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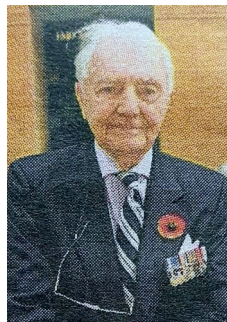
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members, Partners and Guests



We have just entered the season of Advent in the Christian calendar. The four Advent candles signify Hope, Love, Joy and Peace – all without doubt most appropriate while we are all trying to ‘reset’ after some very troubled times. Indeed, we are looking forward with great anticipation to a most joyous celebration and gathering at our Christmas luncheon on the 13th, when we are expecting more than 100 members, partners and guests.

At the Remembrance Day service held at Martin Place was our own nonagenarian Jim (James) Jeans, who served in Vietnam in 1971 as a major as ground liaison officer to 9 Squadron. In a SMH interview entitled “Soldiers’ duty continues at Sydney Remembrance Day Service” he made some very poignant comments about the war. He also said “I think as a soldier it is a duty to attend something like this.....I’ll keep on going for as long as nature spares me, I’ll soldier on.” Good on you Jim! We salute you, and to the many other Club members who served on behalf of all of us in the Defence Forces.



As the year is drawing to a close, I want to acknowledge the herculean efforts put in by so many to make our club vibrant and welcoming. Many of these invaluable contributions go unnoticed and unrecognised, but which are nevertheless integral to the multi-faceted life of our Club.

Hopefully the fourth COVID wave will be short-lived, but we should be cognisant of our individual circumstances, exercise appropriate caution, and stay up to date with official health recommendations.

Last, but not least, I want to extend my warmest wishes to all for a safe and happy Christmas, and into the New Year! We will also remember so many of our fellow Australians who are struggling to rebuild their lives after recent natural disasters.

Yiu Lam Kwan, President

Tour of Blue Mountains Botanic Garden Mt Tomah



Some 24 intrepid members and partners ascended Mt Tomah on the 22nd November to be conducted on the official 90 minute tour of the Blue Mountain Botanic Garden. There we marvelled at just some of the array of hundreds of beautiful plants from Australia and around the world. A highlight was to see the rare and precious Australian Wollemi Pine. Many of the flowers were in glorious bloom and the three expert volunteer guides filled us up with botanical knowledge. (One member even expressed a wish to return and spend the whole day that is needed to see everything.) Then it was back to Kurrajong Heights for a rather good lunch at the Archibald Hotel and the enjoyment of each other’s company as we drank in the stunning views of the Sydney basin.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Manly Golf Club

Tues 13th Dec 12.00 for 12.30pm

If you have signed on please make your payment no later than **3rd December. \$90 pp.** BSB:082 302 A/c. no: 28869 5672. NAB Neutral Bay. Name: Probud Club of Neutral Bay. Include your name when making payment. Contact **Graeme Adam** at outings@probusneutralbay.org for more information or if you wish to be on a wait list in case of cancellations.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th February 2023 from 10.30am in the Norths Leagues Club Auditorium, Abbot St, Cammeray.

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

New Members

Welcome to **Chris Gingell**

Academic BA (Hons) Master of Marketing
Career Business Development / Marketing
Last Position Global Account Manager Deloitte
Interests Theatre, Cinema, Travel, Croquet, Tennis

Residence Chris and Monique live in Neutral Bay
[Member Northbridge Probud Club]

Welcome to **Peter Klanberck**

Career Local Government
Interests Golf, Stock Market, Travel
Residence Peter lives in Neutral Bay.

Welcome to **Colin Moore**

Academic FRCS FRACS FACCS
Career A/Prof Surgery (mainly paediatric)
Last Position Principal Surgeon
Interests Shooting, Movies, Dinners, Outings
Residence Colin and Lyn live in Nth Sydney.

Welcome to **Peter Vandervaere**

Academic BSc DipEd
Career Strata & IT Business Owner, IT Education Manager, Science Teacher
Interests Sailing, walking, holidays, golf
Residence Peter and Anne live in Kurraba Point.

Club Activities for Diary

Tuesday 13th December

Christmas Lunch at Manly Golf Club

Tuesday 17th January 2023

Barbecue and High Tea at Balls Head

Tuesday 21st February 2023

Tour of new Allianz Stadium and Lunch

DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Barbecue & High Tea, 17th January. 4.30pm, Balls Head Waverton

We provide sausages, onions, bread & butter, plates, utensils, and cups and the wine and juices.

HOW ...Sign-on with Graeme Adam outings@probusneutralbay.org. There will also be a sign-on sheet at the Christmas Lunch.

COST .. \$15.00 per person. Please pay by Bank Transfer BSB:082 302 A/c. no: 28869 5672. NAB Neutral Bay. Name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay. Please include your own name when making the EFT payment.

WHAT TO BRING ..Limited seating, please bring a fold away table and chairs. Please bring nibbles, a salad, sweet treats, and tea or coffee. Wine/soft drink is provided but bring beer if you wish.



Tour of Allianz Stadium, Moore Park, Tuesday 21st February

Explore Sydney's new world-class multi-million dollar sports and entertainment venue for Rugby Union, Rugby League, Soccer and concerts.

PROGRAM: Tour with professional guides, duration 60 minutes, followed by a casual lunch. Hear entertaining stories of players, spectators and past events as you experience exclusive areas and explore Sydney's newest stadium. Features include: • Media centre and commentary boxes • Field of Play • Players warm-up areas • Coaches' boxes • VIP suites • Artwork installations • Skyline views of the precinct and Sydney city.

TRANSPORT: By train or bus, connecting in CBD with light rail to the Stadium. Car parking in Entertainment Quarter, off Errol Flynn Boulevard. **BRING.** Hats, sunscreen, rain attire, walking shoes. Photography allowed, personal use.

HOW: Sign on with Graeme Adam at outings@probusneutralbay.org or on sign-on sheet at Christmas Lunch or January Barbecue

COST: Full details, including costs, will go out in flyer early December.



OTHER ACTIVITIES.

Neutral Bay Probus Beginners Croquet Group. Mon 1to 3pm Chatswood Croquet Club. **Contact Rob Wright** on **0416 161 863**

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 is Willis Park Eastern Valley Way Castle Cove courts. From 10 am to 12 pm on the first and third Tuesday of the month, commencing for 2023 in February. Tennis is 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**.. 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 . **Extra Riders Welcome!**

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. Next sailing date **to be advised**. Pick up at Middle Harbour Yacht Club at 10.30 am.

Movie Enjoyment? At the Orpheum, Cremorne on the 4th 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. Usually the Friday after the General Meeting, starting March. Contact **Stewart Horwood** for information.

Join our Tennis Group in 2023!



*Merry
Christmas and
a Happy New
Year to all*



Stop Press
Guest Speaker
Kathryn Greiner AO
February 2023
Meeting