



PROBUS CLUB NEUTRAL BAY
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Newsletter



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Christmas Greetings Members, Ladies and Visitors

It certainly doesn't seem that long ago since we were preparing for the last Probud Christmas Lunch; but, a lot has occurred in the world since then and even those who study these developments closely, could hardly have predicted all of the developments and, especially, how life has changed, much not for the better, even in Australia. As I said last month, I hope that neither you nor your families are directly impacted; but, if you are, I hope that you are able to enjoy some respite over the festive season. I first visited Bethlehem in 1984, while in the area for work, when getting there was an easy self drive from Jerusalem; but, by 2014, when I last visited, the wall defining the West Bank had been erected and access was a lot more complicated. Hopefully, sense will prevail over Christmas and visitors to this site, for whatever peaceful reason, will be able to do so safely.

Probus activities over the past month, in addition to tennis, sailing, etc, have included the visit to Bundanon, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the attendees (a big thank you to Graeme Adam) and a very enjoyable stroll, under Stewart Horwood's guidance, took the group from Cremorne Point Wharf to Mosman Bay followed by lunch at The Duck, Mosman Hotel. At this time, our Christmas Lunch on 12Dec23 has attracted 110 attendees which is unprecedented. Our mid year Winter Feast attracted over 90 and the High Tea has similar numbers, which makes these functions by far our most popular. Would you like another such lunch through the year? If this appeals to you, please let us know.

Meanwhile, as I stressed at the Nov meeting, we need your serious consideration of contributing to the Club through the Committee. Several members (treasurer, speakers and shared outings) have done more than their fair share and will not be continuing and we will also need a VP. Please give this serious consideration. The positions are not onerous and each can be trialled as an understudy, if this would help you.

Our next meeting is now not until 13Feb24; but, our most popular BBQ/High Tea will be at Ball's Head on Tue 16Jan24. We hope that you can make it.

Meanwhile, Carolyn joins me in wishing each one of you a Very Merry Christmas and All of the Very Best for 2024.

Cheers, Ian

Ian Ashbrook, President

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Manly Golf Club

Tue 12 Dec 12.00 for 12.30

Sign on and payment closed on 2 Dec. We are anticipating a great and joyous gathering to celebrate Christmas. More than 110 members and guests will be partaking in fun, fellowship and great food. There will be lucky door prizes too.

Next General Meeting

Tuesday 13 Feb 2024 from 10.30 in the Norths Leagues Club Auditorium, Abbot St, Cammeray.

Personal Corner

The next Personal Corner will be given by **Mark Millar** on 13 Feb 2024. He is one of Asia's foremost speakers and a renowned authority on supply chain and logistics.

Club Activities for Your Diary

Tue 12 Dec Xmas Lunch at the Manly Golf Club

Tue 16 Jan 2024

Balls Head BBQ/High Tea

Tue 19 Mar 2024 Guided Walking Tour of the Sydney Cricket Ground

New Members

Welcome to Ian Doig

Qualification: Advertising and Marketing

Last Position: Charitable Fund Raising Mgr

Interests: cycling, golf, travel, dog walking

Residence: Ian and Sue live in Neutral Bay

Report on Tour to Bundanon, Friday 24 November



Twenty seven intrepid art lovers set out on Friday 24th November to the beautiful, idyllic Bundanon art complex, a gift to the nation. We were taken into the sandstone homestead of legendary artist and benefactor Arthur Boyd and wife Yvonne, then into his preserved studio, both spaces displaying his art. Then onto the Ramox café where the advertised sandwich lunch evolved into a minor feast.

After lunch we spent time admiring the new award winning complex encompassing 'The Bridge', the Arthur and Yvonne Boyd Education Centre, and the Art Museum, which has what one guest described as the best indigenous art exhibition they had ever seen. Of the whole day, another member said: "Great scenery, wonderful art and architecture, great food and wonderful organising."

Graeme Adam

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DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

January 2024

BBQ and High Tea at Balls Head, Waverton



WHEN: Tue 16 Jan 2024 at 4:30 pm.

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

HOW: Please sign on with Graeme Adam at the Christmas Lunch or email Graeme at outings@probusneutralbay.org

COST: \$20.00 per person. Please pay by electronic funds transfer.

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VERY IMPORTANT: please include your own name when making the EFT payment and the word 'Barbecue'.

Further information will be provided leading up to the event.

Last sign-on and payment by Tuesday 9 Jan so we can order the provisions.

OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Neutral Bay Probus Beginners Croquet Group Mon 1-3 pm at Chatswood Croquet Club.

Contact **Rob Wright** on **0416 161 863**

Roll Up Lawn Bowls Every Wednesday 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 first Tuesday of each month. Tennis is followed by coffee and a social chat. All members are welcome. Currently in recess. Will recommence Feb 2024. Please contact **Peter Turner** on **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 7:35 am. Extra riders welcome!

Sailing Ahoy! Currently in recess. Recommence in February 2024. Contact **Captain Ross Bruwel** on **0421 817 106**.

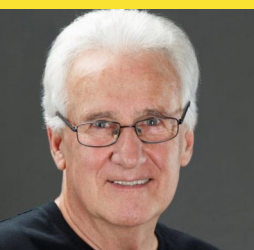
Movie Enjoyment At the Orpheum, Cremorne. 4th Monday of the month. Contact **David Bruce-Steer** on **0455 655 451**

Bridge Please contact **John Pike** on **0403 007 273**. Typically an online game lasting about 1.5h at 4 pm each Thu.

Lost Soles Strollers. Next stroll will take place on **24 Mar 2024**. Email Stewart Horwood stewh444@tpg.com.au

Make a note in your diary: our next Guest Speaker will be Paul Kearney

13 Feb 2024



History of Rock n Roll

Paul has put together a series of popular shows on the "History of Rock & Roll" beginning in the 1950's. He will share stories about how rock & roll music first started in that era. He is going to tell a brief history of the artists and play the whole original video clips of the artists singing these popular songs. They will sure bring back fond memories of our past.

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