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FROM THE PRESIDENT



As Probus is a club for we mature people, some people of advanced years are showing some form good enough to win the Epsom of the Elderly.

The President of the US is 81 and his likely opponent at the next election is 77. Pope Francis, leader of the Catholic Church is 88.

Clint Eastwood is still acting at 94 and comedian Dick van Dyke is as cheerful as ever at 100.

The last Life Membership inductees at our club, Jim Holloway and Neville Voges are 93 and 92 respectively. Northbridge Probus has two members who are 100, so maybe we should have an award when a member turns 100.

It is great to note that we have many activities to provide stimulus for our minds and activities for our bodies.

To quote Bob Hope who died just after turning 100, "I don't feel old, I don't feel anything until noon and then I just have a nap". And as Doris Day who died at 97 sang "be positive, eliminate the negative".

Cheers,

Reg **Reg Richardson**



Honouring Neville Voges- Our New Life Member

Neville joined in 1994 and became a Committee member after just 6 months. Together with the then secretary he was instrumental in the incorporation of our Club in 1995. He served as Secretary (1995 - 1999) and as President in 2000. He also organized Guest speakers (2001) and outings (2002 - 2005). He is a great model of true dedication to service! He and Stella still attend meetings and functions regularly. **Onya, Neville!**

Let Us Put Our Hands Together to Welcome Our Recent 'Recruits'

We give a big shout-out to four of our members who put up their hands recently to assist in the running of our Club. They are, in no particular order:

Nick Baines - Nick has been keen to assist in the committee since last year but was held back by complications following a knee operation. Now that he is (*relatively!*) fit, he has agreed to assist Barry Stone in his Guest Speakers role, with the view of maybe taking over this or some other role at some future point in time.

Ian Doig - Ian has been extremely active in volunteering amongst the disadvantaged, and we are very grateful to have him as the co-organizer of outings and activities. He will debut with a tour to Lucas Heights in September, to be followed in November with a multiday tour of the Blue Mountains and the Zig-Zag Railway. It has been a while since we had a multiday tour. The last one was prior to COVID. Let us give him our strongest support and sign on with these outings.

Enda Bannan - our friendly Irish 'doctor in the house' volunteered to assist Mike Walker on the welcome desk. Enda believes this role gives him the best opportunity of getting to know members as they file past him on the way in to meetings. And he is absolutely right. Thank you Enda.

Paul Shea - Paul has extensive IT expertise which he utilized in an official role in his previous Probus Club. We are very fortunate to have him working alongside David Bruce-Steer as the Assistant Post Master. He has already emailed his first flyer to the membership and he will fill in during David's leaves of absence.

Footnote: Our members, new or old, bring with them a wealth of wisdom, experience and expertise. So why not put your talents and time to good use in helping our Club? The positions of VP and Hon Treasurer are still available. **Editor**

NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 June from 10.30am in the Norths Leagues Club Auditorium

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

Club Activities for Your Diary

Mon 17th June Lost Soles Strollers

Tue 25th June Archibald Exhibition

Tue 23rd July Winter Feast

Fri 2nd August 2:50 Club - Woy Woy

A 3 day Blue Mountains & Zig-Zag Railway tour is planned for Nov 20-22. See flyer.

Personal Corner

The next personal corner will be given by **Brian Schafer**. After completing a Bachelor of Commerce in Canberra, Brian worked for both the Commonwealth Treasury and the Dept of Finance. Later he moved to Sydney where he worked for the Lend Lease Corp. Brian and Narelle live in Cremorne.

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DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The Lost Soles Strollers Glebe Streetscapes, Sze Yup Temple, Tram Sheds - Monday 17th June

Meet at Central top level under the large overhead clock (opposite Transport Info desk) for a group connection to the light rail. Then a lovely level walk along Blackwattle Bay and the new fish market, past the historic Burley Griffin incinerator and the Chinese temple, then stroll through Victorian Glebe streetscapes. The Tramshed Markets for lunch (big choice) then light rail back to Central. About 4km, nearly all level. Expressions of interest to Stewart by email - stewh444@tpg.com.au - please. On the right is a photo from the last stroll.



The Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes Exhibition - Tuesday 25th June 2024

What: Private Guided Tour for Probus Neutral Bay members - approximately one hour's duration.

When & Where: Assemble at 9.45am outside main entrance to Art Gallery of NSW for a 10am start.

Programme: The Archibald Prize for portrait painting is Australia's most celebrated art award. Equally exciting, the Wynne Prize is for landscape painting of Australian scenery, or figure sculpture, while the Sulman Prize is for subject painting, genre painting or a mural project.

How: Sign on with John Metcalf at general meetings or email johnmetcalf157@gmail.com

Payment: \$27 per person (concession rate) Please pay no later than **5th June 2024** by Bank Transfer BSB:082 302 A/c. no: 28869 5672. NAB Neutral Bay. Name: Probus Club of Neutral Bay. Include your name and the words "Archibald Tour" when making EFT payment .



Upcoming Activities - stay tuned for further details

Tue 23rd July Winter Feast - Watergrill Restaurant, Sydney Rowing Club, Abbotsford This favourite annual event offers a great opportunity to meet old and new members and relax in a social environment. A great 3-course meal plus coffee. Drinks PAYG. Cost: \$65 pp. Go ahead and book your tables (10 per table) and advise John Metcalf of your table companions. Sign on at General Meetings. **Last sign-on and payment: Monday 15th July.** Contact: **John Metcalf**



Fri 2nd August 2:50 Club - Woy Woy by The Sea Meet at 09:10 at Wynyard Station to catch 9:35 train to Woy Woy. After a walk around town and the Memorial Park, we will lunch at Fisherman's Wharf. Return late afternoon. Sign on at General Meetings. Contact: **Tony Michaels**

OTHER REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Neutral Bay Probus Beginners Croquet Group Mon 1 to 3pm Chatswood Croquet Club. New players welcome!

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

Pickleball Great fun and fellowship experiences by all Pickleball players in May. New skills learned and energy levels tested. More of the same on Thursdays 13th and 27th June. We are all new to the game , so give it a go! Cost \$10 pp includes paddles and balls. Members and friends welcome. Contact **Hugh Seccombe** on 0411 644 886 or email hugh.seccombe@hotmail.com

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** 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**.

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! A message from **Captain Ross Bruwel**: *there won't be sailing in June and July.*

Next Sailing in August. Stay tuned for further information

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

Bridge Contact **John Pike** for details of online bridge on **0403 007 273**. Typically a game lasts for about 1.5 hours, at 4pm each Thursday.

June Guest Speaker **Jeff Burgess** Artificial Intelligence (AI) - Past, Present and Future

Jeff calls himself a 'student of artificial intelligence'. His career was in various technical and architecture roles in IT departments of both Federal and State governments and private companies. His work briefly touched on the early struggles of AI but his post-graduate academic study has covered AI technology and developments. Since retirement, he has dedicated his time to experiment with AI systems privately and to follow and study AI's progress closely. The history of AI spans from early theoretical foundations by pioneers like Alan Turing to modern advances in neural networks and deep learning. There are serious current problems, as well as future risks and opportunities which Jeff will explore in his talk.



July Guest Speaker: **Hans Kunnen** " I SURVIVED 9/11"

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