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President's Message

I wish you all a very happy New Year and trust that your Christmas celebrations with family and friends were enjoyable and rewarding. Our Christmas lunch was a great afternoon as it was so well patronised by members and partners. It is hoped that we continue to get good support for other functions our committee is organising. Don't forget Trivia Night on Tuesday 16 February.

At this month's meeting, we welcome Graham Wilcox presenting an interesting ancestry. One such important story he tells in a biography of Sir Arthur Rutledge, who took part in the drafting of the Australian Constitution and was a delegate at the 1891 Federal Convention.

A very good year ahead is planned for our Club, as both a number of interesting speakers have already been booked by Brian and John will carry on the good work of Geoff with the Activities programme, details soon to be announced. Your committee will always welcome your contribution of assistance and new ideas to continue the success of our Club.
Arthur Napper

Speakers:

Today: Graeme Wilcox – the Struggle for Federation.

February: Bruce Marich – Sydney Heritage Fleet

Activities and Functions:

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

Monthly Golf, Palm Beach. All are cordially invited.

Speaker's Corner

Which is the coldest, windiest, driest place on earth? Answer – Antarctica – the place chosen for a visit by President Arthur Napper and his wife in February 2010. They flew to Buenos Aires. Did you know that Buenos Aires is the birthplace of tango music, which is now part of World heritage? They visited La Boca (*la boca* means 'the mouth' in English) and La Recoleta Cemetery (holds the remains of actress-turned-First Lady Eva Perón (also known as Evita)). From there it was on to Ushuaia, a port and the southernmost city on earth.



The first crossing was the Beagle Channel (named after HMS Beagle a polar pioneer with Charles Darwin on board), followed by Drake's Passage where big waves rocked the ship and sleeping on the floor was an option.



The air temperature at various times was 3C and the sea temperature was 0C. It was in the area of the Gullet that Captain Cook passed on the way to New Zealand.

Captain Cook's ships Resolution and Endeavour became the first known to have crossed the Antarctic Circle (17 January 1773). It was on to Fish Island and then Vernadsky Station, which incidentally contains the world's southernmost bar. In addition to the standard libations, the bar also makes its own vodka using the surrounding glacial ice. Next was Port Lockroy (64°49'S, 63°30'W), Deception Island and Livingston Island, home to chinstrap penguins, skuas and macaroni penguins. Then it was back to Argentina via Cape Horn. A fascinating journey with great photographs.

Trivia Night

Mona Vale Golf

Club Tuesday 16 February

From 6pm

Dinner Scotch Fillet Steak, Raspberry Panna 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. Partners welcome. Prizes for the winning team

THE STRUGGLE FOR UNITY

A Story of the Federation of Australia

The suggestion that the British colonies on the Australian continent might one-day unite to form a nation was first made early in the 19th century. By the 1870s many people took it for granted.

However, despite a multitude of compelling arguments for federation, there were many people who fought against it.

Activities

John Harston is taking over the post of activities officer from Geoff Richards, who has done a magnificent job over the past year. John will be informing us of some of the possibilities for coming year and will be interested to find out who will be supporting the various visits etc. Some of his suggestions are-

Walk at North manly, Local Lunch, Pittwater sailing, Dormie House, Moss Vale, Mid Year lunch, Nirma Motor Museum, Barefoot in the Park, Visit to Canberra, Walk in the Wildflower gardens. John needs support from members since many of the proposed ventures are dependent on numbers.

AGM.

Don't forget the March meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. If you are interested there are positions on the club committee and you will be welcome to join this hard working bunch., so put up your hand today or talk to Bruce Farrar.

Six reasons to join Probus

Enjoy the fellowship of like-minded people. Members get to know other active retirees in their local community as well as around Australia, New Zealand and the rest of the world.

Take advantage of exclusive deals. The Probus Member Benefits Scheme offers exclusive access to great deals and special offers from Probus Partners.

Explore Australia and overseas. Enjoy regular domestic and international trips such as Rendezvous, Probus Retreats and cruising with the Probus Cruise Club.

Save on travel insurance tailored for you. Probus Travel Insurance is designed just for over-55s and is available for one flat fee for travellers up to 100 years of age.

Stay in the loop. Every second month, Active RetireesTM magazine keeps members informed about the latest news for over-55s with expert advice on finance, technology, health and travel.

Develop new interests and stay active. Listen to experts talk at your club meetings on topics such as travelling the world, researching history and ancestry, and more, and join in activities such as cycling or hiking.

**Minutes of Pittwater Probus Inc
Meeting 8th December 2015**

33 members present

Meeting opened by President Arthur Napper

APOLOGIES, There were 8 apologies from members

INDUCTIONS No inductions.

MINUTES were read and confirmed Mv W Dalzell 2nd Alan Smith carried

BIRTHDAYS Warwick Dalzell, Cliff Hensby, Graham Morgan, Ross Turner, Alan Smith

ANNIVERSARIES.

CORRESPONDENCE. Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance at 1/11/15 \$ 4091.96

Receipts

Morning Teas \$ 119.00

Xmas lunch \$ 1800.00

Badge \$ 20.00

Total \$1939.00

Payments

Morning Tea \$ 120.00

Admin \$ 43.69

Badge \$ 19.00

Total \$ 250.70

Balance at 30/11/15 \$ 5780.26

Mvd David Varley 2nd Arthur Napper: carried

FUNCTIONS Christmas lunch 15th December. Name tags for ladies. Members wear badges.
Don't pay for drinks at bar.

ACTIVITIES Geoff Richards resigned. John Harston to continue.

SPEAKERS Brian Kennedy has engaged the following speakers:-

President's Day Antarctica
January The Struggle for Unity

WELFARE REPORT Gordon Crowe in hospital.

GENERAL BUSINESS. Bill Sherman encouraged members to support Trivia Night on Tues.16 February, 2016.

Following the coffee break President Arthur Napper entertained us with reminiscences and slides of his journey to Antarctica.

(After the meeting we had Xmas cake and wine).

GOLF at Palm Beach Friday 14th at Palm Beach at 10am Friday 11th

Meeting closed at 12.15 pm

Signed as a correct record