



Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Royal Family has been in the news this week with King Charles III making a short visit to Australia visiting Sydney and Canberra.

On Tuesday he visited the Melanoma Institute at North Sydney for forty minutes. As its founder I was asked to host him on an inspection of what is known as the Poche Centre, the building which houses the Institute. Fortunately I had with me, the two Australians of the Year, Professors Georgina Long AO and Richard Scolyer AO who were able to answer his questions. The King seemed a humble man with a quick and ready sense of humour and easy to engage with.

Barry Stone asked if I had taken with me an application form for him to join our Probus Club. Unfortunately I had overlooked to bring the form as it would have been nice to go a little upmarket with our members list.

I add that I checked the King's clothes (on TV) what he was wearing to Parramatta that morning as I didn't want to outdo him on the fashion front. Fortunately he was wearing a suit that he'd obviously worn for a few days so I had no worries.

Knowing that I have met the King, a few people brought up the subject of Australia becoming a republic, but I feel that it won't happen in my ever shortening life span.

See you all shortly and it will be a pleasure.

Reg

Reg Richardson AO, President



King Charles III speaks with President Reg at the Melanoma Institute Australia

NEXT MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 Nov 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 18 Nov Strollers: Hidden North Sydney

Nov 20-22 Blue Mtns/Zig Zag Railway Tour

Tue 10 Dec Xmas Lunch, Manly Golf Club

Tue 14 Jan Annual BBQ and High Tea

Personal Corner

The next personal corner will be given by **Stuart Paterson**, A newly joined member, Holds a degree in Engineering and a doctorate in Chemical Engineering from UNSW. Stuart was Managing Director of the local Australian subsidiary of a German machine manufacturer, Flottweg. Stuart and Heather live in Naremburn.

New Members

Let's extend a very warm welcome to our two new members inducted in October: **Paul Mottek** and **Stuart Paterson**

Report on 2:50 Club Outing on Friday 25 October - Watsons Bay



For those who made the effort (9 out of 24) to come along for our adventure, they were richly rewarded as we had near perfect weather and bright spring sunshine all the way. As arranged we met at Circular Quay by 09.15 and caught the 09.45 ferry to Watsons Bay. A wonderful picturesque ride down the world's most beautiful harbour

was our reward for an early start. We started out with a walk along the foreshore and then down the winding roads and paths to Green Point then along the sand of Camp Cove to the Kiosk for a coffee stop then onwards to the Gap (for a reality check) and thence back to Watsons Bay and Doyles on the Beach for our lunch. Ferry back to Circular Quay and homeward bound. Many happy memories of a memorable day in one of our most beautiful surroundings. **Tony Michaels**



The Blue Mountains/Zig Zag Railway Tour

The tour will proceed with 27 members and partners from **Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd November 2024**. Participants will have already received an invoice from On Course Tours. Anyone with dietary requirements should notify Ian Doig as soon as possible who will confirm with On Course.

The On Course coach will depart at 8:30 am from outside Norths Cammeray on Wednesday 20th November 2024. Please remember to bring your name badge with you! **Ian Doig**

The Renada and Crew, 29 Nov



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DETAILS OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Lost Soles Strollers - Hidden and Interesting North Sydney, Monday 18th November

Come and join Stewart for the last stroll he will be leading!

We meet at the bus shelter Cnr. Watson St and Military Rd by 10.00am. Stroll down Bent St, through a remnant of native forest to Forsyth Park and then to Anderson Park. See the memorial to Kingsford-Smith on the way to views of the ex Navy submarine base, then to Neutral Bay Wharf for a ferry and buses to Mosman Pub for lunch. Expressions of interest please to Stewart by email stewh444@tpg.com.au

This will be my final stroll and thanks everyone for your support over the past four years. Stewart Horwood

Christmas Luncheon - Manly Golf Club, Tuesday 10th December, from 12:00

Last chance! Sign on with Kwan at outings@probusneutralbay.org or on the clipboard at the November Meeting. You can nominate who you would like to sit with. Please indicate if you would like to host a table (minimum of 8). **Last date for sign-on and payment is 2nd December. No refund can be made after that date**, when Probus is required to make a non-refundable payment to the Manly Golf Club.



Annual BBQ and High Tea - Tuesday 14th January 2025. 4.30pm, Balls Head Reserve, Waverton

We provide the sausages, onions, bread and butter, plates, utensils, and cups and the wine and juices. Sign-on with Graeme Adam outings@probusneutralbay.org. Limited fixed seating, so bring a fold away table and chairs, nibbles, and perhaps a salad, sweet treats, tea or coffee. Add beer, if you would like one before wine/soft drink. Cost \$20 pp. Payment details on flyer.



Marvellous Mudgee/Rylstone/Gulgong! Self-drive and Coach

Savour this stunningly beautiful, historic wine and food focussed region in the company of Probus Neutral Bay friends. A three day/two-night adventure with option to stay longer. Tour Mudgee Arts Precinct, dine at Lowe Wine, sample Rylstone olive oils, lunch at De Beaupaire Wines, visit Gulgong Pioneer Museum, Opera House and Henry Lawson Centre. And there's more! Guest speaker, fun and prizes. Full details in flyer. Sign-on at general meetings or Graeme Adam at outings@probusneutralbay.org



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.

Pickleball Every second Thursday at Willis Park, Eastern Valley Way, Castle Cove from 9:30 am. We are always looking for more players. So if you have not tested your pickleball skills, please give it a go. No prior playing experience required. Contact **Murray Mair on 0419 488 609**

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! 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 on Tuesday 26 November 2024.**

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.

November Guest Speaker - **Brendan Somes** - Australian Stories of the Olympics



Australia's Olympic team first competed at the 1896 Summer Olympics in Athens. We have competed at every Olympic Games in the modern era and hosted the games in Melbourne in 1956 and Sydney in 2000. The State Library of NSW has a wonderful collection of Olympic Games material and Brendan Somes will present a few of his favourite stories from that collection. From photographs of the Australian team travelling to the 1912 Stockholm Olympics, to the 1972 Munich Olympics diary of triple gold-medallist Shane Gould, to the 2000 Sydney Olympics. He will dive into not only the competitors and the odd statistic or three, but also the fashions, the programs, the menus - including fine definitions of what makes a sandwich.

Brendan works at the State Library of New South Wales in the Library's Collection Acquisition and Curation Branch. His work involves collection policy, coordinating selection of material for digitisation, and collecting initiatives. He led the development of the 2019 Library Amendment Act and helped establish the edeposit (NED) service.



Feb 11 2025 Guest Speaker: **Ian Thompson (u3a) - Iconic Australian Inventions of Our Time**

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