



Pittwater Mens Probus
Amicus et Dignus

Newsletter

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Presidents Message

We came to Australia in 1969 as emigrants from UK arriving just before Christmas. In fact, by the time we had settled in and got somewhere to live (actually a Unit just up the road from Mona Vale Golf Club), Christmas was upon us.

New migrants, surrounded by strangers and a long way from home!

But neighbours and others went out of their way, big time, to make us welcome. We were asked out over the holiday by so many people, people that we had only very recently met, that we had no time to feel lonely or alone.

It was a great Christmas that Gill and I and the kids have never forgotten and feel eternally grateful for.

And so, when I wish you and yours a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and happy 2017, you will understand that I am thinking just a little about Christmas 1969.

Merry Christmas

Bill Sherman

Golf

The team had an excellent day with 8 players vying for the distinguished trophy. The results were:

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| 1. Bill Sherman | 22 Points |
| 2. Allan Smith | 19 Points |
| 3. Geoff Richards & John Owens | 16 Points |

Next game Friday December 16th 10 00am Palm Beach Golf Club. All welcome.

Future Speakers

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| January 2017 | Les Mosley, a retired local school teacher, will talk about the collection of the Art Gallery. Les was for many years head of volunteer guides to the Gallery. |
| February 2017 | Martin Thomas has agreed to talk to us about nuclear power. Martin has toured the world with Ziggy Switkowski looking at nuclear plants and has spoken on this topic. |
| March 2017 | Noel Phelan, a volunteer guide at the Sydney Maritime Museum, has agreed to talk about the Japanese submarines that invaded Sydney Harbour in 1942. |

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December Speaker



December each year is “Presidents Pick”. 2016 President Bill Sherman will talk about the many blends of whisky from around the world. Bill will describe how whisky is made and what makes one whisky different from another. The difference between single malt and blended whisky. How to enjoy whisky, that is how to drink it!

To top off the talk, Bill will have a number of different samples to taste. A good quality blended Scottish whisky; a heavily peated whisky from the Scottish Isles; an Indian whisky; a Tasmanian single malt; a straight bourbon from the USA and a Moonshine for the brave.

Certainly an enjoyable way to end the year!

(If members prefer not to taste the whisky samples, there will be wine.)



Speaker's Corner

Gordon Kinlay gave us a talk about two of his favourite architects, Antonio Gaudí, celebrated for his la Sagrada la Familia and Frank Gehry, best known for the Guggenheim Museum building in Bilbao, Spain.

In 1883, Gaudí was charged with the construction of a Barcelona cathedral called Basilica i Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia (Basilica and Expiatory Church of the Holy Family). The plans had been drawn up earlier, and construction had already begun, but Gaudí completely changed the design, stamping it with his own distinctive style. After 1902, Antoni Gaudí's designs began to defy conventional stylistic classification, and he created a type of structure known as equilibrated—that is, it could stand on its own without internal bracing, external buttressing, etc. The primary functional elements of this system were columns that tilted to employ diagonal thrusts and lightweight tile vaults. Notably, Gaudí used his equilibrated system to construct two Barcelona apartment buildings: the Casa Batlló (1904–06) and the Casa Milà (1905–10), whose floors were structured like clusters of tile lily pads.

Increasingly pious, after 1910, Gaudí abandoned nearly all other work to focus on the Sagrada Familia. While employing Gaudí's equilibrated methods, the church would borrow from the cathedral-Gothic and Art Nouveau styles but present them in a form beyond recognition. Gaudí died while still working on the Sagrada Familia on June 10, 1926, in Barcelona, Spain. While the structure remained unfinished at his death in 1926—only one transept with one of four towers was built—the extraordinary structure has a final completion target date of 2026, to mark the 100th anniversary of his passing.

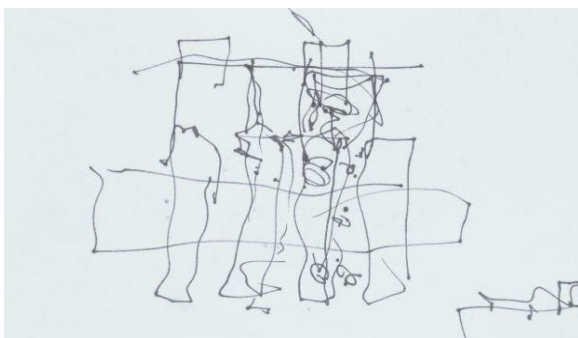


Casa Milo Apartments, Barcelona



Church at Coloma de Carvello

Frank Gehry is a Canadian-American architect known for postmodern designs, including the Walt Disney Concert Hall and the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain. Frank Gehry is considered one of the most relevant and influential architects in the world. The Guggenheim Museum Bilbao is one of Frank Gehry's most celebrated works.



Gordon explained in some detail the origin of both architectural gems and provided some excellent photos of both buildings.

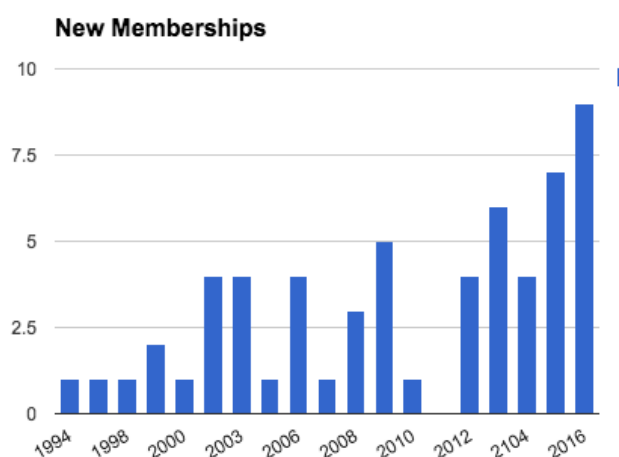
Incidentally Gehry is known locally for his \$180 million Dr Chau Chak Wing Building at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS).

The quick sketch that architect Frank Gehry drew of the proposed UTS building in Ultimo.

Don't Forget the Pittwater Probus Annual...



Club Membership



Thanks to the good work of Bill Marshall and member colleagues, our club membership has steadily increased over the past few years. Whilst this is good news we need to continue to grow our numbers and each member is asked to seek new applicants who may be interested in joining our fine club. Please advise Bill Marshall and invite them as guest to the next meeting. As always, they will be made most welcome.

Fares Please !!

On November 2, 2016 a number of Probus Members visited the Bus & Tram Museum in Leichhardt organised by Barrie Unsworth. The visit included a ride in a vintage bus over Gladesville Bridge and onto Hunter's Hill and back, complete with bus tickets.



A part of the impressive display at the museum.



I've always wanted to drive a bus !



Volunteer Photography

All aboard with “Clippy” Pam



Volunteer Photography

Mary, when do you think the bus driver will turn up?



The team takes to the road.

Play your cards right



Pittwater Probus member Greg Swasbrick has offered to set up a Card Group for fellow Probus Members.

The idea is very new, so just how the Group would operate is by no means fixed. The format will be decided by Members (wives and partners are also very welcome, of course) who join up and wish to play.

Greg's idea is to hold games at different houses, on a monthly basis to start with. Perhaps playing 500 and Bridge with some instruction provided for those who need it. Morning sessions would be followed by a BBQ lunch. He wants the games to be fun rather than onerous.

The first session is planned for January 19th at Greg's house in Bayview.

If you would like to attend please call Greg on 0425 841 435

The Word is out on the Probus BBQ

The word has got around about the Great Pittwater Probus BBQ with an increase in the number of Members enjoying a very pleasant get together in the peaceful surrounds of the Flying Fox Reserve on the sparkling shores of Winnererremy Bay.

If you enjoy good company in a relaxed setting make sure you join us at the next BBQ.



You meet the nicest people at a Pittwater Probus BBQ.



This beats dining at the Ritz !



Master Chef John Harston.



The secret is in how you turn the sausages.

Calling all Scholars

A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

TRIVIA NIGHT

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FEBRUARY 14, 2017. FROM 6PM.

MONA VALE GOLF CLUB

DINNER (2 COURSES + COFFEE) \$32

PLAY IN TEAMS 50 QUESTIONS

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Editor's Corner

Pay Wave – Scary or Secure ?

Australians are known for our willingness to embrace the latest gadgetry and technology, and the payWave2 method of paying for goods and services is no exception. But how does it work and how secure is it?

More and more retailers are offering payWave, particularly smaller businesses such as cafés and newsagents. These businesses find that due to having no minimum spend, contactless payment systems are a popular alternative to cash.

However, given the possibilities of fraud and identification theft, you'd be wise to get the facts before trying any new technology. The good news is that tap-and-go technology is exceptionally secure. To fully appreciate exactly how secure, we need to look at how payWave works.

Embedded within contactless cards is a smart chip containing account information. This information is protected by sophisticated security, including encryption technology.

When presenting your card for payment, you bring the card within four centimetres of a payWave terminal to enable the smart chip and reader to connect and exchange security information. Only then can the transaction happen and a unique transaction code be allocated.

You cannot inadvertently pay for someone else's purchases, nor can you pay twice by mistake – even if you accidentally tap twice.

It's important to remember that tap-and-go transactions are capped at \$100, which is an additional level of security.

The introduction of payWave has launched a new term: electronic pick-pocketing. This is the idea that criminals, using hand-held devices, can collect account data by brushing past handbags or wallets containing payWave-enabled cards and then use the collected data to make fraudulent purchases.

This type of fraud is virtually impossible to carry out because smart chip encryption prevents card data from being duplicated. Additionally, if a transaction does not contain a unique transaction code, it will not be authorised.

The volume of tap-and-go transactions is increasing, which means that as a percentage, fraud is decreasing. But this doesn't mean that you can stop being vigilant: it's important to carefully check your bank statements and immediately report any suspect transaction.

Contactless technology is secure, fast, convenient and easy – it is the future in our hands today!

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Pittwater Probus Management Committee

It is that time of the year when we have to consider the organisation and management of the Club for 2017. We are very fortunate that our Club is well managed by a dedicated committee. Our current committee members have carried out their tasks with commitment and enthusiasm over a number of years and we hope that they will continue in these roles for many years to come.

However, we always have to be ready for when someone wishes to step down. This is best achieved by having an "Assistant" for each nominated Committee position. The "Assistant" role supports the Committee Member and stands in for them when they are away. In addition, as an active participant you will have the opportunity to present new ideas to the Club.

One further point, our constitution requires all positions of the Management Committee to be open to financial members to nominate for positions on the Committee. Whilst most committee members will likely volunteer their services again at the next Annual General Meeting, scheduled for early 2017, and we hope they do, there is always the opportunity to nominate for a position, either as a Committee Member or as an Assistant. In each case you will be welcomed by the team and enjoy the camaraderie of the Committee.

To assist in deciding where you can help, the following list defines the Committee positions:

President	Conducts the procedure and wellbeing of all meetings.
Vice President (President Elect)	President's duties when the President is unavailable.
Secretary	Prepares and records minutes of all meetings. Maintains register of Members, responds to all correspondence, prepares notices for new members, etc.
Treasurer	Records all monetary transactions and issues reports at monthly meetings.
Speaker Organiser	Evaluates and arranges monthly speakers on interesting subjects.
Welfare Officer	Is aware and reports on members' medical conditions.
Activities Officer	Arranges outings, tours and social contacts for members.
Functions Officer	Plans activities, lunches, entertainment, etc.
Editor	Prepares monthly newsletter with past and forthcoming events.
Membership Officer	Advertises the Club's benefits, activities and promotes interest to future members. Introduces new members at Meeting.
IT & Comm. Officer	Responsible for the Club webpage and Club computer equipment.
Registrar	Records members' attendances at meetings.
Auditor	(Accredited Accountant) Audits annually Club's finances.
Golf Convenor	Arranges Club golf competitions.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF PITTWATER PROBUS ?

INCREASE YOUR INTEREST BY BECOMING A COMMITTEE MEMBER

IF SO PLEASE CONTACT PRESIDENT BILL SHERMAN OR CLUB SECRETARY BRUCE FARRAR

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Minutes of Pittwater Probus Inc.

Meeting	8 th November 2016 Meeting opened by President Bill Sherman. 34 members present, 3 guests present, 12 apologies.
Minutes	Minutes of the October meeting were published, Mvd. Bruce Farrar, 2 nd Jim Attrill, carried. No business arising.
Birthdays	Martin Bullock, Colin Friezer, Michael Graham, Cliff Hensby, Peter Mayman, Don Orth, John Owens, Graeme Proctor, Allan Woods.
Anniversaries	Roy Bedford married 57 years.
Correspondence	No correspondence.
Treasurer's Report	Presented by David Varley Balance at 1/10/2016 \$3,698.91 Receipts: Subs \$40.00, Joining Fee \$20.00, Badge \$10.00, Morning Tea \$123.8, Past Presidents Lunch \$400.00 Total \$593.80 Payments: Morning Teas \$120.00, Past Presidents Lunch \$350.00, Past President Refund \$50.00, Admin. \$14.00, Badges \$19.00 Total \$553.10 Balance at 31/10/2016 \$3,730.61 Mvd. David Varley, carried
Welfare Report	No report.
Activities	Tour of the Ku-ring-gai Wild Flower gardens attracted only a few Members. Tour of the Bus Museum at Leichardt was enjoyed by 18 members and friends. BBQ at Flying Fox Reserve, 5pm 16 th November \$5 P/P. Christmas lunch Mona Vale Golf Club, 20 th December, \$45 P/P. Trivia night 14 th February 2017.
IT Report	No report.
Golf	Golf at Palm Beach 11 th November at 9 40 am.
General Business	No General Business
Member's Corner	Barrie Unsworth explained the American voting system and the problems arising from such a system. Greg Swarsbrick addressed members suggesting starting a Card Playing Group within the Club for those interested.
Speaker	Following the coffee break, Gordon Kinlay introduced members to his two favourite architects, Antonia Gaudi and Frank Gehry. Gaudi for Sagrada Familia and Gehry for the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.
Next Meeting	13 th December 2016 Meeting Closed at 12.10 pm. Signed as a correct record.

Office Bearers for 2016/2017

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