

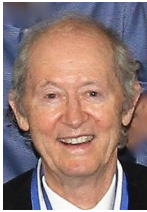
# Newsletter

Mar  
2021



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests



We enter a period of HOPE after the challenges of the past twelve months. It was someone bearing the surname Hope who once said, "I don't feel old. I don't feel anything till noon. Then it's time for my nap." Thank you Bob but that does not apply to the members of our club.

It has been my privilege to be President of your club for the past two years and will endeavour in this Annual Report to show how wrong Bob Hope can be. In fact this should cover 2019-2021 as I was remiss in not giving a report at last year's AGM – mind you I was still undergoing physiotherapy after an accident.

It is gratifying we have maintained a steady membership of over 120 during that period. We did a health check of our club and initiated ways of presenting in the marketplace. Some joined after visiting the website and were impressed by the vibrancy and spirit of the club and its activities. I am grateful to have inherited Geoffrey Lumsdaine's skills in maintaining the website, ably taken over in turn by James Ritchie and David Bruce-Steer and Peter Dee and Ted Kraegen's maintenance of the newsletter. Peter Turner has added his marketing touch to the mix.

The Executive and Committee have been a pleasure to work with, their experience and generous goodwill are outstanding. I sincerely thank them and include Alan Ambler, John Mattes and James Ritchie who have stepped down to make way for Ian Ashbrook, Graeme Adam and Robin Frith. Thank you John Mattes for your work as Minutes Secretary and to John Metcalf our Secretary.

I thank those who have shared their stories in PERSONAL CORNER and reminded us what talent and achievement is present in our club members.

Our GUEST SPEAKERS have been of the highest order and have entertained us but also informed us about our physical and fiscal health. Thanks Barry Stone for maintaining the high standard of gifted speakers.

2020 was limited in meetings at the Club and outings. At the height of the pandemic we attempted to set up a support system for members in isolation and used Zoom effectively. We were able to celebrate with our Christmas Luncheon and the Annual BBQ at Balls Head. Jim Holloway for the Jaunts & John Pike for the 2.50 Club thank you. Welcome to Lost Sole Strollers, Stewart Horwood.

HOSPITALITY must be an outstanding hallmark of our club. In this regard I thank Richard Hannaford and Martin Grover for welcoming us to meetings. We wish Richard a speedy recovery after his recent accident. A big thank you to our Treasurers, Hugh Seccombe and Barry Friere & auditor David Lloyd.

I extend my congratulations to our new president, Roger Freney and his deputy, Kwan. You bring great life experience & talent in the service of our club. I know you will have the wholehearted support of an excellent committee

Another pundit said, "By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere" Well, Billy Crystal we will show you that does not apply to the Probus Club of Neutral Bay as we put our best foot forward in our forty-first year, 2021

**Kevin Fitzpatrick President**

**COMMITTEE**  
**President**  
Kevin Fitzpatrick  
**Vice President**  
Roger Freney  
**Imm. Past Pres**  
Peter Davenport  
**Secretary**  
John Metcalf  
**Treasurer**  
Barry Friere  
**Committee**  
Ian Ashbrook  
David Bruce-Steer  
Ross Bruwel  
Richard Hannaford  
Ted Kraegen  
Yiu Lam Kwan  
Bob Pearce  
James Ritchie  
Barry Stone  
Peter Turner  
**OTHER ROLES**  
**2Fifty Club**  
John Pike  
**Bowls & Welfare**  
Peter Cornish  
**Cashier**  
Philip Brook  
John Hirst  
**Cycling**  
Allan Blake  
Stewart Horwood  
**Golf**  
Murray Mair  
**Hon Auditor**  
David Lloyd  
**Hospitality**  
Richard Hannaford  
**Lost Soles Strollers**  
Stewart Horwood  
**Meetings**  
Martin Grover  
**Membership**  
Peter Turner  
**Minute Secretary**  
Ian Ashbrook  
**Movies**  
David Bruce-Steer  
**Music, Art**  
John Brooks  
Gerald Christmas  
**Newsletter**  
Ted Kraegen  
Yiu Lam Kwan  
Peter Dee  
**Postman**  
David Bruce-Steer  
**Sailing**  
Ross Bruwel  
**Speakers**  
Barry Stone  
**Tennis**  
Peter Turner  
**Tours, Outings**  
Bob Pearce  
James Ritchie  
**Website**  
David Bruce-Steer

## NEXT MEETING and AGM

This month's meeting and the AGM will be held on Tuesday 9th March from 10.30am in the North Sydney Leagues Club Auditorium, Abbot St Cammeray.

### Covid Precautions Apply

10:30 - 10:50 General Business  
10:50 - 11:10 Annual General Meeting  
11:10 - 11:30 Break  
11:30 - 12:25 Guest Speaker  
12:25 Wrap-up and Group Photo

## Annual General Meeting 2021

The 40th Annual General Meeting of members will be held at North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at approx. 10:50am during an adjournment of the Monthly Meeting.

### AGENDA

- To confirm the Minutes of the 41st AGM held on Tuesday 10th March 2020
- To receive the President's Report
- To receive the Income & Expenditure Statement for the Year ending 31 December 2020, the Statement of Financial Position at 31 December 2020 and the Auditor's Report thereon
- To present the List of Club Activities.
- To elect the Officers and Committee: we have received the following unopposed nominations: Roger Freney (President), Yiu Lam Kwan (Vice President), John Metcalf (Secretary), Barry Friere (Treasurer), Kevin Fitzpatrick (Immediate Past President), Graeme Adam, Ian Ashbrook, David Bruce-Steer, Ross Bruwel, Peter Davenport, Richard Hannaford, Ted Kraegen, Bob Pearce, Barry Stone, Peter Turner (Committee)
- To re-appoint the Honorary Auditor, David Lloyd

## Happy Participants at Balls Head High Tea 2021



## 2.50 Club Feb Mittagong Visit





## "Prospects for Australian Coal in the Current Environment"



**Coal** is a cornerstone Australian industry built on the efforts of hard working Australians with the majority living in regional areas. The industry employs around 50,000 workers, with another 120,000 indirect jobs supported by the coal industry. However the Industry is now under heavy attack from the increasing emphasis on Climate Change

From 1980, **Peter James** was marketing manager for one of CSR's Hunter Valley coal mines with numerous visits to Japan, Korea and Taiwan. In 1983 he established a London office for marketing CSR's coking, thermal and anthracite coals to European utilities and steel producers. After 1988 he facilitated purchase of coking coal for British Steel.

**Peter will review the current situation and prospects for Australian metallurgical and thermal coal - export and domestic - in the light of the current market, environmental and political factors.**

## FUTURE OUTINGS

### "Lost Soles Strollers" Inaugural walk Friday 19th March 2021

We will explore the **Foreshore Walk around Beauty Point**. The walk has three components: from Spit Road around Pearl Bay (past the last remaining house boat), then a bush track with lovely views but some steps and the occasional tree root to (slowly) navigate, then a stroll past grand houses on the way to Spit Junction. There is an option to take a bus to avoid the walk up Spit Road. We'll take our time, 3-4km, about 1 ½ or so hours. Meet 1000am at the Spit Reserve near the bus stop just past the traffic lights at the Parriwi Road turnoff. The 144 bus runs frequently. Lunch at Spit junction, venue to be selected.

Contact **Stewart Horwood** if you are coming ([stewh444@tpg.com.au](mailto:stewh444@tpg.com.au) , 9439 9609), but not obligatory. Wear walking shoes, bring Opal cards, sunscreen and water.

### The Basin BBQ on Pittwater Tuesday 23rd March 2021

Located on the northern beaches in Kuringai Chase National Park, **The Basin** is referred to as a gem of a beach/picnic ground –enjoy the views, the fresh air, the clear turquoise water, and the bush surroundings. That's why we often return to enjoy a great BBQ, amongst friends.

**HOW ?** We catch the 11.00am local ferry, departing

Palm Beach Wharf, 1151-1153 Barrenjoey Rd., Palm Beach. Get there either by car, or catch the L90 Palm Beach bus which departs Wynyard at 9.05am. Please note this is a "limited stops" service. Ex Neutral Bay – 9.16am; Ex Spit Junction – 9.21am. Travel time is 95 minutes.

**COST** \$27.00pp. Includes Park fees, Ferry fare, BBQ'd meat, wine, soft drink. Please contact **Bob Pearce** [bobpearce37@gmail.com](mailto:bobpearce37@gmail.com) or 0400 291 373. OR **James Ritchie**

[jamesfr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jamesfr@ozemail.com.au). It will help us to cater. There will be a sign-on sheet at March meeting but please pay by bank transfer.

**BRING?** A salad or other food, and tea or coffee. May pay to bring a ground rug  
We look forward to seeing you there.

### ILLAWARRA FLY TREE-TOP WALKWAY, KIAMA & NOWRA

#### 2 DAY OUTING – TUES/WED APRIL 20-21, 2021 (Spaces still Available)

On the Tuesday, a visit to the **Illawarra Fly Tree-Top Walkway**, a 1.5km elevated walk through beautiful temperate rainforest with spectacular views to the Coast, then lunch at **Kiama Bowling Club** and visit the Blowhole. Then travel to our 4 star hotel, **Parkhaven, Nowra**, with dinner and breakfast included.

On the Wednesday, we will visit the **Fleet Air Arm Museum** in Bomaderry then lunch in **Kangaroo Valley**, a visit to **Fitzroy Falls** before returning to Cammeray.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 20, by coach departing North Sydney Leagues Club 8.30am, returning approx. 5.00pm on Wednesday, April 21 **COST:** \$290 per person.(single supplement \$50)  
Includes coach, hotel, all meals and entry fees. Please pay by Bank Transfer to BSB 082 057 Account 28869 5672. Alternatively, pay by cash or cheque at meeting.

**REGISTER :** via the Meeting sign-on sheet or by email to **Bob Pearce** [bobpearce37@gmail.com](mailto:bobpearce37@gmail.com)  
OR **James Ritchie** [jamesfr@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jamesfr@ozemail.com.au)



## SPECIAL INTERESTS

### CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

**John Brooks 9908 2820**

**MOSMAN LIBRARY** - Authors 7pm 22 & 29 Mar21: 1) Elizabeth Farrelly talks about her "Killing Sydney" 2) Satyajit Das talks about "A Banquet of Consequences"

**MOSMAN ART GALLERY** - There's a Grand Exhibition "2021 Artists of Mosman" from 20Mar to 24Apr21

**CREMORNE ORPHEUM** - French Film Festival until 31 Mar with comedies, romance, suspense, historical crime etc.

**NSW ART GALLERY** - daily 10 to 5pm until 5Apr21 : Annual Art Express by students with drawings, paintings, photos, sculptures, textiles and more....

**S H ERVIN GALLERY** (part of National Trust) 11 to 5pm until 4Apr21 : Papunya Art movement shows Aboriginal paintings of the western desert.

**DEFIANCE GALLERY** Mary St Paddington "Five Artists, Seven Days: The AWC Mount Zero Exhibition" to 24Mar21. Paintings of the terrain of an Aust Wildlife Conservancy property, Mount Zero, in Queensland. (A followup to Shauna Chardlowe's Feb talk).

**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. Cremorne Orpheum theatre

### ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS

**Peter Cornish 0421 012 538**

Norths Greens, St Leonards at 10am Wednesdays

**SAILING** Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106

Tuesday March 30th 2021

**TENNIS** Peter Turner 0428 611 456

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

### Balls Head - Another happy table!



### Propaganda

"PROPAGANDA" IS WHAT  
COCKNEYS DO WHEN THEY  
REALLY LOOK AT SOMETHING.