



CREMORNE CONVERSATIONS

Newsletter of Cremorne Probus Club Inc.

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Diary Dates:

Coffee 'n' Chat	10.30am	Tuesday 8 September	Le 76 Patisserie & Bakery, Theo's Arcade, Neutral Bay
General Meeting	10.00 – 12 noon	Thursday 24 September	Mosman Art Gallery 1 Art Gallery Way, Mosman
Naval History Tour <i>Bookings have closed</i>	9.30am Check-in	Friday 25 September	Barangaroo Wharf, Darling Harbour

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

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – FAREWELLING WINTER

What a treat! I'm disappointed for members who missed the last General Meeting when Simone Carson (Arts & Culture Operations Officer) introduced the musical presentation performed by a quartet drawn from the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra. Members enjoyed a scintillating collection of familiar classical and contemporary excerpts ranging through Mozart's *Sonata in D Major*, Saint Saens' *Organ Symphony* (used as a theme for the Aussie movie *Babe*), Beethoven's *Ode to Joy*, Vivaldi's *Winter*, Brahms' *Hungarian Dance No. 5* and Elgar's *Song of Morning*, Leroy Anderson's quirky *Waltzing Cat* and finishing with the themes from *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *The Magnificent Seven*!



I enjoyed the energetic playing style of the lead violinist, very ably supported by the second violin, viola and 'cello soloists, producing music which was variously dramatic, authoritative and mellifluous.

We had a beautiful balmy, sunny day, scarcely a cloud in sight with a vista over the waterway to Clontarf and Balgowlah Heights for our lunch at *Skiffies* on Middle Harbour. A stroll onto The Deck allowed a view up the sparkling waters to the Heads and the Spit Bridge. The cuisine was delicious and service came with a smile. A pleasing venue for about 20 members who gathered to share conversations and memories.

Early in the month of August several members of our Club joined others from North Sydney Probus, four other Probus Clubs and members of the public on a visit to *The Fo Guang Shan Nan Tien Buddhist Temple* in Wollongong. We followed a volunteer guide around the precinct who related the history of the Temple; a monk led the group in a 15 minute Tai Chi session; we lunched, after which we could stroll around the complex. Apart from the difficulty hearing the commentary, we all agreed it was a very enjoyable day and a positive example of a shared experience with another Probus Club in our Cluster 9 Group.

We welcomed new members Wendy J and Lorraine & Reg M into the fold at the July and August meetings respectively.

David

FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS

24 September 2026 – Paul Kearney – *History of Rock 'n' Roll.*

Paul will present the stories, the history and a selection of great old Rock & Roll songs and original video clips from the 1950s featuring artists including Bill Haley & the Comets, Buddy Holly, Jerry Lee Lewis amongst many others.

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.*

FUTURE OUTINGS

Friday 25 September 2026 - Naval History Tour. Bookings have closed.

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

Flyer to be distributed.

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

Flyer to be 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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

**Lyn A
Robyn L**

COFFEE 'n' CHAT



Tuesday 8 September *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.

TRIVIA QUIZ

1. Which strait separates the North and South islands of NZ?
2. What is a female bear called?
3. Nessun Dorma comes from which opera?
4. Which mythical animal arises from the ashes of its predecessor?
5. What is the most spoken Chinese language?
6. Through which body part do frogs drink water?
7. What is the world's most popular avocado?
8. What water saving device did Adelaide man Bruce Thompson invent in 1980?
9. Which French author wrote *Around the World in Eighty Days*?
10. Sugar snaps are a type of which vegetable?
11. Fagin is a character from which Charles Dickens novel?
12. Which planet is famous for its rings?

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: Cook Strait; 2: Sow; 3: Puccini's Turandot; 4: Phoenix; 5: Mandarin; 6: The skin; 7: Haas; 8: Dual flush toilet; 9: Jules Verne; 10: Peas; 11: Oliver Twist; 12: Saturn.

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PHOTO GALLERY



Members of the Willoughby Symphony Orchestra Quartet



New Members Wendy J and Lorraine & Reg M



Relaxing at Skiffies



SEPTEMBER RIB-TICKLERS

