



Pittwater Mens Probus
Amicus et Dignus

Newsletter

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Presidents Message

There is a small but important thing that Members can do to help your Committee.

You will understand that if an activity or outing is planned then it is difficult if the organiser does not know how many Members or their partners will be coming. Not least, the people at the venue we are visiting always ask and it is embarrassing if we have to answer that "we haven't a clue"!

So, can I ask you to contact the organiser and let him know your intentions.

For those of you who use the computer to check the Probus program a simple computer response button is being introduced so that you can email back to the Club.

If you prefer to phone, then Committee phone numbers are included in each issue of the newsletter and a call would be welcome. You can also use the call to let the Organiser know if you would like a lift as that can always be arranged.

The third option, of course, is to tell us at any Club meeting prior to the event as most times we are able to advise Members of upcoming events well in advance.

Please, take the time. It will be a great help.

Bill Sherman

Future Speakers

December December each year is "Presidents Pick". 2016 President Bill Sherman will talk about the many blends of whisky from around the world. To top off the talk, Bill will have a range of samples to taste. Certainly an enjoyable way to end the year!

2017 Club Speaker Organiser, Brian Kennedy, is preparing a varied list of entertaining speakers for 2017.

November Speaker



Club member Gordon Kinlay will talk about his two favorite architects, Antonio Gaudí who designed the Sagrada Família in Barcelona (left) and Frank Gehry the Canadian architect who designed the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Basque Country, Spain (below) and the intriguing Dr Chan Chak Wing of the University of Technology in Sydney (bottom).



Speaker's Corner

Our monthly speaker, Detective Superintendent Deborah Wallace, Commander Gangs Squad, who was to speak about her work in disrupting drug gangs in Cabramatta and elsewhere for 30 years, was unable to attend. Fortunately Geoff Richards was able to step into the breach.

Geoff, as you will remember, recently gave us a talk on our own Botanic gardens, and for good measure this time he took us on a tour of two of the well known gardens of the world, Singapore's Botanical Gardens and the Ninfa Gardens in central Italy

Gardens by the Bay is a nature park spanning 101 hectares of reclaimed land in central Singapore, adjacent to the Marina Reservoir. The park consists of three waterfront gardens: Bay South Garden, Bay East Garden and Bay Central Garden.

The photographs of the Singapore Gardens were spectacular. Bay South Garden is the largest of the gardens. Inspired by an orchid, the design resembles Singapore's national flower, Vanda 'Miss Joaquim'. You can't miss the massive Supertrees here. These tree-shaped vertical gardens are between 9 to 16 storeys tall. You can walk on the suspended walkway between two Supertrees to enjoy a bird's eye view of the gardens. In the evening, catch the sky show of choreographed lights and sounds at the Garden Rhapsody amidst the Supertrees. What else will you find there?

Flower Dome



Supertrees



Dragonfly & Kingfisher Lakes



The Flower Dome replicates the cool-dry climate of Mediterranean regions and houses a collection of plants from deserts all over the world. The Supertrees, stunning man-made trees of up to 16 storeys tall can be found all around the Gardens, with 12 at the Supertree Grove.

Dragonfly & Kingfisher Lakes. These beautiful lakes are a rich source of aquatic life and also act as an eco-filter to cleanse water pumped in from the Marina reservoir.

The Garden of Ninfa

The Garden of Ninfa (Giardino di Ninfa), built on the ruins of the medieval town of Ninfa in the Pontine Marshes (Agro Pontino), has been classified by the New York Times as one of the most beautiful and romantic gardens in the world.



You are invited to the Pittwater Probus

Christmas Lunch

Date and time: Tuesday 20th December, 12 noon

Venue: Mona Vale Golf Club

Menu:

- ***Welcome drink (wine, beer, soft) at bar***
- ***Two courses (main and dessert), each by alternative drop***
- ***Bottle of red wine and white wine per table***
- ***Tea and coffee***

Cost: \$45 per head, inclusive of above menu and Lucky Door prize

Registration and payment: To be made on or before November 8th, 2016 meeting

Payment method: Cash, or cheque made out to Probus Club of Pittwater.

If you cannot attend the November meeting, please post your cheque to:

Gordon Stokes,

Function organiser

Villa 112/6-14 Macpherson St

Warriewood NSW 2102.

Please note no refunds after Tuesday December 13, 2016



New Member

David Bennett



Our second member to be featured is David Bennett who was inducted during the October Probus meeting.

David was born in 1937 in Portsmouth in the UK. His father was in the British Army and was stationed at Portsmouth at the time. David is an Electrical Engineer by profession but has had a lifetime in computers working in the UK and in California in the USA. When David retired he went searching for a sunny place to live and ,of course, chose Australia.

David's claim to fame is that he once had a conversation with Bill Gates of Microsoft renown. A little bit challenging seeing he is an 'Apple Mac' person!

David, welcome to Pittwater Probus.

Functions & Activities Program

Month	Day	Activity	Location	Comments
November 2016	16 th Wednesday	Probus BBQ Commencing at 5 00 pm	Flying Fox Park, Mona Vale	Cost \$5 per head Bring your own refreshments
December 2016	20 th Tuesday	Annual Christmas Lunch	Mona Vale Golf Club Cost \$45.00 per head	Partners very welcome
February 2017	14 th Tuesday	Trivia Night Quiz	Mona Vale Golf Club	Partners very welcome

Special Probus Events

Probus BBQ

Join fellow Probus members for a very pleasant BBQ at Flying Fox Park Mona Vale as we begin to wind down the year. These gatherings are becoming very popular with good company in beautiful Pittwater surroundings. Because the numbers are increasing and with limited Club funds, we unfortunately have to make a small charge to cover expenses. The cost is \$5 per head, which will be collected on the day.

Plenty of parking in the grounds. You will not be disappointed. Partners are always welcome.

Trivia Night

Club President Bill Sherman is at it again, planning a Trivia Night for Tuesday February 14, 2017. Join fellow club members and test your knowledge against your peers. Prizes for the winning team.

Past President's Lunch

Ten Past Pittwater Probus Presidents joined current President Bill Sherman and Vice President Ron Seldon at a lunch at the Marina Café, Bayview on October 18, 2016. It was great time with many stories being told of the club in the 'good old days'.

We would like to make this an annual event in order to maintain ties with former presidents who do not always get the opportunity to attend our monthly meetings.



Past Probus Presidents all looking fit and well.



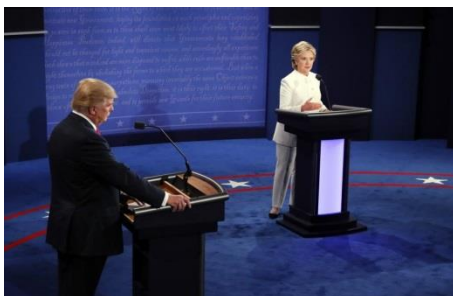
Life members, Cyril Webb and Gordon Crow, calling the meeting to order.



Was that an interjection I heard?

Member's Corner

A new feature of our monthly meetings is "Member's Corner" where a Probus Club Member gives a 5 minute talk on a subject of their choosing.



The speaker for November's Member's Corner will be Barrie Unsworth, who will give a politician's insight to the Trump-Clinton USA president elections. This will be very timely because the elections are on that day, USA time.

Pittwater Probus is fortunate to have members with a very broad range of experiences all having amazing stories that they could tell. Member's Corner is the perfect opportunity to share your experiences or interest on noteworthy topics.

Should any Probus club member wish to give a short talk on any particular subject that they would like to share with other club members, please talk to our Speaker Organiser Brian Kennedy.

Golf

The team had an excellent day. The results were:

1. Bill Sherman 22 Points
2. Gordon Stokes 20 Points
3. David Varley 19 Points
4. John Owen 19 Points

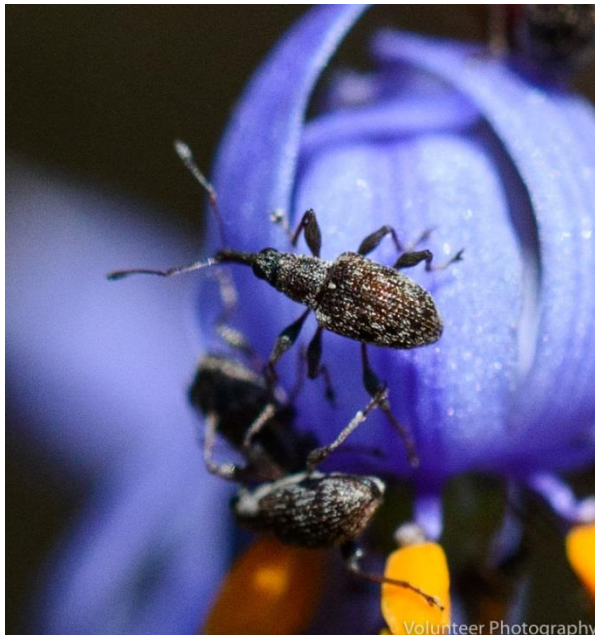
Next game Friday November 11th 10 00am Palm Beach Golf Club. All welcome.

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A Walk on the Wild Side

A small band of Probus Members had an enjoyable day early in the week visiting the Kuring Gai Chase Wildflower Park at St Ives. The visit commenced with an informative presentation of the many grasses in Australia, of which many are found in the Park. This was followed by a walk through the natural Australian bush looking at the many species of flora. A picnic lunch was then enjoyed in one of the natural clearings within the Park.

Thank you Michael Mannington for your stunning photos.



Editor's Corner

How to protect yourself online

There are plenty of things you can do to keep yourself in tiptop secure condition online. These include protecting yourself from viruses as well as strategies to keep your identity safe online. What you can do to ensure that your computer and online banking is secure.

Top tips to protect yourself online

Keep passwords, access codes and any other security information secret including covering your online banking access code with using in a public place.

Protect all your other personal information, including destroying your bank statements securely, collecting your mail promptly and not providing your details to anyone you do not trust.

Keep your computer safe by having up to date security software, checking you are only using trusted sites for purchasing items and not opening emails you're not sure about.

Keep your computer browser (e.g. Internet Explorer, Firefox), and product software (Microsoft Office/Adobe flash, etc.) up to date. Software providers frequently develop updates and patches to address new and developing security threats. Regular security updates help protect your computer from malicious attacks.

Passwords and access codes

- Select a hard-to-guess access code.
- Between 4 and 16 characters, containing numbers, letters and symbols.
- Don't use dictionary words, names of people, pets, sports teams, postcodes, phone numbers, birthdays or any other easily identifiable information.
- Don't use an access code that you use for another service.

Using your access code safely

- Ensure that you are not observed when entering your access code.
- Never disclose it to anyone, including family members or your staff.
- Change your access code regularly.
- Don't write it down, or record it within a file stored on your computer, mobile phone or other device.
- Always log out after using online banking

Hoax emails and online fraud

What to do if you suspect you have received a hoax email:

- Do not open it or click on any links or attachments.
- Delete the email immediately.
- Never enter any personal information including PINs or access codes.
- If you have already clicked on the link or attachment, we recommend you run a full system anti-virus scan.
- Immediately change your online banking access code via internet banking.

Virus or Trojan emails

These are usually sent from unknown senders and contain links or attachments that may download and install malicious software (Malware) onto your computer.

If you act on the email, the malware will try to install itself automatically on your computer, depending on the security software on your computer. The malicious software is designed to capture any information that you enter into online services such as internet banking, and send it back to a criminal who can use it for fraud.

There are many email scams designed to compromise online user credentials or personal information, in order to illegally obtain funds.

If you receive unsolicited emails, do not click on any links, open attachments or enter any personal information as they may expose your computer to viruses, worms, trojans, rootkits or spyware.

Security software

Ensure you have security software installed on your computer including anti-virus, anti-spyware, anti-spam and firewall products. It is important to ensure that they are regularly updated.

By installing anti-virus, anti-spyware and firewall security software on your computer and ensuring regular automatic updates are enabled, you can help to keep your computer protected against external attacks by viruses, worms or hackers. This can be done for little or no cost using free software or commercial products available. Often a free trial of security software is offered with a new computer. If you activate these, take note of the expiry date and ensure that you renew the subscription before it expires.

Anti-virus

Although installing reputable anti-virus software and keeping it updated should protect you against most known viruses, you need to be cautious about not opening emails, email attachments or files on your system of unknown origin. Even if you know the sender, it is a good idea to always scan files for viruses before opening them.

Only install software that is received from a trusted source and is published by a trusted software vendor. If you choose to install free security applications available on the internet, we recommend you seek guidance from an IT professional to ensure you are choosing reputable applications.

Anti-spyware

Spyware collects personal information from your computer without your consent and is usually installed without your knowledge. This can occur when you click on a helpful pop-up message, but a lot of spyware is bundled and automatically installed with some free software packages.

Firewall

It is essential that any computer connected to the internet is protected by a firewall to ensure the security of your financial transactions and computer. A firewall helps protect your computer from hackers who may try to steal or delete information from your computer.

If you are using a combined modem/router, or any type of internet or broadband router you should review the documentation that came with the device and familiarise yourself with the configuration page. Usually the configuration page can be easily accessed by typing the device's IP address available from their documentation, into your web browser's address bar.

Many of these devices have a built-in firewall which is often disabled by default. By enabling the built-in firewall, you will be better protected against manual and automated attacks on your computer system.

Minutes of Pittwater Probus Inc.

Meeting	11 th October 2016 Meeting opened by President Bill Sherman. 40 members present, 3 guests present, 9 apologies.
Inductions	David Bennett was inducted.
Minutes	Minutes of the September meeting were published, Mvd. Bruce Farrar, 2 nd Arthur Napper, carried.
Birthdays	Ron Seldon noted the following members birthdays: Roy Bedford, John Henkel, Brian Kennedy, Edwin Koeppen, Ken Plumb, Phillip Schofield.

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Correspondence	No correspondence.
Treasurer's Report	Presented by David Varley Balance at 1/9/2016 \$3,845.63 Receipts: Morning Teas \$112.00, Members subs \$80.00, Badge \$20.00 Total \$212.00 Payments: Morning Teas \$120.00, Admin. \$55.50, Speakers Wine \$69.48, Birthday Wine \$103.74, Badge \$19.00 Total \$367.72 Balance at 30/9/2016 \$3,698.91 Mvd. David Varley, 2 nd Ron Seldon, carried
Welfare Report	No report.
Activities	October 31 st , walk through Ku ring gai Wildflower Gardens at St Ives. Meet at 9 30 am, bring lunch and refreshments. November 2 nd , Tour Bus Museum at Leichhardt, make own way there. Gordon Stokes gave notice of the Christmas Lunch December 20 th . \$45 P/P, Mona Vale Golf Club. Past President's Lunch at Marina Café, Quays Marina Boatshed. October 18 th 12 30pm \$50 P/P.
IT Report	No report.
Golf	Golf at Palm Beach 14 th October at 10 00 am.
General Business	No General Business
Member's Corner	Bryan Pritchard entertained the meeting with his moral situations.
Speaker	Coffee break was followed by Geoff Richards always ready to fill in, when problems occur, with his presentation. Debra Wallace was scheduled to speak at the meeting but was unable to do so and Geoff Richards was able to present a slide show of the Singapore Botanic Gardens, a private garden in Italy and finally an overland trip through the Kimberley's. This was well received and a vote of thanks was moved by Roy Bedford.
Next Meeting	8 th November 2016 Meeting Closed at 11.55 pm. Signed as a correct record.

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