

Newsletter

Dec 2021

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests



I am so happy to greet you all at this joyful time of good cheer and relaxed freedom of life-style. At long last we can revel together in our fun, friendship and fellowship.

I look forward to being with very many of you at our convivial Christmas lunch at the elegant Manly Golf Club. How wonderful that we can be together there, catching up on lost time and looking forward to a magnificent offering of our club activities going into 2022. Let's hope we can arrange a multi-day outing.

It is a tribute to our club that we have weathered two difficult years of enforced reduction in collegial activities, yet our fellowship and friendship have more than overcome whatever loss of fun we would normally enjoy on outings, excursions and our whole smorgasbord of activities. I thank the committee and organisers for offering many creative activities that have bonded us.

14 December is not only our Christmas luncheon, but I am delighted to say it is also an extraordinary general meeting of the club to consider the nomination of David Harris as a Life Member. David was such a genial President for two years from 2012 to 2014, he fostered the club's wellbeing and among other things he introduced tennis to our activities, which has given many of us much pleasure.



Could I ask you that we think of some of our less mobile and less agile members and honorary members, especially at this time of the year? For some, it has been a difficult year, so it would be really kind and an act of fellowship, which is one of our objectives, if we could all reach out to a member or honorary member whom we know, and see that they are well cared for this Christmas. A phone call, a visit, or an outing would warm someone's Christmas. I find that some of our senior members really appreciate a chat.

I wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas. I hope that you can join in the fun and fellowship of many different club activities in early 2022. The BBQ and High Tea on Tuesday 18 January will get us off to a flying start. I'll see you at Balls Head.

With warm regards,

Roger Freney, President

Merry Christmas

Barbecue and High Tea Tuesday 18th January 2022



We will provide the sausages and onions, bread and butter, plates, utensils, and cups ... and the wine and juices. And our expert volunteer barbecue-ers will do the cooking for you.

WHEN .. Tuesday, 18th January, 2022 starting at 4.30pm.

WHERE .. You will need to come in your car, or with a fellow-member, to **Balls Head Reserve**, Balls Head Drive, Waverton. Plenty of designated parking bays, with the BBQ area just opposite.

HOW... Please contact graemeadam1@bigpond.com or 0423 741 681. It will help catering. There will be a sign-on sheet in the foyer at the Christmas lunch.

COST .. \$12.00 per person. Please pay by Bank Transfer - details overleaf. Or cheque or cash on the day, to Graeme Adam.

WHAT TO BRING.. There is limited seating so please bring a foldaway 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 juices. And please bring any friends you would like to.

BEING COVID-SAFE: We request that all attendees (including non-members) be fully vaccinated for the protection of other members.

Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Probuss Club of Neutral Bay, to be held at 12.45pm on Tues 14 Dec 2021 at the Manly Golf Club. The purpose of the meeting is to consider and to vote upon the nomination of Past President David Harris as a Life Member of the Probuss Club of Neutral Bay.

John Metcalf Secretary

Next Monthly Meeting

Next monthly meeting **Tues Feb 8th 2022**.

We anticipate that it will be held at its normal venue (Norths Leagues Club), but advice will be given closer to the date

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Manly Golf Club Tues 14th Dec



A reminder re the Christmas Lunch.

Time 12.00 for 12.30pm Tues 14th Dec

Address 40 Balgowlah Road Manly. Parking on site – contact us if you would like a ride – access for wheelchairs available.

Cost \$85 pp. Please pay now if not previously paid. Bank details below.

Information: Please contact **Bob Pearce** at bobpearce37@gmail.com or 0400 291 373 or **James Ritchie** jamesfr@ozemail.com.au.

Covid Safety Issues: For all our safety, and to comply with Manly Golf Club protocols, we will all need to **complete QR code recording and demonstrate full vaccination at the club's entrance**. So please bring your phone or vaccination statement **and also please bring a mask**. We will be able to mingle over pre-lunch drinks and after lunch.

New Member

Reg Richardson AM

Career - Owner/CEO Security Storage
Hon Fellow Uni of Sydney FCPA FCIS FGIA
Interests - Arts (Former Chair of MCA),
Rugby League
Reg and Sally live in Mosman

Personal Corner

We will be meeting face to face again at Norths from 8th February so we are able to accommodate Personal Corner speakers who were reluctant to use Zoom – contact Peter Davenport to book your slot.

COMMITTEE

President
Roger Freney
Vice President
Yiu Lam Kwan
Imm. Past Pres
Kevin Fitzpatrick
Secretary
John Metcalf
Treasurer
Barry Friere
Committee
Graeme Adam
Ian Ashbrook
David Bruce-Steer
Ross Bruwel
Peter Davenport
Richard Hannaford
Ted Kraegen
Bob Pearce
Barry Stone
Peter Turner
OTHER ROLES
2Fifty Club
John Pike
Archivist
Kevin Fitzpatrick
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
Yiu Lam Kwan
Membership
Peter Turner
Minute Secretary
Ian Ashbrook
Movies
David Bruce-Steer
Music, Art
John Brooks
Gerald Christmas
Newsletter
Ted Kraegen
David Bruce-Steer
Postman
David Bruce-Steer
Sailing
Ross Bruwel
Speakers
Barry Stone
Tennis
Peter Turner
Tours, Outings
Bob Pearce
Website
David Bruce-Steer

Covid 19 Update

The recent reporting of the **new Omicron variant** has put a spanner in the works as to what to expect in the next stages. There are many unknowns but it appears to be spreading. Thus the pandemic situation can change quickly, and so will the **regulations governing our freedoms**.

Our members may take the following into consideration regarding COVID-19 safety:

- Check specific requirements regarding individual Club sponsored activities that you are interested in attending. These may be different from, and may override, official NSW Health requirements
- Stay up to date with vaccination, including having the third dose when eligible
- Wearing a face mask, hand sanitising, social distancing and being in the open air as much as possible are still very important in limiting the chance of getting or spreading the virus.

Yiu Lam Kwan Covid Safe Sub-Committee

Club Activities Early 2022

Tuesday 22nd February, a tour of HMAS Waterhen, Waverton, the Royal Australian Navy's lead establishment for Mine Warfare.

Tuesday 29th March, a tour of the indigenous K-6 school at St Andrews Cathedral School followed by a tour of St Andrews Cathedral.

Bank Account Details

Kindly pay for outings and activities in advance of deadlines and by bank transfer if possible. Please ensure to quote your name & the relevant activity, albeit abbreviated, in the description. Bank account details: BSB 082 302 a/c no: 28869 5672 a/c name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

CULTURE, ART & MUSIC

John Brooks 9908 2820

Public museums and galleries etc are now generally open. Please **check websites** (listed in Sept Newsletter) for details.

Activities are subject to COVID-19 Regulations.

CYCLING Contact Bob on 0400 291 373
Normally 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 0455 655 451
Meets on the 4th Monday of the month. Cremorne Orpheum theatre

ROLL-UP LAWN BOWLS

Peter Cornish 0421 012 538
Norths Greens, St Leonards 10am Wed

SAILING Ross Bruwel 0421 817 106.
Contact Ross re 2022 plans.

TENNIS Peter Turner 0428 611 456
Tennis will resume in February for fully vaccinated players - from 10am to 12pm at Castle Cove, followed by coffee at a local café. New players please contact Peter for details.

BRIDGE John Pike 0403 007 273
Internet bridge Thursdays 4-5.30pm. All players welcome.

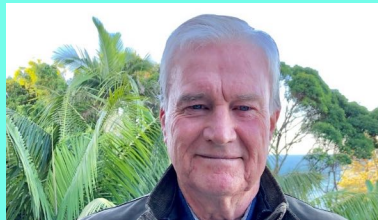
FEBRUARY SPEAKER Mike Munro AM

Mike Munro AM - Renowned Former Journalist.

"The Last Bushrangers" and

"This is Your Life"

Details to Follow



2021 The year Zoom kept us in touch



Lost Soles Strollers visit Glebe



**Merry Christmas from
Neutral Bay Probus**

Tour to Campbell Rhododendron Gardens Blackheath

