



Newsletter – September 2018

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President's Message

On Saturday Robyn and I are taking a nostalgic trip to UK to attend the famous "Revival Festival" at Goodwood in Sussex. The weekend will all be about Classic Cars up to 1950 and we are expected to dress up to reflect the period.

It was quite a job hunting through a few old clothes that were in the back of a cupboard to find something suitable!

As a result of this trip I will not be available to chair the September Probus meeting and our Vice President – John Porter – will conduct the meeting.

I look forward to joining you all again in October. I hope to bring back some photos of us among the Minis, Jaguars and Austin Healeys etc.

.... John Harston



September 2018 Speaker

Johnny Pace "Putting Humour to Work"

Johnny Pace is a well-known entertainer, best known for his many television appearances.

Born in England, Johnny gained his learning experience in live performances in concerts, cabaret and television. He came to Australia some decades ago and has been wooing us ever since in live performances of his one-man comedy shows.

He is skilful in song and dance, impressions, impersonations and jokes.

He will speak on "Putting Humour to Work" and have us laughing in stitches in the aisle.



September 2018 '5-Minute Speaker'

Fred Murray-Walker "Crossing the Atlantic"



Club Member Fred Murray-Walker can be considered a true adventurer taking on many quests such as trekking 500 kilometres on foot with camels from Mintabie to Cook in South Australia.

In retirement he has travelled to many unusual places and accomplished some remarkable feats. His talk will be on his sailing boat crossing of the Atlantic Ocean from Gibraltar to the Caribbean.

October 2018 Speaker

Peter Sweeney "Armistice Day"

In November 2018, we commemorate the centenary of the Armistice that ended the First World War (1914-18). A creative public program at the Australian War Memorial will combine public activities, displays, installations and events for the five-week period from 5th October to Remembrance Day, on Sunday 11th November 2018.



The centerpiece to the commemorations will be the installation of 62,000 knitted red poppy flowers on the Australian War Memorial's grounds. Each poppy represents an Australian life lost in the First World War. The names of those lost will be individually listed on the Memorial's Roll of Honour.

We welcome Australian War Historian, Peter Sweeney back to bring his unique insight to this very special time in our history.

October 2018 '5-Minute Speaker'

Geoff Richards "Tuscany"



Long-time Club Member, Geoff Richards, will give us another entertaining talk. This time on his travels through the magic and beautiful world of Tuscany.

Geoff's talk will be highlighted with an array of photos of this scenic and very popular part of Italy.

August Speaker's Corner

Tony Osman "Coal in Indonesia"

Geologist and mathematician Tony Osman delivered his personal perspective on coal in Indonesia, during a 35-year involvement with that country. Before this Tony had a varied career in education which included seven schools and degrees from several universities.

Tony has worked in seven different countries with his career in coal and bauxite, working in coal since 1969 and specialising in Indonesian Coal from 1981.

Spread across a chain of thousands of islands between Asia and Australia, Indonesia has the world's largest Muslim population and Southeast Asia's biggest economy. Ethnically it is highly diverse, with more than 300 local languages. Sophisticated kingdoms existed before the arrival of the Dutch, who colonised the archipelago but gave in to an independence struggle in 1949.

The country consists of 17,600 islands, of which Kalimantan is one of the largest. Tony established the entire operations of Indonesia's first foreign coal contract company in 1981.



The First Coal Contracts of Work (1st Gen CCoWs) were signed from 1981, covering some of the most prospective coal exploration target areas in Indonesia. Systematic coal exploration within these areas was highly successful, with the discovery of several world-class coal deposits.

Commercial coal production began in 1989, marking the start of a steady increase in coal production, that in 2005 led to Indonesia becoming the world's largest coal exporter. Coal is the new 'gold'.

Tony also mentioned some of the more regrettable applications of Sharia law in Aceh, the Komodo dragon in Timor and a very interesting, the short sword from Indonesia.

... Warwick Dalzell

Calling the Tune

*Thank heaven for mothers.
For if we did not have mothers, we would not have piano players.*

Probus Golf

Nine players enjoyed a fine morning at Palm Beach Golf Course on Friday the 17 August, followed once again by a fish and chips lunch at Club Palm Beach.

The best scores on stableford points were:

Graham Morgan (20 points) - Monthly Trophy and 2 golf balls

Gordon Stokes (17 points) - 1 golf ball

GOLF STORY

Allan Smith tells this story set during the occupation of Japan.

A General and an Admiral decided to have a game of golf on a recently constructed golf course for the recreation of the occupying military personnel.

They were having a pleasant round but with friendly rivalry, as each felt they were representing their respective Army and Navy roles, when the Admiral hit a wild shot which hit a rock, bounced off a tree ran through a bunker and disappeared into a grove of trees.

"How do you like my golf course?"
asked the General in an amused tone.
"Pretty tough!" was the reply.

They played on to the last hole where the General who was leading in the score hit a shot from an elevated tee which was on the edge of a headland overlooking the ocean.

The sliced ball was caught by the wind and swept through a long arc before disappearing into the ocean.



There was a moment of silence until the Admiral quietly said "How do you like my ocean?"

*Come and join us next Friday 14th September at Palm Beach Golf Course
for a 10 am hit off followed by a tasty lunch.*

See you on the golf course: Good golf maybe, good views a certainty!

.... Graham Morley, Golf Convener

In Whom We Trust

With the daily revelations emanating from the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry; the findings of the Royal commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse; the Royal Commission and Board of Inquiry into the Protection of Children in the Northern Territory plus other media highlighted issues such as the integrity of Facebook, there is a common theme, or lack thereof, and that is “Trust”.



Society runs on trust, whether it be on a personal level or in business. Trust centres on honesty, ethical behaviour and integrity. Whereas, distrust is based on greed, self-interest, profits before customers, dishonesty and deceitfulness to name a few. Sound familiar!

Between October 2017 and May 2018, Roy Morgan Research conducted 4 surveys asking about 4,000 Australian which brands they trusted and which they considered more distrusted than trusted.

From the surveys, Roy Morgan established a “Net Trust Score” for each nominated brand.

Trusted - Positive Net Trust Score (In Ranking Order)

Aldi
NRMA
Bendigo Bank
Qantas
Bunnings
Kmart
ABC
IGA
Australia Post
ING

Distrusted – Negative Net Trust Score (Alphabetical with no Ranking)

AMP
ANZ
CBA
Coles
Facebook
NAB
Optus
Telstra
Westpac
Woolworths

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It is all happening at Pittwater Probus!

Mark these dates in your diary:

1. Club member, Bill Sherman is organising another Boating Day on spectacular Pittwater for Tuesday 20th November 2018. Make sure you do not miss this special occasion ‘rafted’ together in Towler’s Bay.
2. 18th of December 2018 is the day for the Annual Pittwater Probus Christmas Lunch.
3. Bill Sherman is also planning another of his thoughtful Trivia Nights for 19th February 2019. Test your knowledge against Bill’s repertoire of questions.

Impeccable Timing

Ever been served a small bottle of wine with your meal whilst flying across this wide brown land of ours? And have you read the label at the back of the bottle to see where the wine came from?

On one such trip from Sydney to Perth, the label also offered advice as to the best time to enjoy its contents.

It stated "Best drunk between Take-Off and Landing."

It's on Again!

Winter is over and we are now into Spring. This means time for BBQs. The next Probus BBQ is scheduled for Wednesday October 17, 2018 at the usual location in Winnererremy Bay, Mona Vale. So, mark this up on your calendar and join in the fun.

Club member and master BBQ extraordinaire, Bob Anderson, will be in charge of preparing the culinary delights of the day.



20 Years Milestone



Wilton "Tug" Tugwell joined Pittwater Probus in July 1998 and has just completed his 20th year as a member. Congratulations Tug from your fellow members. A remarkable achievement.

A Moment of Fame



The August/September edition of the Probus South Pacific Active Retirees magazine includes a call out for members who would like to share their stories on their favourite summer holiday or your experience in joining Probus and the connections you have made with the Probus Community.

If you are interested in being involved please tell Probus South Pacific your story in 200 words or less and email it to probus@citrusmedia.com.au or get in contact with the Probus office on 1300 630 488. Closing date is September 30, 2018.

Those members that are selected will be interviewed and featured in a future edition of Active Retirees. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Probus office.

Probus Northern Cluster Group



Past President, Ron Seldon, attended the Probus Northern Beaches Cluster Group Meeting on Tuesday August 28. This group meets twice a year to reflect on how each individual club operate and to share views on speakers and places of interest.

It is interesting to note that each Probus club has its own culture. Some clubs are very active socially while others like to maintain a more sedate way of life. I think our club is somewhere in-between.

A concern raised at the meeting by the Clubs located on the Pittwater peninsula was that Probus South Pacific Limited is planning to start a new combined Probus Club in Newport. A number of the peninsula based Probus clubs considered that the area is already well serviced by the six existing Probus clubs, between Narrabeen and Palm Beach, and there is no need for an additional club. Their view is that starting a new club would create overcrowding of Probus clubs on the peninsula.

Your Management Committee considers that a new combined club in Newport would not impact on our membership or challenge the way we manage and operate our club.

.... Ron Seldon

Pittwater Probus Constitution

Members will recall at the 2018 AGM, we increased the limit on the number of members we can have in Pittwater Probus from 70 to 100. The result of the vote was advised to Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) for their records.

Following the AGM, the Management Committee reviewed our existing Constitution, the By-Laws and Standing Resolutions to which it became very evident that the 3 documents in parts, were not fully aligned to each other. There were many inconsistencies and duplications which did not reflect how our club functions.

It was decided by the Committee that it was necessary to conduct a wholistic update of the Pittwater Probus Constitution, the By-Laws and Standing Resolutions to establish an acceptable level of efficacy across the 3 documents, especially as we continue to grow with new members. We have now completed a thorough review of the documents, recognising at all times the mandatory PSPL conditions within the Constitution. In the review we removed the many duplications and made a number of necessary amendments in order to arrive at a proficient and functioning Pittwater Probus Constitution and By-Laws. At the same time, we were able to remove all the former Standing Resolutions, for now. We believe there is now consistency between the Constitution and the By-Laws.

We have submitted what we believe is a professionally framed Constitution and By-Laws to PSPL for their approval. Once we have PSPL agreement, we will move for final approval of the amended Constitution and By-Laws by the members of our club.

.... Ron Seldon

Probus Northern Districts Golf Day



BEECROFT PROBUS CLUB

Venue: Pymble Golf Club
Date: Monday 5th November, 2018
Registration from: 10:45am
Tee Off 11:30am

Major Sponsor – Twenty Second Year

Scenic Tours Australia <https://www.scenic.com.au>

Attention Pittwater Probus Golfers,

You will enjoy one of Sydney's great golf courses, the post-game refreshments and an extensive prize pool. Due to the generous support of principal sponsor Scenic Tours and the kind consideration of Pymble Golf Club the cost has been kept at \$65 per player.



The game will be conducted through the golf link handicap system. Handicaps are not required as Pymble Golf Club is allowing Probus the use of their pre-printed card system. The golf link numbers will ensure correct handicaps are allocated. This does mean players will need a golf link number to participate in the event, however if there are a number of non-club players then a separate event maybe organised for them.

The cards will be scanned at the conclusion of the event to achieve a quick result. The Scenic Tours Shield is awarded to the club with whose best 3 scores totalled is the highest.

Hit off will be a shotgun start at 11.30am. This will ensure a timely return to the clubhouse for refreshments and prize giving, showing support for our sponsors

The competition will include an individual event, a team prize and novelty prizes. As the responses evolve the field will be arranged to cater for club teams but if Pittwater Probus has only one entry they will be made very welcome in the field.

To conform with Probus rules on insurance cover for Probus events, all participants will be asked to sign the attendance form during registration.

Contact Graham Morley on 0407 217 248 for further details.

Look forward to a great game of golf.

Minutes of Pittwater Probus Inc.

Meeting	14 th August 2018 Meeting opened by President John Harston. 41 members present and 1 guest. 11 apologies.
Inductions	No inductions.
Minutes	Minutes of the July 2018 meeting were published in the August Newsletter, Mvd. Geoff Sheppard, 2 nd Bryan Pritchard, carried.
Correspondence	Nil.
Treasurer's Report	Presented by David Varley Balance at 1/7/2018, \$5,165.89 Receipts: Subscriptions \$80.00, Morning Teas \$121.20, Temora \$260.00. Total \$461.20 Payments: Donation Golf Club \$250.00, Morning Teas \$120.00, Badge \$19.00. Total \$389.00 Balance at 31/7/2018, \$5238.09 Mvd. Allan Smith, 2 nd John Owens, carried.
Birthdays	Peter Veney, Gary Chaffer, Michael Moss, David Taylor, Gordon Kinlay, Len Riordan.
Welfare Report	Geoff Sheppard advised no illnesses had been reported. Geoff Sheppard advised our guest, Michael Hedge, will submit an application to join Pittwater Probus.
Activities	John Harston advised the spring BBQ is scheduled for 5 00 pm Wednesday October 17, 2008 at Flying Fox Park.
Functions	Gordon Stokes advised the annual Probus Christmas Lunch is scheduled for December 18 at Mona Vale Golf Club.
Major Functions	The Temora trip is fully booked.
Newsletter	Nothing to report.
Golf	Graham Morley advised Geoff Richards won the July Monthly Trophy with Michael Moss runner-up. Next game at Palm Beach Friday August 17 at 10 00 am hit off. Probus Northern Districts Golf Day November 5, 2018. Looking for players.
Investment Group	Arthur Napper advised the hypothetical investment portfolio was struggling at the moment, but hoped to be back in the black soon.
Cluster Group	Ron Seldon confirmed the next meeting of the Cluster Group is later this month.
Webpage	Michael Mannington advised that the new Pittwater Probus webpage is now up and running. Michael will give a demonstration at the next Probus meeting.
Speakers	Wes Harder has organised the following speakers: September Johnny Pace – Putting Humour to Work. Short Speech, Fred Murray-Walker – Crossing the Atlantic. October Peter Sweeney - Armistice Day. Geoff Richards - Tuscany
General Business	Nil.
Speaker	After the coffee break, Tony Osmond talked about his time working in Indonesia and, in particular, his role on a major coal development project in Kalimantan.
5 Minute Talk	Vice-President John Porter gave an informative presentation on clean coal and the current power industry challenges.
Next Meeting	11 th September 2018. Commencing at 10 00 am. Meeting Closed at 12 10 pm. Signed as a correct record.

Office Bearers for 2018

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