



Probud Club of Pittwater

Newsletter – August 2019

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President's Message

Gentlemen,

Quite a month for Pittwater Mens Probud. The Mudgee trip was most successful for the 26 members and partners who ventured forth. Particular thanks to Bill Sherman – our outstanding bus driver; to John Harston who organised the trip and to Paul Mascall who managed us all and ensured our return to Mona Vale with as many people as departed.

Special thanks also go to Michael Mannington for the great photo record of the Mudgee trip. There is a full report in the newsletter and a direct link to Michael's photo gallery of the tour. Make sure you check this out and see what your colleagues were up to! The Mudgee trip has certainly sparked interest in – and many suggestions for - our next venture. Watch out for 2020.

We have had 4 applications for membership this month and we look forward to welcoming these new members. So far this year, we have welcomed 8 new members to our club, so we are certainly doing something right. We are occasionally encouraged by Probud to open our membership to ladies and have, in fact, lost potential members because we are a men's club. There are many Probud Clubs between Manly and Palm Beach, the majority serve both genders, and there are also a couple of ladies' clubs. Probud caters for a diverse range of interests and I feel our club fulfils an important niche for our members in our area.

An outstanding feature of our club is the newsletter – a sterling effort from Warwick Dalziel, Ron Seldon and Michael Mannington. Michael's efforts not only enable efficient distribution of the newsletter, but also making available many of the great photos which appear in our newsletters.

We encourage greater contributions from our members – we know the stories are out there! As we welcome new members, existing members receive a summary of their life and interests. Our newer members (and I am one) know little of the background of many of our longer standing members. We can satisfy two objectives here by introducing a new feature in our newsletter with regular presentations on our older members for the benefit of us all. Watch this space....and if Ron taps you on the shoulder, you may feature next.

In Amicus et Dignus

.... John Porter



PS Re the comment in last month's newsletter about Scomo (Scott Morrison) and Bojo (Boris Johnson), I must report that our daughter's popular but not-so-bright boxer dog is called Bojo. I hope the UK can do better – guess we will see.

July Speaker's Corner

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 of which 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 Ltd and The Maritime and Defence Foundation of Australia Ltd.

As President, Bob manages the overall operation of the Society and in conjunction with other Executive Committee Members, involves himself in the promotion of the Society at all levels. He is also the Society's Chief Pilot and the endorsing pilot for both the Super Constellation and the Neptune aircraft.

HARS recovers and, where possible, restores to flying condition, aircraft that have played a significant role in Australian aviation. HARS aims to preserve the aviation history of Australia. It flies historic aircraft and has Civil Aviation Safety Authority approval (based on warbirds legislation) to self-regulate crews on nominated aircraft. It is a not-for-profit organisation, which relies on donations, subscriptions and bequests, and on volunteers.



The unique tours allow you to see some unique historic aircraft including "Connie" the Lockheed Super Constellation and the airliner of the 1950s that conquered the world. You can get up close and personal with a Neptune Bomber, sit inside the cockpit of an F1-11.

Regarding the "Connie", in 1990 some Society members were in Tucson collecting Neptune spares and saw this derelict Super Constellation. In 1997 the International Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators awarded the Grand Master's Australian Award to HARS in recognition of the outstanding restoration of the Lockheed Super Constellation..



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk on the wing of an aircraft? Here at HARS you can do just that, **Walk on the Wing of a Qantas Boeing 747**, an experience not to be missed. For anyone that loves their planes, you don't want to miss the Qantas 747 Experience, where you get to see areas of the plane not accessible by the public.

.... Warwick Dalzell

August 2019 Speaker

Andrew Rogers *"My Visit to the Titanic"*



In September 1998, Andrew Rogers went to the bottom of the ocean to see the remains of the *Titanic*. Back in Sydney, he traced the only Australian to survive the shipwreck, Evelyn Marsden, and provided a headstone for her unmarked grave.

Andrew will describe the descent to the ocean floor in a submersible pod MIR-2 and the 5 hours touring the wreck before venturing into the ship and sighting the grand staircase complete with chandeliers still attached to the ceiling.

On Andrew's return to Australia, he researched Evelyn's life and how she came to be on board the *Titanic*.

August 2019 '5-Minute Speaker'

Len Riordan *"Bone Transplants"*

Club member Len Riordan will talk about human tissue and bone which has been donated for the welfare of others. He will briefly show the facilities used for the preparation of bone and tissue products for people who are trauma victims, cancer victims and sport injury that require these products.

Organ transplants like kidneys, retinas, lungs, hearts and other organs are now common talk on TV and radio and occasionally we know a recipient of a replacement organ. Not so common is talk about transplanted bone, cartilage, tendons.

Bone is the second most frequently transplanted human tissue- second only to blood.

If the graft comes from a donor, it is called an allograft which is the area of interest of this talk and the company Len worked for.



September 2019 Speaker

Gordon Anderson *"Living with Aircraft"*



Gordon, born in New Zealand but spent most of his life in Australia as well as PNG and the Solomon Islands, will talk about working with aircraft and in particular helicopters as a maintenance engineer and pilot. Gordon will tell of his many exploits around the Pacific.

August Activity

Sydney War Memorial – Hyde Park

Join club members on Tuesday 27th August 2019 on a visit to the recently refurbished Sydney War Memorial in Hyde Park. Assemble at the Liverpool Street entry to the Memorial at 10 00am for the visit followed by lunch in the city. This is a chance to appreciate the refurbished “Pool of Reflection” and the new underground “Hall of Service”.



Mudgee Mud

The forecast said it would be cold, and it was cold, but that did not dent the spirit of club members and partners that boarded the bus at Mona Vale on a chilly Sunday morning. On heading for the Blue Mountains and beyond, the temperature dropped even further. Nevertheless, the team came prepared with plenty of coats and scarves!

The cold was soon forgotten as we first explored the town of Mudgee and its many historic buildings, then onto wine country. In particular, the visit to the David Lowe organic winery, where David, out among the vines, provided a detailed perspective of his exclusive method of wine production. This was followed of course by the obligatory wine-tasting and then lunch.



The next day the team headed for the historic “Ten Dollar Town” of Gulgong with its narrow streets and pioneer museum and its history of Henry Lawson. The return journey stopped at the Mudgee Honey Haven for a taste of its special Mead and of course its honey.



The return journey took in Rylstone and Kandos before heading back along the Bell's Line of Road.

This was an outstanding trip and much is credited to our bus driver Bill Sherman and Bus Captain Paul Mascall. As always there is the work behind the scenes and that is credited to John Harston who prepared an excellent itinerary.

Finally, the trip has been recorded for years to come by our wonderful cameraman, Michael Mannington. Please click on the link below to see the kaleidoscope of great photos taken by Michael. Make sure you scroll down to view the images.

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.... Ron Seldon

In the Eye of the Beholder

With the election of Boris Johnson as UK Prime Minister and his tousled blond hair style, twisted collars, flowing shirt and occasionally seen eye-popping running outfits, we see another leader joining the world stage in indelible image-making of the new order.

He joins US President, Donald Trump, who brought us blond comb-over hair, strangely tinted skin and extra-long bright red ties.

But never fear, our own Prime Minister, Scott Morrison, can hold his head up high in these global stakes of alternative sartorial elegance, when he dons his Cronulla footy gear!

Chinese Checkers

With the recent announcement by Deutsche Bank to restructure its operations and the shedding of 18,000 jobs worldwide to cut 6 billion Euros of costs, is this the first sign of the global banking industry divesting their loss-making equities trading businesses? We know the major Australian banks have sold or are endeavouring to sell their wealth management divisions.

Nevertheless, the top tier international banking players do not appear to be fading away as seen by S&P's survey of the top 10 global banks ranked by total assets.

Note the top 4 are Chinese.

Rank	Name	Total Assets (\$US Trillion)
1	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China	4.0
2	China Construction Bank Corporation	3.4
3	Agricultural Bank of China	3.3
4	Bank of China	3.1
5	Mitsubishi UFJ	2.8
6	JPMorgan Chase	2.6
7	HSBC Holdings	2.6
8	Bank of America	2.4
9	BNP Paribas	2.3
10	Credit Agricole	2.1

... Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence

Christmas Luncheon

Well we have to start planning some time, and now is a good a time to start preparing for our Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 17th December 2019.

Please check with your better half and advise the Committee of your intention to join in this annual joyous occasion with fellow club members. Cost is \$50.00 per head. Payment is due by the October 2019 Probus meeting.



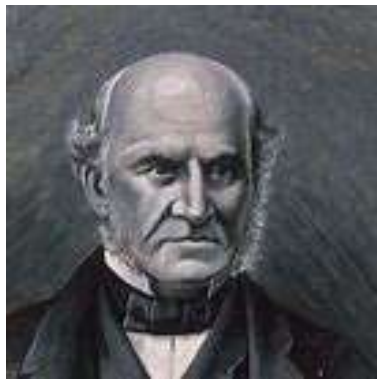
Coming Attractions



Tuesday 17th 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.

James Busby



Who was James Busby, you may ask? If you like a crisp Australian white wine on a hot summer's day or a full-bodied Australian shiraz with a juicy steak, well you can thank James Busby. James Busby is considered the father of Australian wine.

If it was not for the actions of Busby sending an extensive collection of tens of thousands of vine cuttings back to the Australian colony, our wine industry may never have developed to what it is today.

The highlights of Busby's creative viticultural pursuits are:

- 1801 James Busby is born in Edinburgh, Scotland.*
- 1824 Having studied viticulture in France, Busby emigrates to Australia. With him, he brings vine cuttings that are planted in the Royal Botanic Garden in Sydney.*
- 1825 Busby publishes "A Treatise on the Culture of the Vine and the Art of Wine Making", establishing himself as a Pioneer of the Australian wine industry.*
- 1828 In Carrowbrook, New South Wales, Busby receives a land grant of 800 hectares and begins working the land.*
- 1830 "A Manual of Plain Directions for Planting and Cultivating Vineyards and for Making Wine in New South Wales" is published.*
- 1831 Busby travels to Europe and tours vineyards of France and Spain. Along the way, he collects more than 20,000 vine cuttings, comprising over 350 varieties.*
- 1832 Busby's cuttings arrive in Australia and are planted throughout the country.*
- Today With Australian wines among the best in the world, Busby is recognised and celebrated as the 'Father of Australian Wine'.*

... Source: Vintage Cellars

St Ives Orchid Show

*For those who enjoy the intricate nature and beauty of orchids, the renowned St Ives Orchid Show is on again at the St Ives Showground on Mona Vale Road.
Friday August 16 through to Sunday August 18.*



Probus Golf

A small band of Pittwater Probus golfers had a pleasant round at Palm Beach Golf Course in good conditions followed by lunch at Club Palm beach.

The players who had the best scores are, Bill Sherman, Trophy and two golf balls. Geoff Richards, one golf ball.



"Remember I said I wanted you to stop golfing so you could spend more time at home? Well if you don't mind, I'd like you to go back to golfing."

Last chance to Register for Northern Districts Probus Golf Day, at Castle Hill Country Club. Tuesday 3rd September 2019 . Shotgun start 10.30 am.

Come along Friday 16th August for 10 am hit off at Palm Beach Golf Course followed by a tasty lunch at Club Palmy.

Get out of the house and enjoy fresh air, healthy exercise, good company and perhaps good golf !

.... Graham Morley, Golf Convener

Minutes of Pittwater Probus Inc.

Meeting	9 th July. Commenced at 10 00 am. Meeting opened by President John Porter. 48 members present, 8 apologies, 8 guests.
Inductions	None.
Minutes	Minutes of the June 2019 meeting were published in the July Newsletter. Taken as read. Mvd. Arthur Napper, 2 nd Paul Mascall, carried.
Correspondence	Cyril Webb, Bruce McDonald, David Goodman, Brian Kennedy, PSPL.
Treasurer's Report	Presented by David Varley. Balance at 1/6/2019, \$4,447.66 Receipts: Subs. \$200.00. Morning Tea \$155.00. Total \$355.00 Payments: Morning Teas \$120.00, Admin. 12.99, Badges \$30.00. Total \$162.99. Balance at 30/6/2019, \$4,639.67. Mvd. Bryan Inch, 2 nd Geoff Sheppard, carried.
Birthdays	Geoff Richards, Peter Walsh, Frank Sprakel, John Collins.
Welfare & New Members Report	Geoff Sheppard reported on Frank Sprakel and Colin Sutton. Peter Squires is still on the improve.
Activities	Pittwater Cruise 17 th September. Mudgee trip 14 th July (Full).
Functions	Nil.
Newsletter	Contributions would be appreciated.
Golf	Last month golf was suspended in memory of Michael Moss. Next game at Palm Beach Friday July 12 th at 10 00 am.
Investment Group	Arthur Napper advised on the discussion on interest rates, tax packages and various sectors of the finance world. All members are welcome to join the Group.
General Business	Club badges and PSPL cards handed to new members.
Speakers	Wes Harder has organised the following speakers: August Andrew Rogers – My Visit to the Titanic. Len Riordan – Bone Transplants. September The Goldilocks Zone and The Case for Nuclear Power.
5 Minute Speaker	Geoff Sheppard gave an interesting and illuminating talk on his time in Nigeria in the 1970's.
Speaker	After coffee, Bob De La Hunty outlined the challenges in establishing HARS and the ongoing program to maintain and expand this historical collection of civil and defence aircraft. Vote of thanks by Paul Mascall.
Next Meeting	13 th August 2019. Commencing at 10 00 am. Meeting Closed at 12 15 pm. Signed as a correct record.

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