



# Probud Club of Pittwater

## Newsletter – June 2019

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### President's Message

Gentlemen,

Probud is non-political, but I do not think that boundary is crossed by observing that we now have the prospect of a stable Federal Government for 3 years – something that has eluded us for the past 10. Whether it is your government of choice, in the current world climate of instability – particularly amongst our closest neighbours and allies – stability has much to recommend it.



Our presentations this coming meeting cover diverse parts of the world (and stability). John Harston will be relating us his firsthand experience of recent travels in Sri Lanka – just before the terrorist attack in that country. I will present some thoughts on disembarking a ship by helicopter in a gale in the Norwegian Sea – due to the instability of the ship.

Bojana Stancic will enlighten us regarding Home Care Packages in the 5-minute presentation – improved stability at home.

To Probud activities. We look to arrange a not-too-demanding program of activities intended to have a wide degree of acceptance among our members and partners. Our most successful, of recent times, has been the Temora excursion last year and the planned Mudgee excursion this year. The recent meeting at Palm Beach for coffee and a walk was well supported by familiar faces. These activities are pleasurable in their own right and help to build that sense of camaraderie in the club. Make the effort to join in – it is worth it!

While on the subject, within many Probud Clubs there are special interest groups. We have the Probud Investment Group which is strongly supported by a regular 12+ members. We are very open to any suggestions for similar interest groups and suggestions for future activities. Talk to any of our committee members about your ideas. A Functions Organiser is still required on our committee. If you are interested why not come along to our next committee meeting to see how we work

The presentation at our last meeting stimulated quite a conversation and some forthright expression of views. Very rewarding to see many of our members so engaged in the issues raised.

.... John Porter

## May Speaker's Corner

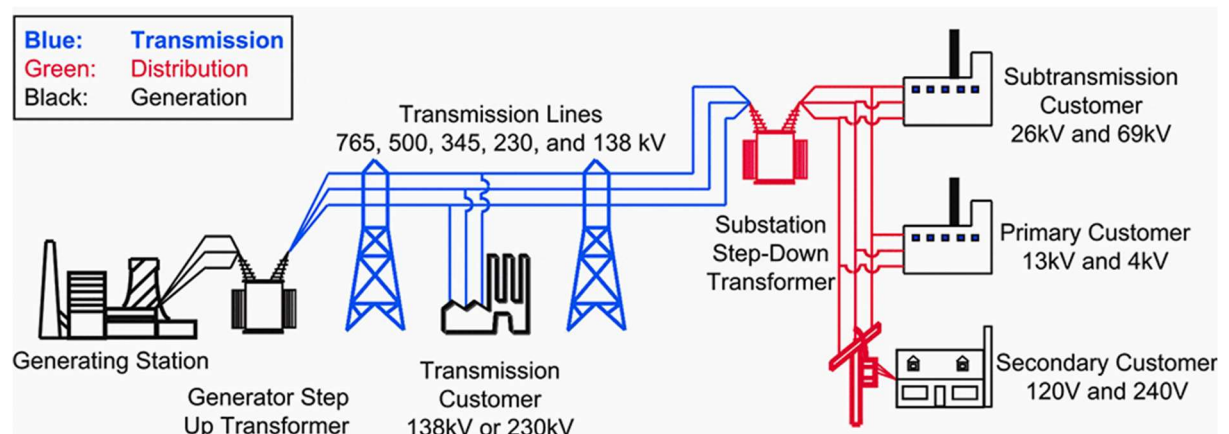
### **Gunter Schaule – "Electricity"**

Club Member Gunter Schaule has an Electrical Engineering Degree from Germany and a MBA from Canada. He was employed in setting up the cyber network of undersea cables and satellites with Teleglobe Canada and OTC Australia. Gunter was a delegate to the Internet Planning Committee in Geneva (a section of the UN) for Canada and then for Australia.

Gunter spoke on the discovery and early use of electricity. He outlined first some of the inventions which made contributed to our civilisation as it is today. Did you know that the Wheel was invented 5000 years ago in Mesopotamia or the printing press was invented in the mid-15th century (during the Renaissance period) by a German goldsmith named Johannes Gutenberg? We certainly would have some idea of when the Internet arrived or the iPhone. Whether these contributed or not, one thing is certain, over the last 150 years life expectancy has increased. Estimates suggest that in a pre-modern, poor world, life expectancy was around 30 years in all regions of the world. ... Since 1900 the global average life expectancy has more than doubled and is now approaching 70 years.

It wasn't until the 18th century that the path to the everyday use of electrical power began to take shape. Efforts to understand, capture, and tame electricity began in the 18th century. For the next 150 years, dozens of "natural scientists" in England, Europe, colonial America, and later the United States analysed electricity in nature, but producing it outside of nature was another matter. That didn't happen on any large scale until the 19th century. Michael Faraday made the crucial discovery that electricity could be generated by moving magnets inside copper wire. Now people had the technology to generate electricity, and to conduct it through wire -- all they needed was something to apply it to. One of the most important applications of this new power source, the electric light bulb, didn't come around until 1879 when Thomas Edison perfected the design.

Once power stations were established the cost of base load became cheaper and by the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century many houses had a direct source of electricity.



Nowadays the search is on for alternative sources of electricity. Solar and wind are two important and familiar sources of renewable energy. But the list of promising and widely used alternative energy is growing. In South Australia a big battery cost \$100 million dollars but this is backed up by 9 diesel generators costing \$250 million. The 100 MW output of the Tesla battery might appear small compared to South Australia's peak energy demand of about 3000 MW, but its ability to quickly inject electricity within a fraction of a second is a large factor in its success.

Another source is nuclear fuel but it has problems (what to do with nuclear waste!). Although it was explained that casualties associated with that were minimal compared with the casualties in coal mining.

Regardless of its source we need electricity. Electricity powers our TVs, computers, air conditioners, cell phones and washing machines - just to mention a few. We could live without it but life would be so different.

(Topping the rankings on the most expensive energy rates in the world is South Australia. The questionable honour is earned by the state's energy retailers charging households 47.13¢ following price increases on July 1, based on a report by Carbon + Energy Markets' MarkIntell data service. Similarly, expensive are retail rates from NSW, Queensland, and Victoria with residents having to pay 39.1¢/KWh, 34 to 37c, and 35.7c/KWh respectively, on average).

.... Warwick Dalzell

## June 2019 Speaker

### **John Harston "A Look at the Delights of Sri Lanka"**

Club Member John Harston recently visited Sri Lanka and enjoyed the delights of this wonderful country. Fortunately for John and his wife Robyn, it was before the tragic events that occurred over Easter. Despite these terrible incidents happening, John will talk about the natural beauty of the country and its special and enduring attractions.

Sri Lanka is a place where the original soul of Buddhism still flourishes and where nature's beauty remains abundant and unspoilt. It offers 8 world heritage sites, 1,330 km of coastline, much of its pristine beaches, National Parks with wild elephants and leopards.

Its culture goes back 3,500 years and includes periods under the rule of Portugal, The Netherlands and Britain.

It is, however, the Sri Lankan people themselves that give the country its special degree of welcome. They are warm, engaging, kind, courteous and proud. Importantly they also play cricket to a high standard!

Come and hear a little more about this enchanting country.



## June 2019 '5-Minute Speaker'

### **Bojana Stancic "Your Health & Wellness"**

Bojana is from an organisation called "Your Side" and is Team Leader for Home Care Packages, and will give a short presentation about services that are available to seniors living in the community and how to access them. This includes information on the Commonwealth Home Support Program and predominantly on Home Care Packages. Bojana will also cover how to navigate the My Aged Care system.



## July 2019 Speaker

### **Bob De La Hunty OAM “Historical Aircraft Restoration Society”**

The HARS Aviation Museum, located at Albion Park, is dedicated to Australian aviation history with a collection of flying, under restoration and static display aircraft. It is an all-volunteer group of aviation professionals and enthusiasts many are active or retired aircraft engineers and pilots.

HARS President and Chief Pilot, Bob De La Hunty OAM comes from a corporate background and is on the board of numerous companies including The Aerospace Foundation of Australia Limited and The Maritime and Defence Foundation of Australia Limited. As President, Bob manages the overall operation of the Society.

Bob is also an Executive Committee Member of the Temora Aviation Museum.



## July 2019 ‘5-Minute Speaker’

### **Geoff Sheppard “Nigeria in the ‘70s”**

Club member Geoff Sheppard had a couple of interesting years in Nigeria, West Africa just after the cessation of the Biafran war and just as the “Nigerian-isation” of companies was being carried out.

Geoff will reflect on the life as it was in 1970 - of work and family aspects. Whilst this time was after the Biafran war, it was before the influx and influence of Sharia law.





## Changing of the Guard



Although a little later than normal, 2018 President John Harston handed over the President's Collar to this year's President John Porter, at the start of the June meeting.

The President's Collar is a ceremonial tradition which reflects the honour of being President of our great club.

In celebration of the role, the name of each President is added to the collar at the completion of their year in office.

## Summer Bay

On a morning in May at 10.00am a group of keen Probus sand walkers and thirsty coffee drinkers gathered at The Boat House for morning refreshment at North Palm Beach.

After having quenched their thirst, they walked along Pittwater's Station Beach then crossed over to the surf side of North Palm Beach winding up to the "Summer Bay" surf club also known as North Palm Beach Surf Club. All totally enjoying the beauty of Pittwater.



*The next generation cast of Summer Bay?*





***Maybe they could do with a country look to the show?***



***Now these are the future leading stars at the Bay!***

## All in a Stride



*Seen in Mona Vale's Pittwater Place Shopping Centre, a lady after buying her sushi rolls from the Sushi Shop took 2 paces to the coffee shop and ordered a Caffé Latte.*



*Isn't it good how Australians can so easily combine cultures!*

## Probus Golf

There were 9 Probus Golf starters on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee at Palm Beach Golf Course on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The weather was perfect and the competition close. Inspired by being runner up last round, John Owens played outstanding shots to take out the trophy.

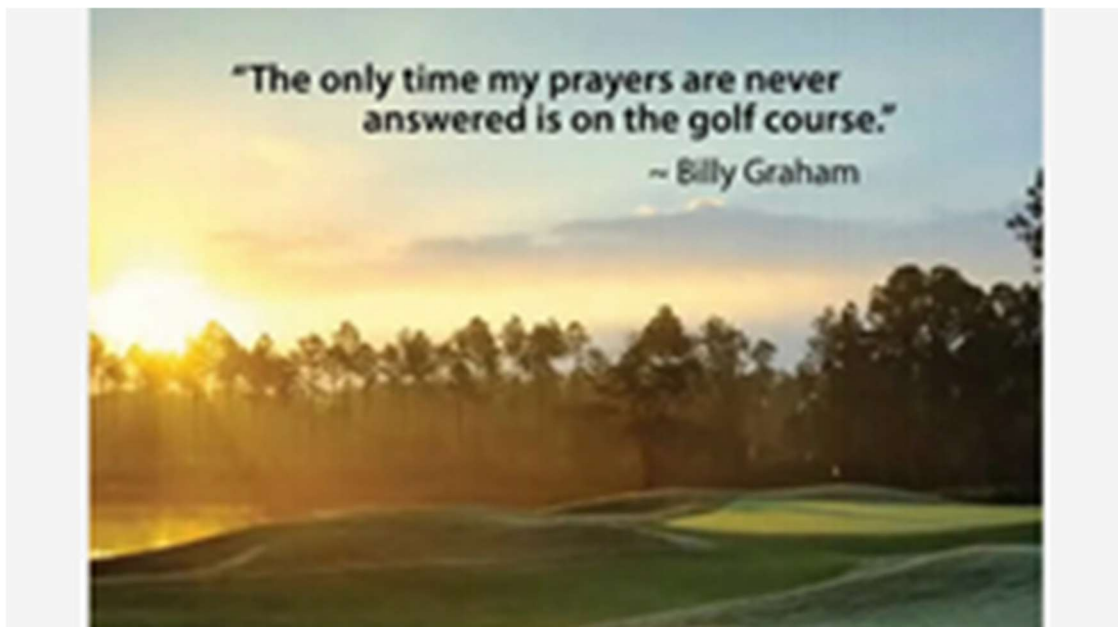
After being recharged by his overseas holiday Bob Andersons was runner up.

The scores were John Owens 22 stableford points- Trophy and 2 golf balls with Bob Anderson 20 stableford points, 1 golf ball

**Another Reminder: *Probus Northers Districts Golf Day at Castle Hill Country Club, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019***

Let me know if you would like to join the team representing Pittwater Probus Club.

### Golf Quote



***Come along next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June for 10 am hit off at Palm Beach Golf Course followed by lunch at Club Palmy***

*Healthy walk, good view and good company guaranteed*

*.... Graham Morley, Golf Convener*



## Coming Attractions

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019:** For those Probus members and their partners who consider themselves to be non-golfers, former golfers or can't remember when they last played golf, this is the activity for you. Assemble at Warriewood Driving range, Pittwater Road at 10 00 am on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of June and discover what hidden golfing talents you have. All you need is \$10 for a bucket full of 50 golf balls. Followed by coffee and 'bragging rights'.



**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019:** Put this in your diary for when winter chills are behind us! A relaxing day cruising around the beautiful waters of Pittwater for 45 minutes followed by lunch at Club Palm Beach. All for \$25 per head. We need a minimum of 10 members and partners to make the voyage. Please advise John Harston of your interest to join the crew.

## What's in a Mandate?

With the Federal Elections behind us, we will start to hear our esteemed politicians frequently using the term "we have a clear mandate to ....." for whatever takes their fancy. But do they really have a mandate for every pledge they make during the election?

For when we decide which political party to vote for, we usually agree with a number of their policies but may be luke-warm or disagree with other issues. For example, you might agree with their plan to manage the economy or deliver better education, but not to fussed with their policies on say energy or mining.

Nevertheless, because we vote for a particular candidate, belonging to a political party, it is conveniently taken by the government of the day that we, the voter, fully support the *total* agenda of their political platform. However, that is rarely the case.

But we have to vote for someone and their party. So, knowing that *some* of their proposals line up with our wishes, but not necessarily all, we regardlessly cast our vote. On that basis, one might believe we have not given a mandate for every item on their promised program, but that's not what the politicians think!

Ah well, it's not a perfect world! Just smile when you hear a politician say "We have a clear mandate."



... Ron Seldon



## New Member

### **Gunter Schaule**



Gunter had the honour of being inducted into Pittwater Probus club and being the main speaker of the day.

Gunter lives in Balgowlah with a Degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master's Degree in Business Administration.

During his career he participated in setting up the worldwide Cyber Network of undersea cables and satellites, working with Teleglobe Canada and OTC Australia.

Gunter later became a delegate to the *Internet Planning Committee* in Geneva (a section of the UN) for Canada and then for Australia for 10 years, working in annual 3 week sessions.

He then became an international telecommunications expatriate deployed to South America and to Europe.

Gunter is an author of a number of books available on Amazon.com/books and also is a partner in a property development company in Sydney. Gunter has been married to Marianne for 50+ years.

Gunter, welcome to Pittwater Probus.

## Clean up?

*Heard on the boardwalk at Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club.  
A lady crew member talking to her skipper after a  
disappointing race result on Pittwater.*

*"Don't worry about anti-fouling the boat,  
you need to anti-foul the crew!"*

## Joining Pittwater Probus Made Easy

Pittwater Probus is always open to new members. So, if you have a colleague, friend or neighbour who may be interested in joining Pittwater Probus, direct them to our webpage and download the Application Form. [www.probus.pittwater.org.au](http://www.probus.pittwater.org.au)

Have the new applicant fill out the Form and bring it with him to the next Probus meeting (second Tuesday of the month) and ask for Welfare & Membership Officer Geoff Sheppard. You can call Geoff on 0437 274 074 if you have any queries.



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# Minutes of Pittwater Probus Inc.

<b>Meeting</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> May. Commenced at 10 00 am. Meeting opened by President John Porter. 36 members present and 3 guests, 13 apologies.
<b>Inductions</b>	Gunter Schaule was inducted into the club.
<b>Minutes</b>	Minutes of the April 2019 meeting were published in the May Newsletter. Taken as read. Mvd. Peter Mayman, 2 <sup>nd</sup> G Sheppard, carried.
<b>Correspondence</b>	Tug Tugwell resignation. Michael Stevens-Jones resignation.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Presented by David Varley. Balance at 1/4/2019, \$4,475.36 Receipts: Subs. \$480.00. Morning Tea \$176.50. Total \$656.50 Payments: Morning Teas \$120.00, PSPL \$1,406.00, Admin. \$12.00, Badge \$11.00. Total \$1,549.00. Balance at 30/4/2019, \$3,582.86. Mvd. Paul Mascal, 2 <sup>nd</sup> John Owens, carried.
<b>Birthdays</b>	Warwick Newland, Colin Sutton, George Repin, Jim Atrill, Arthur Napper, John Crawford, Barry Alexander, John Harston.
<b>Welfare &amp; New Members Report</b>	Geoff Sheppard reported that Peter Squires had a hip replacement operation. Michael Moss and Ken Plumb are not well.
<b>Activities</b>	John Harston advised Coffee at the Boathouse May 22. Planning a cruise in Broken Bay followed by lunch at Club Palm Beach \$25 in June – date to be advised. Bus trip to Mudgee in July is full.
<b>Functions</b>	Nil.
<b>Newsletter</b>	Nothing to report.
<b>Golf</b>	Don Tinyou won the April Trophy with John Owens runner-up. Next game at Palm Beach Friday May 17 <sup>th</sup> at usual time of 10 00 am. The Probus Golf Day on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep.
<b>Investment Group</b>	Arthur Napper commented on the current market volatility. Reserve Bank interest rates on hold. All members are welcome to join the Group.
<b>General Business</b>	None.
<b>Speakers</b>	Wes Harder has organised the following speakers: <b>June</b> John Harston – Sri Lanka. Bojana - Health & Wellness. <b>July</b> Bob Delahunty – President of Historical Aircraft Restoration Society. Geoff Sheppard – Nigeria in the 70's.
<b>5 Minute Speaker</b>	Geoff Richards gave an illustrative talk on the Ngorogoro Crater.
<b>Speaker</b>	After coffee, new member Gunter Schaule gave a stimulating talk on the various methods of generation of electricity and the impact on the community.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2019. Commencing at 10 00 am. Meeting Closed at 12 10 pm. Signed as a correct record.

## Office Bearers for 2019

<b>President</b>	John Porter 9997 3019	<b>Activities Officer</b>	John Harston 9940 0446
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