

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**MARCH**

Thu	1	12.00pm	Investment Lunch: Greengate Hotel
Frid	2	7.15am	First Friday Golf: Gordon GC
Frid	9	3.20 pm	Walk: Manly- North Manly- Shelley Beach
Tue	13	9.50am	Sketching: 20 The Chase Road, Turramurra
Thu	15	1.30pm	Bridge: at Kevin Meyer's home, 10/5 Gillott Way, St Ives
Frid	16	9.00am	Committee Meeting
		10.00am	AGM and Monthly Meeting
			Guest Speaker: Jo Harris (OAM) - Kuring-gai Historical Society - " <i>KHS &amp; the Centenary of Wireless</i> "
Mon	19	9.30am	Computer Group: 9 Woniora Ave.
Frid	23	3.20pm	Walk: Fish Markets-Darling Hbr
Mon	26	7.30pm	Camera Group: 9 Woniora Ave.

**APRIL**

Wed	4	10.30am	Day Tour: <i>Conservatorium of Music</i>
Thu	5	12.00pm	Investment Lunch: at Greengate
Frid	6	7.15am	First Friday Golf: Gordon GC
Fri	13	tba	Linden Ridge?
Wed	18	1.00pm	Theatre: <i>Mamma Mia!</i>
Thu	19	1.30pm	Bridge: tba
Frid	20	9.00am	Committee Meeting
		10.00am	Monthly Meeting
			Club Speaker: Syd Morgan
			Guest Speaker tba
Mon	23	9.30am	Computer Group: 9 Woniora Ave
Tue	24	8.00am	Tour: 24-30 April <i>"Bright by the Sea"</i>
Fri	27	tba	Kokoda Trail and Concord
Mon	30	7.30pm	Camera Group: 9 Woniora Ave

**PRESIDENT'S MUTTERINGS**

As this will be my last President's Mutterings, I take this opportunity to thank all on the Committee for their wonderful support. I hope you agree we have had a successful and enjoyable past twelve months.



Thanks also to various Club Speakers and those new members who gave their profile talks. At the last meeting we inducted Syd Morgan as a new member and look forward to his Member's Profile in the near future.

Our Club has some interesting tours coming up, so please note them in your diaries. On 4th April Martin Thomas has arranged a tour of the Sydney Conservatorium (the old Government House stables) which was refurbished some years ago and is well worth a visit. The tour includes a lunch time concert followed by an inexpensive lunch in the cafeteria.

On 24th to 30th April the trip is to view the autumn colours of the high country of south east New South Wales and north east Victoria. It takes in some lovely towns such as Bright, Beechworth, Corryong, Yackandandah, Myrtleford, Porepunkah and Eurobin, plus others. The scenery should be outstanding at this time of year.

We will travel through Dead Horse Gap, Mt Hotham and the Alpine National Park. There will be some stop-overs at Boynton's Vineyard, The Red Deer Stud and Nightingales Orchard, plus the opportunity of a flight over Mt Buffalo.

Peter Cribb would welcome more starters, including friends, so please give consideration to what sounds like a very good trip.

**Jim Fergusson, President**

**FUTURE EVENTS**

Sat	26	May	" <i>BOOK of MORMON</i> " 2pm at Lyric
Wed	11	July	" <i>PRISCILLA</i> " 1pmat Capitol
Wed	3	October	" <i>EVITA</i> " 1pm at Opera House

**MEETING ROOM ROSTER: 9.15 am**

**Welcome table: Graham Marr & David Wilkinson**  
If unavailable, please contact Ray Kench 9489 4467

**CLUB SPEAKER**  
*Don Hamilton - Charter Member*

Don was born in 1931 and grew up in Elizabeth Bay where horses in paddocks were then a common sight. His father, a New Zealander, 7th in a family of 9 children, came to Australia to study architecture.



Don remembers visiting building sites with his father who, sadly, died when Don was 10. He was sent to board at The Kings School in Parramatta where conditions were spartan and initiation ceremonies quite barbaric.

In 1954 Don married Jann, the light of his life, and a woman of many wonderful qualities. He graduated in Civil Engineering in 1953, and joined Caltex Oil Refinery. Later he worked on the Snowy Mountains Scheme constructing power stations and the Eucumbene tunnel.

With minimal funds and \$1,000 from a friend, he established his own contracting business. His first job was the Sydney Olympic pool! He, with his team of loyal employees (all stayed with him for 10 years or more), took on contracts country wide doing water treatment and sewerage reticulation et al.

He was driving huge distances, communicating only by phone - no mobile or internet in those days. In 1974 a serious accident involving 2 trucks finally motivated him to qualify for an aeroplane pilot's license. Although he never enjoyed flying, it was cheaper than driving.

Don subsequently preferred government and council contracts as they carried a better chance of being paid.

Currently Don enjoys being involved with his very large family: he and Jan had 6 wonderful children and he now has the pleasure of 10 great grandchildren, no less!

**Scribe: Peter Edwards**

**GUEST SPEAKER Lachlan Wykes**  
*The Australian Republican Movement (ARM)*

Lachlan, a law student, is Chairman of the Australian Republic Club at UTS, and serves on the NSW Branch Council of the ARM. It has no government funding.



Historically, the ARM entered its "dark years" following the failed 2000 referendum. It failed because of John Howard's powerful influence, a lack of cohesion among republicans, and a weak grass roots campaign. In 2012 a resurgence occurred. Lachlan sees the present as an exciting time of "big push" expansion. Changing the Constitution requires much ground work to build a base of supporters.

The Movement aims to replace the role of the Governor General to whom the Queen delegates power, including the power of dismissal. It aims to be separate from other systems of government (eg. US or France) which do not reflect uniquely Australian values, viz. egalitarianism, freedom of opportunity and a "fair go" for all.

Lachlan believes it would symbolise a sense of national pride, independence and confidence. Difficulties include the need to change all our monetary notes, update the Constitution and obtain a majority vote (at least 51%) of the entire population, of the States, and also the support of the two major parties.

The process would involve legal consultation to decide whether to adopt 1) a minimalist model (instead of recommending to the Queen, the PM would appoint the Governor General), 2) a Parliament-appointed head of state, appointed by a bipartisan Senate vote, or 3) a direct election model. One recent independent poll has shown 15% are against a republic, while 55% support it and 30% are unsure. At present the two main party leaders support the republican movement.

**Scribe: Pat Edward**

**WE WELCOME Syd and Gill Morgan**  
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**Trips Bookings** Graeme Jessep 9449 1616  
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### Day Tour: Wednesday 4th April, 2018 Conservatorium of Music Inspection Tour and Concert

At the Conservatorium we will have a one-hour tour of the facility, including class and practice rooms. We will also see the sandstone walls created, as well as the archaeology uncovered during the extensions of 2001. We will then be treated to a one-hour student concert.

**Lunch:** At own expense in the cafeteria.

**Cost pp:** Gold coin for concert

**Transport:** By train to Wynyard and walk to Conservatorium to arrive by 10.30am

**Bookings:** [bookings@turramurraprobus.com](mailto:bookings@turramurraprobus.com) (preferred), or with Geoff Laverick at 9440 5509.

**Payment:** Nil

Book with Geoff Laverick and pay by cheque to the Treasurer or by internet (see back page for details). Be sure to include name and purpose of payment.

Michael Clarke, Outings Co-ordinator

### Tues April 24 to Mon 30 April 7 day Tour Autumn in "Bright by the Sea"

Our trip to Bright and other interesting places with On Course Tours is now organised and we will leave at approx 8 am on the 24th from Turramurra Bus Interchange.

We will have 4 nights accommodation in Bright and do day trips to various places of interest. These include Thredbo, Dead Horse Gap, Tom Groggin Station, Khancoban, Beechworth, Yackandandah, Myrtleford, Wandilagong Mt. Hotham and others. There is an optional ultra light flight over Mt. Buffalo (for the more adventurous). There will also be other encounters along the way.

All is revealed in the brochure, available on our website. Book with Graham Jessep as above.

Cost per person is \$ 1,595.00 twin share (single supplement \$345) including all meals and admissions.

**STOP PRESS.** Friends also welcome on the trip.

Peter Cribb, Trips Co-ordinator

## WALKING FOR PLEASURE

Alan Williams 9488 9975  
and Alan Keating 9487 3442  
[walks@turramurraprobus.com](mailto:walks@turramurraprobus.com)

### Friday 9th March - Twilight Back Streets of North Manly + Ocean Front

An easy walk (much easier than recent Bobbin Head walk) of about 6 km, exploring some of North Manly's back streets on the way to Manly Lagoon and Queenscliff Beach. Then along the oceanfront to Shelley Beach for a BYO picnic tea. Return to Manly Wharf for ferry and train home.

Meet at Turramurra Station at 3.20 pm to catch the 3.31 to St Leonards, arriving at 3.50. The 143 bus to Manly leaves Stand A on Pacific Hwy at 4.00 pm reaching Ivanhoe Park at Manly at 4.40.

Book with Alan Keating as above by 9.00 pm on Thursday 8th March.

### Friday 23rd March - Twilight Fish Markets to Darling Harbour

Another easy walk of 4 to 5 kilometres, providing a great opportunity to look at the developments in this part of our beautiful City. Meet at Turramurra Station at 3.20pm to catch the 3.31 train to Central, then light rail to the Fish Markets.

Time there for a quick coffee before heading off around the foreshore to Darling Harbour - where we will have our BYO picnic tea - then walk to Town Hall or Wynyard for a train home.

Book with Alan Keating as above by 9.00 pm on Thursday 22nd March.

## THEATRE

### MAMMA MIA!



Matinee Wednesday 18 April 2018 1.00pm at Capitol Theatre  
'A' Reserve tickets \$70.95 each  
*Wait list only*

### THE BOOK OF MORMON



Matinee Saturday 26 May 2018 2.00pm, at Lyric Theatre  
'A' Reserve tickets \$121.20 each  
*Wait list. Only*

### PRISCILLA - QUEEN OF THE DESERT



Wednesday 1.00pm 11 July 2018 - Capitol Theatre

'A' Reserve tickets \$75.90 each

**We must finalise our booking 7 days after issue of this Newsletter.**

### EVITA



Matinee Wednesday 3 October 2018 1.00pm in Joan Sutherland Theatre, Opera House  
'A' Reserve tickets \$84.90 each

*Pay by May 2018 meeting*

**A reminder - all bookings by email. If you need to cancel before payment date, just advise by email.**

Peter Corin, Co-ordinator

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## BRIDGE

Our next afternoon bridge game will be held at 1.30pm at the home of Kevin Meyer, 10/5 Gillott Way St Ives on Thursday **15th March**. Please contact me if you wish to play.  
**Alan Hislop, Co-ordinator**

## CAMERA GROUP

Our March meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on 26th March, at the "Media Centre" at the home of Peter and Pat Edwards, 9 Woniora Ave. Wahroonga.

I will be presenting a PowerPoint of (mostly) underwater photographs, taken on our trip last year to the Tahiti Islands on the ship "*The Paul Gauguin*". Also, I plan to show a video "*Working with light in a landscape*", from a new set of National Geographic DVD's.

We welcome newcomers who are interested in photography or travel (remember the \$5 per head to cover facility costs).  
**Ray Kench, Co-ordinator**

## COMPUTER GROUP

The next meeting of the computer group will be at 9.30 am on **Monday 19th March 2018**, at 9 Woniora Avenue, Wahroonga.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions for topics to cover and please remember the \$5 a head.

**Stephen Cooper, Co-ordinator**

## FIRST FRIDAY GOLF

We had five starters at our February meet and the event was clearly won by Phil Bennett. Our next 'first golf day' will be held on **Friday, 2nd March** at Royal Gordon Golf Course.

Bookings are becoming a little more difficult to arrange. It is therefore requested that our group be ready to *tee off at 7.15 am* at Gordon Golf Club.

While a number of our regulars were absent last month, we are expecting a good roll up in March. Ring me on 9440 3434 the day before, or just turn up.  
**D'Arcy Hardy, Assistant Co-ordinator**

## INVESTMENT GROUP

Our next lunch on **Thursday 1st March** is very important. I will be handing over to Axel Buchner who will be your leader during the 2018/19 year.

The accumulated kitty, introduced by our negotiating genius, Geoff Chubb, will be used to defray the costs of our meal. Graham Jessep holds the funds, unless he has invested them in Bitcoin.

We look forward to seeing all of our regular attendees at the Greengate Hotel, starting at 12 noon for 12.30 pm.  
**Ian Howden, Co-ordinator**

## THE SKETCHERS ATELIER

The sketching group will meet on the **13th March** (second Tuesday) at 20 The Chase Road, at 9.50am.  
**Brian Jessep, Co-ordinator**

## YMCA CYCLING

The joint Mt Colah and Turrumurra Probus Clubs' cycling group rides **every Wednesday**, weather permitting. We start with coffee at 10.00 am and conclude with a cheap and cheerful lunch - with no hills in between! Lifts with racks can generally be organised.

Contact me on **0412 104 260** if you're interested in receiving regular emails about the rides.

**Martin Thomas**

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