **John Pike 0403 007 273** if coming or for information

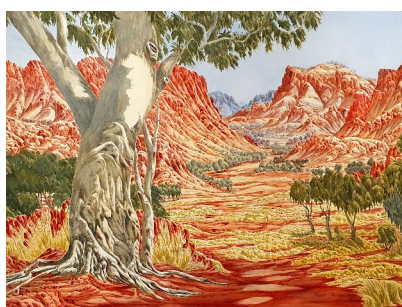


NSW Art Gallery Visit December 2020

Thanks to Gerald Christmas for organising the Club visit to view the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Exhibition in December 2020.

The Archibald and Wynne prizewinners are shown to the right.

[PS I like the Wynne - Ed]



SPECIAL INTERESTS

CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

John Brooks 9908 2820

Chinese celebrations of the "Year of the OX" with traditional food and festivities in Chinatown, from 12th to 21st Feb.



Zodiac animal lanterns at Circular Quay.

Mosman Art Gallery shows Wendy Sharpe's "Ghosts" until 7th March - a kind of double exposure imagery in large and small scale paintings. mosmanartgallery.org.au

SH Ervin Gallery has an exhibition of local painter Peter Kingston entitled "First Light" until 14th Feb. Open Tuesdays to Sundays. shegn@nationaltrust.com.au

NSW Art Gallery continues with the paintings of Arthur Streeton from around Australia and from his extensive visits around the World. The works in 14 rooms include 9 x 5 paintings - size of cigar box lids. His spectacular show continues until 14th Feb. artgallery.NSW.gov.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

Norths Greens, St Leonards at 10am Wednesdays

SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

Resumes on Tuesday February 23rd 2021

TENNIS Peter Turner 0428 611 456

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

