

# PROBUS CLUB NEUTRAL BAY

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# Newsletter



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### FROM THE PRESIDENT



#### **Dear Fellow Members, Ladies and Visitors**

I trust that this finds you well and, if not, I wish you all the best for a speedy improvement. Congratulations again to our VP Reg Richardson on his elevation to Officer (AO) in the King's Birthday awards for distinguished service to community health organisations and to the visual arts as a leader, supporter and patron. Reg had previously received the Member honour (AM) in 2007 for his contributions.

Are you familiar with Anderson Park in Neutral Bay? Did you know that the famous aviator Air Commodore Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith flew his Lockheed Altair aeroplane Lady Southern Cross out of this park on 17Jul1934 and why? No. Then you should join Stewart Horwood and the rest of the Lost Soles Strollers on a fascinating walk through this park on Mon 17Jul23 (the 89th anniversary of Smithy's flight) and all will be revealed. And afterwards you can enjoy a leisurely lunch. Smithy later was lost when the Altair crashed in the Andaman Sea, South of Rangoon, in an attempt to break the Britain-Australia speed record in 1935.

Recently I was queried about what has happened to the Probus South Pacific Ltd (PSPL) publication 'Active Retirees' and, on asking around, it appears that some of you are not aware that during Covid the hard copy magazine was discontinued, in favour of a digital version. Post Covid the hard copy has not been reactivated, with significant savings, leaving only the digital version, which you can subscribe to (free delivered to your Inbox) or access on the PSPL site. The same applies to the other PSPL publications such as 'Staying Connected', 'Community News', etc. The publications contain a spectrum of articles, information and advertisements in which I'm sure you'll find something of interest.

To pursue Active Retirees go to: probussouthpacific.org; select 'Active Retirees'; then 'Digital Subscription'; then in the 5th para select 'click here' and complete the dropdown. For the others follow the same steps and select 'Active Retirees Enewsletter' in lieu of 'Active Retirees' and, again, complete the dropdown. Don't hesitate to let me know if you have any problems and I'm sure one of us will be able to assist.

Ian Ashbrook, President

### **NEXT MEETING**

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th July from 10.30am in the Norths Leagues Club Auditorium, Abbot St Cammerav.

10.30 - 10.50 General business

10.50 - 11:00 Personal Corner

11.00 - 11:20 MorningTea

11.20 - 12:20 Guest Speaker

12.20 - Questions and Wrap Up

# **Club Activities for Diary**

Mon 17th July Lost Soles Stroll Neutral Bay Tues 25th July Winter Feast Tues 22nd Aug Endeavour Tour

Mon 25th Sept Anzac Memorial Hyde Park Fri 27th Oct Navy in Sydney Harbour Cruise

### **Personal Corner**

#### **Peter Dowling**

We look forward to Peter's talk this month. Peter lists his career as Partner -Management Consulting, and his interests as Tennis, Kayaking, Ocean Swimming and

History. Peter and Virginia live in Cremorne.

#### **Book Exchange**

The Committee has agreed to a suggestion by Alan Hauserman to trial a book exchange table at meetings. Alan will explain this at our next meeting.

# June Probus Club Tours







# At Left. Port Kembla Steelworks Tour

Steelworks at Port Kembla dates back nearly 100 years, the company now trading as Bluescope Steel. Our tour began with videos on the steelmaking history and on site safety. Then fitted up with protective gear and two-way radios we toured the 250-hectare site, including huge Blast Furnace and Rolling Plants. Thanks to the volunteer guides Ken and Peter (and to our Tony for organising a great day!). Afterwards we enjoyed a lunch at Wollongong Golf Club

Below. An attentive audience enjoying our tour of the Archibald, Wynn and Sulman Exhibitions at the Art Gallery of NSW.



# **DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

# Lost Soles Strollers. Hidden and Interesting Neutral Bay Stroll Monday 17th July

by 10.00am at bus shelter Cnr. Watson St. and Military Road Neutral Bay. Walk down Bent Street to a beautiful native forest area and Forsyth Park (steps without handrails down, pleasant bush and harbour views). Further stroll downhill to Anderson Park (memorial to Kingsford-Smith's take off in 1934). A short uphill stroll yields fine views of the ex-Navy submarine base, a lift down to North Sydney wharf, ferry to Neutral bay wharf, then 2 buses to Mosman Pub for lunch. Kindly email your interest to Stewart on stewh444@tpg.com.au.

\*This walk was one devised by Jim Holloway about three years ago as a "Jim's Jaunt". Many thanks Jim.

### NB Probus Winter Feast Tuesday 25th July

Venue and Time: 1200 for 1230pm, Watergrill Restaurant, Sydney Rowing Club Abbotsford (50m from Abbotsford ferry wharf, suggest getting the 1107am ferry from Circular Quay). Drinks pay-as-you-go. Please book your table (ten per table) and advise the planners of your table companions.

Sign on with Tony Michaels at General Meeting, or email Tony at < outings@probusneutralbay.org >

Cost \$65.00 pp Pay by 18th July by Bank Transfer to Probus Club of Neutral Bay, BSB 082-302 A/c 28869 5672 (Include Name )

# Endeavour – A Voyage with James Cook Tuesday 22nd August

**Venue and Time**: Meet at **Maritime Museum** by 09.15 for 09.30am entry (meet at back entrance past Anchor and around to the front of building. Initial Presentation by Phillip Armstrong on James Cook and then a full half hour tour of the Endeavour with final brief and Q&A. Note the ship has steps/ladders requiring climbing abilities. Lunch (optional) at Ripples restaurant. Members can explore the Museum and ships for the rest of the day. See flyer for more details.

Cost: Concession rate of \$16.00 pp for admission and tour.

Sign-On with Tony Michaels and payment of \$16 by bank transfer as above.



### Anzac Memorial Tour Hyde Park Monday 25th September

A conducted tour of the **Anzac Memorial** in Hyde Park Sydney. We meet at the Elizabeth Street entrance by 09.45 for a 10 am start with tour duration of 1.5 hours. Afterwards we will stroll through Hyde Park for a 12.30pm lunch at **Strangers Dining Room at NSW Parliament House** (limited to 24 persons). See flyer for more details.

**Cost**: **Tour Free with a requested individual donation**. Lunch cost is a Seniors Special 2 course lunch with coffee/tea at \$60 pp (wine not included ) with pre-payment to Probus Outings.

Sign-On with Tony Michaels and pre-payment of \$60 for lunch by bank transfer as above.



#### OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES.

Neutral Bay Probus Beginners Croquet Group. Mon 1 to 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 Tuesday of the month. 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. Pick up at Middle Harbour Yacht Club at 10.30 am. **Next Sailing date 18th July** 

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 of online bridge on 0403 007 273. Typically a game lasts for about 1.5hours, at 4pm each Thursday.

# July Speaker A/Prof Jim Forrest MA PhD, Discipline of Geography and Planning, Macquarie University "What Happens to Migrants When they Arrive in Australia"



Jim Forrest has a 50-year career in social geography and, for the past two decades, in the integration of Australia's immigrants and in studies of racism in Australia. He has had a long-standing concern with comparing Australian attitudes in these areas with other major immigrant-receiving countries of the 'New World' – USA, Canada and New Zealand.

For many, the process of adjustment – for both migrants and the receiving society – is not always easy. Racist behaviour is not uncommon: obtaining employment can be difficult; the language shift to English is difficult for the elderly; obtaining suitable housing, if available, is costly .... these are all issues

Above all, Australia's migrants, both past and present, are integrating well when compared to the standards of many overseas immigrant-receiving countries...... though problems remain.

But just how valid is this picture?

**August Speaker** 

**Katie Little** 

Catch a Falling Star - Growing up with Jeannie Little