



**PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS**

Wasn't it pleasing to see Brian Abbott back with us at the November meeting.



Our newly acquired microphone works well and is a great improvement on those provided by the Turramurra Bowling Club. We will have a second new microphone for the December meeting.

Over lunch at our last meeting I got to know our newest member Ron West and his wife Jennifer a little better. I believe they will make a very worthwhile contribution to our Club.

Our November Club speaker, Brian Weaver, has certainly led an interesting and adventurous life.

A special thank you to our Guest Speaker, Geoff Woolf - CEO of The Cotswolds, for stepping in at short notice. Did Fred Morris have any influence?

Our next walk on Friday 24 November looks particularly interesting. The walk follows the foreshore path through Glebe Park, Blackwattle Park, Pope Paul VI Reserve, and Jubilee Park and includes, amongst other things, a visit to the restored Tramshed at Harold Park and a crossing of the Anzac Bridge.

**Jim Fergusson, President**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**DECEMBER**

Frid	1	7.15am	First Friday Golf: Gordon GC
Tue	5	10.30am	Sketching: 20 Chase Road
Wed	6	12.00pm	<b>Christmas Party at Waterview Restaurant</b>
Thu	7	NB	No Investment Lunch
Fri	8	4.00pm	Walk & BBQ at Bobbin Head
Frid	15	9.00am	Committee Meeting
		10.00am	Monthly Meeting
			Club Speaker: David Manor
			Guest Speaker: Tony Eid - Executive Director NSW Rail <i>"Dr J Bradfield - Plans for Sydney Harbour Bridge &amp; Rail"</i>

**JANUARY**

Thu	18	1.30pm	Bridge: At the Chubb's
		NB	<b>NO MEETING IN JANUARY</b>
Tue	23	1.00pm	Theatre: <i>"The Wizard of Oz"</i>

**2018**

Tue	20	Feb	Tour - Linden Observatory etc
Wed	18	April	<i>"MAMMA MIA"</i> 1pm at Capitol
Apr	24 - May 1		<b>TOUR Autumn in Bright</b>
Sat	26	May	<i>"BOOK of MORMON"</i> 2pm at Lyric
Wed	3	October	<i>"EVITA"</i> 1pm at Opera House

We welcome Ron West and his wife Jennifer  
Ron's details are:-

6/58 Lynbara Ave, St Ives 2075  
**9449 4643 0424 245 258**  
and clive\_john\_west@yahoo.com.au

**MEETING ROOM ROSTER: 9.15 am**

Welcome table: Ron West and Alan Cabrera  
If unavailable, please contact Ray Kench **9489 4467**

**THEATRE**

**The WIZARD of OZ**

Matinee Tues 23 January 2018 1.00pm at  
**Capitol Theatre Wait list only**



**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. Pay by December meeting**

**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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**CLUB SPEAKER**  
**Brian Weaver - Profile**



Born in Sydney in 1946, Brian spent the next 23 years at Beauty Point, Mosman, except for two years in Canberra, where he completed his Leaving Certificate. After marrying Rosemary in 1970, they purchased their first home in Beroona, living there for 17 years.

In the 1980s they also purchased a rural property in St Albans, playing farmer, as well as horse riding and entertaining. In 1978 they sold both properties and moved to Middle Dural, where they spent the next 29 years, before downsizing to a townhouse in Wahroonga. This they share time-wise with their waterfront property at Booker Bay.

Brian and Rosemary have two sons, James a cardiologist and Stephen owning a business in building and renovation. They have five grandchildren ranging in age from 6 to 15.

From 1964 Brian worked for Westpac, moving up the management ladder over a period of 30 years, during which time he obtained a degree from Macquarie University, majoring in economics and accounting. He then decided to pursue other interests, including his own superannuation fund, and is active in the stock market.

Besides these other interests and achievements, Brian obviously had a passion for sailing, but kept himself fit with horse riding, sculling, kayaking and flying. These days tennis, walking and cycling fulfil that need. He loves sports cars, but his main interest is, and always has been, messing around in boats.

After twenty years of competitive sailing on Sydney Harbour, Brian's enthusiasm developed into an 'exciting' trip to Lord Howe Island, an experience never to be repeated. Bad weather conditions caused the trip to be aborted for the sake of safety. His next big adventure was in the 50th anniversary Hobart yacht race with both his sons as crew (a bonding experience). They finished 117th with 63 boats retiring!

Brian later changed over to a 43ft cruising boat after having completed the East Coast racing circuit. They have cruised this boat to the Solomon Islands and the Whitsundays, with many shorter voyages between Port Stephens and Port Hacking. With good weather Brian confirmed that sailing was magic. Over the years he has assisted with boat deliveries to or from Adelaide, Melbourne, Tasmania and Brisbane.

Brian finished by explaining why he enjoyed sailing. He said you're out there on your own and

totally responsible for repairs and the safety of your crew. It's a 24 hour all consuming operation until the voyage is completed; a mental challenge.

Contrasting with the times of stress, there are times of real magic, sailing in a deep blue sea with a gentle swell and a pleasant 15 knot breeze. Every day is different; man against nature. A successful voyage gives a real sense of achievement and has unique memories.

Brian made many good friends through his sailing and now looks forward to joining in and enjoying the activities and friendships that Probus has to offer.

**Scribe: Peter Edwards**

**GUEST SPEAKER Geoff Woolf**  
**CEO of "The Cotswolds"**  
**"The Finer Points of Retirement Living"**



Key findings of the Property Council Census of 2016 showed that the average age of residents in a retirement village was 80 and, on average, most moved in at 75. At present about 200,000 Australians live in retirement villages and 65% are female.

Most people move to a village because their circumstances change or because the current home has become unsuitable. The need for more support is often a factor. Villages usually provide organised outings, activities and a library, as well as facilities for visiting health professionals.

A communal centre and an emergency call system are important, as are the benefits of a pet-friendly policy.

Before choosing a village, check such things as exclusions from the monthly charges, the quality of its internet access, whether grandchildren may use the swimming pool and the availability of other services. Also, find out if the village is operator managed and what your financial commitments will be (e.g. deferred management fees and exit fees). It is wise to find out what the commercial structure is: lease licence, strata title, assignable long term lease, or rental?

Some of the benefits of village living are a sense of community, the opportunity to participate in the activities on offer and to socialise with others. It should also provide easy access to services - additional care, meals, nursing assistance, etc. If needed, there may possibly be assistance with the sale of your existing home.

To avoid pitfalls when buying into a village:-

- \* Inspect a variety of villages, even "pop in" unannounced,

- \* Do your homework: understand the contract and deferred management fee (every village has a different structure),
- \* Clarify the departure levy: whether it is based on the original price that you paid or on the current sale value,
- \* Assess the underlying village culture as evidenced in the staff and the residents,
- \* Bear in mind that communal living doesn't suit everyone.

Geoff mentioned that core considerations are: fair value, access to services, good maintenance and for residents to feel content and safe.

Although Geoff is General Manager of The Cotswolds retirement village in North Turrumurra, his presentation was general in nature and is available on our website. **Scribe: Pat Edwards**

### OUTINGS AND TRIPS

<b>Outings Info</b>	Michael Clarke	<b>8065 0171</b>
<b>Outings Bookings</b>	Geoff Laverick	<b>9440 5509</b>
<b>Trips Info</b>	Peter Cribb	<b>9484 7509</b>
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### CHRISTMAS PARTY Wednesday 6 December 2017

Again at the Waterview Restaurant, Berowra Waters. Great location, fantastic buffet with hot food, lots of seafood, salads, table wine and, of course, fun and fellowship. Special arrangements are in train for a performance by a barbershop 'quartet' - with everyone!

**Own transport** - Car pooling is recommended.

**Assemble** at 12 noon for drinks and we will sit down at 12.30pm.

### Day Tour: Tuesday, 20 February 2018 Linden Observatory & Norman Lindsay Gallery,



Linden Observatory was established in the late 1930s by engineer and amateur astronomer, the late Ken Beames, who also designed and made the 24" telescope.

After morning tea on the banks of the Nepean River

we will cross the river via the 1867 Victoria Bridge on the old highway. While the bridge was originally built to carry the railway, it was shared with road traffic.

At the observatory we will have a conducted tour, including Beames's workshop. The observatory hosts amateur astronomy groups and is now managed by a Trust and volunteers.

After the Observatory, we will have a light lunch at the Norman Lindsay Gallery (sandwiches, cake and liquid refreshments), followed by a guided tour.

Cost is **\$77 p.p.** Bookings and payments must close on **26 January 2018**. Our coach will depart Karuah Rd at 8.30am and will return around 5.00pm.

**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**

### 8 day Tour Tues April 24 to Tues 1 May Autumn in "Bright by the Sea"

It appears that the trip to "*Bathurst by the Sea*" went well, with Mayfield Gardens looking spectacular and a very enjoyable tour of Abercrombie House. How privileged were you all to have a brand new bus every day!

As regards 2018 I am finalising a trip to "*Bright by the Sea*" involving autumn colours.. We will have 4 nights accommodation in Bright which should be relaxing as we visit various places on day tours.

In all, we will take in many places of interest including Jindabyne, Thredbo, Dead Horse Gap, Tom Groggin Station, Khancoban, Beechworth, Yackandandah, Porepunkah, Myrtleford, Wandilogong, Mt. Hotham and Wagga Wagga.

There will be other encounters along the way including a winery and the option of a micro light flight over Mt. Buller (not to be missed!). All will be revealed later in December – so watch this space

**Peter Cribb, Trips Co-ordinator**

### WALKING FOR PLEASURE

Alan Williams **9488 9975**  
and Alan Keating **0422 056 504**  
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### Friday 8 December - Twilight Bobbin Head Walk and Christmas BBQ

This is an easy walk - almost a doddle - grade 2.5, distance about 5 km along the mangrove boardwalk and a couple of km on the Gibberagong track and return. There is also the option to do only the boardwalk (say 1.5 km return) or, of course, to not walk at all and just have a quiet drink whilst waiting for the walkers to return for an early dinner.

Walkers will meet in the car park at 4.00pm and return by 6.00 pm for BBQ in the pavilion kiosk (on right hand side of the road after crossing the bridge coming down from North Turrumurra).

Book with an Alan by 9.00pm on Thursday 7 December {note Alan Keating on **0422 056 504** while he is moving house}.

## BRIDGE

Because of competing Christmas activities there will be no afternoon bridge game in December, but we will have a game early in 2018, on 18 January - the 3rd Thursday.

It will be held at the Chubb's home, 55 Gilroy Rd Turramurra at 1.30 pm. Please contact me if you wish to play.  
**Alan Hislop, Co-ordinator**

## CAMERA GROUP

After a very successful Field Photo trip to Cockatoo Island, our camera group is going into "recess" for December and January.

Our next meeting will on Monday 26 February 2018. Bob Humphris will present a segment on Japan and those who went on the field trip will present some of their photos.

If you are interested in photography or travel, do come and join our group.

Wishing you all a happy and "snappy" Christmas.

**Ray Kench, Co-ordinator**

## COMPUTER GROUP

No further meeting until Monday 19 February 2018  
**Stephen Cooper, Co-ordinator**

## FIRST FRIDAY GOLF

**Next event 1 December 2017.**

A small, but high quality, group of golfers participated in our regular November event, with Ken Deck winning the prize.

December will be your last opportunity this year to enjoy Royal Gordon Golf Course, and we look forward to a good attendance. Be at Gordon Golf Club at 7.15am for a 7.30am hit off.

*As reservations and hit off times are now computer controlled, it would be appreciated if you could indicate, by email or phone, if you intend to play.*

**D'Arcy Hardy, Co-ordinator**

## INVESTMENT GROUP

Our competition ends on 1 December and unless something dramatic happens we have a good idea who will win the wine and who will go home with jelly beans. The prizes will be presented at our Probus meeting on 15 December.

There will be no luncheon meeting in December and our next meeting will be on Thursday 1st February.

**Ian Howden, Co-ordinator**

## THE SKETCHERS ATELIER

The last meeting of the year is at 10.30am (note changed time) on 5 December to touch on perspective again and, if time, on body proportions.

All class adherents have progressed well and for 2018 we can handle another 3 or 4 starters.

If you have any thoughts about being able to capture a subject as a sketch, not an artistic production, talk to Brian Jessep he is not as serious as he appears to be.

**Brian Jessep, Co-ordinator**

## YMCA CYCLING GROUP

The joint Mt Colah and Turramurra Probus Clubs' cycling group rides every Wednesday, weather permitting. We start with coffee at 10.00am 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, Co-ordinator**

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