

watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them “thumbs up” and tell them I “like” them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.



*On 6 June 2019, CSELR tram sets 0011+0012 were the first to reach Central Light Rail Station in Chalmers Street during day time*



*Test sets 0013+0014 arriving at Randwick Light Rail Station on 6 June 2019*  
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### JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

#### PRESIDENT'S PATTERN

It has often been said, “It is better to wear out than to rust out”. The great thing about Probus is that there are plenty of things to do to stop you from rusting out. If you have leadership skills and enjoy organising things then there is an opportunity to become an Activity Leader, and if we don't currently cater for your favourite activity, please talk to Ray Finch about starting your own. On the other hand, if you thrive on more intellectual challenges, I believe we can also help here.

There are opportunities for preparing eye-catching posters to promote the Club to the local community which will hopefully stimulate your thinking. We are also interested in people who can write attention-getting editorials on the Club's activities that can be published in local newspapers. If you have a background in liaising with the local media such as newspapers and radio, we can definitely utilise your skills. A personal history/interest in digital marketing and website management will help position the Club to meet the needs of the next generation of Club membership. If we haven't covered your passion here feel please free to discuss it with me. Please don't rust out!

An action item on our Five Plan is to review our Promotions Mix—how we promote the Club to potential members and how we position the Club—what demographics. As a result, your Club is in the process of testing a number of new initiatives.

Firstly, we have a Public Facebook Page which can be accessed via [www.facebook.com/eppingdistrictprobus/](https://www.facebook.com/eppingdistrictprobus/). It is hoped that this will attract a potentially younger demographic to the Club.

Secondly, we are testing an A4 and a DL size Club Poster which is in colour and hopefully will be more attention getting, with an Active Retiree theme.

Lastly, we are testing an A4 coloured Guest Speaker Poster to promote our competitive advantage—Great Guest Speakers. If you know of any strategically located noticeboards for these posters, preferably of the locked glass cabinet type, please let me know.

## Computer Club

If you are lucky enough to be able to access a work Gmail, you can now make emails disappear and stop recipients from forwarding, copying, downloading or printing emails. Google started rolling out its new 'confidential mode' to G Suite users on June 25 2019. I am looking forward to the Personal version.

Rose and I attended a Travel with Technology workshop at Chatswood library last month. This workshop is highly recommended if, like us, you prefer independent travel, rather than group travel.

Chatswood library has advised me that the second half of the year's Tech Savvy Seniors programmes will be approved this month. Also available to Club members will be the new Learn @ the Library series of workshops such as Manage I Cloud storage on your iPhone or iPad, Windows 10—advanced features and trouble shooting and Discover MOODC's (Massive Open Online Courses). Once I receive these schedules, I will organize for them to be emailed out to you which will enable you to start planning your workshops ASAP.

## Annual Probus Church Service

More than 20 Club members plus their partners attended the annual Probus church service. The Minister, the Rev. Joshua Ling thanked the Club for its commitment to developing new friendships within the community. He also gave his blessings to the Club. Brian Haywood read from Psalm 1, as part of the Club's participation in the service. Thank you Brian.

## MEETINGS

### June

Garry Smith was our guest speaker last month, when his topic was "Prime Minister's Partners 1901–2019". The presentation included the partners of nine Prime Ministers of Australia in some detail—Edmund Barton, Billy Hughes, Robert Menzies, Joseph Lyons, Harold Holt, Ben Chifley, Gough Whitlam, Robert Hawke and William McMahon.

The spouse of an Australian Prime Minister has no official position save for in the main hosting functions at the Prime Minister's residences.

The First Federal Ministry comprised Edmund Barton, Alfred Deakin, Sir George Turner, Sir John Forrest, Sir William Lyne, Sir Philip Oakley Fysh, Charles Kingston, Senator James Drake and Senator Richard O'Connor.

We very sincerely thank Garry for coming and giving us an insight into the women who were behind the men who have become our Prime Ministers.

Street, on the western side of Silverwater Road. There is plenty of parking. Food is standard club style. Bookings can also be made with Greg or Ray, details below.

We are still seeking members who would be able to arrange at least one event each year. This could be either a lunch or a dinner at a café, restaurant, pub, club, etc. Please contact Greg Stone, phone 9869-8001, or Ray Finch phone 8851-7419 or mobile 0414-746-954.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Old Codgers will gather at 2.30 pm on Monday, 8 July 2019 at John and Alice Steele-Smith's, 15 Cheltenham Road, Cheltenham, for fine music followed by afternoon tea.

## CHAIR AND MORNING TEA ROSTER FOR AUGUST

Rostered members capable of setting up chairs should be at the hall shortly after 8.30 am. If you are unable to be present as rostered, please arrange a swap with another member and inform the co-ordinator, Mark Gibbs, phone 9899-8545.



Neil McDonald  
John Mortimer  
Riten Nasipuri

Rod Michie  
Debu Mukerji



## TOUR NEWS

Final payments for the King Island Tour in September are due now. It may still be possible to book on the Life of Riley Alpine Tour to Jindabyne on 27 October 27–1 November 2019 at a cost of \$745 pp. Please see Wal.

Expressions of interest are being sought for tours for 2020. Possibilities are: New Zealand North Island—possibly in February or March; Eyre Peninsula Bishops Tour—possibly in March or April; Wonders of Legendary Egypt—possibly in September or October. Enquiries please to Wal Gallagher, phone 9868-7765

## A SENIOR'S VERSION OF FACEBOOK

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage,

madman on the loose and, with a storm on the horizon, the police, led by Inspector Hound, cannot get to the Manor. Unbeknownst to the residents of the manor there is a dead body under the couch in the drawing room.

This is a comedy with dramatic deaths, romantic intrigues, stereotypical characters and plenty of red herrings. The performance is on Wednesday, 7 August 2019 at 8.00 p.m. and the cost is \$22.50 per person.

## Gilbert & Sullivan Opera

This year Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Sydney presents *The Mikado* at the Smith Auditorium Lyric Theatre, Shore School, William Street, North Sydney. *The Mikado*, or *The Town of Titipu*, is a comic operetta in two acts with music by Arthur Sullivan and words by W S Gilbert, the ninth and most famous of their fourteen operatic collaborations, and one of their most frequently performed. It opened in London in 1885 and the setting in Japan, an exotic location remote from Britain allowed Gilbert to soften his satire of British politics and institutions.

Set in the fictional town of Titipu, Act I takes place in Ko-Ko's Official Residence where the characters are introduced—Ko-Ko, formerly a cheap tailor, sentenced to death for flirting, but promoted to Lord High Executioner by the town officials on the basis that “he could not cut off another's head until he cut his own off”, so no executions would occur; Nanki-Poo, a poor but handsome wandering minstrel but secretly the son of the Mikado; Yum-Yum, his beloved schoolgirl and ward of Ko-Ko; Pooh-Bah and Pish-Tush, Gentlemen of the Town; Peep-Bo and Pitti-Sing, two other wards of Ko-Ko; and Katisha, an elderly lady of the Mikado's court who has amorous desires for Nanki-Poo.

In Act II the Mikado and his entourage arrives in Titipu, looking for his lost son, and the usual G & S confusion occurs before the situation is resolved with the marriage of the young lovers and the wedding of Katisha to Ko-Ko.

We will attend the matinee performance on Sunday, 13 October 2019 at 2.00 p.m. Price for early bird booking (before end of August) is \$35, or for group bookings of 20+ is \$30. Let's book early and see if we can get 20 for a group booking.

## Dining Group

John Mortimer has arranged a lunch at Dooley's Waterview Club in Silverwater, right on the Parramatta River on Wednesday, 14 August 2019 at midday. Please note the date and that bookings are required by Thursday, 8 August 2019. This is BEFORE the August General Meeting. Book with John Mortimer at [mortimermj@bigpond.com](mailto:mortimermj@bigpond.com). NB. John will not be at the July meeting. The club is located on the corner of Silverwater Road and Clyde

## July

Les Miller is our guest speaker today, when his topic will be “Living in Out-of-the Way Places on Earth”. He will share his experience of living in the most isolated, coldest, windiest and driest place on earth. What daily life entailed and the work involved in dealing with Huskies, mapping and surveying unexplored polar territory and his involvement in a plane crash.

After completing his initial training with the NZ Air force he began a communications career with Civil Aviation which saw him posted to airports in New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Sydney.

In 1964, he was part of a team of 60 expeditioners sent to Mawson in Antarctica to maintain Australia's three permanent bases there. In an era when Morse was a key ingredient in radio communication he was one of four radio operators.

Returning from Mawson, and after 12 years in the radio communication industry, he recognised it was undergoing a radical technical revolution so he moved into company management before establishing his own Life Insurance Firm. He is now retired.

## August

Andrew Fletcher will be our guest speaker next month on Monday, 12 August, 2019, when his topic will be “Revitalising Newcastle—Graveyard to Global Hub”. He is an original member of the vanguard which believed light rail was integral to the revitalisation of Newcastle. He spoke passionately about the need for government action and investment at the first “Fix Our City” rally in 2010. Five years later he led the Newcastle Renewal Taskforce on an international study tour to guarantee the signature piece of urban renewal policy submitted to the NSW Government would be informed by world's best practice.

The bedrock of that work was an integrated multimodal transport network for the city. And at the height of an often-toxic public debate about future use of the heavy rail corridor, he convened the Transforming Newcastle Summit to bring together regional industry bodies, professional associations and community groups—as well as the major investors, property owners and developers in the Hunter—to achieve unanimous agreement on the principles which would guide the city's revitalisation.

Today, as Keolis Downer's Director of Corporate Affairs in the Hunter, he manages the key stakeholder relationships and public affairs associated with Newcastle Transport, including the launch of light rail services in February 2019, part of a \$650 million urban transformation and transport programme.



## DAY OUTINGS

### July

This month's outing is on Tuesday, 23 July 2019 and is a visit to Sydney University. It will be a conducted tour of Sydney University with special emphasis on the Heritage features of the site. The conducted tour will commence at 10.30 a.m. and will last about an hour. It will include a visit to the Nicholson Museum which is the home to nearly 30,000 artefacts of artistic and archaeological significance from the old world.

The Courtyard Restaurant and Bar is surrounded by an iconic sandstone building and the 2-course lunch of two speciality pastas and tempting deserts accompanied by an Italian salad and your choice of tea or coffee. The lunch and tour fee is \$40 per person.

After lunch you can visit the University Store which stocks official university regalia. Seniors get 10% off their purchase.

If driving west, turn left off Parramatta Road at the University Avenue entrance and follow the road until it joins University Place. Drive up University Place until you reach the clock tower at the Quad and drop off there. Car parking is available at Regimental Drive and Shepherd Street car parks—\$4 per hour.

If travelling by Train and Bus gather at Epping Station Concourse at 9.15 a.m. and catch the 9.35 a.m. train on platform 1 to Central. From Central there is a 7-minute walk to Railway Square Bus Stand M to catch the Route 483 bus at 10.06 a.m. and alight at the University of Sydney Footbridge on Parramatta Road stop at 10.12 a.m. There is a 10-minute walk in the University grounds to the Tour commencement point which should get us there by 10.22 a.m.

Please register at the July general meeting as the numbers have to be confirmed to the University before our visit.

### August

Next month's outing is on Friday, 16 August 2019 and is a visit to Cochlear Headquarters. It is a free conducted tour of Cochlear's Headquarters, which includes a detailed look at the Hearing Aid assembly line and manufacturing methods and a general overview of the company's development and business in the world. This company has developed the world's leading technology for hearing aids and hearing implants and is an excellent example of Australian technological innovation.

Our tour of Cochlear will commence at 10.30 a.m. and last about 1½ hours. We will assemble at Epping Station Concourse at 9.45 a.m. and catch

the Wetlands, finishing back at Rhodes, where we had coffee at the Mini Mart café. Distance cycled 16 km.

Please note the next cycle ride will be on Friday, 19 July 2019. The meeting point this month is Mill Park Street, Rhodes at 10.00 am. The suggested ride is along the Parramatta cycleway to the Parramatta Ferry Wharf, where coffee is available, then returning to Rhodes. The distance is 20 km.

A loan cycle and helmet may be available if required. As Steve Drury will be overseas this month, please contact Ross Beattie on 9871-1838.

### Movies and Croquet

Five members and three guests attended the movie *Red Joan* on Tuesday, 25 June 2019 at the Event Cinema at Macquarie Centre. The movie was about an old lady arrested for spying for the Russians during WW2. No one attended croquet on Thursday, 20 June 2019.

### Ramble

Our July Ramble is on Thursday, 25 July 2019 and is from Cabarita Wharf to Abbotsford Wharf, during which we will circumnavigate Hen & Chicken Bay. We will assemble at Epping Station to catch the 8.41 a.m. train to Meadowbank and then a short walk to Meadowbank Wharf to catch the 9.11 a.m. ferry to Cabarita Wharf arriving at 9.22 a.m.

At Cabarita we will stop for morning tea and from here we will start our walk around Hen & Chicken Bay. The walk will complete at Abbotsford, where we will have lunch either in Werrell reserve or the Abbotsford Sailing Club, whichever is preferred by the participants. Then the ferry back to Meadowbank and train back to Epping.

This walk is quite a pleasant walk mainly on the foreshore overlooking the waters of Hen & Chicken Bay, and a ferry ride at the start and finish.

Remember, family and friends are welcome to join us, please bring water and refreshments for morning tea and lunch. Wet weather gear and some warm clothing is a good choice, subject to likely weather conditions. In the event of inclement weather, please contact either Joseph Corte on phone 9876-4163 or 0425-365-422 or Col Jones on 9871 2933 or 0419 017-365.

### The THEATRE on CHESTER

This year's second performance at the Theatre on Chester is a short comedy, *The Real Inspector Hound*, by Tom Stoppard. This is the story of two theatre critics; Moon and Birdboot, attending a whodunit play in London and is a play within a play. A murder mystery set at Muldoon Manor, a typical setting for the detective genre of the time. Nearby the Manor there is a

forward who is prepared to organise a gentle walk (ramble), even on an occasional basis. Contact Col Jones, phone 9871-2933 or Ray Finch, phone 8851-7419, or mobile 0414-746-954.

Computer Club—Details of available activities are displayed on the Noticeboard. Contact: Ed Thurston.

Dining Group—A total of 16 attended a pleasant lunch at Drummoyne Sailing Club on 26 June 2019. The weather was less than pleasant resulting in the group sitting indoors rather than on the balcony, but this did not diminish the conversation or camaraderie. John Mortimer has offered to arrange a lunch in July, probably at Dooley's Waterview in Silverwater, right on the Parramatta River. Details are in this Newsletter.

We are still seeking members who would be able to arrange at least one event each year. This could be either a lunch or a dinner at a café, restaurant, pub, club, etc. Please contact Greg Stone, phone 9869-8001, or Ray Finch.

## By Opal Card

Use your Opal Card for a train trip including the Glebe Tram Sheds (the former Rozelle Tram Depot) on Monday, 15 July 2019. We will assemble at Epping Station at 9.15 a.m. to catch the train on Platform 1 at 9.35 a.m., arriving at Strathfield Station at 9.45 a.m. on platform 1. Here we will depart Strathfield Station at 9.54 a.m. on platform 6 to Lidcombe, arriving there at 10.00 a.m. We will go to platform 5 to join a train to Dulwich Hill leaving at 10.19 a.m. and reaching Dulwich Hill Station at 10.55 a.m.

We will then walk the short distance to the Light Rail Terminus, which involves either about 40 steps or a lift (there is no lift at the railway station yet). The tram will depart at 11.24 a.m. and arrive at Lilyfield Station at 11.37 a.m., where we will alight and walk up to the Catherine Street overbridge via the lift to view the newly constructed Tram Maintenance Depot from the overbridge (the Depot will service both the Inner West and the City & South-East trams) before return to the Tram Station and catch the next tram at 11.49 a.m. to Jubilee Park Station, arriving there at 11.52 a.m. Then there is a short walk to the Tram Sheds, involving either an escalator or a lift, where refreshments are available to be purchased.

We will return to Jubilee Park Station and at 1.28 p.m. and board the Light Rail to Central Station, arriving there at 2.05 p.m. and proceed to Platform 9 to catch the train back to Epping.

## Cycle Group

There were 6 riders on Thursday, 13 June 2019 for the Parramatta Cycleway ride. We left from Rhodes, following the northern side cycle path then crossing Silverwater Bridge. We rode past the Armoury and through

the Route 550 bus at Stand C in Beecroft Road at 10.06 a.m. There is a 9-minute bus ride to the second bus stop within Macquarie University and the Cochlear office is a short walk from there.

At the completion of the tour at about 11.30 a.m. we will board the Courtesy Bus provided by the El Rancho hotel for lunch at a reserved table at about 12.00 noon. The menu available at this hotel is very varied and includes a Seniors Lunch for \$12.

To return home there are buses to Epping Station available at a nearby bus stop on Epping Road.

Please note that parking at Cochlear and in the University is difficult and is not recommended—it is suggested members travel to Cochlear by bus.

Also please note that a request that our tour date be Tuesday, 13 August 2019 has been made but this cannot be confirmed until the company officer in charge of this activity returns from leave in the second week of July. If there is a change of date members will be informed in the August Newsletter.

Outings Co-ordinator: Michael Brinsden, phone 9868-4940

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

The following summarises the Other Activities planned for July 2019. Music Group—12 people attended the June music listening experience. This month the group meets at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 8 July 2019 at the home of John and Alice Steele-Smith, 15 Cheltenham Road, Cheltenham. Add your name to the list at the front of the hall. Full details on the Noticeboard. The Contact is Bob Cruikshank.

Coffee Club—Meets at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 12 July 2019 in the Food Court at Carlingford Court. No booking required, just turn up. More details on Noticeboard.

Train Journeys—11 people enjoyed travel by train to Richmond and return via the North-West Metro with lunch at Richmond and an interesting talk on the history of the Richmond to Kurrajong railway. For the July journey full details are in this Newsletter and Noticeboard.

Cycling—full details are in this Newsletter and on the Noticeboard.

Movie Group—The next movie is on Tuesday, 23 July 2019. Details of movie, cinema and lunch venue will be provided by Dennis Druce via email.

Croquet—Come to Cheltenham Recreation Club at 9.15 a.m. on Thursday, 18 July 2019 to challenge your skills and have fun and morning tea with fellow Probians. Beginners are always welcome. There is a playing charge of \$12. Contact Dennis Druce—detail on Noticeboard.

Rambles—Thanks to Joseph Corte, the next Ramble is planned for Thursday, 25 July 2019. Full details are provided elsewhere in the Newsletter and on the Noticeboard. Future Rambles are dependent on a member coming