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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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This is my first report as your new President. As I mentioned at the March meeting, please be patient with the new conveners and officers as they settle into their roles. Our new Hon. Secretary, Ross Catterall, has sent all members a list of the names of the 2019/2020 conveners and officers for your information and convenience.

Due to an oversight of mine, I neglected to ask Ross to indicate that whilst Steve McGregor takes over as convener of the Investment Group activity, long-serving convener John Linstead will remain involved for the time being - albeit with a lower profile. Howard Vains continues in the Assistant role.

As the year progresses, I hope to provide you with occasional updates of the deliberations of the Management Committee, before matters are put to members to consider.

For example, many of you will be aware that there is a view that the club's website is a little underutilised. As there is a small annual cost to maintain our website, the Management Committee is considering ways in which its use might be expanded. Whilst it is premature to say what new features might be incorporated into our website in the future, each activity convener is being consulted to determine how they believe members might benefit from enhanced website content with more information than can be conveniently included in the monthly newsletter or in each convenor's oral report at normal monthly meetings, where time is limited.

On a separate note, the Management Committee has been investigating records retention, more specifically which club records should be retained, how or in what form should they be retained and for how long. Probus South Pacific Limited has its own requirements which we are asked to satisfy. Considerable work by club members has occurred to date, but a little more is needed to finalise this matter.

Ross Catterall and I will be attending a Probus South Pacific "Information Day" on 1 May 2019. I will provide members with a brief report in May, if appropriate.

The Probus year has commenced with a Wahroonga East Invitation Bowls game and a theatre morning at the Ensemble. I'm sure Chris Wood will provide details of the bowls results in his report.

May I conclude by reminding everyone that on your arrival at normal monthly meetings, it is requested that you have your attendance recorded by either Kingsley Perry or Jim Harrison, our two new "Front Desk" officers.

This request also applies to all guests. Jim and King are eagerly waiting to greet you and mark the roll with your names. The taking of morning tea and lunch orders is also included in the friendly service provided. Failure to have your attendance recorded may on the one hand have implications for the club's insurance arrangements with Probus South Pacific and on the other, complicate matters in the unlikely event of an evacuation of our meeting room.

May I wish all of us a happy, activity-filled and safe 2019 Probus year.



FROM THE SECRETARY (Ross Catterall 9489 0280 ross.catterall@hotmail.com)

Annual Member Subscriptions

A reminder that the annual subscriptions (\$65) were due for payment on 1 April 2019. If you have not paid these, our Treasurer, Naren Menon, will accept payment during the club meeting. Alternatively, you may prefer to mail a cheque to Naren – 55 Yarrabung Rd St Ives NSW 2075 or direct credit to the Club's bank account with Westpac:

Probus Club of Wahroonga East

BSB 032-189 Account Number 234236 Detail "<Surname> SUBS2019"

In this case, please email Naren (narenmenon@gmail.com) advising him of the direct credit.

Probus Member Cards

If you have not collected your Probus South Pacific Limited membership card, they will be available for collection at the front desk during the next club meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 27 May 2019

EVENTS CALENDAR				
Activity	Day	Date	Time	Event
Theatre	Fri	26-Apr-19	11.00am	Ensemble Theatre: "The Appleton Ladies' Potato Race"
Probus meeting	Mon	29-Apr-19	9 45 am	April Probus meeting
Guest Speakers	Mon	29-Apr-19	11 00 am	Leigh Hatcher. "Personal Reflections on a Media Career impacted by Chronic Fatigue Syndrome"
Walking Group	Mon	06-May-19	10 00 am	QVB to the Sydney Fish Markets. Return by Light Rail
Fine Wine & Dine	Tue	07-May-19	6.00 pm	The Lotus Inn, Wahroonga
Golf	Fri	10-May-19	9.30 am	Shelly Beach
Theatre	Sat	11-May-19	8 00 pm	Pymble Players: "The Peach Season"
Bowls	Mon	13-May-19	12.00 noon	Gordon Probus Invitation game. SIBC (St Ives)
Outback Travel	Mon	20-May-19	to 25-May	Bourke and surrounding districts
Probus meeting	Mon	27-May-19	9 45 am	May Probus meeting
Guest Speakers	Mon	27-May-19	11 00 am	a/Prof Gavin Marks. "TBA"
Outings	Thu	30-May-19	8.00am	Victoria Barracks and the ANZAC Museum
Theatre	Sat	01-Jun-19	7.30 pm	Willoughby Theatre Company: "Sweet Charity"
Probus meeting	Mon	24-Jun-19	9 45 am	June Probus meeting
Guest Speakers	Mon	24-Jun-19	11 00 am	William (Bill) Phippen. "The Building of the Hawkesbury River Bridge - 1889"
Walking Group	Mon	01-Jul-19	10 00 am	TBA
Bowls	Mon	01-Jul-19	12.00 noon	Probus Shield Round 1/3
Golf	Fri	12-Jul-19	8.30 am	North Ryde
Special Events	Fri	19-Jul-19	12.00 noon	Midyear Lunch. Monash Country Club.
Theatre	Sat	20-Jul-19	6.00 pm	Willoughby Theatre Company: "The A to Z of Musical Showstoppers"
Probus meeting	Mon	22-Jul-19	9 45 am	July Probus meeting
Guest Speakers	Mon	22-Jul-19	11 00 am	David Rosenberg. "Pine Gap"
Outings	Thu	25-Jul-19	9.00am	Mitchell Library and Sydney Opera House
Bowls	Mon	05-Aug-19	12.00 noon	Probus Shield Round 2/3
Tours	Thu	08-Aug-19	to 15 -Aug	Darwin Top End 8-day trip including Kakadu and Katherine. \$3,690.00 pp + \$775 single.
Theatre	Sat	10-Aug-19	8 00 pm	Pymble Players: "Natural Causes"
Probus meeting	Mon	26-Aug-19	9 45 am	August Probus meeting



VICE PRESIDENT (Nick Hullah 9449 6327 nphullah@yahoo.com.au)

Our Vice President is away overseas at present but will be back and raring to go in May. Watch this space – Ed.



ADMINISTRATION (David Russell 9449 8876 [djussell2074@gmail.com](mailto:djrussell2074@gmail.com) Warwick Davis 9449 6446 Warwick.davis22@gmail.com)

Birthday Boys: For April the celebrating members are: Graham Barclay, Ken Broadhead, John Clark, Peter Jones, Bill Locke, Paul Locke; David Maclean, Mike Pailthorpe and new member Garry Pearce. Special congratulations to John Clark who turns 90 this month. Good luck to all in the draw.

Career Talk: Garry Pearce will give his talk this month.

Tables and Chairs: Those rostered this month at the end of the morning meeting to convert the Lower Lounge for Bridge (16 tables, 4 per table) are: Brian Caldersmith, Ron Eisenhammer, Peter Brand, Ian Carroll and Warwick Davis. Please let me know if you can't help.

Lunch for April (\$13 ea.): is either Fish Fillets or Cold Roast Beef; both with cous cous, lettuce, tomato and cucumber, with a bread and butter roll. Enjoy!



GOLF (Warwick Finney 91441938 warwick.finney@bigpond.com
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Our scheduled game at Mona Vale on Friday 22 March had to be changed due to flooding on the Mona Vale course during that week. At very short notice, we relocated to Gordon Golf Club where our group had not played for many years. We had a good roll up and all enjoyed the day.



The golfers are heading off Shelly Beach Golf Club on Friday 10 May. This event is always well supported by our members and I am presently taking names of those wishing to play. Please contact me if you wish to play so that I may prepare the draw for the day.



BOWLS (Chris Wood 9449 1663 chris@wood.id.au
Bernie Cookson 9449 7499 bernmaur@bigpond.net.au

Our Probus Wahroonga East Bowls Invitation day for 2019 was held at St Ives Bowling Club on Monday 8 April. It was under lovely sunny skies, the greens were running well and the atmosphere was most pleasing. What could be wrong with that?



6 years ago we fielded 108 players; 5 years ago we had 93 players; this year, after a great effort, we could find only 42 players. It's a sad situation that is affecting most other clubs as well and for a number of reasons, not least being that, as retired people, we still manage to fill our days with little time to spare. We will continue to play because of the pleasure its gives in joining other clubs in a social gathering on the green.

This year, 6 Probus Clubs accepted our invitation on 8 April by nominating 14 teams, 4 of those were Wahroonga East bowlers. The day was won by one of our own teams, Ken Russell, John Spurrett and Tony Fabro.

Our next event is an invitation from North Epping on 29 April at North Epping Bowling Club. Please show your support by letting me know if you are available for that game.



OUTBACK TRAVEL (Dr John Douglas 9440 8849 0403 258 440 johndouglas@tpg.com.au
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Bourke Outback Trip 20 to 25 May 2019

Planning for the tour to Bourke and surrounding areas has been completed and is available in the Outback Tours section of our Probus web site. It includes fascinating trips to historic sheep stations along the Darling River, seeing indigenous stone fish traps at Brewarrina, visiting indigenous rock art at Gundabooka National Park, and learning the mysteries of Mount Oxley with its unexplained phenomena. All this activity on day trips from very comfortable ensuite log cabins on the Darling River at Bourke. The full itinerary and site descriptions are on our Probus website.

We will contact team members with additional information, for example, it's time to book accommodation at the half way points, and to plan daily water requirements. Also, James O'Brien has a seat for a co-driver and can be contacted on 9144 2869 and 0409 522 133.

Jeni and Paul Locke have established a drought relief campaign in co-operation with the CWA in Bourke – please contact Jeni (9440 8902, 0400757 216) and Paul if you want details of how to help.



THEATRE (John Simon (john11simon@gmail.com 9449 2187 0411 288 843
Dennis Hartland dennis@jetmaster.com.au 9983 0403 0418 761 668)

Pymble Players' next performance ("Peach Season") is on 11 May.

Willoughby Theatre Company – "Sweet Charity" on Saturday 1 June and "Fiddler on the Roof" on Saturday 26 October. We still have a few unallocated tickets. Cost is \$55 per ticket per show, which is now due for payment.



It may still be possible to get more tickets for Willoughby Theatre Company's third show this year, called "The A to Z of Musical Showstoppers" in cabaret format in the Chatswood Civic Pavilion, where seated at tables of eight you can enjoy the performance. Anyone who would like tickets for 6pm on Saturday 20 July, please let us know immediately. Cost is \$48 per ticket. We will need payment when you register so that we can try to buy more tickets before they sell out.

Our annual outing to the **Wharf Review** is on Wednesday 16th October. All 63 tickets allocated to us have been sold and we are now collecting payment. Cost is \$85 per person, including the bus from Bannockburn Oval.



OUTINGS (Bob Grant 9489 2804 raigrant@bigpond.net.au David Maclean 9440 8642 davidmaclean@bigpond.com)



Victoria Barracks and the Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park – Thursday 30 May

This excursion commences with a visit to the historic Victoria Barracks, built during the 1840s, and base for the Australian Army during various military campaigns since then. The buildings offer a superb example of colonial Georgian architecture maintained by Army Eastern Command. They include the parade ground, guard house, a main block, and a museum.

Following lunch at Paddington RSL Club, we will travel a short distance to Hyde Park where we will visit the recently refurbished Anzac Memorial. Built in 1934, the Memorial preserves the memory of Australians who have served their country in war and peace-keeping operations. The recently created museum includes items from the Boer war and from subsequent engagements.

Cost per person is \$65 and includes morning tea, lunch, guided tours, and transport. The bus will depart Bannockburn Oval, Pymble, at 8.00 am, returning about 4.30 pm. We will be required to submit attendee names, addresses, phone numbers, and ID which will be obtained from attendees by early May.

Mitchell Library / Opera House tour – Thursday 25 July

The tour will take us to the Mitchell Library where we will be shown features not generally accessible. Following a lunch at the Paddington RSL we will return to visit the Opera House, visiting parts of the facility not customarily seen by visitors.

The excursion is limited to 36 attendees. We will depart Bannockburn Oval, Pymble, at 9.00 am, returning around 4.30 pm. Cost is \$93 per person



INVESTMENTS (Steve McGregor 9983 1124 stevecgregor3@bigpond.com Howard Vains 9953 1087 vains2@bigpond.com)



After our Monday 29 April meeting and lunch, the Probus Investment Club will be meeting. Our guest speaker this month will be David Thornborough representing the stock broker Bell Potter. He will join us for lunch and at the meeting will talk for 40 minutes and then allow time for questions.

Subjects that will be covered during his presentation will include:

- World Economy and Australia now
- What would happen if Labor wins next Federal Election?
- Bell Potter Stock picks
- Various markets, income and growth investments, etc



BLUE MOUNTAINS

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Blue Mountains Springtime Retreat Sunday 20 October to Wednesday 23 October 2019

We have had an excellent response from members for our Springtime Retreat to the beautiful Blue Mountains with over 70 people registered to attend. If you plan on joining us but haven't yet registered, please do so as soon as possible. New members are particularly welcome, as it is a great way of getting to know other club members.

The full 3-night program starting Sunday includes dinner at the Palais Royale on Sunday evening and a coach tour to the magnificent Mayfield and Hawkins' Family Gardens on Monday, which coincides with their Spring Festival. If you can't get to Katoomba on Sunday, you may like to arrive by 8am on Monday to enjoy Mayfield Gardens.

Organised activities for Tuesday include a choice of bowls, golf, bush walking or an activity for those who would rather experience some of the artists' galleries and cultural heritage of the Blue Mountains. Our accommodation package at The Carrington will include breakfast, happy hour and dinner on Monday and Tuesday, and a farewell breakfast on Wednesday.

Deposits of \$50 per person or \$100 per couple are due now. Thank you to the majority who have already paid their deposit. Indicative costs, including deposits, are as follows:

	3 nights: Sun Mon Tues	2 nights: Mon Tues
Couple	\$1250	\$790
Single	\$925	\$595

Full payment will be requested at the July and August meetings.



FINE WINE and DINE

(Roy Lawrence 9489 5263 rmlaw@bigpond.net.au
Terry Gillett 9488 9338 terry@giltej.com)



Following many requests, we are returning to The Lotus Inn in Wahroonga for a Chinese Beauty on Tuesday 7 May at 6pm for 6.30pm. The Banquet will consist of two individual entrees followed by the sharing of four very different mains with rice. A dessert will follow and the meal will be accompanied with Jasmine Tea. Full details of the menu are on the Club website.

The Lotus Inn is located at 41 Redleaf Avenue which is near the 7-Eleven garage on the Highway. Parking is readily available in Redleaf Ave or in the general parking area behind the Wahroonga shops. The cost is \$40pp inc BYO and payable in cash on the night. Please advise Terry Gillett on 9488 9338 that you are joining us.

WATCH GUEST SPEAKERS (Jim O'Brien 9144 2869 drjamesobrien@bigpond.com)

THIS Last month's guest speaker: Nicholas Cowdery SPACE "Criminal Justice in NSW—Some Areas for Reform"

In March, we were pleased to welcome back Professor Nicholas Cowdery who has wowed us on several occasions with his insightful and enlightening presentations. On this occasion, he spoke on areas of reform where the NSW Government had not kept up to pace with community expectations. Topics addressed ranged from Drug (Pill) Testing to Euthanasia. As always, he brought the subject to light and gave comprehensive background on the issues (both in the community and within the legislature) which influenced the speed and commitment to drive the matters forward.

Our April speaker is Leigh Hatcher who will be well known to members as a veteran journalist and broadcaster on Australian radio from the 70's until 2013. He has a deep and intimate knowledge of Australian politics – having worked in the Canberra press gallery between 1975-1977 and 1981-1983.

He worked at the Seven Network in a range of capacities, including Canberra correspondent, Chief Olympic correspondent and European correspondent, based in London. He was also a senior presenter at Sky News for 13 years, as it led the whole emergence of 'the 24-hour news cycle'.

In 1998 he was forced out of work due to a devastating, two-year journey through the mysterious and painful condition known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. He wrote a best-selling book about the experience, "I'm Not Crazy, I'm Just a Little Unwell" Hence the title of today's presentation, "Personal Reflections on a Media Career impacted by Chronic Fatigue Syndrome"



BRIDGE (Ian Davidson 9418 1962 gretian@tpg.com.au)

Games are underway, in a relaxed, social, non-competitive environment.

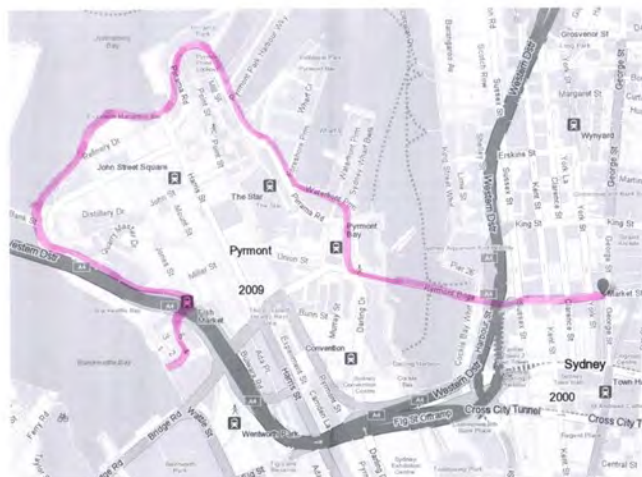
Dave & Sue Rigby are hosting the next games on 13 May at 2pm. Please contact them if you would like to play.



WALKING GROUP (Mike Pailthorpe (9882 2539 0407 437 062 mikeadel@bigpond.net.au Ron Eisenhammer 9451 6733 0418 285 228 reisenhammer4@bigpond.com)



Town Hall (QVB) to Sydney Fish Markets – Monday 6 May 2019



We will meet at 10:00am at the Market Street Exit to the QVB (Town Hall Railway Station). Our walk will take us down Market Street and across the Pyrmont Bridge to Pyrmont Bay. We will then follow Pirrama Road to Pirrama Park and on to Elizabeth Macarthur Bay.

We will take our coffee break at the café at the bottom of Harris Street; before completing our walk to the Fish Markets Light Rail Station via the waterfront pathway.

We should arrive there by 12:00 noon. Walkers then have the choice of lunching at the Fish Markets or taking the tram back to Central Railway for the train trip home.

Please let Mike Pailthorpe know by 5:00pm Friday 3 May 2019 if you will be joining us.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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Mid-year Lunch at Monash Country Club Friday 19 July 11.45 am to 4.00 pm \$70 pp

Bookings are now open for this popular event which will once again be held in the delightful setting of Monash Country Club. Thanks to the patronage of Howard Gardener there will be no increase in the cost to members from last year's cost.

Please remember to notify us as well as the Treasurer if paying on line as well as letting us know of any dietary needs. The menu selected is:

Canapes

Goat's cheese caramelised onion tart
Mixed bruschetta
Lime and garlic prawn skewers

Main Course (served alternately)

Crispy skinned Atlantic salmon on a braised leek and seeded mustard potato cake, asparagus and lemon hollandaise
Char-grilled lamb back strap with green beans, honey roasted Dutch carrots, slow cooked rosemary baby onions and red wine jus

Dessert

Trio of rhubarb brulee, chocolate and walnut brownie and sorbet spoon

Drinks

Your choice of soft drinks, beer, Zilzie Sparkling White, Wild Oats Sauvignon Blanc and Wild Oats Cabernet Merlot. Coffee and tea at self-service stations

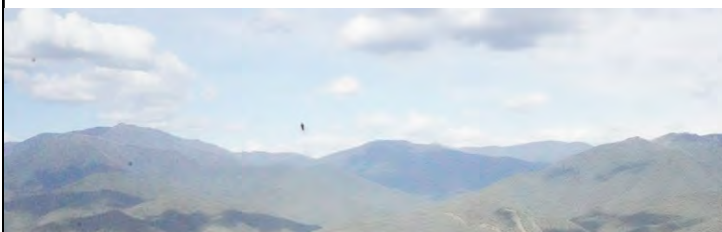


TOURS (Ian Maze 9440-1235 mazes@bigpond.com)

BRIGHT & LAKES ENTRANCE TOUR

2 to 9 MARCH 2019

Our group of 29 enjoyed a relaxing and informative 8 days exploring towns and places that were new territory for most people.



DARWIN TOP END 8-DAY TRIP

Thursday 8 to Thursday 15 AUGUST 2019

Join us on this Darwin Top End Northern Explorer trip, even if you've been there before. Top End highlights include the Military Museum at East Point, Botanic Gardens, Discovery Tour, Mindil Beach Sunset Markets, Fog Dam Reserve, Litchfield National Park water falls & plunge pools, Cyclone Tracey Museum, Jumping Crocodile Adelaide River Cruise, Kakadu Yellow Water Cruise, Darwin Harbour Sunset Dinner Cruise, Katherine Outback Museum and Katherine 2 Gorges Cruise plus 2-time Golden Guitar winner Tom Curtain's Outback Experience show, with horses and dogs. 30 confirmed bookings.