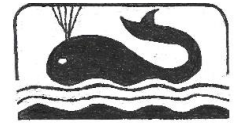




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\* **Next Meeting: Wednesday, 22 January**

\* **Venue: Mosman Art Gallery Hall 10:30 – 12:30pm**

Doors will open at 10:00am

\* **Speaker: Dr Peter Abelson – *The Mosman Story***

Dr Peter Abelson is a retired Professor of Economics from Macquarie University. He spent 13 years in the service of Mosman, both as a Councillor and as the Mayor for 7 years. Last year, he published a history of Mosman coupled with a personal memoir entitled *The Mosman Story: The Council & the Community – then and now*.

**Member's 5-Minute Spot: David Wilson – *Lawn Bowls & Mosman Bowling Club***

◆ Next Meeting (26 March, 2025): Monica Prugue - *Mercy Ship Hospitals*

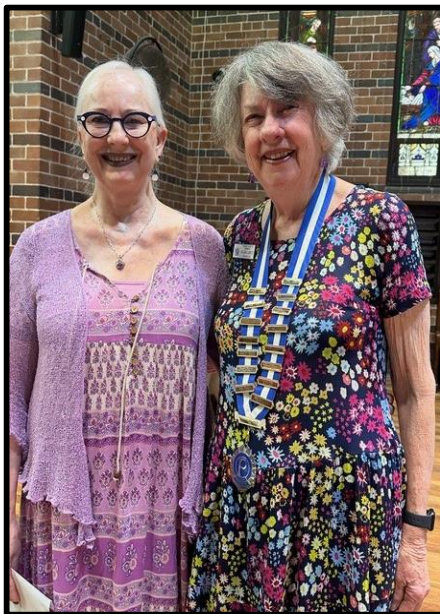
**YOU ARE INVITED TO COME TO A CLUB LUNCH AFTER THE GENERAL MEETING**

Members and guest are invited to join a Club lunch after each meeting. It is held upstairs in the Upper Duck Restaurant, Hotel Mosman, Military Rd, Spit Junction, just a short walk from the Mosman Art Gallery.

**New Members:** *Pamela McLeland and Susannah Saunders*



Pamela McLeland was born in Sydney and spent 10 years in Adelaide before returning to Sydney. Her professional career has covered banking, financial planning and the management of several businesses relating to child and domestic services. Pamela loves volunteering and has led a number of volunteer groups, such as fundraising for the Melanoma Foundation and being the President of the Rotary Club of Chatswood Sunrise where she was a Paul Harris Fellow. She has also been very active in national politics. In her spare time, Pamela likes to organise events, play bridge and Mahjong, walk, watch cricket and AFL, and drink lots of coffee.



Susannah Saunders was born in Sydney but left Australia when aged 13 to enrol in a boarding school housed in a Scottish castle. She subsequently worked in the UK, Finland, South Africa, New Zealand and Japan. Susannah commenced her teaching career as a Physical Education Specialist and Art Teacher. However, she retrained in 1990 to teach Secondary School English and a decade later further retrained to become a TESOL teacher. Susannah continues to teach refugees and migrants at Blacktown TAFE. She has lived in Mosman since 2015 and has three children and one grandchild.

*Photos courtesy of Peter Reeves*

**PAYMENT OF ANNUAL PROBUS SUBSCRIPTIONS  
NOW DUE & PAYABLE BEFORE our March 26<sup>th</sup> AGM**

The **Annual Subscription** has been **reduced to \$55.00** per member for the 2025/26 year:

- Members (emailed Newsletter): **\$55.00**
- Members (printed Newsletter): **\$75.00<sup>#</sup>**

**#** only available to members **without** an accessible email address

- New Members (emailed Newsletter only): **\$70.00<sup>+</sup>**

**+** includes \$15.00 once only admin fee

Our Probus 2025/26 annual subs can be paid in either of the following ways:

**1. PREFERRED METHOD** – As an **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** using **Internet Banking** from your bank account to our **Probus Club account:**

\* **BSB: 032 097; Account number: 750 233.**

**Account name:** *The Probus Club of Mosman Combined Inc.*

Deposit to be identified with the words "Subs" and your family name.

or

2. By your **credit/debit card** using the Square facility available at a general meeting.

*Dates for Your Diaries: Past Activities*

*President Margaret*





**At the XMAS party**  
*Photos above  
 courtesy of  
 President Margaret*



**Trivia Question at Xmas Lunch**

One question that threatened to cause an upset in our Christmas Trivia quiz was: how many gifts were given in the 12 Days of Christmas?

**Answer: There were 364 gifts.**

That's because the gifts are cumulative, and each day, the singer gets a repeat of the gifts from the previous days. In total, the singer gets 12 partridges, 22 turtle doves, 30 French hens, 36 calling birds, 40 gold rings, 42 geese, 42 swans, 40 maids, 36 ladies, 30 lords, 22 pipers, and 12 drummers. **364 Gifts in 12 Days.** Quite a haul (almost one a day for a non-leap year)!

So there we have it. Over the 12 days of Christmas, your true love has given you a total of 364 gifts which includes a incredible 42 geese and, stranger still, 30 leaping lords!

***Dates for Your Diaries: Future Activities Wendy Lyons***

**\* Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February: Lunch at Sydney Rowers at Abbotsford.**

Take the Parramatta ferry from Circular Quay at 11:07am. Arrive Abbotsford at 11:45am. (Deedee Group caters for this club). Order and pay for your own meal. We will need to sign in to the Club on arrival. **4**

\* **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Visit to **NSW State Library** in Macquarie St (adjacent to Parliament House on Circular Quay side). Art exhibition of **Peter Kingston's** works - many of the Sydney Harbour area. Also a history of German refugees, who were sent from the UK (where they had sought refuge at the start of WW11) on the ship *Dunera* to several refugee camps in Australia for the course of WWII. Many of the men were well educated and talented artistically. Hence a drawn and painted documentary of the period exists.

Suggest you take the ferry from Mosman to Circular Quay then walk to the nearby last bus stop at the eastern end and take a bus to the Hunter St stop at Chifley Square. From there, walk one block up Hunter St to Macquarie St and cross to the State Library. Meet in **Main Foyer** (with the book displays) at **11:30 am** and we will proceed to Level 1. Lunch in café afterwards.

\* **Saturday 15th March:** An invitation from **Waverton Probus Club** to join them at 6:30 pm for a **St Patrick's Day Dinner** and concert at Northbridge Golf Club. **Cost: \$85.00 pp**. You can book individually or with some friends. Bookings: [wavertonprobus@gmail.com](mailto:wavertonprobus@gmail.com). Phone enquiries to Bev Carlyon: 0408 967 376.

\* **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April:** Day trip with On Course Tours to **Nan Tien Temple** in **Wollongong**. Travel times and cost to be advised in the February Newsletter.



Congratulations to Maureen,  
who won *The Best Dressed*  
Award at the Melbourne Cup  
lunch

## Dates for Your Diaries: Walks

### Next Walk: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – *Art Deco Apartments at Potts Point*



Peter Sheridan in his Art Deco talk to the Club last year pointed out that Sydney was fortunate to have three different types of Art Deco buildings: office blocks, apartment blocks and pubs. We visited some of the office blocks in the Sydney CBD in a walk last year. This year we will walk around some of the numerous Art Deco apartment buildings in Potts Point and Elizabeth Bay. (The Art Deco pubs are spread around the Sydney's suburbs so a walk is not possible.) Our walk will also pass some interesting heritage buildings, such as Elizabeth Bay House, Boomerang and St Vincents College.

We will leave from Café Extra at Circular Quay at 10:00 am sharp (coffee 9:15am, if you will???) to catch the light rail to QVB and then take the 10:31am 311 bus from York St to Potts Point and Elizabeth Bay. If you are interested in this walk, please register at the Walks desk.

Walks Leader: Don Napper 0407 600 649

## Financial Reports: November & December 2024 *Helmut Regelein*

November	01.11.2024 – 30.11.2024
Opening Balance per Statement 01.11.2024	<b>\$ 15,579.54</b>
<b><u>Debits</u></b>	
Cheque 201961 Refund	\$ 70.00
Cheque 201963 Melbourne Cup	<u>\$ 1,700.00</u>
<b>Total Debit</b>	<b>\$ 1,770.00</b>
<b><u>EFT Deposits:</u></b>	
EFT Deposit Christmas Lunch 7 @ 75.00	\$ 525.00
Cash Deposit Christmas Lunch 13 @ 75.00	\$ 975.00
Square Deposit Christmas 8 @ 75.00 = 600.00	\$ 588.57
1 late Payment Melbourne Cup	\$ 85.00
EFT Deposit 1 new Member	<u>\$ 45.00</u>
<b>Total Credit:</b>	<b>\$ 2,218.75</b>
<b>Closing Balance Bank Statement 30.11.2024</b>	<b><u>\$ 16,028.11</u></b>

December	01.12.2024 – 31.12.2024
Opening Balance per Statement 01.12.2024	<b>\$ 16,028.11</b>
<b><u>Credits</u></b>	
Cash Deposit Christmas Lunch 3 @ 75.00	\$ 225.00
Cash Deposit	\$ 45.00
Square Deposit 1 Membership for 2025	<u>\$ 55.00</u>
<b>Total Credit:</b>	<b>\$ 323.95</b>

<b><u>Debits</u></b>	
EFT 2 Refund	\$ 60.15
EFT Invoice 1002467 Art Gallery Hire	\$ 1,608.00

**Recipe of a Much Enjoyed Probus Day Coffee Crunch Cake *President Margaret***

Vichy, soon to be inducted as new member, delighted us all with her magnificent cake topped with Honeycomb at the October Probus Day Meeting. She was kind enough to share her recipe with us.

**Coffee Crunch Cake**

Preheat oven, 15 mins at 300°Fahrenheit (150°Centigrade)

1. Beat 7 egg whites with ½ teaspoon cream of tartar. Beat at maximum speed for 1 minute till bubbles are fine. After 1 minute, add ¾ cup sugar (1 tablespoon at a time). Beat for exactly 2 minutes (altogether 3 minutes).

2. Place in bowl:

- 2 ¼ cups sifted cake flour
- ¾ cup sifted sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- ¾ cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 7 egg yolks



Beat minimum speed for 1 minute.

3. Fold yolk mixture into whites. (The modern way is by using mixer at Speed 1).

4. Place in lined 9inch (22cm) round pan and bake for 50 minutes at 300° Fahrenheit (150°Centigrade). (Cool upside down).

5. Crunch Topping (Honeycomb)

Place in a saucepan:

- 1½ cups sugar
- ¼ cup Golden Syrup
- ¼ cup water

Mix well and place on low fire (DO NOT STIR)

Let boil on low fire until temperature reaches 292°Fahrenheit, (144°Centigrade)(about 30 minutes till sugar turns a bit golden brown, but not burned ).

Add 1 tablespoon baking soda (just before it burns)

Mix fast and pour on lightly greased tray, cool, crack.

6. Once the cake has cooled, cover the cake with thickened cream beaten at high spread. (Please make sure you don't beat the cream too long as it will become watery. I never timed it but probably 3-4 minutes.)

7. Decorate with honeycomb on top.

Cook's Tip: You could make the honey comb a day earlier then place them in airtight container. I always do it earlier so that I won't feel tired doing it with cake same day. Happy baking!





For decades, Bing Crosby was the voice of Christmas and his song *White Christmas*, written by Irving Berlin, sold more records than any other in history. Using videos and recordings, Graham traced the history of the song and others in Crosby's vast Christmas repertoire, including its first appearance in the 1942 film *Holiday Inn*, and its last in Crosby's 1977 Christmas special, recorded a month before his death. A final video showed Michael Buble reviving both the song and Bing himself in his own Christmas special decades later.

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