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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests



Our club activities are in full swing. We have such a wide range of activities to choose from. I encourage you all to take full opportunity of the smorgasbord on offer.

I have just enjoyed a fabulous two day coach outing to the Fitzroy Falls, Fleet Air Arm Museum at Nowra and the Kiama Blow Hole. Thanks to Bob Pearce for organising and leading it, we all had a very happy time. I highly recommend our outings as a great way to have fun with our fellow members, as well as enjoying the excellent-value features of the outing. Bob and James Ritchie have some most appealing outings detailed in this newsletter, to which you are warmly invited. I hope you will join us on the 25 May ferry trip and guided tour of Cockatoo Island.

The Winter Feast at the Sydney Rowing Club is a wonderful Christmas in July traditional club luncheon. It is the largest attended club outing, as well as our December Christmas lunch. It is an excellent chance for us to mingle and to meet new friends. Some of us enjoy to travel to it by ferry from Circular Quay to Abbotsford. Lunch is a convivial feast of fine fare. Please book early and arrange a table with your friends.

Our monthly meeting on 11 May is a must-attend special. In the "Personal Corner", our resident raconteur Paddy Macdonald will regale us with glorious anecdotes about his world-famous collection of Charlie Chaplin memorabilia. The largest collection in the world, compiled by Paddy over decades, sets the scene for a rollicking "Tramp" (sorry Paddy). After coffee we will become better informed by James Kelly about estate planning. While we do not necessarily savour managing that aspect of our senior years, good planning brings peace of mind.

I was glad to meet several guests of members at our April meeting. Please bring along and introduce guests, especially if they express interest in Probus. And of course refer them to our attractive website managed by David Bruce-Steer: www.probusneutralbay.org

Thank you John Brooks for your monthly calendar of Culture, Art and Music. Sometimes John organises a group outing to a popular event, but we can also sample his recommendations individually. Yesterday I visited the "Artists of Mosman 2088" annual art exhibition, recommended by John in our April Newsletter. I was pleased to see an abstract titled "Through" created with "encaustic on inked Xuan paper" by Rosemary Christmas.

To maintain our fitness, outdoor events are offered over-page; and David Bruce-Steer maintains the Movie Group viewings at the Orpheum Theatre.

I hope that you enjoy the remainder of this glorious autumn weather in good health and good spirits. I am glad to report that Richard Hannaford plans to return home from Hirondele in early May, all being well, after many weeks of determined in-patient recovery.

Roger Freney President

NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th May from 10.30am in the North Sydney Leagues Club Auditorium, Abbot St Cammeray.

Covid Precautions Apply

10:30 - 10:50 General Business
10:50 - 11:00 Personal Corner
11:00 - 11:20 Break
11:20 - 12:20 Guest Speaker
12:20 Wrap-up

PERSONAL CORNER

Paddy Macdonald

Career TV, Radio Host, Exhibition Producer
Last Position with ABCTV

Main Interest Collecting Charlie Chaplin memorabilia

Paddy and Lizzie live in Greenwich

Annual Subscription

Your annual subscription of \$50 is now due. Pay preferably by bank transfer (account highlighted below): include name please.

Outings Payment Details

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. **Bank Account Details**

BSB 082 302 a/c no: 28869 5672; Probus Club of Neutral Bay.

For the Diary

July 28 – Winter Feast at Abbotsford
August 18 – Hawkesbury River Cruise – WWII defence sites
September 28th – Rhododendron Gardens Blackheath
October 26th – Sydney Heritage Fleet
November 16-19 – Orange Trip

Illawarra Tour Day 1 Fitzroy Falls Walk and Lunch in Kangaroo Valley



"The Many Facets of Estate Planning"

"Yes I have planned for my estate but have I covered every aspect adequately? Including the preparation of my will, my power of attorney and, if necessary, appointment of an enduring guardian and other important documents and issues?" Not planning correctly for the future of your estate could mean a lot of complications, and many of them could be costly—to someone in your family.,

James Kelly has developed his legal practice mainly in the area of the law as it relates to seniors. He is a **Partner with Owen Hodge Lawyers** and heads the Seniors, Estates and the Residential Conveyance team. He is their principal wills and probate lawyer and is actively involved with several seniors groups and advisory committees. He also regularly addresses seniors groups on legal issues. James will talk on all issues associated with Estate Planning including..... Wills, Enduring Powers of Attorney, and Guardianship appointments, Advance care health directives & Testamentary trusts.

FUTURE OUTINGS***Lost Soles Strollers: Barangaroo and the Rocks 14th May***

Meet at 10.00am at the top of escalator from Wynyard station to York Street. Stroll to the new casino and along the waterfront path – a lift up to the top for a loop around the "hill", viewing the new train station construction. Then Argyle place - past the Hero of Waterloo pub – lunch at the Firestone Café food (\$12), with a Coopers ale (\$17). After lunch to the Rocks - optional visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art. As usual bring walking shoes, water, sunscreen, Opal card. Contact **Stewart Horwood** if you are coming (stewh444@tpg.com.au , 9439 9609).

Cockatoo Island Tuesday 25th May 2021 Max 30 people

While most of us have been to Cockatoo Island it is time to revisit the history of this vital part of Sydney Harbour.

TOUR: Join Parramatta ferry (F3) from Circular Quay leaving at 9.37am, arriving at Cockatoo Island at 09.58am. Then a private 90 min guided tour of the Island main features on both levels.

LUNCH: After the tour, lunch at Marina Café and Bar, 500m from wharf OR Societe Overboard, 80m from wharf – menus for both at May meeting.

RETURN FERRIES: F3 ferries return to Circular Quay at 12.13pm and then every 30 minutes, Alternatively, F8 ferries return to Circular Quay at 12.19pm and then every 60 minutes.

COST: \$16 pp for tour. Ferry (\$2.50) and lunch are extra. Please pay by Bank Transfer ‘

REGISTER : via the Meeting sign-on sheet or by email to **Bob Pearce** bobpearce37@gmail.com

***Sydney Institute of Marine Science (SIMS) Chowder Bay******Tues 22nd June (Max 30 people)***

SIMS has over 100 scientists and graduate students representing a broad diversity of skills in marine science..The location near Sydney Heads is ideal for marine research with high quality seawater available to service the SIMS research aquarium.

WHEN: 10.30 am – See flyer for bus details. We will be given light refreshments and a 90 minute lecture and tour of facility.

LUNCH: After tour, it is suggested that we have lunch at Buena Vista Hotel at Mosman Junction.

COST: \$20 pp for tour. Bus and lunch at your expense. Please pay by Bank Transfer

REGISTER : via the Meeting sign-on sheet or by email to **Bob Pearce** bobpearce37@gmail.com

***2.50 Club: Ferry Hop Thursday 17th June***

Meet at 10am Circular Quay outside Wharf 5 for ferry to Cockatoo Island where we walk to the other side and have a drink. Then get the 11:15 ferry to Woolwich. A walk through Clarke's Point to Woolwich Pier hotel for lunch. [Note: hotel takes NSW \$25 vouchers]. Return to Circular Quay

CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

John Brooks 9908 2820

NSW Art Gallery <artgallery.nsw.gov.au>

There are two free 45min daily tours: at 12 noon the current Collection Tour is followed at 1pm by their Main Exhibition Tour.

National Trust, S.H.Ervin Gallery

<shervingallery.com.au> Until 30May21

"Tree of Life" paintings by indigenous artists about environment & the natural world.

Conservatorium of Music <sydney.edu.au/music>

at 12.30 on each Wed. & Thu. there are the free 45mins Lunchtime Concerts by students. eg: 12-13th.May 'Chamber Music'.

Mosman Art Gallery The 2021 Mosman Youth Art Prize has amazing entries from 12 to 21yr. olds, featuring paintings, sculptures, drawings, videos, ceramics . Ken Done signs his book "Art Design Life" Thu.20May from 6.30 to 8pm. <mosmanartgallery.org.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. 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

Thursday May 27th 2021

TENNIS Peter Turner 0428 611 456

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

Visit to Fleet Air Arm Museum

Ian tells Bob what it's like to fly a Vampire jet

