



Newsletter – November 2018

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President's Message

As our Probus Group arrived at the Temora Warbird's Airshow we were greeted by the sound of Merlin V12 engines warming up and the aroma of jet fuel in the air. Soon the Spitfires, Hurricanes and Mustangs were going through their display followed by the only jet Meteor flying in Australia. The two days at Temora were special for all of us and they brought back stark memories for me as a boy in London in the 1940's.



However, it wasn't just the aircraft that sparked our memories at Temora. The local towns and especially Junee, where we stayed, not only showed their glory from earlier years but demonstrated how they have now adapted to today's world. Junee was a vital locomotive centre for NSW with its "Round House" which is still in operation using its large working turntable, as well as housing a comprehensive collection of vintage locomotives and carriages. Well worth a visit in its own right.

There is plenty more to read and see on the air show later in this newsletter so please have a good look.

Finally, may I say on behalf of the our Probus Club, a big thank you to Bill and Gill Sherman for organising, driving and caring for the group and to Michael Mannington for his excellent set of photos.

.... John Harston

See more of Michael Mannington's amazing aerial photos of the Temora Warbirds Downunder Air Show later in the Newsletter.

September Speaker's Corner

Peter Sweeney "Armistice Day"

The speaker at our October meeting was retired Lieutenant Colonel Peter Sweeney RFD talking about "The 1st AIF in the Last 100 Days Leading up to Armistice Day".



The last hundred days of World War I commenced with the Battle of Amiens on 8th August 1918. The plan for the Battle of Amiens was based on Lt-Gen Monash's very successful attack at Hamel in the previous month. The Australian Corps, as part of the British 4th Army assaulting astride the River Somme, broke through the German

defences forcing a general retreat and the surrender of thousands of German troops.

Subsequently, at the end of August, the 2nd Australian Division captured Mont St Quentin, described by General Rawlinson, commander British 4th Army, as "the finest single feat of arms of the war".

Peter Sweeney is a military historian and a battlefield guide. He completed a Master of Military History degree through the Australian Defence Force Academy campus of the University of New South Wales in July this year. He is co-owner of the battlefield touring company Battle Honours Australia Pty Ltd, which conducts tours of significant WWII sites around Sydney and arranges walking tours of Australian Battlefields worldwide.

.... Warwick Dalzell

November 2018 Speaker

Andrew Daubney "Keeping Fit at Your Age"



Physiotherapist, Andrew Daubney is a passionate golfer, a believer in a holistic approach to metabolic and musculoskeletal dysfunction, and enjoys living an active and healthy lifestyle.

Andrew has developed his reputation in spinal rehabilitation, low back pain and postural correction. He has a specific interest in golf biomechanics, and has gone on to do certification

through the acclaimed Titleist Performance Institute in Florida, USA.

Andrew will be joined by club member Wes Harder who will tell us how to "Check It Out".

November 2018 '5-Minute Speaker'

Brian Kennedy "New Caledonia"



Club Member Brian Kennedy recently had another trip to French Colony, New Caledonia.

New Caledonia recently elected to remain a special collectivity of France in the southwest Pacific Ocean.

Brian, in his unique style, will provide members with a commentary of his observations whilst enjoying his time in this Pacific Ocean paradise.

December 2018 Speaker

John Harston "A Young Engineer's Life on the Snowy Mountains Project in the 1950's and 1960's"

Club President John Harston joined the Snowy Mountains Authority in 1959 having been recruited in UK. He was assigned to the Upper Tumut Works and worked on T2 underground Power Station.

John's address will provide insight into his work and life in the mountains and then in SMA's head office in Cooma North. His address will include personal photos of his work and leisure activities in what was, in those days, a relatively remote area.



This is one not to be missed!

Oops!

As we all know, Malcolm spent some time in his New York apartment getting away from it all. As one does in troubling times. Seeing the odd show on Broadway; giving the occasional speech; taking a passing shot at Tony. Malcolm is now safely home but who was there to meet him ?

You guessed it, the man responsible for Australian Border Force, PETER DUTTON.

Chocks Away!



Early on a Friday morning under cloudy skies, and under the command of Wing Commander Bill “Top Gun” Sherman, our fearless Probus air crew assembled at Bayview and boarded our craft under the direction of Staff Sergeant Trevor. Flight Sergeant Leon then plotted our course to the Temora Air Show.

Taking off to the east on the Bayview runway (which is not easy as it follows the coastline) and avoiding one yacht club and two marinas, we were soon airborne and on our way. Skilfully navigated by

Wireless Operator Michael using Sat Nav on his mobile phone, we headed south-west to Temora, with scheduled pit-stops at Goulburn and Gundagai. However, we diverted to Junee for what we believe was a tactical manoeuvre.

Reconnaissance Officers John Harston and John Porter, with their support team, Robyn and Jan, had already travelled ahead and ensured all was clear for our safe arrival.

On touchdown, Flight Lieutenants Ken and Bruce recommended we carry out a scouting run to check the Temora terrain, which we did late that afternoon.

Next morning, after early reveille, the air crew was assembled under the watch of Warrant Officers Geoff and Graeme in preparation for Temora. This resulted in a very successful visit to the Air Show.



Following the Air Show, it was recommended by Flying Officer Paul that we check the Train Roundhouse Museum. Aircraftman Wes suggested that we also check the local Licorice & Chocolate factory. Both missions were efficiently carried out.



Having mission accomplished and after final inspection by Flight Sergeant Len, we boarded our craft and plotted our way home. Again, with Wireless Operator Michael and his Sat Nav mobile phone setting the flight path. We landed safely on the Bayview runway, avoiding the yacht club and two marinas and despite the bendy coastline.

Our crew was magnificently supported by Lady Officers, Gill, Sue and Pat, whom ensured that all flight procedures and modus operandi were completely maintained at all times

Many thanks to Wing Commander “Top Gun” Sherman for a very successful sortie.

.... Air Cadet Ron

Probus Golf

Six intrepid golfers enjoyed a window of fine weather at Palm Beach until a shower caught us at the final hole. A welcome lunch was enjoyed at Club Palmy following the round.

The best scores were:

Bob Anderson – 19 Stableford Points. Trophy plus 2 golf balls.

Michael Moss – 16 Stableford Points. 1 golf ball.

A Golf Story

This reportedly “true story” took place at the Wagga Wagga Country Club many years ago.



At the end of an arduous round of golf a disgruntled player in a moment of frustration took his bag of golf clubs, which in those days tended to be carried, raised them above his head and hurled them into Lake Albert which bordered the course. He then retired to the clubhouse to enjoy a drink with his companions and forget about his round.

When the time to go home arrived, he searched for his car keys but realised they were in a pocket of his golf club bag. Followed by his companions he marched down to the edge of the lake, which fortunately was shallow, took off his shoes and socks and waded into the water.

He found his bag, retrieved the car keys, then raised the bag of clubs above his head and threw the lot back into the lake and went home!

***Unlike the above player, our members enjoy their golf,
the camaraderie and the lunch following the round.***

Join us on Friday 16th November at Palm Beach for golf.

Hit-off time is 10 00 am, followed by lunch at Club Palm Beach.

“Enjoy the golf, the view and the lunch – two out of three guaranteed.

.... Graham Morley, Golf Convener

It's Christmas!

It is time for Christmas cake and good cheer!

Join Members after the Speaker to celebrate another great Pittwater Probus year and embrace the Christmas spirit.

Enjoy Christmas cake and a glass of wine with fellow members after the December meeting.



You are invited to the Pittwater Probus...

Annual Christmas Lunch

- **Date and time: Tuesday 18th December, 12 noon**
- **Wives and partners welcome**
- **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: \$50 per head, inclusive of above menu and Lucky Door Prize**
- **Registration and payment at the November Probus Meeting or no later than November 30th**
- **Payment method: Cash, or cheque made out to Probus Club of Pittwater.**
- **Please hand payment to Gordon Stokes.**



Show Time



Pittwater Probus has been offered 20 free tickets for the 2019 Premier's Gala Concert that will be held on Thursday February 14, 2019 at 2 45 pm.

This is a very popular event and tickets go very quickly. If you want to join your Probus colleagues at the concert please let John Harston know. We are currently applying for 20 tickets and our application will be confirmed in December 2018.

Probus BBQ – New Date Set

The weather gods were not kind to us again. With threatening rain, it was a matter of calling off the BBQ.

Do not despair we have set a new date for this special culinary social event, which is Wednesday 28th November 2018 at Flying Fox Park, Mona Vale.

Make sure you enter this in your diary.



Go With What You've Got

Whilst visiting Slovakia our guide, Big George, proudly advised despite being a small country Slovakia has all the main foreign embassies, except Sweden. But that was not a problem, because they have IKEA.

New Member

Michael Hedge



Michael commenced his apprenticeship in carpentry in 1966 and completed his Foreman & Clerk of Works Certificate in 1972.

He then entered National Service in 1973. Following National Service, Michael was employed by Civil Constructions Project Homes

In 1976, Michael joined Jennings Industries Construction and met up with club member Bob Anderson, which was then followed by a move to Barclay Mowlem, together with Bob Anderson.

Michael retired in 2012 having spent 45 years working in the building industry which included well known building companies Fletcher Construction and Prime Constructions.

Michael is married with 4 children and 3 grand-children. Michael played rugby for Gordon Rugby Club, but now enjoys social tennis with friends, fishing, swimming and golf. His hobbies are art painting and reading.

Michael, welcome to Pittwater Probus.

Welcome Aboard



Club member, Bill Sherman is organising another Boating Day on spectacular Pittwater for Tuesday 20th November 2018.

The day is centred around going aboard club members boats which will be then 'rafted' together in one of Pittwater's treasured bays.

Make sure you do not miss this special occasion. See Bill Sherman as soon as possible because there is limited space on board.

Temora “Warbirds Downunder”

The following photos were taken by club member and leading photographer Michael Mannington during the Temora “Warbirds Downunder” Air Show. They really capture the excitement and thrill of all the aerial displays.









The Pittwater Probus Air Crew Preparing for the next Manoeuvre.

See more of Michael's magic photos of the airshow on pittwateronline news.

Use the direct link below:

<http://www.pittwateronlinenews.com/Pittwater-Mens-Probus---Temora-Warbirds-visit-2018.php>

Minutes of Pittwater Probus Inc.

Meeting	9 th October 2018 Meeting opened by President John Harston. 46 members present and 1 guest. 9 apologies.
Inductions	Michael Hedge was inducted to the Club.
Minutes	Minutes of the September 2018 meeting were published in the October Newsletter, Mvd. Bryan Pritchard, 2 nd Jim Attrill, carried.
Correspondence	Comments received from PSPL regarding our proposed amendments to the Club Constitution. The Committee has reviewed the comments and is now preparing a final draft for approval by PSPL.
Treasurer's Report	Presented by David Varley Balance at 1/9/2018, \$5,327.99 Receipts: Subscriptions \$30.00, Joining Fee \$20.00, Morning Teas \$105.10. Total \$155.10 Payments: Morning Teas \$120.00 Total \$120.00 Balance at 30/9/2018, \$5,536.09 Mvd. Peter Mayman, 2 nd Brian Kennedy, carried.
Birthdays	Phillip Schofield, Ken Plumb, Leon Cremer, John Henkel, Brian Kennedy, Ed Koeppen.
Welfare Report	Ron Seldon advised no illnesses have been reported.

Activities	John Harston advised the trip to Temora this weekend. The spring BBQ at Flying Fox Park. The Past President's Lunch.
Functions	Gordon Stokes advised the annual Probus Christmas Lunch is organised for December 18 at Mona Vale Golf Club. Probus Northern Districts Golf Day November 5, 2018. Looking for more players
Major Functions	Bill Sherman advised preparations for the Temora trip are complete. Boating get-together organised for November 20 th .
Newsletter	Nothing to report.
Golf	Graham Morley advised David Varley won the September Trophy with Graham Morley runner-up. Next game at Palm Beach Friday October 12 th at 10 00 am. .
Investment Group	Good to see some new faces. Arthur Napper advised a good discussion on medicinal cannabis shares. Hypothetical portfolio sold Telstra and bought InvoCare.
Speakers	Wes Harder has organised the following speakers: November Andrew Daubney – Keeping fit at your age. Wes Harder – 'Check it out'. Brian Kennedy – New Caledonia. December John Harston – Building the Snowy.
General Business	Nil.
5 Minute Talk	Club member Geoff Richards gave an illustrative account of some of the eccentric sculptures to be found in Tuscany, Italy.
Speaker	After the coffee break, Peter Sweeney gave a very informative talk on the 100 days leading up to Armistice Day.
Next Meeting	13 th November 2018. Commencing at 10 00 am. Meeting Closed at 12 00 pm. Signed as a correct record.

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