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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 3rd September 2026

Welcome to our September meeting.

Happy Fathers' Day for Sunday to all who

qualify. We have a raffle today as usual. Tickets are available at the meeting - \$5 for 8, \$2 for 3 and \$1 for 1.

Thank you everyone for your cooperation in the change of area

for our August meeting. We are expecting to meet upstairs as usual for this month's meeting

The renovations downstairs are continuing. The restaurant is serving meals in a reduced capacity.

The bus trip to Berry and the beautiful surrounding countryside was successful with the bonus of fine weather. There were 36 participants including some members from Pemulwuy and Greystanes Probud Clubs. These extra numbers help to ensure the trips can go ahead.

Thank you to those who put their names down for the Port Stephens extended tour. Unfortunately we didn't reach the numbers required in time. So that tour had to be cancelled. It is hoped that a similar one can be arranged for next year.

Check the lists with Rhilma for activities that are coming up to make sure your name is included.

Today we welcome our guest speaker, Noel Phelan with some naval history. Heather Schabel (President)



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Welcome to our Guest Speaker *Noel Phelan*

"The Navy at Gallipoli, a very interesting and unknown story"



**Happy Birthday Greetings and Best Wishes
to our members who are celebrating
a birthday in September-**

**Robyn Boyle, Diane Frost,
Barry Hogan Heather Hogan**

September is a busy birthday month.

Many famous individuals across entertainment, history,
and sports were born in September.

Here's just a few - -

- 1st Sept Estee Lauder, founded cosmetics &
fragrance company. (1908)
- Barry Gibb, singer, songwriter, member of the "Bee Gees". (1946)
- 2nd Sept Jimmy Connors, Hall of Fame tennis champion. (1952)
- 3rd Sept Louis H. Sullivan, architect, developed skyscrapers. (1856)
- 5th Sept Jesse James, Outlaw, bank and train robber. (1847)
- 6th Sept John Dalton, chemist, physicist, formulated atomic theory. (1766)
- 7th Sept Buddy Holly, singer, musician. (1936)
- 8th Sept Richard I, King of England – "Richard the Lion-Hearted". (1157)
- 9th Sept Harland Sanders, "Colonel Sanders", founded Kentucky Fried Chicken. (1890)
- 11th Sept Harry Connick Jr., actor, singer. (1967)
- 14th Sept Clayton Moore, actor, the original "Lone Ranger". (1914)
- Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost, first Pope from the U.S. (1955)
- 15th Sept Agatha Christie, mystery writer. (1890)
- Prince Harry, England's Duke of Sussex. (1984)
- 19th Sept Adam West, actor original "Batman" TV series. (1929)
- 21st Sept H. G. Wells, novelist. (1866)
- 23rd Sept Augustus, Roman Emperor. (63 B.C.)
- Ray Charles, singer, songwriter. (1930)
- 24th Sept F. Scott Fitzgerald, novelist. Great Gatsby (1896)
- Jim Henson, puppeteer, created the "Muppets". (1936)
- 26th Sept T. S. Eliot, poet. Many poems including Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats
which the stage musical Cats was based on(1888)
- George Gershwin, composer. (1898)
- Olivia Newton-John, singer, actress, starred in the movie "Grease". (1947)
- Serena Williams, tennis player. (1981)
- Brigitte Bardot, actress. (1934)
- 29th Sept Pompey, Roman General, and politician. (106 B.C.)



SOCIAL DAYS



Please **add your name to the list at the Tour Team Table now if interested in any of these excursions. If you attend an organised event without having placed your name on the list beforehand, you are **not covered by Probus insurance****

Pay in cash at the Tour Team table or by Direct Deposit - BSB: 032073 Account: 153813
Please include name and purpose in the description field.

We know prices are rising and want to remind you that our Day and Extended tours do not have to be paid in full in one payment. Pay a deposit and then more at each meeting

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Lunch at Fairfield RSL 14 Anzac Ave 12 noon 17 September



Lunch in the Summerhouse Restaurant.

Roast - choice of two meats; bread roll; non-alcoholic drink (including lemonade, lemon squash or lemon, lime & bitters) , choice from two desserts: cream brulee - or - apple crumble with ice-cream and custard. Cost: \$19 members or \$22 non-members.

Note – the club appears to be following environmental guidelines by attempting to avoid food waste. Limited menu options are available in all of the cafes and restaurants.

The only 2 menu choices at the Summerhouse Restaurant Monday – Friday are the roast as described above or Pho, described as a delicious Vietnamese noodle soup. Vegetarians will be offered a plate of roast vegetables if they want the deal with dessert and a drink or perhaps something like 4 or 6 Vegetarian spring rolls at a different cost.

The club is just a two minute walk from Fairfield Railway station. Plenty of free parking, great food, beautiful, relaxing atmosphere. Fairfield RSL has been recommended by some members. The building is now like a 5 star resort and is definitely worth a visit.

Add your name to the booking list now to ensure sufficient tables are booked for our group.

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\$2.50 Day Out Thursday 15th October more details next month

Travel on the Light Rail from Central Station go to the new Sydney Fish Markets for lunch (own expense). Do you have any suggestions to add to this outing?





SYDNEY COASTAL SECRETS DAY TOUR

MONDAY 16th November \$81 (includes \$4 fuel levy)

* **8.10 am** Arrive at club

* **8.30 am** Depart Guildford Leagues Club

Proposed itinerary -

* Morning Tea at Blues Point Reserve, North Sydney

* Scenic drive with driver commentary through Cremorne, Mosman, Seaforth, Manly, Freshwater & Curl Curl

* 12.15 pm Lunch at Dee Why RSL

* 1.30 pm Scenic drive with driver commentary via Spit Bridge and Balmoral Beach, including a comfort stop at Balmoral.

* 3.30 pm Approximate return to Guildford Leagues Club

Book now!!



Annual Christmas Lunch
to be held after our monthly meeting
on 4th December
at Guildford Leagues Club



\$50 pp Please add your name to the list now.



PHOTO ALBUM –
our usual meeting room was booked by another group in August so our meeting was held in the childrens play area which had been converted into a temporary dining area while extensive renovations were taking place.



A reminder that every member has an obligation to notify the Membership Officer as soon as possible of any changes to contact details - - -
- - address, phone number or email address

PHOTO ALBUM

Coach Trip to beautiful Berry 20th August

A delicious morning tea at Mount Keira Summit Park



Beautiful coastal scenery



Lunch at Berry Bowling Club



NUCLEAR ARMAGEDDON

Did you know that at the very same time the then Prime Minister Bob Hawke was celebrating Australia winning the Americas Cup on **September 26, 1983**, the world came very close to being destroyed by a **Nuclear Armageddon** ?



Lieutenant Colonel [Stanislav Petrov](#) was in charge at the Soviet Air Defence when the Soviet early warning satellites were triggered.

The system was designed to flag the moment the Americans fired their nuclear missiles.

It was Lt Col Petrov's job to call his superiors and warn of an impending nuclear strike.

Based on his word, the Soviet forces would reply with tens of thousands of nuclear missiles targeting the US and its allies.

If it did not end human life on this planet, it would change it irrevocably.

Time was not on Petrov's side.

A nuclear missile launched by the US could hit the USSR in 20 minutes.

But, based on nothing more than gut instinct, Petrov, then 44, did not make the call.





"All I had to do was to reach for the phone, to raise the direct line to our top commanders – but I couldn't move," he told the BBC. "I felt as if I was sitting on a hot frying pan."

But, luckily, he had a feeling that things weren't right. His misgivings proved fortuitous for the entire planet.

The early-warning satellites had made the most simple of errors.

What appeared to be missiles being launched en masse was merely an illusion caused by sunlight reflecting off the top of clouds.

That error could have destroyed the planet, were it not for Petrov's caution.

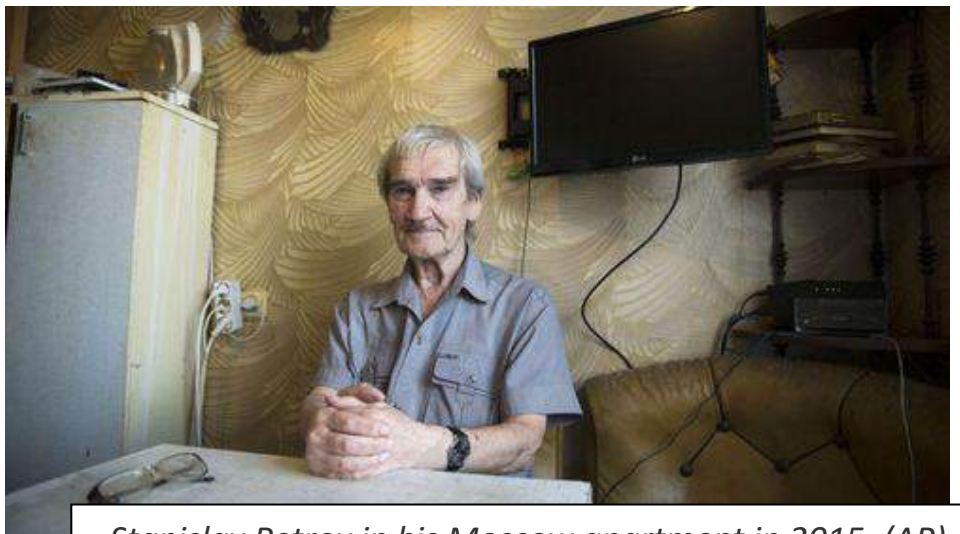
The Soviets were on edge for a reason.

For the past two years, the US had launched a series of operations designed at making the USSR think an attack had been launched.

The US would fly bombers towards Soviet airspace on a daily basis, waiting until the last moment to change course.

And US intelligence ships would close in on Soviet territory, purely to make the Russians anxious.

Petrov may have averted the end of the world, but he wasn't praised as a result



. Stanislav Petrov in his Moscow apartment in 2015. (AP)

Instead he was reprimanded by his superiors for not keeping the logbook accurate the night of the false alarm.

He retired from the military the following year, scraping by on a pension in his final days.

Sanislav Petrov died in May 2017,
though even that would not become public knowledge until September that year

While Australians celebrated the America's Cup win, we were unaware, as was the rest of the world, as to how close the world had come to a nuclear war that same day.

The world would not know for many more years just how close it came
to nuclear destruction on September 26, 1983.

DAD JOKES FOR FATHERS DAY

What do you call a group of musical whales?

Answer: A symphony.

What did one hat say to the other?

Answer: Stay here, I'm going on ahead!

How do you organize a space party?

Answer: You planet!

What's a vampire's favourite fruit?

Answer: A blood orange.

Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants?

In case he got a hole-in-one.

What kind of tea is hard to swallow?

Answer: Reality.

Why don't skeletons fight each other?

Answer: They don't have the guts!

What did one plate say to another plate?

Answer: Tonight, dinner's on me!

Why did the tomato turn red?

Answer: Because it saw the salad dressing!

How do you make a tissue dance?

Answer: You put a little boogie in it.

What do you call fake spaghetti?

Answer: An impasta!

What did one wall say to the other wall?

Answer: I'll meet you at the corner!

What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

Answer: A carrot!

Why did the bicycle fall over?

Answer: Because it was two-tired!

What do you call a fish wearing a crown?

Answer: A kingfish!

Why did the math book look sad?

Answer: Because it had too many problems!

What's a scarecrow's favourite fruit?

Answer: A straw-berry.

How do you catch a squirrel?

Answer: Climb a tree and act like a nut!

Why did the chicken join a band?

Answer: Because it had the drumsticks.

What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet?

Answer: Supplies!



The New South Wales Government has launched legal action to save the historic **Paragon Café in Katoomba**, one of the most iconic symbols of the Greek diaspora in Australia.

Founded in 1916 by Greek migrant Zacharias Theodore "Jack" Simos, the Paragon became famous for its impressive Art Deco architecture, handmade chocolates, pastries and ice cream, while standing for more than a century as a testament to the hard work, entrepreneurship and success of Greek migrants in Australia.

The heritage-listed building has remained closed since 2018 and has significantly deteriorated.

After repeated warnings and repair orders were ignored, NSW authorities have taken the rare step of filing court proceedings to force the property's owner to carry out urgent restoration works.

This is only the second such heritage enforcement case ever brought under the state's Heritage Act.



NSW Heritage Minister Penny Sharpe described the Paragon as an irreplaceable landmark representing more than a century of migration, community and entrepreneurship, stressing that places like this must be preserved before they are lost forever.

For Greeks around the world, the Paragon Café is far more than a historic building.

It is a lasting reminder of the enormous contribution Greek migrants made to Australian society and another example of the enduring legacy of Hellenism abroad, proving that Greek communities have helped shape the cultural identity of countries across the globe.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



Sunday 13th September 11am – 3pm
Linnwood Open Day
29 Byron Road Guildford

Vintage car display
Various Stalls,
Devonshire teas
Barrys Garden Stall

2026 dates for your diary RED = Meetings; BLUE = Probus Activities; GREEN = Community Events

Thursday	3 rd September	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp.
Sunday	13 th September	Linnwood Open Day
Thursday	17 th September	Lunch at Fairfield RSL
Thursday	1 st October	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp.
Thursday	15 th October	Light Rail to Fish Markets
Thursday	5 th November	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp.
Sunday	8 th November	Linnwood Open Day
MONDAY	16 th November	City and Coastal Secrets bus trip
Thursday	3 rd December	Monthly meeting starts at 10.30am sharp. Annual Christmas Lunch after meeting

