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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests

After having some very beautiful weather in June, winter has finally arrived. And so has the flu, together with yet other variants of the COVID-19 virus. I urge everyone to be vigilant and keep up to date with vaccinations.

Our June outing to the State Theatre has attracted lots of positive feedback. We saw some beautiful and eclectic elements of Gothic, Italian and Art Deco design of this majestic 90 year old building, known affectionately as the Palace of Dreams. We admired the Koh-I-Nor cut crystal chandelier, many beautiful objets d'art, invaluable memorabilia and some treasured paintings. We learned of the struggle through the 1980s to keep it away from the developers, and the constant outrageous looting and vandalism. Together with the QVB, it truly represents the ultimate victory in the war of preservation of significant architecture and heritage in the State of NSW.

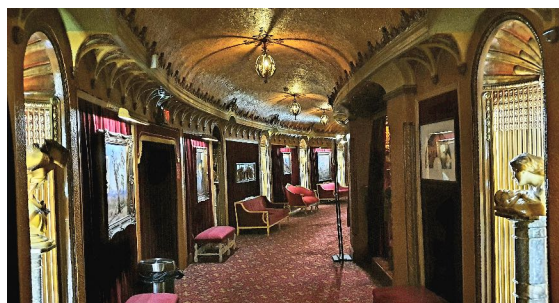
This month, we look forward to a tour of the Archibald Exhibition on the 15th (the deadline for payment is Thursday 7th). On the 26th we have the ever-popular Winter Feast which has attracted great numbers already – put your name down if you haven't done so, and consider joining a table. Just contact John Metcalf, who is doing a sterling job in organising this important Club event.

In August, we are planning a tour of the Western Sydney International Airport (Badgery's Creek) combined with a visit to the Warragamba Dam and Mt Annan Botanical Gardens. It has already attracted a lot of interest. There are still many spots left. So please sign on at the meeting.

The speaker for July is the truly unmissable Mike Munro: "The Last of the Bushrangers" and "This is Your Life". It should indeed be a riveting presentation.

Yiu Lam Kwan, President

TOUR OF STATE THEATRE



Thanks Kwan and Stewart for these great June activities!

NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday 12th July from 10.30am** in the **Norths Leagues Club Auditorium, Abbot St Cammeray. Club Entry from 9.45am.**

- 10.30 - 10.50 General business
- 10.50 - 11:00 Personal Corner
- 11.00 - 11:20 Morning Tea
- 11.20 - 12:20 Guest Speaker
- 12.20 - Questions and Wrap Up

Personal Corner

Sandy Lamb

"The Deadliest Ocean Race Ever"

Annual Subscription of \$50 is NOW VERY OVERDUE

You can pay by cash or cheque at the meeting but preferably by online bank transfer: include your name for reference.
BSB 082 302 a/c no: 28869 5672; Probuss Club of Neutral Bay.

Club Activities for Diary

Friday 15th July Archibald Exhibition Tour
Tuesday 26th July Winter Feast
Tuesday 23rd August South West Sydney Tour (including New Airport, Warragamba and Mt Annan Botanical Gardens)
16th - 23rd September Norfolk Island Tour
Tuesday 25th October Jacaranda Cruise
Tuesday 22nd November Blue Mountains Botanical Gardens (Mt Tomah)
Tuesday 13th December Christmas Lunch

Lost Soles Walk Newtown and Sydney University



TOUR OF 2022 ARCHIBALD EXHIBITION Friday 15th July (spaces available)

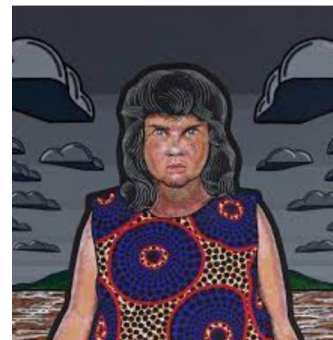
As in past years, we have arranged a guided tour of the Archibald, Wynn and Sulman Exhibitions. The Gallery's official and well-informed guides take us (in groups of about 15 members) and provide entertaining and interesting insights into the art works.

The Tour commences at The Art Gallery of NSW at 09.30am, so please meet at the front steps outside the Gallery no later than 09.15am. Please make your own way to the Gallery.

COST: \$25.00 pp, including guided tour. Please pay* by Bank Transfer to BSB 082 302 Account 28869 5672

*must be paid at least 7 days prior to tour.

HOW Please contact Kwan by email: outings@probusneutralbay.org if you wish to be added to this tour



ANNUAL WINTER FEAST Tuesday 26th July at 12.00 for 12.30

Our Winter Feast will again be held at "Watergrill", Sydney Rowing Club, Abbotsford. Overlooking beautiful Parramatta River and 50m from Abbotsford RiverCat wharf (Suggest 11.07am ferry from Circular Quay). Cost is \$65 pp for great 3 course meal plus coffee. Details in flyer. Add your name to the Meeting sign-on sheet and optionally advise table companions. Please pay by Bank Transfer to BSB 082 302 Account 28869 5672.



OTHER REGULAR ACTIVITIES.

Neutral Bay Probus Croquet Group. Mondays 1pm to 3pm Chatswood Croquet Club. Free coaching and tuition for Neutral Bay Probus members in stroke techniques and in tactics of the game. Requirements to play croquet – no bending, just an ability to swing a mallet with reasonable eye-hand co-ordination – plus regular attendance. To register your interest either SMS **Rob Wright** on **0416 161 863** or add name(s) to sign-on sheet at the General Meeting

Roll Up Lawn Bowls every Wed morning at 10 am at Norths Greens, St Leonards (near North Sydney Oval). Call **Peter Cornish** on **0421 012 538** for more details. All regular players and beginners are welcome to play and socialise.

Tennis. Venue now is "Love n Deuce" Talus St Naremburn courts. From 10 am to 12 pm on the first and third Tuesday of the month, followed by coffee and a social chat. All members are welcome. Please contact **Peter Turner** **0428 611 456** for details.

Golf Murray Mair welcomes all members to play, generally on Fridays on a local course. Please contact **Murray** on **0419 488 609** for details.

Cycling We have a very active, regular cycling group led by **Bob Pearce** on **0400 291 373**. A good many members enjoy the rides but **ADDITIONAL RIDERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND INVITED TO TAKE PART**. Normally Monday rides start at 10 am and Saturday rides start at 7.30 am from Milsons Point Railway Station or from Observatory Hill at 7.35am .

Sailing Ahoy! For a great day on a comfortable cruising yacht, the "Renada", please contact **Captain Ross Bruwel** on **0421 817 106** for information or to book a place. Ross advises the next sailing date is **Tuesday 19th July..** Pick up at Middle Harbour Yacht Club at 10.30 am.

Movie Enjoyment? At the Orpheum, Cremorne on the last Monday of the month. Contact **David Bruce-Steer** on **0455 655 451**.

Bridge. Please contact **John Pike** for details on **0403 007 273**. Typically an online game lasts for about 1.5hours, at 4pm each Thursday

Lost Soles Strollers. Friday 22nd July Woolloomooloo Meet at 10.00am on Park St at the VIP LOUNGE sign about 80m E of Town Hall Station. The walk passes Hyde Park, St. Mary's Cathedral, Plunkett Street Public School (1878), picturesque terrace rows, St. Columbkille's church (1875), the Finger Wharf, Harry's Café de Wheels, and a view of naval ships before lunch at the Frisco hotel, or Harry's. Bus or walk back to Town Hall. About 4km. Bring the usual sun protection, water, etc. Please advise **Stewart Horwood** if you are coming, stewh444@tpg.com.au.

July Guest Speaker

Mike Munro AM – Renowned Former Journalist

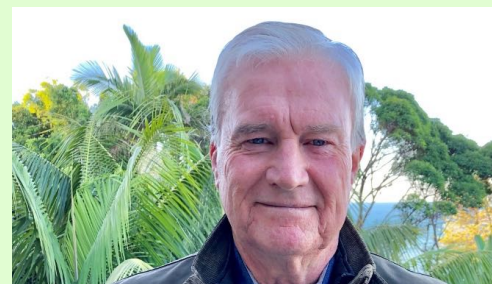
"The Last Bushrangers" and "This is My Life"

Mike Munro is well known via "Willesee" and "60 Minutes" and then as host of "A Current Affair" and "Sunday Night". He later became synonymous with the biographical show "This Is Your Life" Decades of authentic reporting have made him one of Australia's most trusted and respected media figures.

Mike will speak on three subjects: His notorious ancestors - his fifty years in journalism and his less than fortunate childhoodplease ask him as many questions as you like because he thrives on Q&A.

Mike's second book, "The Last Bushrangers" will be also be on display

This is an opportunity to meet this remarkable man in person.



August Guest Speakers Skye Leckie OAM and Hon. Michael Yabsley "THE LIFE and TIMES of SKYE LECKIE"