



**Pittwater Mens Probus**  
Amicus et Dignus

# Newsletter

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## Presidents Message

### **Probus South Pacific Information Day**

Club Secretary Bruce Farrar and I attended the Probus South Pacific Information Day in Chatswood on Friday April 28. The key topics included Probus administration and secretariat, constitution, national insurance schemes and travel insurance, membership development and succession planning plus privacy and risk management.

Although the meeting provided an insight at to how Probus South Pacific functions and their objectives for the future, it was enlightening to hear how other Probus clubs operate and the issues they face such as falling membership and filling committee positions. In particular, it was surprising to observe that a number of 'men only' clubs were under pressure from within their respective clubs to become 'mixed clubs'.

On reflection of what we observed at the information day, Bruce and I consider that we are in good shape with regard to the way we operate our club, especially in line with club member preferences. Although, we are a medium sized men only club with 65 members, we are progressively attracting new members which keeps us active. We have an excellent committee which works hard in support of all of our club activities and believe we have a strong on-going future.

### **Last Post Ceremony**

With ANZAC Day being celebrated just recently, I take the opportunity to tell you of a very moving experience I witnessed late last year. Pat and I attended the Australian War Memorial's Last Post Ceremony in Canberra. This ceremony, which is conducted every day at 4 55 pm commemorates those Australians whose names are listed on the Roll of Honour. We were both moved by this very simple but elegant event which lasts about 20 minutes. It is conducted with military precision and dignity. I urge Club Members when next in Canberra to take time to attend this ceremony. You will not be disappointed. I have included further details of the ceremony below.

Cheers,  
Ron Seldon

## Golf

There was no Probus golf day in April due to the scheduled date being Good Friday.

## Speaker's Corner

Wes Harder began his working life as an exploration geologist before going into business as a CEO. He was born in Hilversum, attended Narrabeen High School and currently lives in Newport.

His work as an exploration geologist has taken him all over the world. An exploration geologist's job is to find natural resources such as oil, precious metals, natural gas in oceans, rivers, deserts, mountains, and other remote locations and Wes has been to many places in this part of the world.

Wes has worked as a field exploration geologist for over 15 years in Australia and its near neighbours including Sumatra and Irian Jaya in Indonesia, mainland Papua New Guinea and New Britain Island, many parts of the Solomon Islands and Fiji. In Australia, he worked in the states of New South Wales, Queensland, Northern Territory and Tasmania. His work took him to tropical/temperate and wet and arid environments searching for a range of mineral commodities including gold, copper and uranium and he participated in a Catalina air survey.

He left mineral exploration for a time.

During that period he worked as a resource analyst and stockbroker with a number of stockbrokers including Ord Minnett and Frank Renouf. He resumed his mineral exploration during the Global Financial crisis, which lasted from 2007 to 2011. During this time he enjoyed flying in a helicopter, in the process clocking up 250 hours.

He was a director of a number of companies in the ASX.

Wes followed up his talk by showing us a number of slides of the various places he had worked including Rabaul, Bulolo, Mt Isa, a river crossing in Sumatra (Indonesian: Sumatera), Mt Hope, Irian Jaya. Papua New Guinea, etc.



## Last Post Ceremony

The ceremony is a public event open to all visitors. Each ceremony follows the same format:

- The Memorial's Master of Ceremonies starts with a brief introduction.
- The National Anthem is played and sung.
- A Lone Piper plays a lament, during which visitors can lay wreaths and floral tributes at the base of the Pool of Reflection.
- A serving member of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) attends every ceremony to read the story of the person on the Roll of Honour being honoured that day.
- The member of the ADF recites the Ode.
- A Bugler plays the Last Post.
- The Master of Ceremonies ends the ceremony with a final reflection.

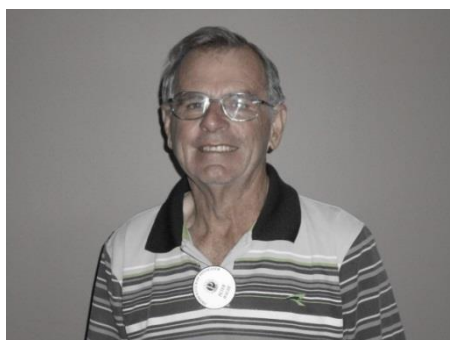


## New Members



Wes Harder, not only being inducted into the Club during the April meeting, was also the Guest Speaker for the month. Wes has had a wide and varied career working as a geologist in many remote parts of the world followed by being a resource analyst and stockbroker. More details of Wes' career is outlined in Speaker's Corner.

Wes, welcome to Pittwater Probus.



Peter Walsh after leaving school became a trainee industrial chemist. After a few years of this he realised this was not his cup of tea. Around this time (early 60s) the computer world was arriving, so Peter joined IBM.

After 8 years with IBM Peter took an offer from a customer to setup their computer operation. By age 50, computers were becoming common and changing too rapidly. Peter bought a taxi and drove

it, selling it when prices escalated, and then retired.

Peter has always loved sailing and at the age of 20, was the youngest ever to skipper an 18 footer on Sydney Harbour. Nowadays he is involved in the Australian Historical Skiff Sailing Association that races historic 10 and 18 foot replicas.

Peter, welcome to Pittwater Probus.

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## Top Gear – the Probus way ...

Our Pittwater Probus “car loving group” took to the M1 motorway on April 12th to visit some of Gosford’s delights.

First stop, Penang Parklands and its native gardens. Coffee at the Waterfall Cafe primed us for the drive downhill to the Gosford Classic Car Museum.



We inspected many of the 450 cars on display. 35 Ferraris are currently on show and there are even some old Holdens, Jaguars, Morrises and Fords.

One of the group had to be restrained from buying an Austin Healy BN6 for \$80,000!

An accompanying wife was the restraint!





After the tiring car museum visit we needed fish and chips at famous “Montes Ashore” before heading south back to the northern beaches. All together an excellent day out.



Gosford Motor Museum April 2017

I could use this to park at Warriewood Square!

... John Harston

## Probus Club Fees

Unfortunately a number of members have not yet paid this year’s club fees. If this has slipped your mind can you please make your payment to the Club Treasurer at the May Meeting. We have to pay the club capitation fees to Probus South Pacific this month and this includes your membership fee.

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## Anchor Away ...



The trip planned for Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June is to the Ettalong RSL Club, known better as “Ettalong Diggers”.

We will travel from Palm Beach by ferry leaving the wharf at 10 30 am, arriving a little after 11 00 am.

For those who find walking from the Ettalong wharf to the

Ettalong Club a little difficult, the club will provide its shuttle bus to and from the club.

Lunch at the Club Bistro from 12 noon and departing the Ettalong wharf at 2 00 pm for the trip home to Palm Beach.

Altogether a very pleasant day on Pittwater and Broken Bay for this time of the year together with excellent company. Make sure you do not miss this outing.



In the unlikely event the ferry service is not operating on the day, Plan ‘B’ will come into effect and that is retiring to Club Palm Beach (Palm Beach RSL Club) for lunch.

## May - 5 Minute Speaker



John Harston will give the 5 minute talk this month. His topic is William Armstrong (Later Lord Armstrong)

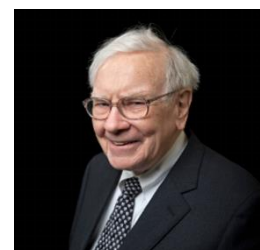
Armstrong was born in Rothbury, Northumberland in 1810 and died in 1900. He was an outstanding Engineer across the disciplines of Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Structural Engineering despite being trained as a lawyer. His inventions included hydraulic and hydro-electric machinery, and armaments.



## Speakers’ Program

May 2017

### **The Secrets of Warren Buffet**

Paul Tieck will talk about the “Wizard of Omaha”, the legendary investor Warren Buffett. Paul took a special trip to Nebraska to hear the great man present his annual report.



<b>June 2017</b>	 <p><b>Gas Warfare of WW1.</b> Cousin of Pittwater Probus Member Arthur Napper, Don Napper will talk about the introduction of gas warfare on the Western Front which earned its inventor Fritz Harber a Nobel Prize and a place in infamy in the history of WW1.</p>
<b>July 2017</b>	<p><b>Cruising</b></p> <p>Julie Donaldson, a local travel agent will talk about cruises. A subject of special interest to many of our club members who enjoy taking to the high seas.</p> 

## 2017 Functions & Activities Program

Date	Day	Activity	Location	Comments
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017	Friday	Pittwater ferry trip to Ettalong	Broken Bay	Lunch at Ettalong RSL Club
3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2017	Tuesday	Join the Pittwater Probus Executive Committee for lunch	Church Point Restaurant	\$28/person
October 2017	TBA	Past Presidents' Lunch	TBA	
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Tuesday	Annual Christmas Lunch		Partners very welcome

## Editor's Desk

### Social media for beginners

Australians over 75 are the fastest growing group of social media users, with many using platforms like Facebook and Instagram to stay in touch with their children and grandchildren.

We take a look at the top social media platforms and how you can use them to stay connected.

## **Facebook**

Facebook allows you to create a profile and collect “friends”, with whom you can publicly or privately swap stories, news and photos. You can also use it to send private messages from your computer or phone.

Facebook is a great platform if you want see what your friends and family are up to. It’s generally recommended you don’t “friend” anyone you don’t know in real life, and there are a number of privacy settings that allow you to control who sees what you post.

## **Instagram**

Instagram is primarily a photo and video sharing platform. Unlike Facebook, Instagram does not require both parties to “friend” one another before a connection is made. Instead, users “follow” each other. This can be reciprocated or not.

Instagram is a great tool if you want to see, like and comment on photos of your friends and family. You can also use it to follow local businesses and community groups, or upload and share your own photos.

You’ll need to download Instagram to your smartphone. It’s free; just search for it wherever you get your apps.

## **Twitter**

Twitter is primarily a news sharing platform. Like Instagram, you don’t make “friends” but “follow” people you want to keep in touch with.

Twitter is a great way to share news stories or the odd joke. It’s also a great way to follow the latest news from your favourite celebrities. Just remember there’s a 140-character limit on all “tweets” – so keep it short and sweet! People will then be able to like or “re-tweet” your pearls of wisdom.

Twitter can be used on your computer or phone. Visit the website to set up an account.

## **Snapchat**

Like Instagram, Snapchat is a great way to send photos and videos to your friends and family. The main difference between Instagram and Snapchat is that Snapchat is a messaging platform, so you choose who your photos and videos are sent too. Another key difference is that Snapchats typically disappear once they have been viewed (after 10 seconds).

Snapchat has a range of fun filters that allow you to distort your features and create cute props and backgrounds. Have a play with the grandkids! We’re sure they’ll be more than happy to teach you a trick or two.

You can download Snapchat to your smartphone by searching for it in your app store.

(from Probus South Pacific).



## Minutes of Pittwater Probus Inc.

<b>Meeting</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 Meeting opened by Acting President John Harston. 33 members present and 5 guests attending.
<b>Inductions</b>	Wes Harder, Peter Walsh.
<b>Minutes</b>	Minutes of the March 2017 meeting were published in the Newsletter, Mvd. W. Dalzell, 2 <sup>nd</sup> B. Kennedy, carried.
<b>Correspondence</b>	Nil.
<b>Birthdays</b>	G. Crowe, B. Farrar, V. Trevitt, B. Unsworth, D. Varley.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Presented by David Varley Balance at 1/3/2017 \$3,515.295 Receipts: Morning Teas \$133.80, Badges \$60.00, Subscriptions \$960.00, Total \$1,153.80 Payments: Morning Teas \$120.00, Admin. \$106.48, Badges \$11.00, PO Box Rental \$124.00, Dept. Fair Trading \$44.00, Total \$405.48 Balance at 31/3/2017 \$4,263.61 Mvd. D. Varley, 2 <sup>nd</sup> G. Sheppard, carried
<b>Welfare Report</b>	Bill Marshall has no reports of sickness.
<b>Speakers</b>	Brian Kennedy has organised the following: <b>May</b> Paul Tieck – Warren Buffet, <b>June</b> Don Napper - Gas Warfare of WW1, <b>July</b> Julie Donaldson – Cruising the World, <b>August</b> Vicki Jones – Cricket by Kerry Packer.
<b>Activities</b>	John Harston reported: Mt Penang/Motor Museum visit, Visit to Northern Beaches Hospital, 2 <sup>nd</sup> June Ferry to Ettalong, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October Church Point Committee Meeting..
<b>Functions</b>	Christmas Lunch at Mona Vale Golf Club.
<b>IT Report</b>	Nil.
<b>Golf</b>	10 00 am Friday. May have to cancel.
<b>General Business</b>	Nil.
<b>Speaker</b>	Following the coffee break Wes Harder talked about “My Brilliant Career”.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2017  Meeting Closed at 12.00 pm. Signed as a correct record.

## Office Bearers for 2017

<b>President</b>	Ron Seldon 9918 0677	<b>Speaker Organiser</b>	Brian Kennedy 9918 0937
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