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President's Message

This being my last message as President of our Club, I ask that you welcome Bill Sherman as President and Ron Seldon as Vice President for the forthcoming year. I must thank the wonderful support of the committee, whose hard work behind the scenes, made my role so much easier.

At this month's meeting we welcome Ken Plumb, one of our own members whom will enlighten us about his incredible career spent geological mapping outback Australia.

A schedule of activities for the year is available on our website. During this month there will be a sail around Pittwater and also the popular BBQ at Flying Fox Park. Don't forget that membership fees are now due and remain at \$40, the same as last year.

It has been an honour to be President and I thank you for your support.

Arthur Napper

Speakers:

Today: Ken Plumb – The Geological Map of Australia.

April: Geoff Searl – Early Barrenjoey Headland.

Activities and Functions:

See inside for detailed information

Monthly Golf, Palm Beach. All are cordially invited.

Speakers Corner

We had an interesting and well-illustrated talk by Paul Shea about the Sydney Heritage Fleet. Sydney Heritage Fleet, (www.shf.org.au), is a unique Sydney maritime organisation, which rescues, restores and operates a fleet of heritage marine vessels. Their seminal project is the 30 year restoration and regular operation of the 19th century square rigged sailing barque James Craig, launched in 1874, and one of only four barques in the world from the 19th century still capable of sailing.



PITTWATER PROBUS INFORMATION ON SAIL DAY

Several of our boat-owning members have offered to take a limited number of other members and partners out on Pittwater on Thursday, March 24th. The planned timing is: 10.00 am depart wharf: 2.00 pm return wharf. We are indebted to the boat owners for making their vessels available.

Places allocated to members will be limited by boat capacity. Therefore, a register for intending participants has been prepared and will be circulated at the March 8th Probus Meeting. Payment for lunch will also be necessary. Registering members will then be allocated to a specific boat.

Each boat owner has organised a buffet lunch to be enjoyed on board. The lunch will comprise prawns, cold meats, quiche, salad and rolls. The cost per person will be \$20. Drinks are BYO.

Boats will probably be rafted up in pairs for the lunchtime.

BOAT OWNERS HAVE PARTICULARLY ASKED ALL PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OR PARTNERS TO WEAR FLAT, RUBBER SOLED SHOES ON BOARD.

Details of boats and wharf locations are given below.

Owner	Boat Name	Boat Type	No. Guests	Wharf
Ken Plumb	Hans Free	Hanse 34	6	RPAYC
Trevor Stephens	Cruiser	Marshall Lord 25	4	RPAYC
Bill Sherman	Patience	Jeanneau 42	6	Bayview Marina C21
Graeme Proctor	Retreat	Ranger	6	Quays Marina Bayview
Roman Zwolenski		Dufour 38	6	?

PITTWATER PROBUS ACTIVITIES PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND REQUIRED ACTION

Several activities have been arranged for the coming year that require pre booking or arranging if they are to be successful. Set out below are details of such activities with the necessary booking information.

1. Tuesday to Thursday, April 19 to 21, Golf & Recreation

Two days are proposed at Dormie House (DH) in Moss Vale for golf and recreation. DH is an old style guesthouse located right on the Moss Vale Golf Club course. It offers excellent accommodation from straight rooms to dinner-bed and breakfast. I was quoted \$289 to \$299 for DBB per couple. Members intending to go to DH must make their own bookings either direct with DH (Ph. 4868 1800) or via "Wotif". Mention Pittwater Probus.

Members should travel to DH on Tuesday 19th with perhaps 9 holes in the afternoon. Golfers can play on Wednesday 20th while non-golfers go to Bowral for shopping and a visit to the Bradman Museum. The Illawarra Fly tree top walk is located nearby at Robertson.

We would return home on Thursday 21st with perhaps 10 holes at Bowral (with Bill Sherman's help!).

2. Wednesday to Friday September 21 to 23, Canberra Floriade

Visit Floriade on Thursday. Stay 2 nights (21st and 22nd) at the Kurrajong Hotel that is near the Art Gallery and Old Parliament House. Tariff for NRMA Members is \$355 for 2 nights including B/fast. Book on: 02 6234 4444. We could enjoy dinner at one of the Kingston Foreshore restaurants.

3. Tuesday October 4 - Theatre

A morning (11.00 am) matinee performance of "Barefoot in the Park" at the Ensemble Theatre on Kirribilli is proposed. Lunch could follow either at the theatre or in Kirribilli town centre. Members need to urgently book in advance (tickets \$61), as seats are limited.

J Harston (9940 0446)

Trivia Night



Minutes of Pittwater Probus Inc
Meeting 9th February 2016

34 members present, one guest

Meeting opened by Arthur Napper

APOLOGIES, There were 9 apologies from members

INDUCTIONS No inductions

MINUTES were read and confirmed Mv B Farrar 2nd W Dalzell carried

BIRTHDAYS . Geoff Sheppard, Bill Sherman, Bryan Pritchard, Bob LaForest, Bruce Gorrage

ANNIVERSARIES Bruce Farrar married 45 years

CORRESPONDENCE Various notices from touring companies.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance at 1/1/16 \$ 3656.86

Receipts

Morning Teas \$ 105.00

Trivia Night \$ 416.00

Total \$521.00

Payments

Morning Tea \$ 120.00

Total \$ 120.00

Balance at 31/1/16 \$ 4057.86

Mvd Bruce Farrar 2nd John Owens carried

FUNCTIONS Gordon Stokes noted the Trivia Night Tuesday 16th February, 6pm at Mona Vale Golf Club, two course meal served for \$32 p/p. Bill Sherman organising.

ACTIVITIES 24th **February** , walk at Nth Head Military Reserve , 24th **March**,, Sailing on Pittwater, 31st **March** BBQ at Flying Fox Reserve, ,7th **April** Walk and lunch at Stoney Creek Reserve, 19th **April** 2 day stopover at Dormie House Moss Vale, 17th **May** Lunch at Dunes , Palm Beach.

SPEAKERS Brian Kennedy has engaged the following speakers :-

March Ken Plumb, geologist and member, Geological Map of Australia

April Geoff Searl , President Avalon Historical Society, talk on Barrenjoey Headland.

May David Adams subject to be nominated.

WELFARE REPORT, No medical problems reported. Snow Hartshorne member for 14yrs died .

GENERAL BUSINESS. No general business

Following the coffee break Paul Shea showed videos and gave an enlightened talk on the Sydney Heritage Fleet.

GOLF Friday 12th at Palm Beach at 10 am

Meeting closed at 11.55 pm

Signed as a correct record