



CREMORNE CONVERSATIONS

Newsletter of Cremorne Probus Club Inc.

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Diary Dates:

Coffee 'n' Chat	10.30am	Tuesday 13 October	Le 76 Patisserie & Bakery, Theo's Arcade, Neutral Bay
General Meeting	10.00 – 12 noon	Thursday 22 October	Mosman Art Gallery 1 Art Gallery Way, Mosman
Lunch	12.30 pm	Wednesday 14 October	H2O Café and Restaurant Narrabeen

NOTE: General Meetings are scheduled 4th Thursday of the month

On board Naval Historical Society's *M.V. Bennelong*

On board the *M.V. Bennelong*, I am reminded of the 19th century song *A life on the ocean* (well, harbour) *wave, A home on the rolling deep*, because, once we were out of the shelter of Darling Harbour, a fresh and chilly nor'easter sent my fellow Cremornians on the open top deck scurrying for our warm jackets.

Even in the relative calm of Sydney Cove, the harbour was rolling, choppy and churned, making it a wobbly adventure to walk, nervously clutching at anything solid, including seated Probians. We call Sydney Cove 'Circular Quay' but it began life as "Semi- Circular Quay" which better describes its shape.



For the passenger cohort, which included 24 Cremornians, as well as Probians from Leichhardt and other Clubs, the weather was brilliant with sunshine all the way. We were given an excellently detailed 30 page bound colour brochure tracing the Navy's history with places mainly east of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Included were places like Garden Island which failed as an early colonial food source, due to poor soil conditions. Also, Clark Island where the wrecks of 2 Japanese mini-submarines were stored after the 1942 attempt to torpedo the heavy cruiser USS Chicago.

A very pertinent presentation of photos and historical details was screened in the 3 main areas of passenger seating with excellent commentary by two of the Historical Society's volunteers who are retired naval officers.

I enjoyed the outing immensely. Morning tea was generous with self-service in the midships lounge and hot food served by catering staff. If you fancy a life on the Harbour wave, making yourself at home on the rolling waves, the Society is looking for more volunteers for its 4 different Harbour cruises.

David

PAST SPEAKER

Paul Kearney's *The History of Rock 'n' Roll* presentation enlivened with stories, a selection of great old songs and original video clips, entertained our members at the last General Meeting. He explored its debut in the '50s with *Bill Haley and His Comets* through to the '60s when the genre morphed into a broader international scene. The occasion to recall musical memories from that era was enjoyed by everyone and greeted with lengthy applause.



A MEN'S GROUP

In line with initiatives from other Probus Clubs, Cremorne Probus is exploring setting up a Men's Group to encourage our male Probians to meet informally on a regular basis for conversation and companionship.

It's widely recognised that opportunities for social contact and interaction are important drivers of wellbeing at all stages in life. Susceptibility to isolation and loneliness have a direct impact on mental and physical health and in order to help address this amongst our male members, VP Graham, is emailing our male members to gauge the level of interest in setting up a get-together at a convivial, convenient and comfortable Cremorne café.

If you would like further information or have any suggestions please let him know via the Club's email – cremorneprobus1@gmail.com

GUEST FUTURE SPEAKERS

22 October 2026 – Celebration of Probus Month - promoting friendship, fellowship and fun with live music, trivia, party games and a celebratory cake. (BYO wine/bubbles. Glasses will be provided)

26 November 2026 – Dr Rosemarie Einstein -*Alcohol – I'll Drink to That.*

No Speaker in December – we will be enjoying the Christmas Party.

FUTURE OUTINGS

Wednesday 14 October 2026 – H2O Café Restaurant, 3/1431 Pittwater Road, Narrabeen.

Flyer has been distributed.

Tuesday 3 November 2026 – Melbourne Cup Lunch. Strangers Dining Room, Parliament House.

Flyer has been distributed.

Monday 14 December 2026 – Xmas Lunch. Balmoral Beach Club.

Minimum 20 persons \$90.00 for 3 course meal. BYO. Details to follow.

Leaving functions: If you need to leave a meeting or outing before its conclusion please advise a Committee Member. This is a requirement to meet insurance criteria.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

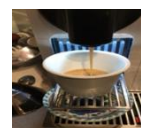


A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

**LEA E
MARGARET K
PHILIP M**

COFFEE 'n' CHAT

Tuesday 13 October *Le 76 Patisserie & Bakery*, Upper Level, Theo's Arcade, Neutral Bay
Come along and join your fellow Cremornians every second Tuesday of the month from 10.30am – stay as long as you like.



Please wear your **MEMBERSHIP BADGE**



to all Club functions.

Looking out for each other: If you are aware that a fellow member is unwell or in need of support, please let us know at cremorneprobus1@gmail.com Attention Welfare Officer, so that we can contact them.

Our care can make a difference.

Management Committee: Please contact the Secretary by email: cremorneprobus1@gmail.com



TRIVIA QUIZ

1. What metal is obtained from the ore bauxite?
2. Which jelly-like preserve is commonly made with oranges?
3. What type of animal is a drongo?
4. Which South American freshwater fish is famous for its sharp teeth?
5. Which Irish author wrote *The Picture of Dorian Gray*?
6. Which sport do the Matildas play?
7. Kate Winslett won her Oscar for which movie?
8. What is the main ingredient in paella?
9. Does 'Crapulence' mean a state of sickness from excess eating and drinking?
10. Which colour is most effective at triggering hunger?
11. In which year did the Titanic sink?
12. Yeast is classified as what type of organism?

ANSWERS: To read the answers on your iPhone or iPad: lay iPhone/iPad on a flat surface – turn it – and then you can read them! (E&OE)

1: Aluminium; 2: Marmalade; 3: Bird; 4: Piranha; 5: Oscar Wild; 6: Soccer; 7: The Reader; 8: Rice; 9: Yes; 10: Red; 11: 1912; 12: Fungus

PHOTO GALLERY



Membership Officer Di introducing new members Cynthia P and Jill W.



*Our very knowledgeable hosts
on board **MV Benelong***



*Floating in Waterman's Cove are the intriguing sculptures **Monuments for Fishes** by Australian artist Mikala Dwyer. Inspired by lightweight fishing floats, they are also a homage to indigenous fisherwomen.*



Garden Island

OCTOBER RIB-TICKLERS

All of us older folks know all about living on the edge, we used to answer the phone without knowing who it was.

I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that involved woodwork. I think I nailed it but nobody saw it.

Thank God they put a cone up...I would've drove right into this mess...😞🚗👤



I'M READING A BOOK ABOUT ANTI-GRAVITY.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT DOWN!

