

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

Wed	4		Conservatorium Tour postponed
Thu	5	12.00pm	Investment Lunch: Blue Gum
Frid	6	7.15am	First Friday Golf: Gordon GC
Tue	10	9.50am	Sketching: 20 The Chase Road
Frid	13	9.10am	Walk: Fish Markets-Darling Hbr
Wed	18	1.00pm	Theatre: Mamma Mia!
Thu	19	1.30pm	Bridge: at the Hislops'
Frid	20	9.00am	Committee Meeting
		10.00am	SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING to discuss fees
			Monthly Meeting
			Club Speaker: David Manor
			Guest Speaker: Peter Sweeney "The Centenary of the Battles of Hamel and Amiens"
Tue	24	8.00am	Tour: "Bright by the Sea"
Frid	27	9.20am	Walk: Concord Foreshores
Mon	30	9.30am	Computer Group: 9 Woniora Ave
Mon	30		NB. No Camera Group

MAY

Thu	3	12.00pm	Investment Lunch: Blue Gum
Frid	4	7.15am	First Friday Golf: Gordon GC
Tue	8	9.50am	Sketching: 20 The Chase Rd
Frid	11	tba	Walk: Bannockburn Oval to Dalrymple State Forest
Thu	17	1.30pm	Bridge: tba
Frid	18	9.00am	Committee Meeting
		10.00am	Monthly Meeting
			Club Speaker: Syd Morgan
			Guest Speaker: tba
Mon	21	9.30am	Computer Group: 9 Woniora Ave
Fri	25	tba	Meadowbank to Rydalmere
Sat	26	2.00pm	The Book of Mormon at Lyric
Mon	28	7.30pm	Camera Group: 9 Woniora Ave

PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS



Thank you for the supportive welcome as I started the new Probus year. Lets all work together to make this a great year for our Club.

We finished last year with a flurry of new members and have three more in the approval pipeline. It is of the

greatest importance that we keep recruiting new members and also important that we longer standing members include new members in outings and activities. So never miss an opportunity to sound out suitable prospects.

We also should make an effort to meet and greet new members at our regular meetings.

Our guest speaker on the 20th April will be Lieutenant Colonel Peter Sweeney (retired) and his subject will be **"The Centenary of the Battles of Hamel and Amiens"** and the involvement of Australia's Sir John Monash in the planning and execution of the battles.

Peter is a military historian and speaker, as well as being a battlefield guide through his organisation "Battle Honours Australia" and has travelled on cruises as a guest speaker.

We do like to keep you up to date with topical items.....you probably noticed that Prime Minister Turnbull recently invoked the memory of Hamel in his latest meeting with President Trump as the first occasion that Australian and USA fought side by side.

Our March speaker, Jo Harris, was quite inspirational. The amount of community involvement she puts in is staggering and one feels that she certainly deserved her OAM. Come on fellows, we can all do more!

FUTURE EVENTS

Wed	11	July	"PRISCILLA" 1 pm at Capitol
Wed	3	October	"EVITA" 1 pm at Opera House
	2	-10 August	Tour - details tba

MEETING ROOM ROSTER: 9.15 am

Welcome table: Ray Knight and Jack Opie
If unavailable, please contact Ray Kench **9489 4467**

CLUB SPEAKER Don Runcie
“Australian Republic?”



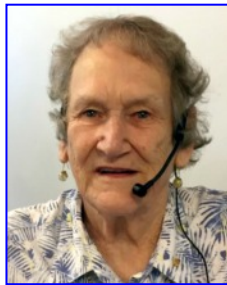
Don replied briefly to last month's talk on the Australian Republic Movement, as only one side of the debate had been presented.

He recommended reading an article by Nigel Davies in Quadrant magazine dated 1 March 2018, entitled *“Rrepublic: The Least Stable form of Government.”*

Scribe: Peter Edwards

GUEST SPEAKER Jo Harris
Ku-ring-gai Historical Society
“KHS and the Centenary of Wireless”

Jo was introduced to us as a “lady of some repute,” a local girl and winner of a number of awards, most notably the Medal of the Order of Australia. Her well researched talk with slides focussed on three key figures in the history of wireless:-



WILIAM (BILLY) M. HUGHES (1862-1952)

Billy came, unskilled, to work in Australia from Wales in 1884. He entered politics in 1894 and became Prime Minister in 1915. During World War 1 he became convinced that Australia could no longer rely on communication via vulnerable undersea cables and pushed for the development of radio.

Hughes visited our men on the battlefield in 1918 and later sent the first ever radio message from the UK to Australia on 22 September. His one-way message in Morse code records *“... the glorious valour and dash of the Australian troops...”*

Hughes died in Lindfield aged 90.

SENATORE GUGLIELMO MARCONI
(1874-1937)

Marconi made his first radio transmission in his father's garden in Italy in 1895. After moving to Britain in 1896 Marconi was supported by Sir William Preece, the Welsh Chief Electrical Engineer of the British Post Office. The wireless station at Waunfawr in NW Wales, was purposely sited close to a boat builder's yard to utilise the

yard's expertise in mast building. Marconi won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1909.

The radio communications sent to and from this station when the Titanic sank in 1912, earned the enormous gratitude of both the US and Britain. Marconi died in Italy aged only 63.

SIR ERNEST FISK (1886-1965)

Ernest Fisk, a London factory worker, came to Australia in 1910. With a keen interest in radio he set up his own company, Amalgamated Wireless Company of Australasia (AWA).

A long-range wireless receiver, designed and manufactured by AWA, was set up at Fisk's home, *“Lucania”* on the corner of Cleveland and Stuart Streets, Wahroonga. After the Hughes message was received from the Waunfawr station in Wales the marvellous claim went out that a message could be sent around the world in one forty-fifth of a second!

A Radio Exhibition was held in the Sydney Town Hall on 27 March 1930 and Marconi dramatically opened the exhibition by turning on the lights by radio signal from his yacht *“Elettra”* in the Mediterranean!

The monument commemorating the first direct wireless transmission from Wales to Wahroonga was unveiled in 1935. On the corner of Cleveland and Stuart Streets, it depicts Mercury, messenger of the gods, mounted on a Greek column. At the 75th anniversary celebration, Richard Geddes, then mayor of Kuring-Gai was MC.

In 1997 a replica of Mercury (alias “Jimmy”) was presented at the Waunfawr Wireless Station with Ernest Fisk's son and family attending. On Jo Harris's visit in 2004, she noticed a local pub called “Australia Arms”!

This year the 100th anniversary of the historic transmission will be commemorated on 22 September, using St Andrew's Church hall for displays from Ku-ring-gai Historical Society and other clubs. The Hon. Paul Fletcher will be MC.

Jo also spoke about her involvement with **WICEN** (the Wireless Institute Civil Emergency Network). The network has proved invaluable in many civil emergencies, including the Big Storm of 1991, the 1994 bush fires and the Newcastle earthquake, when other direct communications were lost. **WICEN** also provided support for many of Dick Smith's “adventures” including his daring transcontinental balloon crossing

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OUTINGS AND TRIPS

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Day Tour: Wednesday 4th April, 2018 Conservatorium of Music Inspection Tour and Concert

TOUR POSTPONED

Unfortunately when the date was arranged with the Conservatorium, many weeks ago, it was not realised that it fell during the University vacation time and that there would be no concert.

The event will be re-listed later in the year

Michael Clarke, Outings Co-ordinator

WALKING FOR PLEASURE

Alan Williams 9488 9975
and Alan Keating 9487 3442
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Friday 13th April Fish Markets to Darling Harbour

An easy walk of 4 to 5 kilometres around the foreshores, providing a great opportunity to look at developments in this part of our beautiful City.

Meet at Turramurra Station at 9.10am to catch the 9.19 train to Central, then on the light rail to the Fish Markets. Time there for a quick coffee before heading off around the foreshore towards Darling Harbour – where we will have our picnic lunch (byo) - then walk to Town Hall or Wynyard for a train home.

Book with Alan Keating as above by 9.00 pm on Thursday 12th April.

Friday 27th April - Concord Foreshores

Another easy walk of about 6-7 km.- a repeat of one of our most enjoyable walks, from Rhodes along the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway (coffee at Kokoda Cafe) and around the Concord foreshores.

Meet at Turramurra Station at 9.20am to catch the 9.34am train to Hornsby arriving at 9.44 and changing to platform 3 (the Central Coast service) to Eastwood at 9.50. Arrive Eastwood platform 1 at 10.02 and change to Platform 2 for Rhodes arriving at 10.14am.

Tues April 24 to Mon 30 April Autumn in "Bright by the Sea"

Our "Autumn Colours" trip to Bright and places south is on track with 31 participants. We will be departing from the Bus Interchange at Turramurra railway station at 8.00am on Tuesday 24th April, returning on the evening of Monday 30th April, courtesy of On Course Tours.

We will have four nights accommodation in Bright with day trips to various places of interest. These include Thredbo, Dead Horse Gap, Tom Grogan Station, Khancoban, Beechworth, Yackandandah, Myrtleford, Wandilagong, Mt. Hotham and others.

There is also an optional ultra light flight over Mt. Buffalo (for the more adventurous). There will be other encounters along the way.

The electronic version of the brochure, with full details, is available on our website.

Our next trip for the year is planned from 2nd to 10th August, to places north. All will be revealed at our meeting in April.

Peter Cribb, Trips Co-ordinator

Return by M41 bus from Concord Road to Macquarie centre and 575 bus to Turramurra Station

As Alan Keating will be away on the Bright tour please book with Gordon Davies on 0417 695 647 or daviesgordon@hotmail.com by 9.00 pm on Thursday 26th April.

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
Wait list. only



EVITA

Matinee Wednesday 3 October 2018 1.00pm
in **Joan Sutherland Theatre, Opera House**

'A' Reserve tickets \$84.90 each
*Tickets still available.
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 our home, 7 Water Street, Wahroonga on Thursday 19th April.

Please contact me at bridge@turramurraprobus.com or on **9489 6436**, if you wish to play. We would be delighted to see some of our old friends back with us. As it is school holidays, there should be no parking problems.

Alan Hislop, Co-ordinator

CAMERA GROUP

As many of our group will be away photographing autumn colours around Bright, our *April meeting will be postponed until Monday, the 28th May*, at the usual time of 7.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Media Centre in the complex where Peter and Pat Edwards live (9 Woniora Avenue, Wahroonga).

Judy Bennett will be the presenter with photos of her choice. We will also watch a DVD entitled "*Working with light in a landscape*" from a set of tutorial studies by National Geographic.

If you are interested in photography or travel, please feel free to come along as we welcome all newcomers (remember \$5 pp to cover facility costs).

Ray Kench, Co-ordinator

COMPUTER GROUP

Please note a *postponement of one week* for the meeting of this group. I am unable to be present on the usual day so our next meeting will be on *Monday 30th April 2018*, at 9 Woniora Avenue, Wahroonga. We start at 9.30 am for a couple of hours.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions for topics to cover.

Stephen Cooper, Co-ordinator

FIRST FRIDAY GOLF

We had seven starters at our March meet; the event was clearly won by Ray Knight.

Our next First Friday golf day will be held on Friday, 6th April at Royal Gordon golf course. It is requested that we be ready to *Tee off at 7.15 am*. A number of our regulars were absent last month. However, we are expecting a good roll up in April. Phil Bennett has kindly agreed to co-ordinate the 1st Friday golf during the next 12 months, ably assisted when necessary.

Ring me on **9440 3434** the day before, or just turn up.

D'Arcy Hardy, Assistant Co-ordinator

INVESTMENT GROUP

The investment group lunch meeting on **Thursday 5th of April** will be at the **Blue Gum Hotel, Waitara**, as the Greengate Hotel is being renovated.

Some of our regulars enjoyed the benefit of our kitty at our last lunch and we have held back some of the kitty for those regulars who were absent in March.

Axel Buchner, Co-ordinator

THE SKETCHERS ATELIER

The sketching group will meet on the **10th April** (second Tuesday) at 20 The Chase Road, at 9.50am.

Brian Jessep, Co-ordinator

YMCA CYCLING

The joint Mt Colah and Turramurra 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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