



Probus Club of Sydney

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Newsletter

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MEETING DATES

April 7

PHIL SCANLAN - POSTPONED

May 5

JOHN KENIRY - POSTPONED

ACTIVITIES

April

WAR MEMORIAL - POSTPONED

May

RESMED - POSTPONED

June

ARCHIBALD - POSTPONED

ADDITIONAL TOPICS

Due to the postponement of our Monthly Meetings, extra topics are planned for the Newsletter.

These may include –

Life Before Probus presentations

Expanded humour section

Storyteller posts from members

Favourite Travel

Destinations, Experiences, Hotels and Airlines

Favourite Books with a very brief personal review

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gentlemen

I have to admit that even two weeks ago this wasn't the start to my Presidential year that I expected! Things are looking very grim as I write this, but I remain optimistic. There is no doubt that there will be an end to the crisis, exactly when that will be, I don't know, but we will be ready with all guns blazing ready to go.

At the present moment we have only cancelled the April and May meetings, so all of our future speakers remain as programmed and elsewhere in this issue there is an update from Peter James, our Speakers officer, and John Carter who runs the Events programme.

One major thing we will be doing is trying to maintain Fellowship and Fun by changing the Newsletter to include more items from all of you. Either Tony Andrew or I will be contacting individual members to ask for a contribution, for example we will be asking our more recent members to write a short piece on "Life Before Probus" (ie the same as we were doing verbally at our meetings). We might also ask for an anecdote from someone's career. There are surely enough "Storyteller" posts from amongst our august membership to fill a couple of pages!

Other ideas include an expanded humour section and short articles on travel destinations which are particularly interesting or different and perhaps reviews of hotels, airlines etc. Let Tony and myself know what you think.

We plan to send out an issue at least monthly but if we have a specific matter that needs to be addressed, we will consider 'special editions' as well. Similarly, if we are inundated with material we might move to more frequent editions whilst our face to face meetings are out of action.

If anyone needs any help during the crisis or even just wants a chat, please call me any time.

Finally, I have to share a gem from Peter James. In Germany they are preparing for the crisis by stockpiling sausages and cheese. That's for the Wurst Kase scenario....

Stay well

Adrian

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GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAM

Peter James has prepared the following schedule of outstanding Guest Speakers for the year. **The April and May meeting have been cancelled**, so Peter plans to discuss rescheduling them later in the year.

April - Dr John Keniry AM - Former Commissioner Natural Resources NSW. on "Reflections on Water Sharing in the Murray Darling Basin"

May - Phil Scanlan AM - Founder Australia-US Leadership dialogue and Australian Consul General New York 2009-2013, on "The Core Role of Australia/US relations in Australia's Global Engagement"

June - Mike Munro AM - TV Presenter, journalist, author. Title to be advised but provisionally "This is Your Life, and the Last Bushrangers"

July - The Hon Peter McClellan AM, former Chair Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Title to be advised, but provisionally "Observations on Royal Commissions and Criminal Law"

August - Jim Maxwell AM, ABC Cricket Commentator. Title to be advised, provisionally "Cricket - The view of a broadcaster "

September - Neil Martin, Olympian. Provisional title "Behind the scenes of the Olympics - Munich to Tokyo"

October - Richard Johnson MBE, AM, architect. Title to be advised

Meantime, any suggestions from members of possible speakers would be much appreciated. Please pass to Peter at <speakersprogram@sydneyprobus.org> Once we restart, it is possible that some of the above speakers may need to be replaced or rescheduled, perhaps even at last minute due to unexpected family or business commitments, sickness or whatever. So, having a suitable reserve that can be contacted to substitute at short notice may be especially helpful.

ACTIVITIES

APRIL, MAY AND JUNE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN POSTONED OR ARE LIKELY TO BE

MAY

RESMED PLANT VISIT – EXPECTED TO BE POSTPONED

Planned date was Monday May 18

JUNE

ARCHIBALD ENTRIES GUIDED TOUR - POSTPONED

Planned date was Tuesday June 23

THE SOCIAL DESK

Manned by the Social Team it is open at meetings for bookings and details of events. You may also contact the team by email or phone social@sydneyprobus.org

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On the Club website www.sydneyprobus.org (Click on Administration -> Payments, for full details).

Cash is no longer accepted

MARCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Peter Headley



Peter hails from Kempsey. He attended The Kings School for his secondary education and Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Macquarie University and ANU. He has worked in the food industry, Federal government departments, numerous related committees and corporations.

Peter has a Master's Degree in International Management from Macquarie Graduate School of Management and has undertaken post-graduate studies in Economic Development, Operations Research, Econometrics, Archaeology, BA (Economics &

Accounting) from Macquarie University and a Diploma in Food Technology from the University of Western Sydney.

He is married to Marie and has 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Since retirement Peter has enjoyed Rotary, golf, kayaking, lecturing for the U3A and Princess Cruises for the last 10 years in a range of subjects including WW1 history.

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The meeting was attended by 71 members and guests. Ian Crawford, Christopher Cullen and Phillip Clifton-Bligh brought guests. 36 stayed to enjoy luncheon in the UUSC dining Room.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The meeting adopted the Past Minutes of the last AGM, and the Treasurers Report, elected Sean Waring and Derrick Docherty (in his absence) as auditors for next year, listened to the President's Report,xxxx and was introduced to the incoming Committee. Tony Andrew handed over the Chain of Office to the new President, Adrian Pilton and then we all went to morning tea!



GUEST SPEAKER – Charles Aitken

CEO Aitken Invest Management

(Son of John Aitken, our recently retired Treasurer of 3 years)

Update of the State of the Economy



Charlie delivered a polished and informative presentation that was smack up to date with the current impact of the Covid 19 virus. He highlighted the imbalance in the Australian stock market compared to the developed world with our heavy weighting of financials and materials and light weighting of IT and Communication Services.

Interestingly, he was quite calm about the current Covid situation, already seeing signs of resurgence of Chinese supply chains. He stressed the value of quality and placed strong emphasis on long term benefit of investing in "compounding" stocks (those able to generate sufficient funds to provide for their own capital expansion), especially prime US stocks and through them global diversification. He suggested that interest rates (and probably inflation) would remain low for some time. The basic health of the world economy was reflected in the US economy where in relation to disposable income, household debt is falling, and savings are rising.

John Thom gave a very well supported vote of thanks and suggested that Charlie may return in another year.

Many past presentations and images are available on our website under 'Past Guest Speakers' or by clicking -

<https://sites.google.com/site/sydneybus/past-guest-speakers>.

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YOUR NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2020

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President



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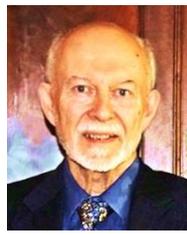
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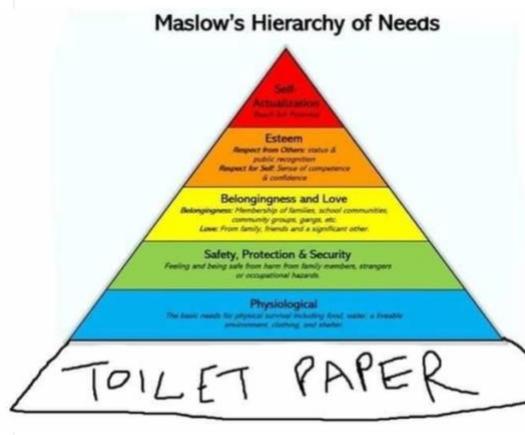


Tony Andrew
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