

MORNING TEA ROSTER

Wayne Steele, is happy to do the pre-Meeting set-up, so rostered members are only currently needed for the serving and tidy-up. If you are unable to be present, please arrange a swap with another member and inform the Secretary.

October

Hugh Knight
Jack Lee

Julio Koraca
Brian Logan



November

Warren Martin

John Oliver

John Peters

TOUR NEWS

Hunter Valley Gardens—8–9 December 2022

Pick up for this tour to see the Christmas Lights Spectacular at the Hunter Valley Gardens will be at the Epping Club (time tba). We will travel by coach to Pokolbin, with a morning tea stop before arriving at the Hunter Valley Gardens for lunch. Then there are 25 hectares to explore with 12 feature gardens. After a visit to the boutique shops, we check into the Wine Country Motor Inn in Cessnock. We return to the Gardens for a festive dinner in its Terraces Restaurant and watch the 1.5 million Christmas lights on show.

After breakfast, we go to Nelson Bay for a dolphin-watching cruise on the Moonshadow Supercat. After a lunch at a local Club, we return to Sydney.

The tour is priced at \$450 per person twin share with an \$80 single supplement.. Payments are due now. For further information see Wal.



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OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

MEETINGS

September

Ken Moroney was our guest speaker last month. Ken began by recounting his family tree beginning with his Great Grandfather, a member of the Irish Police force, who arrived in Australia with his family in 1890. However, Ken's Grandfather was an SP Bookmaker.

Ken grew up in the country region of NSW and after high school elected to join the NSW Police Force. He began his training at the Redfern Academy on 16 August 1965. After 5 weeks he graduated as a Probationary Constable and was sent to Liverpool Police Station. Areas such as Green Valley (Dodge City) were located in the area under the oversight of that Station. The men he worked with were mainly ex-servicemen, who had attended the "University of Hard Knocks". He learnt very early the importance of "respect".

From Liverpool he began his stint in Country NSW, being sent to Lismore and then West Wyalong. He moved up through the ranks in the usual way before being singled out in 1987 and appointed Deputy Principal (Director of Recruit Training) at the Goulburn Police Academy (some years earlier it replaced Redfern as the Police Training facility). Here he had the rank of Superintendent.

In 1999, he and his family moved to Sydney when he was appointed Deputy Commissioner. In 2002, the NSW Government appointed him the 19th NSW Police Commissioner. He retired from the NSW Police Force in 2007.

He discussed the politics of the policing—tools v people. He maintained that the Police Force could survive on fewer numbers of intakes but needed more modern technical resources. The aim should be to introduce the fear of crime, thereby reducing the happening of crime.

Ken covered one or two areas of well known events in which he was personally involved—such as the Strathfield Plaza murders, for which there was no debriefing. He then discussed the methods of solving anti social behaviour and preventing crime.

Ken said he had respect for the Parole Board in the difficulties it faced in determining whether a prisoner should be released or not. He stated that there has to be a better way, a better system.

He then told us that the best solution lay in the Probus meeting—grandparents. The word “respect” is very necessary today in our Society—respect by the Police Officer dealing with a situation, respect within the family. Society is looking desperately for role models, because of huge lack. The best role models are grandparents.

We very sincerely thank Ken for coming and outlining for us what he experienced in the NSW Police Force—rising from the bottom to lead it for 5 years—what he now does in retirement with his company Nemesis.

October

Les Fenech from the Parramatta & District Historical Society is our guest speaker today, when his topic will be “The History of Telecommunications”. Les has worked in Telecommunications with Telecom, Telstra, OTC and Optus. This talk will take you on a historic journey about the development of Telecommunications; from the Telegraph, to the Radio era, undersea Cables, Cable stations, local Radio transmission stations to satellites and the delivery of images from the moon landing.

In 1872 Charles Todd declares the Overland Telegraph Line completed and Australia joined a global telegraph network. The submarine cable is completed and Australia sends its first international telegrams to London. These inventions were some of the key technologies that advanced the speed of our communications, can you sense the euphoria of such an occasion. This year marks 150 years of such an event.



Australia's Communication Links with the World—the journey from Telegraph through to the Radio era, under sea cables to satellites and the Moon landing

November

James Rutherford will be our guest speaker next month on Monday, 14 November 2022, when his topic will be “The Story of Cobb & Co”. James, a member of the Abbotsford Chiswick Probus Club, will present a talk on the origins and the expansion of the coaching company Cobb & Co, which

After lunch there will be ample time to view the site of the Kurrajong Station, now a very large electricity substation together with a look at the shops on Old Bells Line of Road at Kurrajong before catching the Route 680 bus at 1.47 p.m. back to Richmond. This bus travels a very different route to the one we arrived in Kurrajong on. Consequently, we will have the opportunity of view a lot of the countryside which the former railway operated through.

Upon arrival at Richmond Station at 2.19 p.m. we will board the 2.41 p.m. train to Schofields, where we will alight to join the Route 748 bus to Tallawong station at 3.32 p.m. At Tallawong we will board the 3.45 p.m. Metro service back to Epping, reaching there at 4.08 p.m.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

We are pleased to welcome into our membership Ravi Gnanadickam, a retired Travel Agent, who resides with his wife Rema at 3 Alexandra Place Carlingford, phone 9873-3808.



WELFARE REPORT (prepared by our Welfare Officer, Ray Palmer)

Re our Non-Active Members I made contact with the following, or their contacts, and all say they are OK at present: Frank Johnson, Bruce Frost, Alan Herron, Philip Jones, Tony Malin, Dick Nicholson, Paul Woodward and Dennis Druce. Owen Harrison is in hospital awaiting to have 2 stents and he also has shingles in his eye. Alf McDermott is still suffering with cancers in the mouth; John Steele-Smith is travelling not too bad at present. Wal Williams is OK following removal of cancers from head. He will be turning 98 years young on 31st October, Congratulations Wal on this wonderful milestone.

Re our Active Members: John Goodman is now on the mend, but still under cardiologist. Yew Cheah has had a stroke and is in Concord Hospital, but thankfully he is slowly improving (Yew and Mei were on the Yarrawonga trip). Debu Makerji has been in hospital with a very painful spine, requiring strong morphine type drugs. He is really struggling at present with strength in legs and his vision.

SECRETARY'S GUFF

Our Club currently recommends and requests members to wear masks at our meetings when possible. MASKS will be AVAILABLE at the Welcome Desk for those who need one on the day. Bring a friend to our Meetings and other Club activities!

Movie Group—the movie *The Railway Children Return* was watched by a group of four, at Event Cinemas, Macquarie Centre, on Tuesday 27 September, followed by lunch at Chantilly Café. Details of the next movie will be advised to members via email.

The Ramblers—on 29 September a group of 14 ramblers (7 members, 6 guests and 1 prospective member) enjoyed an exploration of the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden followed by lunch at Bellini's Restaurant at St Ives.

The next Ramble is planned for Tuesday, 25 October, commencing at 10.00 a.m. in the car park of Dooley's Waterview Club at Silverwater. The 5 km Ramble will follow the south side of the River to the Newington Armoury with time available for some exploration. Return to the Club for lunch will be via the Blaxland Riverside Park. Please call or text Rick Collins on 0411-611-338 if you would like to come or if you have any queries.

Theatre—Wal Gallagher has taken bookings, now closed, for *The Pirates of Penzance*, the much-loved Gilbert & Sullivan Opera, on Sunday, 9 October. NB: If you are attending this performance, please note that there are no North Shore trains or Metro Services. You will receive an email from Wal advising of the no trains issue.

Wal is also taking bookings for *Glorious* by Peter Quilter at The Theatre on Chester on Wednesday, 26 October commencing at 8.00 p.m. Based upon a true story, this comedy is set in 1940s New York, about the worst singer in the world Florence Foster Jenkins known as 'the first lady of the sliding scale'. Florence, an enthusiastic soprano whose pitch was far from perfect, warbled and screeched her way through the evening to an audience who mostly fell about with laughter. But this delusional and joyously happy woman followed her dreams and paid little attention to her critics, instead she was surrounded by a circle of devoted friends who were almost as eccentric as she was. "Glorious!" It premiered in London's West End in November 2005, receiving a Laurence Olivier Award nomination as Best New Comedy. Please book with Wal at the October General Meeting. Also let Wal Know If you wish to attend dinner at the Epping Thai Restaurant before the play.

By Opal Card—use your Opal Card on Tuesday, 18 October 2022 to travel to Kurrajong for lunch. We will assemble near the lift on Epping Station's Platform 1 no later than 9.00 a.m. to catch the 9.16 a.m. train to Strathfield Station, arriving there on Platform 5 at 9.39 a.m. We will then cross to Platform 6 to board the 9.48 a.m. train to Richmond, arriving there at 10.54 a.m.

There we will have time for a toilet stop and a look at Richmond Station's former platform for the train to Kurrajong which operated between November 1926 and 1952 before catching the Route 682 bus to Kurrajong at 11.28 a.m. arriving there at 11.46 a.m. Lunch will be at The Village Kitchen 83 Old Bells Line of Road.

dominated the transport industry in the Eastern States of Australia in the second half of the 19th Century and the role played by his namesake and Great Grandfather James Rutherford.

Climb aboard the coach with James as he takes the reins and his audience back to an era where Cobb & Co was king. His journey will take you on to some roads travelled. Most were tracks or paths taken by the explorers as they ventured into the regional parts of eastern Australia. Some history of Cobb & Co has faded over time. However, the likes of James along with paintings, the most memorable—Bailed Up by Tom Roberts with a coach being held up by bushrangers around 1895; and the writings by Henry Lawson—The Lights of Cobb & Co; have kept the legends, larrikins and folk lore alive with stories of courage and adventure as well as an entrepreneurial spirit which is part of Australian folklore.



Probus members taking a coach ride in Longreach in 2022

DAY OUTINGS

October

This month's outing will be the rescheduled trip on the Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler on Thursday, 27 October 2022. This cruise on the Nepean River will take 2½ hours and will take us up the Nepean River Gorge through very scenic surrounds. The boat is equipped with a Bar and lunch table facilities. A delicious lunch will be served while we cruise the river and we will be entertained by the Captain's commentary. Please note that the price of the cruise increased in April, 2022, so any new bookings will cost \$60 per person (senior's prices) for the cruise and lunch.

Guests are asked to be at the dock at Penrith, ready to board, by 11.30 a.m. for a 12 noon departure. Boarding is at the Jetty at Tench Reserve, Tench Avenue, Jamisontown. Free parking is available—turn toward the river at the small roundabout, follow the loop road back up and park in the car park on the left (just before Tench Avenue exit). Please note that drinks on board can only be purchased with cash.

November

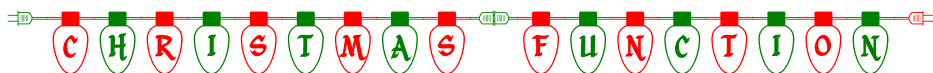
Next month's outing will be on Monday, 21 November 2022, and will be a visit to the Education Centre of the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway followed by a guided tour. The Walkway is a tranquil, living memorial to all the men and women who served in World War II, with a particular focus on the South Pacific region. This is where the club picnic was held last month. Parking is somewhat limited so car pooling is recommended or you could walk or catch a bus from Rhodes station.

The tour will commence at 10.00 a.m. at the Education Centre where we will see a video of the warfare on the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea during World War II and put on modern technology goggles. There will be no charge for the tour but a gold coin donation to the Centre would be appreciated. As the Kokoda cafe will not be open for lunch, arrangements have been made for the supply of a lunch box, tea and coffee at a cost of \$25 per person. Please advise the Outings Co-Ordinator at the October General Meeting if you would like to join this outing and pay for your lunch box.

June 2023

The Naval Historical Society will be holding a cruise on Thursday, 1 June 2023, the 81st Anniversary of the attack on Sydney harbour by Japanese midget submarines. The cost will be \$70 per person for a group. The club has booked a limited number of places on this cruise. It is expected that the cruise will be very popular so, if you are interested in this outing, please advise the Outings Co-Ordinator early so more places can be booked if necessary.

If not paying cash, please make a direct deposit to Probus Account BSB 633 000 A/C 182681668 stating YOUR NAME and reason for payment and also advise the Outings Co-Ordinator, Russell Gough, by email to: Russell.Gough51@gmail.com



Our Christmas Function this year will be held on Wednesday, 7 December 2022, at The Grand Pittwater: North Ryde Community Club. Our function is timed to commence at 11.15 a.m. Drinks will be served at the lunchroom

entrance from approximately 11.20 a.m. and lunch will commence at 12 noon. The cost is \$65 per person (which does not include any additional drinks ordered at the Bar). Members must register and pay before Monday, 14 November. This is our premier outing of the year and members and partners are encouraged to participate.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The following 'other activities' are planned for this month. It goes without saying that all activities are conditional on compliance with any relevant Covid-19 restrictions.

Old Codgers Music Group—on 12 September, eight music lovers enjoyed the music presented at Hugh Knight's home. The music was selected by various members of the group.

This month the meeting will be at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, 10 October at the home of Colin and Jane Jones, with music selected by Col. If you wish to attend, please add your details to the Secretary's list at the October Meeting or contact Col on 9871-2833.

Coffee Club—10 members and four guests met for coffee and chat on Friday, 16 September. You are all invited to meet 'face to face' to socialise over tea, coffee, etc., at the Coffee Club, Carlingford Court, at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 14 October.

Cycle Group aka Wobblies—there were six riders for the Cook River Cycle Path ride on 23 September 2022. We finally beat the Cook River curse after two previous cancellations due to bad weather. We met at Yarrowee Road, Strathfield where we joined the cycle path, which is a scenic ride beside the river. After stopping for refreshments at the Green House Cafe in Gough William Park we returned by the same route, a total distance of 27 km.

The next ride will be Friday, 28 October 2022 for the Parramatta River Parks run, meeting at Mill Park Street, Rhodes at 10.00 a.m. The ride will be along the Parramatta River Cycleway, crossing over Silverwater Bridge and on to Parramatta Park. The return trip will be via Meadowbank, over the railway bridge to Mill Park Street. This will be a 2 coffee stops trip!!!!

Please contact Steve Drury if you wish to participate or need more information. Contact details are: email sandbdrury@gmail.com or phone 9872-7447 or mobile 0487-785-444.

Dining—the next lunch is on Wednesday, 19 October at noon at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club, 103 New Line Road West Pennant Hills, hosted by Ray Palmer. Just turn up on the day or talk to Ray.

Members are encouraged to consider arranging a future lunch or dinner at a venue of their choice. Please discuss with Ray Finch: email rayfinch42@gmail.com or mobile 0414-746-954.