



Probud Club of Pittwater

Newsletter – February 2019

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President's Message

Gentlemen,

I will not be with you for the February 2019 meeting, as I will be searching for the legendary Princes of Serendip in Sri Lanka at that time. John Porter, who is our President in waiting, has kindly agreed to chair the meeting so please welcome and support John on that day.

I am writing this message on Australia Day after a visit to Newport Beach to see the council's official celebrations followed by a swim in the rock pool. There were so many locals (I bumped into some of our Probud members) and visitors, lots with Australian flags flying, all enjoying the delights of our northern beaches on a perfect day.

Next week the swimsuits will make way for school uniforms and books, and business will go back to normal. The traffic will build up and I read that the Mona Vale road widening is scheduled to start. We will need to add a few minutes to our journey to Mona Vale Golf Club for Probud Meetings!

February 19, 2019 is the date for the Trivia night that is expertly organised by Bill Sherman. All participants can look forward to a pleasant meal followed by a stimulating session of Trivia. I will just be back for that and look forward to seeing many of you there.

Finally, put Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in your diary for our rescheduled BBQ at Flying Fox Park. It starts at 5.00pm for all members and partners and any visitors that you may wish to bring along.

.... John Harston



BBQ is on!

Club BBQ Master, Bob Anderson, assures us that he has it right this time!

The BBQ on Wednesday 13th March 2019 will be held on a balmy evening with gentle cooling breezes, with no rain in sight. Please join Bob and your club colleagues on a very pleasant evening at the usual location in Winnererremy Bay, Mona Vale.

So, mark this up on your calendar and join in the fun. \$5 per head. Commencing at 5 00 pm.



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January Speaker's Corner

MV Krait – Operation Jaywick

Before giving his talk on the Krait, Merv Rosen made us an offer we couldn't refuse - membership of the Australian National Maritime Museum at a special rate. Benefits are excellent. They include:

- Unlimited entry to the museum, vessels, kids' programs and exhibitions.
- Entry to school holiday programs and discounts to workshops.
- 2 FREE guest passes (2 per year) to share with family and friends (and 20% off for up to four people).
- Invitations and discounts to member-only events and functions.
- Access to the private members lounge with complimentary tea and coffee.
- 10% discount at the museum's Store and Yots Cafe
- Members only monthly specials from Yots Cafe.
- Reciprocal benefits at other museums.
- Quarterly journal, Signals in either digital or print format.

January speaker, Merv Rosen talked about the Krait. This vessel has a fascinating history starting life as a wooden hull fishing boat but is best remembered for a raid on Japanese shipping in Singapore Harbour in 1943, by a group of allied commandos that demonstrated extraordinary bravery, resilience and ingenuity.



In September 1943, the 21m-long former Japanese fishing boat known as MV Krait, (originally a little Japanese fishing boat named the Kofuku Maru) and 14 men from the top-secret Z Special Unit, carried out one of the most audacious and successful missions of the entire war. The raid was codenamed Operation Jaywick and the vessel and its 11 Australian and three British soldiers and sailors paddled folboats (collapsible canoes) into Singapore Harbour and sank or disabled seven enemy ships totalling 39,000 tonnes.

Jaywick's British leader and mastermind, Major Lyon, recruited some of Australia's first commandos to join the mission, via the administrative unit known as Z Special.

Many Special Operations veterans now identify as serving under the name 'Z Special Unit', including the men who served on board MV Krait. Because of the high level of secrecy, the details of Special Operations activities during World War II were not released publicly until well after the war ended. (The common krait, also known as Indian krait or blue krait is a species of venomous snake of the genus *Bungarus* found in the jungles of the Indian subcontinent.)

.... Warwick Dalzell

February 2019 Speaker

Jay Claren “South Africa Under Apartheid”

Club member, Jay Claren, will talk about his time living in South Africa under the apartheid regime.

Listen to the many dramatic accounts of what it was like growing up in this tumultuous time in South Africa’s history, as can only be told by Jay.



February 2019 ‘5-Minute Speaker’

Brian Johnstone “The King’s School”



Club member, Brian Johnstone will give us a brief talk about life in Australia’s oldest independent school. The King's School is a private Anglican, day and boarding school for boys located in North Parramatta. It was founded in 1831 and is situated on a 148-hectare campus.

The uniform is the oldest school military uniform still worn in Australia.

March 2019 Speaker

Ken Plumb “Aboriginal Art of the Kimberley”

It has been said many times, some of the best presentations come from our own Club Members. Ken Plumb is sure not to disappoint with his talk and slides on the Kimberley rock carvings and paintings, carefully prepared based on his many years working in the region and told in Ken’s style.

Aboriginal paintings in the Kimberley Plateau are unlike any other in Australia. The oldest, the Bradshaws or Gwion Gwion, display a unique elegance and sophistication. Present day aboriginals have no spiritual connection with them or knowledge of their meaning.

The younger Windjana, are equally distinctive. They date back several thousands of years. But present natives are still painting in the same style and the art is part of their “stories” or history.



March 2019 '5-Minute Speaker'

Gordon Stokes "Tasmanian Rosé"



Ever tasted a glass of Rosé from Deloraine? Well now is your chance. Club Member, Gordon Stokes, will tell of the wonders of developing and making this popular style of wine by some of the enterprising members of the Stokes family.

Gordon will share the story of how this Tasmanian venture came to be. And, whatsmore, he will have samples of this tasty nectar to share with members.

You will want to head off to Deloraine just to taste more.

Premier's Concert



Each year, the Premier's Gala Concerts feature some of Australia's best musical theatre and recording artists. 20 lucky Pittwater Probus Members and Partners are going to the 2019 Premier's Gala Concert at the new International Convention Centre in Sydney, on Thursday February 14, 2019.

The star-studded line up for the 2019 concerts include Marina Prior, Adam Brand, Casey Donovan, Tim Campbell, Victor Martinez Parada, Jacob Neale and Lonnie Lee.

Oops!

PLAN AHEAD

Notice of 2019 AGM

Notice of the 2019 Probus Club of Pittwater Inc. Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at the Mona Vale Golf Club.

**PROBUS CLUB OF PITTWATER INC.
38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT MONA VALE GOLF CLUB
12TH MARCH 2019
AGENDA**

1. David Taylor, AGM Chairman, declare the 38th Annual General Meeting open.
2. Welcome all members.
3. John Harston to present his motion to approve the amended "Probus Club of Pittwater Inc. Constitution and By-Laws". (Copies separately circulated to members.) Vote to be taken.
4. Thank John Harston and the outgoing committee for their hardworking contributions in managing the affairs of the club.
5. All holders of present Committee Member and Officer positions are hereby stood down.
6. Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting have been tabled. (Minutes included in the February 2019 Newsletter.)
7. David Varley to present the Treasurer's Report for 2018/2019 and the Auditor's Report. (Reports included in the March 2019 Newsletter.) Move acceptance of Treasurer's Report.
Advise committee decision regarding 2019/2020 annual subscription fee and badge fee.
8. David Taylor to present the following motion, having been approved by the outgoing committee in accordance with Section 4(b) of the Constitution:

"I, John Porter move that David Varley, John Harston, Warwick Dalzell and Trevor Stephens having served in their current capacity on the Committee for three years, be eligible to stand again for another twelve months.
9. Election of Committee Members for 2019. Nominations for positions have been received. Committee as follows:

President	John Porter
Vice President	Paul Mascall
Secretary	<i>No Nomination</i>
Treasurer	David Varley
Activities	John Harston
Functions	<i>No Nomination</i>
Welfare & New Members	Geoff Sheppard
Editor	Warwick Dalzell
Speakers	Wes Harder
Registrar	Trevor Stephens
- David Taylor to advise that prior to any vote, if there are any further nominations from members present for positions on the Committee. Should there be more than one nomination for any position on the Committee, a vote shall be carried out for that position.
- Should there be only one nomination for each position, David Taylor move and declare "That the members nominated for the offices stated above are deemed to be elected."
10. Congratulate the new President and his Committee.
11. John Harston presents the President's Collar to John Porter.
12. David Taylor declare the 38th Annual General Meeting closed.

2018 AGM Minutes of Meeting

PROBUS CLUB OF PITTWATER INC. MINUTES of 37th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD MONA VALE GOLF CLUB 13th MARCH 2018

1. Intro & Opening.
David Taylor, as the appointed Chairman of the AGM, confirmed that due notice had been given for the meeting and that a quorum was present. He then declared the 37th AGM of the Pittwater Probus Club open.
2. Welcome & thanks
The Chair extended a welcome to all fellow members. He also took the opportunity on behalf of members to thank Ron Seldon, outgoing President, and his Committee for their diligent and successful contributions in managing the affairs of the club over the past 12 months.
This success is evidenced by, amongst other things, the induction of 16 new members during the year which means that, per the Constitution, the Club is now almost at its limit of 70 members.
3. Resolution: expansion of membership
It was for this reason that Ron Seldon at the January 2018 members meeting gave notice of a resolution to expand membership to 100. There was general support for this proposal at that time and it was agreed that this would be put to the AGM as a resolution, which the AGM Chair so did by allowing the motion as follows:

"I, Ron Seldon move that in accordance with clause 3d. of the Constitution and the By-Laws, to amend the limitation of seventy (70) members of Probus Club of Pittwater Inc., excluding Life and Honorary Members, to be one hundred (100) members"

Seconded by John Harston and carried by the members.
4. Minutes of 36th AGM
The Chair sought confirmation of the Minutes of the 36th AGM, a copy of which was supplied with the notice of meeting.
Bruce Farrar had earlier moved their acceptance as true and fair record of the meeting. Seconded by Brian Kennedy and carried by the members.
5. Treasurers & Audit report
David Varley, as Treasurer, presented his Treasurer's Report as published in the March 2018 Newsletter and copied below, together with Arthur Napper's Audit Report.

Receipts	2017/2018
Subscriptions	\$2,480.00
Joining Fees	\$180.00
Luncheons	\$3,799.00
Morning Teas	\$1,487.90
Outings	\$2,931.00
Total Receipts	\$10,877.90
Payments	
Morning Teas	\$1,375.00
Administration	\$1,530.36
Probus Supplies	\$300.00
Name Badges	\$177.00
PO Box Rental	\$124.00
Insurance & Capitation	\$790.50
Fees	
State Taxes	\$44.00
Outings	\$2,864.88
Lunches	\$3,841.18
Total Payments	\$11,046.92
Deficiency/Excess	(\$169.29)

	Brought Forward	\$3,515.29		
	Balance	\$3,346.27		
	David Varley proposed acceptance of both reports. Seconded by Bill Sherman and carried by the members.			
	On the topic of finances, the Committee had agreed to no change to the Annual Subscription Fees which will remain at \$40 p.a. plus a badge fee of \$20 for new members.			
6. Election of Office Bearers	In relation to Election of Office Bearers for 2018, nominations had been received from several Committee members who had served in their positions for 3 years and section 4(b) of the Constitution requires that continuation in these positions required specific approval. To that end the outgoing Committee addressed the following motion: “I, Ron Seldon move that David Varley, Warwick Dalzell, Brian Kennedy and Bruce Farrar having served in their current capacity on the Committee for three years, be eligible to stand again for another twelve months if they so desire” Moved by Ron Seldon, seconded by Geoff Sheppard and passed by the members.			
7. Nominations	The Chair advised that prior to any vote, all holders of present Offices had been stood down. The Chair asked if there are any further nominations from members present for positions on the Committee. No such nominations were forthcoming at the AGM.			
8. Election of Committee members	The Chair confirmed that current Nominees for the Committee have all agreed to serve. Furthermore, there being only one nomination for each position on the Committee, the Chair moved and declared: “That the members nominated for the various offices are deemed to be elected.” Prior to requesting a supporting vote for this declaration, the Chair introduced the proposed Committee to the meeting comprising the following:			
	President	John Harston	Activities	John Harston
	V-President	John Porter	Functions	Gordon Stokes
	Secretary	Bruce Farrar	Editor	Warwick Dalzell
	Treasurer	David Varley	Welfare	Geoff Sheppard
	Speakers	Wes Harder	Registrar	Trevor Stephens
	The Chair’s declaration of the new Committee members was seconded by Arthur Napper and carried by the meeting.			
9. Close	The Chair congratulated the new Committee and declared the 37 th AGM closed before passing the meeting to Ron Seldon, past President, who presented the President’s Collar to John Harston as the elected 2018 President.			

Updated Constitution & By-Laws

The updated Probus Club of Pittwater Constitution and By-Laws have been approved by PSPL with three minor suggested amendments which have been taken up.

The Constitution and By-Laws will now be circulated to the members for review. A motion to accept the updated Constitution and By-Laws will be put at the AGM for approval by the members.

How many ships were in the First Fleet?



Club Member and Quiz Master Bill Sherman is planning another of his thoughtful Trivia Nights for 19th February 2019. The plan is for a light dinner followed by the *Match!!*

Dinner will be Eye Fillet followed by Crème Brulee, plus coffee. Cost will be \$35. Buy your own wine/beer. Arrive at 6 30 pm with the meal being served at 6 50 pm.

Bill will have some fun (non-scoring) questions between the main and dessert. Just to get everyone warmed up and ready for the main event.

Then the main competition! Teams of 4 will be randomly moved to tables after the meal to separate the players. It does not matter if you are coming as a couple or on your own. If on your own, you will be able to join a table to make a foursome.

- Six sets of 10 questions. All on Australia or, at least associated with Oz.
- Sections will be Geography, History, Sport, Politics, the Arts & Music and Odds & Sods/Misc.
- Questions will be from the SMH Good Weekend magazine collected in the past 12 months.

Prizes for the winning team. Test your knowledge against Bill's repertoire of questions and see if you can be the best in the class!

Payment is due at the February Club Meeting. We have to pay MVGC then so if you are not coming to the meeting could you please let Bill Sherman have a cheque before then, payable to Pittwater Probus. Bill's address is PO Box 700, Mona Vale 2103.

If you have not yet booked and are planning to come please give Bill a call on 9997 5532 asap. Again, we need to advise numbers to the Golf Club.

First Fleet: 11 ships (Alexander, Borrowdale, Charlotte, Fishburn, Friendship, Golden Grove, Lady Penrhyn, Prince of Wales, Scarborough, HMS Sirius, HMS Supply.) Many Sydney ferries currently bear the names of First Fleet ships.

New Member

Ken Hughes



Ken was born in Geelong, Victoria and during his early days moved with the family to a number of places in the State.

The family then moved to Tasmania and Ken attended Hobart High School before going onto the University of Tasmania, completing a Degree in Engineering. Ken commenced employment with the Hydro Electricity Commission of Tasmania, working on a number of dams, flumes, canals and pumping station projects. Ken then worked in Switzerland, followed by time in Vancouver in the pulp and paper industry before returning to Australia to work for the Snowy Mountain Engineering Authority.

Ken, welcome to Pittwater Probus.

Probus Golf

Good conditions attracted 10 players for our Golf Competition at Palm beach Golf Couse. Winner on a count back on 18 stableford points was Graham Morgan (Trophy and two golf balls). Runner up David Varley (one golf ball).

How does the Handicap System Work?

We play only 12 rounds a year so handicapping is based on stableford points rather than strokes. Present handicaps for the nine holes at Palm Beach range from 9 to 24.

For example: 9 (one stroke per hole), 18 (2 strokes per hole), 22 (2 strokes per hole with 3 strokes per hole on the four par three, as these are the hardest holes on the course.)

If you win, you lose two strokes. If you play more than two strokes better than your handicap but don't win, you lose a stroke, more than two strokes worse, you get a stroke back.

The system seems to be working fairly as for the 12 rounds played in 2018.

From a total of 16 players: 7 players had one win, 1 player had two wins, 1 player won 3 times.

The main emphasis is for players to enjoy a delay free and relaxed round of golf, with the good company of fellow Probus members.

The following Local Rules have been adopted for our Pittwater Probus Golf Club:

- **150mm Preferred Lie** anywhere on the course except on the putting green, in a bunker or in a penalty area. (Assists a clean stroke of the ball)
- **Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds**, a player may play another ball from the vicinity of where the ball was lost or went out of bounds. This allows playing from the edge of the fairway (within two club lengths), with a *two-stroke penalty*.

The purpose of the above rule is to avoid delays and allows a player to be "still in the game" with a chance to score, especially those on a high handicap.

Golf Joke:

Golfer: "I'd move Heaven and Earth to break a hundred on this course"

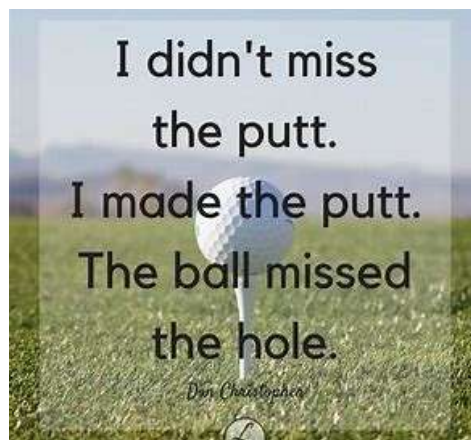
Caddie: "Try Heaven you've already moved most of the earth"

Buy, borrow or dust off your old set of clubs, and come and join us for a game of golf at Palm Beach Golf Club on Friday 15th February.

Followed by lunch at Club Palm Beach.

Healthy walk, good views and good company guaranteed

... Graham Morley, Golf Convener



Sail into history

Fantasea has a wonderful new historical cruise product available from March 2019. It is a 3-hour Cruise which departs from Palm Beach Wharf and Patonga Wharf and ventures up the Hawkesbury River and beyond. The Fantasea knowledgeable host will share valuable and interesting tales from the past and fascinating historical facts with passengers. Taking guests on an unforgettable and memorial experience delving deep into our rich past.

Tea and coffee are complimentary. Snacks will be available to purchase onboard. The cost per person is \$55. The vessel is a comfortable 23 metre Catamaran with wonderful viewing areas inside the vessel and outside on the decks.

The Proposed Cruise dates are as follows:

Tuesday March 26th

Tuesday April 23rd

Tuesday May 21st

The cruise departs Palm Beach at 10am and at 10.20am from Patonga. It returns to Palm Beach by 1pm. Guests can add on a Club lunch special of \$13.50 to their group booking at Club Palm Beach if they so choose. Fantasea will need to inform the Club if this is required. The Club will offer their shuttle bus for guests who require this service from the wharf to the Club.

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If Probus members are interested in joining up with other members for the cruise, please contact John Harston.

Minutes of Pittwater Probus Inc.

Meeting	8 th January 2019 Meeting opened by President John Harston. 46 members present and 2 guests. 9 apologies.
Inductions	Ken Hughes was inducted into the Club.
Presentation	John Harston presented a Certification of Appreciation for 20 years membership to Tug Tugwell.
Minutes	Minutes of the December 2018 meeting were published in the January Newsletter, Mvd. Geoff Sheppard, 2 nd John Owens, carried.
Correspondence	Promotional circular from Glenn Street Theatre.
Treasurer's Report	Presented by David Varley. Balance at 1/12/2018, \$6,458.67 Receipts: Christmas Lunch \$50.00, Subs. \$80.00, Badges \$100.00, Morning Tea \$159.00. Total \$389.00 Payments: Morning Teas \$120.00, Christmas Lunch \$2,895.00, Admin. \$62.00, Temora \$87.58, Badges \$19.00, Capitation Fees \$40.50. Total \$3,224.08 Balance at 30/12/2018, \$3,623.59. Mvd. Bryan Pritchard, 2 nd David Taylor, carried.
Birthdays	David Bennett, Kim Russell, Trevor Stephens, Peter Nissen, Don Tinyou.
Welfare Report	Geoff Sheppard welcomed George Repin to the meeting. Geoff advised Peter Squires was still recovering in Hornsby Hospital after fracturing his leg in Canberra.
Activities	John Harston advised the new BBQ date is Wednesday 13 th March 2019. Premier's Concert February 14, 2019. Trivia night February 19 at MVGC.
Functions	Gordon Stokes advised the plan is to have a mid-year lunch in 2019 plus the annual Christmas Lunch in December.
Newsletter	John Harston suggested that our Newsletter be entered into a PSPL competition for the best Probus newsletter.
Golf	Graham Morley presented the trophy for the 2018 Pittwater Probus Golfer of the Year to David Varley. Bob Anderson won the December Trophy with Geoff Richards runner-up. Next game at Palm Beach Friday January 11 th at 10 00 am.
Investment Group	John Harston advised that the investment group continues to endure challenging times on the stock-market.
Speakers	Wes Harder has organised the following speakers: February Jay Claren – South Africa Under Apartheid, Brian Johnstone – Kings School. March Ken Plumb – 3 Epochs of the Kimberley Rock Carvings, Gordon Stokes – Deloraine Rose.
General Business	Members encouraged to nominate for the 2019 Probus Committee.
5 Minute Talk	Peter Nash gave an overview of the China Political System.
Speaker	After coffee, Mervyn Rosen from the National Maritime Museum gave an informative history of the MV Krait and Project Jaywick.
Next Meeting	12 th February 2019. Commencing at 10 00 am. Meeting Closed at 11 50 am. Signed as a correct record.

Office Bearers for 2018/2019

President	John Harston 9940 0446	Activities Officer	John Harston 9940 0446
Vice President	John Porter 9997 3019	Functions Organiser	Gordon Stokes 9999 2073
(Acting) Secretary	Ron Seldon 9918 0677	Speaker Organiser	Wes Harder 9997 3303
Treasurer	David Varley 9918 7154	Newsletter Editor	Warwick Dalzell 9997 4518
Welfare Officer	Geoff Sheppard 9918 7646	Registrar	Trevor Stephens 9918 2138
Golf Convener	Graham Morley 0407 217 248		