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September 1

MIKE MUNRO AM

This is Your Life and
The Last of the Bushrangers

**WILL BE AT THE UNION CLUB
AND HOPEFULLY ON ZOOM!**

October 6

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Sydney Opera House –
Legacy and Lessons

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gentlemen

A Meeting in person at the Union Club on Tuesday September 1

I can't tell you how happy I am to say that we are meeting again in person at the Union Club! This is all due to the hard work of Rob Warburton who has worked out the protocols with the club, so many thanks to him and the club.

There are some firm Covid 19 guidelines. The meeting will commence at 10am and we hope to run a Zoom meeting concurrently.

Maximum is 60 so we will have a booking system in place. We will meet in the Main Dining Room on the first floor. Your temperature will be taken on the way in.

Please go straight to a table and sit down. You cannot mingle with other members and must stay seated for the entire meeting other than when going to the toilet. Morning tea will be served at the table.

You may stay for lunch as per normal. At this point you can change tables but please do not mingle. Coffee will be served downstairs after lunch.

Masks are not mandatory, but strongly recommended. Final details will be circulated shortly.

Adrian Pilton

President

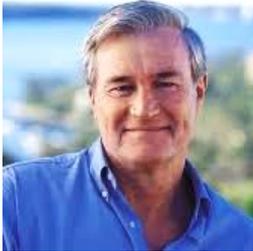
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86981300016?pwd=Q1dwL2tCNTJkckZpZFdUmpGa0l1QT09>

**The link above is to the September Zoom
meeting
Click 5-10 minutes prior to 10.00am on Sept 1**

SEPTEMBET GUEST SPEAKER IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM!

MIKE MUNRO AM

This is Your Life and the Last of the Bushrangers



Mike started his career as a 17-year-old copy boy on the *Daily Mirror*, then in television news. He went on to become a household name for his crusading and investigative journalism, with stints on *Willesee* and *60 Minutes*, before becoming host of *A Current Affair* and *Sunday Night*. For thirteen years he presented the much-loved show *This is Your Life*, paying tribute to over 200 Australians. In recent years, he has been working on documentaries, hosting the four-part series *Lawless – The Real Bushrangers* and *Mateship – a Century of the Australian-US Alliance* for Foxtel's History Channel. In 2014 Munro was made a member of the Order of Australia for his charity work and contribution to journalism.

Last year, he wrote a book about Australia's last bushrangers, the Kenniff brothers, including their brutal murder of a police constable and station manager in Queensland. The book covers the brothers' background, the murders, their capture, sensational trials, public support, controversial evidence of Aboriginal tracker, etc, told against the background of federation and the debate about capital punishment. The brothers were the cousins of Mike Munro's grandfather.

OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

October 6

Richard Johnson AO, MBE

Architect



*The Sydney Opera House –
Legacy and Lessons*

Aside from a stellar international career spanning a wide range of major public buildings (including museums, Art Gallery of NSW etc), Richard was instrumental in bringing back Joern Utzon to work with him on the revised master plan and refurbishment of the Sydney Opera House, so we look forward to insight behind the scenes.

Meantime, any suggestions from members of possible speakers would be much appreciated. Please pass to Peter at <speakersprogram@sydneyprobus.org>

ARTICLES ON THE WEBSITE NOTICE BOARD

The Guide to the New Website

Full video of **Jim Maxwell's** amazing August presentation

Peter James's **Interesting Tour of Western NSW**

Australian produce made by **Australian companies**

To view any of these articles [click here](#)

PROVISIONAL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

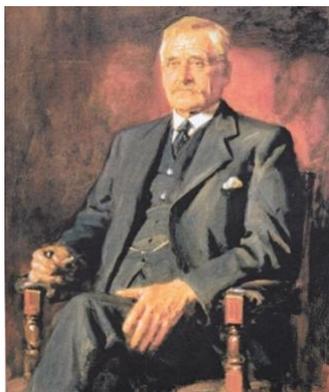
Here is a list of Provisional Activities. We are in the grip of the virus and activities will be confirmed at a later date.

Please do not book until the activity is confirmed

OCTOBER

Private Guided Tour of the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Entries

Tuesday, 27 October 2020



Banjo Patterson winner 1935! Anticipated end of activity 12.15 – 12. 30pm

We meet at 9:15am at the Art Gallery Entrance

Please don't be late as our tour commences promptly at 9.30am

Previous participants have marveled at the magical way our guides bring the entries to life during our one-hour private tour. The activity is enhanced by much of the tour being undertaken prior to the gallery opening.

Morning tea is at the Gallery Café is from 10.30am at our own expense

At 11.30am we enjoy an additional tour of Art Gallery highlights

Note- Public transport does not operate to the Art Gallery until 10.10am

***Why not invite a guest! An excellent way to introduce potential new members to our club!
Of course, partners are always most welcome.***

NOVEMBER

Rotary Charity Regatta on Sydney Harbour

Friday 20 November

Embark at 12.45pm for a 1.00pm sharp departure

At the Commissioners Steps at the very Western end of Circular Quay



Captain Cook 111 returns at 5pm, after a 4.30pm drop off at Rose Bay. Pre-luncheon drinks and canapés precede a **delicious seafood buffet**.

Our vessel will follow Sydney's leading yachts as they compete in this charity race. There is on-board expert commentary as well as four-piece jazz band providing lively entertainment.

DECEMBER

Our Famous Christmas Luncheon at Dunbar House at Watsons Bay

Tuesday 8 at 12.00noon

Quarantine the date now!



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES DESK

Manned by the Activities Team, it is open at meetings for bookings and details of events.

[To book for activities click here](#)

You may contact the team by email

social@sydneyprobus.org

PAYMENT FOR ACTIVITIES

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is the most used method for payment. [Click here for details](#)

EFTPOS "Tap and Go" at meetings is a quick and efficient. Cash is no longer accepted

To urgently contact the Activities Team –

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ZOOM MEETING!

President Adrian and John Rawson again managed an excellent zoom meeting. A large number of members joined in and enjoyed an interesting *Life Before Probus* talk from

John Atkinson.

John graduated from the UNSW in Industrial Engineering and worked at Ford Motors before moving to the UK to learn about industrial organisation. Back in Australia he worked for a steel company for a number of years before joining Nestlé as Industrial Organisation Manager for 14 years. John is a registered builder, works at the Sydney Heritage Fleet, enjoys volunteer toy repairs and looks after his Blackheath holiday home.

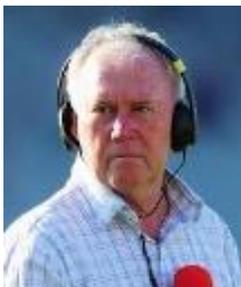


Our Guest Speaker was the famous international cricket commentator **Jim Maxwell AM**. He was accompanied by his budgerigars Marjorie and Albert!

GUEST SPEAKER

Jim Maxwell AM

Cricket – The view of a broadcaster



Having highlighted that cricket is a “slow” game as described by Arthur Mailey, Jim gave us an excellent example of how he maintains interest during the slower moments of the game. He certainly held our attention as he regaled us with fascinating non-stop anecdotes and stories drawn from his remarkable internationally famous commentating career spanning about 45 years and counting. His stories ranged from the 1st Indian born test cricketer to the amazing innings of Ben Stokes last year.

For Jim, cricket is not just a game, but a way of life, an entertainment that allows stories to be told. His presentation was wide ranging as befits his global career. We heard about other commentators, some from years past who inspired Jim and consolidated his career choice. We heard about umpires, about how ball by ball commentary started in Australia all the while to the accompaniment of Jim’s two vigorous budgerigars, Marjorie and Albert!

Women’s cricket, Olympic cricket, West Indies cricket, the sandpaper episode, nothing was outside Jim’s experience as a commentator. His enthralling tales could have carried on for hours.

John Carter gave a vote of thanks and highlighted Jim's ability to maintain listener's interest irrespective of what is happening on the field and also how his exceptional love of cricket captivated us all.

View a full recording of Jim's presentation by [clicking here](#)

MEMBERS' STORIES

Surprises in Interesting Tour of Western NSW



Peter James's journey was inspired by John Keniry's talk on the Darling River, reports that there was lots of water and the concern to support regions devastated by drought and reduced tourism.

He covered more than 3000km, much on gravel roads, visiting Cobar, White Cliff, Wilcannia, Mutawintji National Park, Broken Hill, Menindee, Mungo National Park and many other interesting locations. These included historic mining towns, lakes (some with water), giant woolsheds and more.

His stimulating tale is supported by numerous interesting photos.



Despite the signage, it appears that Peter did stop at Wilcannia and found it an fascinating historic town, once a huge inland port.

The story tells readers that there was not so much water, lots of tourists, but no busses, tight accommodation but importantly good wine was readily available!

[Click here to enjoy Peter's full story!](#)

Why did the parent's opinion of the medical profession drop a couple of notches?

We all thought it was bare bone on the roof of the baby Peter's mouth. Parents noticed it on holiday at Byron Bay and rushed home to determine its significance.

It was 10 days before surgery could be arranged. Fearing the worst, Archie Middleton, one of Sydney's leading Paediatric surgeons chose an eminent ENT surgeon to assist his potentially sinister exploratory operation. A foreign body was removed and sent to Pathology.

The diagnosis – Pumpkin skin!

Tony Andrew

SOME PUNS YOUR GRANDCHILDREN WILL LOVE

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was
Sir Cumference.
He acquired his size from too much pi.

She was only a whiskey-maker, but he loved her still.

No matter how much you push the envelope,
it'll still be stationery.

A hole has been found in the nudist-camp wall.
The police are looking into it.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other:
'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'

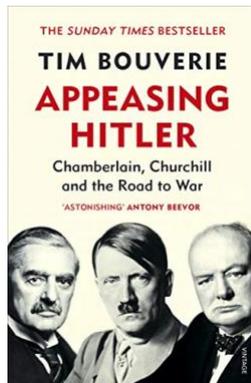
I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

When cannibals ate a missionary,
they got a taste of religion.

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says, 'Are you sure?'
The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'

APPEASING HITLER

Tim Bouverie



This is probably the most complete and up-to-date detailed historical analysis of "appeasement". In 421 pages, plus detailed footnotes, the author tracks the efforts of Chamberlain and others to secure "peace for our time" from 1933 until the start of the Second World War.

Drawing on previous unseen resources, the author spares no detail. He writes well but you have to be fascinated by that period of time to persevere through to the end – unless compelled by a school or university syllabus.

Chamberlain is presented in great depth. He comes out as dictatorial, misguided, manipulative and utterly self-convinced – but well-meaning. In the late 1930s "appeasement" was not the pejorative term it is today. One man's appeasement is another's diplomacy. Had he, against all the odds, succeeded in doing a deal with Hitler, he would have been an undoubted hero.

However, so many things were stacked against the success of negotiation – in addition to Hitler. These include: the weakness of England and France in the 1930s; the fear of Russia and worldwide communism; the British press being almost universally in favour of appeasement; there being no effective opposition to the governing Tory party; the fact that the leadership team all appear to have been as much interested in shooting grouse and catching salmon as in understanding the affairs of state; the fact that there was no appetite in the country for war; the sympathy for Germany arising from the unfair terms and reparations imposed on it by the Treaty of Versailles; the absence of any effective international body; the existence of a German diaspora in many of the countries conquered (giving Hitler an opportunity to intervene); and the close relationship between the English peerage/ royalty and Germany.

Against all these odds, Churchill and his very few supporters were powerless. Given the personality of Hitler and the overwhelming odds stacked against right minded people in the West, war was inevitable. Perhaps Chamberlain can be given some credit for buying time for rearmament – but, even here, Hitler used that time to better advantage.

Written in 2017 by a brilliant young historian, it well deserves its success as a Sunday Times bestseller. A must read for anyone interested in that period of history.

David Castle

SQUIZ SHORT CUT ON VACCINES

A vaccine for the coronavirus is being held out as the thing that's going to get the world back on track. But developing it and then getting people vaccinated is complicated. In this episode of Squiz Shortcuts we look at what a vaccine is, how it's developed, and the challenges public health officials are facing with developing one for COVID-19

[Click here for the Squiz Short Cut about vaccines](#)

RECIPE OF THE MONTH!

Thai Yellow Chicken Curry

Serves 4

Ingredients

4 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 medium brown onions finely diced
4 garlic cloves crushed
500g chicken thighs cut into 3cm pieces
70g yellow Thai curry paste
400g tin coconut milk
1 tablespoon fish sauce
1 dessertspoon brown sugar



Method

Heat the oil in a wok or large frying pan and fry the onions and garlic until transparent.

Add the curry paste and fry until fragrant then add the chicken and cook until lightly browned.

Add the coconut milk, fish sauce and brown sugar and simmer for approximately fifteen minutes or until the chicken is tender.

Serve with fluffy steamed Jasmine rice. Garnish with fresh coriander and a squeeze of lemon.

Lynne Hurley

A Lexophiles Delight – you'll love these!

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu—the same mustard as before.

Shotgun wedding—a case of wife or death.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Two silkworms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.

What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway.)

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.

She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

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'You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him.'

Leo Aikman

Coronavirus throat spray



HERE ARE A FEW ENJOYABLE CLIPS!

[Click the link under the pic!](#)

Guy Noble sings Covid 19



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AAkGG4mCiX0>

How not to steal a car!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmC-KyhvrZM>

Another clever dog



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zUUQMpiU8>

HOW TO CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER

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Please use email where possible or telephone if you require urgent contact.

WHY IS THIS MAN IN THE NEWS AGAIN? (WE KNOW WHO HE IS!)



Send your answer to

newsletter@sydneyprobus.org

FIRST THREE CORRECT ANSWERS

WILL RECEIVE A

CONGRATULATORY EMAIL!

Congratulations to

Winners last month identified – Dave Sharma

Wayne Jones, David Barnett and
Ian Struthers

HEY, READERS WHERE ARE YOU, SUGGESTIONS PLEASE?

Please contact the Editor, Tony Andrew!

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