



# Probus Club of Pittwater

## Newsletter – March 2019

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### President's Message

Gentlemen,

At our March 2019 meeting my term as President comes to a conclusion and John Porter will take over as your new President when he returns from holiday in May. It has been a great pleasure and satisfaction for me to guide our Probus Club over the past twelve months and I believe that we go into next year in good shape ready to provide ongoing activities and meetings that will interest all our members.

I would like to thank our excellent Management Committee for the way they have supported the club and me over the last year. As you will remember we lost Bruce Farrar during the year and Ron Seldon picked up the Secretarial duties. He deserves our special thanks for doing this and maintaining the club's administration from a standing start. We have our new Secretary, Bryan Inch, ready for next year. The rest of the team members have all worked in their various roles to keep the club both progressive and active. Thanks everyone for this.

I look forward to seeing many of you at next week's meeting and being able to say a personal thank you for another good Pittwater Probus year.

.... John Harston

### BBQ is on!



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

The BBQ on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 join in the fun. \$5 per head. Commencing at 5 00 pm.

## February Speaker's Corner

### ***Jay Claren – South Africa Under Apartheid***

Apartheid (South African English: /əˈpɑːrteɪd/; Afrikaans: [aˈparθəit], segregation; lit. "separateness") was a system of institutionalised racial segregation that existed in South Africa from 1948 until the early 1990s.

Club member, Jay Claren, talked about his time living in South Africa under this regime. Jay, who had spoken earlier about his boyhood in Germany during WW2 continued his story beginning with his arrival in Johannesburg after journeying to South Africa on the Bloemfontein Castle. He arrived there on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1952.

In 1652 a Dutch expedition of 90 Calvinist settlers under the command of Jan Van Riebeeck founded the first permanent settlement near the Cape of Good Hope. In 1690 the Boers (as they became known) were joined by French Huguenots, fleeing religious persecution. In 1795 British forces seized Cape Colony from the Netherlands. The territory was returned to the Dutch in 1803 but ceded to the British in 1806.

In 1835 the Boers left Cape Colony and founded the Orange Free State and the Transvaal. This was the time of 'The Great Trek' and during this time they encountered Zulus under the command of Dingaan. The Battle of Blood River is the name given for the battle fought between the Voortrekkers, led by Andries Pretorius, and an estimated "10,000 to 15,000" Zulu on the bank of the Ncome River on 16 December 1838.

"Laager" (an encampment protected by a circle of wagons)



The Boers left the Cape to get away from the British but diamonds were discovered at Kimberley and gold in the Transvaal. The British and the Boers fought a war from 1899 - 1902 ending with the Treaty of Vereeniging. In 1910 the Union of South Africa was formed, including the former British colonies of the Cape and Natal, and the Boer republics of Transvaal, and Orange Free State.

In the 1948 general election, the National Party (NP) won the most seats on its policy of racial segregation, known as Apartheid. National Party (NP) led by DF Malan won 70 seats, United Party (UP) of Jan Smuts won 65 seats out of a total of 153. This was officially the beginning of the Apartheid era so by the time Jay arrived Apartheid was well established.

The Population Registration Act provided the basic framework for apartheid by classifying all South Africans by race. In some cases, the legislation split families; parents could be classified as white, while their children were classified as coloured. As time went by more acts followed - Group Areas Act, Job Reservation Act, Education Act,

During this period Jay grew up, had his first set of wheels, moved to Port Elizabeth, joined an oil company, fell in love, moved back to Johannesburg and then to Cape Town.

In 1960 the Sharpeville Massacre took place. It was one of the defining moments of that era. The South African's government's repressive measures in response intensified and expanded the opposition to apartheid, ushering in three decades of resistance and protest in the country and increasing condemnation by world leaders. With the election of Nelson Mandela as President of South Africa in 1994, the apartheid system ended.

.... Warwick Dalzell

## March 2019 Speaker

### **Ken Plumb - "Aboriginal Art of the Kimberley"**



Club member, Ken Plumb, will talk about the Aboriginal art of the Kimberley. Ken spent many years working in the region and has a strong attachment to this unique part of Australia.

The Kimberley's is home to various Aboriginal language groups to which the rock art is referred to and known by many different Aboriginal names, the most common of which are *Gwion Gwion* or *Giro Giro*.

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.

Ken will illustrate examples of the different styles and the spectacular landscape in which they occur.

Hear how the "Kimberley Enigma" has finally become a major focus of anthropological research in Australia.

Do the "Bradshaws" represent an early people who settled the Kimberley, then disappeared? They appear to date from a similar time to the earliest people in Arnhem Land and elsewhere.

So why are they so different. And why are the Wandjina also different to contemporaneous art?



## 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.

## April 2019 Speaker

### ***Graham Selleck "The Sultan of Brunei"***



There are many rich and famous people in the world, but not everyone knows the art to splurge it. However, Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, better known as the Sultan of Brunei is one such person who is well versed with this art of spending the riches in the most lavish ways.

One of the last remaining absolute monarchs in the world, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah net worth came from reserves of oil and natural gas.

The Sultan's passion for the world's most expensive, beautiful, rarest, fastest and unique cars knows no boundaries. A portion of Sultan Hassanal

Bolkiah net worth goes with his personal collection of over 7,000 high performance cars, which by some estimates is worth more than \$5 billion includes 600 Rolls Royce cars, over 300 Ferraris, 134 Koenigeggs, 11 McLaren F1s, 6 Dauer Porsche 962 LMs and a number of luxurious Jaguars.

Graham was the Qantas Office Manager in Singapore for several decades and organised all the father and son Sultan's travel around the world. Graham was their "all things travel related" Personal Assistant and went with them where ever they went.

In addition, Graham often visited their huge palace and rode in many of their luxury cars during his time as PA.

## April 2019 '5-Minute Speaker'

### ***David Taylor "Letters to the Editor"***

#### **Letters to the Editor .....**

**Good personal therapy plus a platform from which to contribute to positive change .**

**David Taylor talks about the rules which have helped him improve his publication rate in "Letters to the Editor " newspaper columns.**



David has had much success in getting his message/opinions into the press and he will share his tips with actual and practical examples of his triumphs.

## 2018 Financial Report



### *Probud Club of Pittwater*

#### **PROBUS CLUB OF PITTWATER INC.**

#### **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2019**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>	<b>2018/2019</b>
Subscriptions	2,480.00	2,870.00
Joining Fee	180.00	260.00
Luncheons	3,799.00	3,900.00
Morning Tea	1,487.90	1,647.50
Outings	2,931.00	2,843.00
Interest	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$10,877.90</b>	<b>\$11,520.50</b>

#### **PAYMENTS**

Morning Tea	1,375.00	1,440.00
Administration	1,530.36	979.64
Probud Supplies	300.00	300.00
Name Badges	177.00	202.92
PO Box Rent	124.00	127.00
Ins. & Capitation Fees	790.50	1012.50
State Taxes	44.00	45.00
Donations	-	250.00
Outings	2,864.88	2,815.98
Lunches	3,841.18	4,079.41
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>\$11,046.92</b>	<b>\$11,252.45</b>

Deficiency/Excess	(169.02)	268.05
B/Forward	3,515.29	3,346.27
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$3,346.27</b>	<b>\$3,614.32</b>

## 2018 Balance Sheet & Auditor's Opinion



### Probud Club of Pittwater

#### PROBUS CLUB OF PITTWATER INC. BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2019

##### ASSETS

Cash at Bank \$3,614.32

##### LIABILITIES

Nil

Club Funds as at 28/2/2019 \$3,614.32

The attached Receipts and Payments Statement and Balance Sheet have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Association's Incorporation Act. The Statements are prepared on a cash basis of the Probud Club of Pittwater Inc. when items are brought to account as money is received or paid.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David H. Varley'.

David H. Varley  
Hon. Treasurer  
28 February 2019

##### AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion the attached Receipts and Payments Statement and Balance Sheet present fairly the position of the Probud Club of Pittwater Inc. as at 28 February 2019 and its receipts and payments for the year ended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arthur Napper'.

Arthur Napper FIPA, FFA  
Hon. Auditor  
28 February 2019

## New Financial Year

*It is here already!*



The new Pittwater Probud Club financial year started last Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Your committee has agreed to keep the fees the same as last year, that is \$40.00.

Please make your payment of fees to Treasurer David Varley at the March meeting or as soon as possible. Prompt payment will be very much appreciated.

## National Arboretum, Canberra



If you were watching the Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, presenting the Australia Day Awards late January, you may have noticed the ceremony was conducted in a remarkable looking building.

The building being the Village Centre of the National Arboretum in Canberra. This award-winning light filled spacious structure, with outstanding architecture and spectacular views, overseas a magnificent mosaic of forests in the surrounding hills.

An arboretum is a botanical garden devoted to growing trees for conservation, scientific research and educational purposes. The National Arboretum in Canberra features 94 forests of different types of rare, endangered and symbolic trees from around Australia and the world.

Although most of the forests are very young, there are two forests which are nearly one hundred years old. The Canberra Arboretum was first opened to the public in February 2003.

One highlight at the Village Centre is the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection. The living artworks of this national collection feature some of the finest miniature trees and forests in the world, created by some of Australia's leading bonsai and penjing artists.

On your next trip to Canberra, make sure you pay a visit to this little-known gem in the Nation's Capital.



.... Ron Seldon

## 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 updated Constitution and By-Laws have been 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.

## Probus Golf

We had a very good roll up of 11 keen players on an ideal golf day at Palm Beach. Good scores matched the weather with a remarkable round from:

Michael Moss defying the bunkers to win with 23 Stableford points – Monthly Trophy and 2 golf balls. Bill Sherman 21 Stableford Points, 1 golf ball

### **PROBUS NORTHERN DISTRICTS GOLF DAY**

The organising club for the 2019 golf event is Glenhaven Probus Club and will be held at Castle Hill Golf Club on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September.

There are various individual and team events, prizes and snacks and the cost is \$65.00. This is a great opportunity to play on a fine golf course and meet with other Probus Club members in the Northern District area.

*Please see further details below.*

*Please indicate to me if you may be interested in playing.*

### **GOLF GETAWAY**

Members are enquiring about another golf visit to Bowral or similar location for a two-night stay at a discounted rate which includes opportunity to play social golf on nearby golf courses. Ladies of course are welcome, including any non-golfers who may like to visit the surrounding attractions.

The date and location, and accommodation, are at this stage open to suggestion depending on numbers and a volunteer golf captain to organise and lead the team.

### **GOLF JOKE**

A golfer and his caddie were on the final hole after a frustrating round where nothing went right for the player and his caddie. In exasperation the player said to his caddie "You must be the worst caddie in the world!"

Who replied "That would be too great a coincidence"

***Come along next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March for 10 am hit off at Palm Beach Golf Course  
followed by lunch at Club Palm Beach,***

***For golf, views, exercise and camaraderie.***

*.. Graham Morley, Golf Convener*



# Probus Northern Districts Golf Day

**Tuesday 3rd September 2019  
at Castle Hill Country Club**

The Probus Northern Districts Golf Day for 2019 is being organised by Glenhaven Probus Club. This is a Stableford competition which includes :

- Men's and Ladies' Singles and Club Team events from a shotgun start
- A long prize list through the generosity of sponsors
- Prize giving ceremony accompanied by snacks

If your club wishes to enter single competitors or multiple teams, they will be most welcome.

Interested golfers need a registered Golfink handicap.

Please contact Stephanie Badger on :

Email : david.stephanie@thebadgers.com.au

Phone : (02) 9899 5509

Mobile : 0418 243 569

to register your interest.

Major Sponsors :

Bella Vista 



## Starlight Starbright

When did you last hear the words of “Starlight Starbright” sung by Lonnie Lee? Let me tell you it was 60 years ago when the hit song “Starlight Starbright” was top of the Pops!

A daring contingent of Pittwater Probus members braved the eerie heights of the Sydney Convention Centre Theatre in February to attend the Premier’s Concert of which Lonnie Lee, among many other great performers, thrilled a large crowd of former “rockers”.

The concert was spectacular despite the performers being tiny images on the stage way below us. Nevertheless, the performance was aided by 3 large screens so we were able to recognise who was strutting their stuff.



## Year of the Pig



On Wednesday 6 February 2019, 14 Pittwater Probus members celebrated the year of the PIG – not the Chinese one, but that of the **Probus Investment Group**.

The group acknowledges that this year of the earth pig will be a balancing time for the boars. In accordance with tradition, this is the moment when the team will need to correct its past investment mistakes and wisely prepare its future portfolio!

All Probus members are welcome to join the investment group and celebrate the Year of the Pig. The group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10 00 am at Warriewood Brook.

## Trivia Night



***This photo says it all. It does not get any more challenging than this!***

## New Members

### **Bryan Inch**



Bryan finished his HSC at Epping Boys High and started in the Qantas cadet pilot training scheme. He graduated in July 1970 and was seconded to Territory Airlines in Madang, PNG for a short time before moving to Western Australia, where he started with Trans-West Air Charter.

Unfortunately in 1971, Qantas retrenched 90 pilots and flight engineers so Bryan didn't get back into Qantas until March 1974 where he started as Second Officer before becoming First Officer in 1985 and Captain in 1990. He retired in March 2016 after 42 years flying for Qantas long haul, amassing 27,482 flying hours since starting as a cadet in 1969, of which 19,328 were

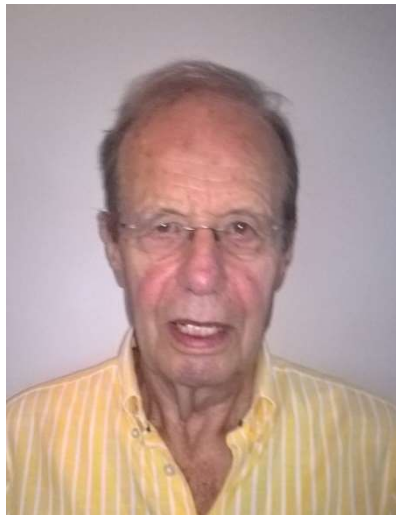
command hours.

Bryan was elected to the Overseas Branch of the Australian Federation of Airline Pilots, and was fortunate to be part of the formation of the Australian International Pilots Association. During his 12 years on the committee he served as Treasurer, Chairman of Scheduling and Vice President.

In 2001, Bryan was awarded a Bachelor's Degree in Aviation Studies from the University of Western Sydney. Bryan has 3 children and 7 grandchildren and with his wife, Christine, is thoroughly enjoying retirement and touring.

Bryan, welcome to Pittwater Probus.

### **Warwick Newland**



Warwick was born in Sydney. His father was a regular army officer and after the war they moved to a number of different locations on the east coast which meant Warwick attended eight different schools, finally matriculating from Brisbane Grammar in 1960. He was then offered a BHP cadetship to study chemical engineering at the University of NSW. On graduating he moved to Newcastle, where he worked in the steelmaking department of BHP.

He left BHP in 1969 to join the ICI ammonia and ammonium nitrate plant which was then being constructed on Kooragang Island. Later the Kooragang Island plant became part of the much larger chemicals company, Incitec Ltd.

Warwick was made Works Manager in 1978 and transferred to Incitec's Head Office in Brisbane in 1983. In 1990 he was appointed General Manager of Incitec Fertilisers, a position he held for ten years until he retired in 2000.

Warwick and his wife Pauline, recently moved to Bayview to be closer to their three daughters and eight grandchildren, all of whom now live on the Northern Beaches.

Warwick, welcome to Pittwater Probus.

# Minutes of Pittwater Probus Inc.

<b>Meeting</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2019. Commenced at 10 00 am. Meeting opened by Vice-President John Porter. 51 members present and 1 guest. 7 apologies.
<b>Inductions</b>	Bryan Inch and Warwick Newland were inducted into the Club.
<b>Minutes</b>	Minutes of the January 2019 meeting were published in the February Newsletter, Mvd. Peter Mayman, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Arthur Napper, carried.
<b>Correspondence</b>	3 letters from PSPL. Promotional letter for Historic River Cruises.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Presented by David Varley. Balance at 1/1/2019, \$3,623.59 Receipts: Subs. \$20.00, Badges \$20.00, Morning Tea \$127.90. Total \$167.90 Payments: Morning Teas \$120.00, Christmas Extras \$134.41. Total \$254.41 Balance at 31/1/2019, \$3,537.08. Mvd. Paul Mascall, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fred Murray-Walker, carried.
<b>Birthdays</b>	Bruce Gorringer, Bryan Pritchard, Bill Sherman, Geoff Sheppard, Tony Mestrov, Nigel Sinclair.
<b>Welfare Report</b>	No Report.
<b>Activities</b>	John Porter advised the new BBQ date is Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019. Premier's Concert February 14, 2019. Trivia night February 19 at MVGC.
<b>Functions</b>	Gordon Stokes advised the annual Christmas Lunch is set for Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2019.
<b>Newsletter</b>	Full year accounts for 2018 will be in the March issue of the Newsletter.
<b>Golf</b>	Graham Morgan won the January Trophy with David Varley runner-up. Next game at Palm Beach Friday February 15 <sup>th</sup> at 10 00 am.
<b>Investment Group</b>	Arthur Napper advised that after last year's poor performance the Group is now deciding on this year's hypothetical portfolio. All members are welcome to join the Group.
<b>General Business</b>	John Porter confirmed that the updated Pittwater Probus Constitution and By-Laws had been circulated to members. A motion and vote to accept the update will be put at the AGM. Members encouraged to nominate for the 2019 Probus Committee especially the Secretary and Functions Organiser roles. Because of limited parking at MVGC, members are encouraged to car pool when attending meetings.
<b>Speakers</b>	Wes Harder has organised the following speakers: <b>March</b> Ken Plumb – 3 Epochs of the Kimberley Rock Carvings, Gordon Stokes – Deloraine Rose. <b>April</b> Graham Selleck – Sultan of Brunei, David Taylor – Letters to the Editor.
<b>5 Minute Speaker</b>	Brian Johnstone gave a very informative talk on the early history of King's School.
<b>Speaker</b>	After coffee, Jay Claren gave an entertaining talk about his early life in South Africa supported by key milestone events in South Africa's history.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2019. Commencing at 10 00 am. Meeting Closed at 12 06 pm. Signed as a correct record.

## Office Bearers for 2018/2019

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