

Probus Club of Pittwater

Club News

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Committee

President's Message

The festive season has certainly begun and many end-of-year functions are being held. Our BBQ at Flying Fox was well attended but cut short due to the strong winds. Nevertheless, this is always a very enjoyable social get together for club members and partners.

Our Christmas lunch on 15 December is also going to be well patronised with about 60 attending. Please bring you name badges on the day and the ladies will be given name cards on arrival.

Thank you to the committee members for their hard work in making these activities happen, though more assistance and new ideas are always welcome to ensure the ongoing success of our club.

At this month's meeting for President's Day I will share with you my Antarctic expedition experiences and trust that others who have visited this remarkable continent may join in.

In keeping with the festive mood, the morning events will conclude with Xmas cake and drinks.

Speakers for next year are already being booked by Brian and John will take over the good work of Geoff with the Activities programme. Your committee is already busy organising next year's calendar for our club.

Wishing you all a very happy, safe and healthy 2016.

Arthur Napper

Speakers:

Today: President's Day – An Antarctic expedition.

Activities and Functions:

Christmas Lunch December 15 at MVGC

\$40 pp. Money to be paid today!

Trivia Night: Mona Vale Golf Club Tuesday 16 February (see inside for details)

Monthly Golf, Palm Beach. All are cordially invited.

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Speaker's Corner

Once again, we had an entertaining discourse by Geoff Richards on his journey through Turkey, sometimes known as the gateway to the East or the Doorway to the West. Most people would know that the capital is called Istanbul, and the more erudite would tell us that prior to the Turkish invasion in 1453 it was known as Constantinople, capital of the Eastern Roman Empire. The Silk Road from Iran ran through Turkey and over many years it was a source of trade between East and West. The highest mountain in Turkey is Mt Ararat, 5165 metres, named in the Book of Genesis as the place where Noah's Ark came to rest.



It is difficult to know just what to include from the vast collection of photos but there was the Blue Mosque. The mosque is popularly known as the Blue Mosque for the blue tiles adorning the walls of its interior. It was built from 1609 to 1616,



Hagia Sophia is a former Christian patriarchal basilica, later an imperial mosque, and now a museum in Istanbul.

There is the Golden Horn, the Galata Bridge which crosses the Horn, The New Mosque which was finally completed in 1663. Did you know there really are Whirling Dervishes? Just in case you might think there are only Mosques, view the 9th Century Armenian Church, the Byzantine Cave Church, the Kizlar Monastery.

Of course there are other things to see and sample – A Turkish rug factory, a Turkish tea house - Turkish tea, called çay (pronounced Chai), is black tea which is consumed without milk.

if you are interested in really ancient history there is the city of Troy. Troy is located on the mound of Hisarlık, which overlooks the plain along the Turkish Aegean coast, 4.8 km from the southern entrance to the Dardanelles. Remember the story of the Wooden Horse.

Then there is the Meskindir Valley, which viewed from the air, is awe-inspiring.

Christmas Lunch December 15 at MVGC

\$40 pp. Money to be paid today (if you haven't already paid)!

Trivia Night

Mona Vale Golf Club Tuesday 16 February

From 6pm

Dinner Scotch Fillet Steak, Raspberry Pana cotta and Coffee

Working in teams contestants will be asked 40 questions on

History

Australia

Pittwater

General Knowledge

- No questions on 1980 pop stars or which actor appeared in xxxxx.

Cost will be \$32ph. Prizes for the winning team

Irish Painter

A painter by the name of Murphy, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist. Over a short number of years, his fame grew and soon people from all over Ireland were coming to the town of Miltown Malbay, in County Clare, to get him to paint their likenesses. One day, a beautiful young English woman arrived at his house in a stretch limo and asked if he would paint her in the nude. This being the first time anyone had made such a request he was a bit perturbed, particularly when the woman told him that money was no object; in fact, and she was willing to pay up to £10,000.

Not wanting to get into any marital strife, he asked her to wait while he went into the house to confer with Mary, his wife. They talked much about the Rightness and Wrongness of it. It was hard to make the decision but finally his wife agreed, on one condition. In a few minutes he returned.

"T'would be me pleasure to paint yer portrait, missus," he said "The wife says it's okay. "I'll paint you in the nude all right; but I have to at least leave me socks on, so I have a place to wipe me brushes."

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**Minutes of Pittwater Probus Inc
Meeting 10th November 2015**

30 members present, one guest

Meeting opened by Vice President Bill Sherman

APOLOGIES, There were 3 apologies from members

INDUCTIONS No inductions.

MINUTES were read and confirmed Mv B Farrar 2nd Alan Smith carried

BIRTHDAYS ,Col Friezer, Cliff Hensby, Petrr Mayman, Don Orth, John Owens, Michael Graham, Allan Woods, Graeme Proctor, Mertyn Bullock..

ANNIVERSARIES Michael was married 7th November 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE Probus Pacific details of benefits to members, (listed on our Web site)
Notice from The Heart Foundation , would like to address members
Men's health, etc problems. Brian Kennedy to contact.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Balance at 1/10/15	\$ 4119.76
<u>Receipts</u>		
Morning Teas	\$ 116.2	
		Total 116.2
<u>Payments</u>		
Morning Tea	\$ 120.00	
Admin	\$ 24.00	
		Total \$ 144.00
	Balance at 3/10/15	\$ 4091.96

Mvd David Varley 2nd Jim Attrill carried

FUNCTIONS Christmas lunch 15th December. \$40 P/P. money to be collected at to-days meeting

ACTIVITIES BBQ November 24th Flying Fox Reserve. 6 pm

SPEAKERS Brian Kennedy has engaged the following speaker ;-
President's presentation
January Gordon Kinlay Three favourite Architects

WELFARE REPORT, President Arthur Napper undergoing pain relief tests.

GENERAL BUSINESS. Members having paid for a function and are unable to attend, that money will only be returned up to one week prior to that function otherwise no refund. Following the coffee break Geoff Richards gave an excellent indepth talk and slide show on his recent journey through Turkey.

GOLF at Palm Beach Friday 14th at Palm Beach at 10. am

Meeting closed at 12.15 pm

Signed as a correct record