



PROBUS CLUB OF DOUBLE BAY INC.

NEWS BULLETIN: MONDAY 17th MARCH 2025

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Meeting Place: Cruising Yacht Club of Australia
New Beach Road, Rushcutters Bay
Day: Third Monday each month except December
Time: 10.00am to 12 midday
Social Coffee meeting: 1st Monday of each month
10am Mia Café Edgecliff Centre
<http://www.probussouthpacific.org/microsites/doublebay>

Chair: David Lynch Speaker: Robert Tickner AO. Topic: Justice Reform

PROBUS CLUB OF DOUBLE BAY INC MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING 19th FEBRUARY 2025

Opening: David opened the meeting at 10.05 am with a warm welcome to members and visitors, and presented a profile about our ill member, Francine Lazarus. A reminder that the AGM will form part of our next meeting.

Visitors: Graham and Gillian Wheatley, Isabella Klompe, Danuta Aaron, Beatrix Stotz, Guler Peker, David Bridger

Apologies: Francine Lazarus, Sue Ferrier, Lorraine Jones, Peter Jones, Andy and Michele Palmer, Gary Davis, Deirdre O'Loughlin, Patricia Mackey, Carole Karpin, Dasia Black, Mandy Dodds, James Stroud, Joan Poulton, Naomi Mendelson, Jenny Pinson, Kay Ashton, Joe Crompton.

Minutes: The abbreviated minutes of the January meeting were approved. No matters arising at this time.

Induction: Nil

Secretary: Ken advised Committee Nomination forms for the Year 2025-2026 are ready for completion at the coffee break. All positions will be vacant and nominations most welcome.

Treasurer: Warren advised that our net balance of almost \$3000 was inflated by member payments for theatre and with the CYCA donation now due.

Entertainment: Gail Booth reported that seat bookings had been made for "Pirates of Penzance" 1st March at the Hayes Theatre. "Aria" at the Ensemble has had excellent reviews, and "Cats" is returning soon, but is expected to be expensive.

Outings: Gail Hill advised that Peru exhibition at the Museum was a wonderful outing, but lunch was cancelled because of the rain. Good news is that Robin Weiher is already active on outings. Woy Woy trip on 20th March and Mt Wilson Gardens on 30th April.

Speakers: Advice from Carole that lining up speakers for 2025 was well advanced.

Membership: Doreen advised that we now have 80 members, 3 not renewing plus 12 on waiting list.

Bulletin: New editor, Anne produced a fine report.

Welfare: Sue Ferrier now at home. Francine Lazarus in palliative care with our best wishes.

CYCA: Megan advised that Club renovations may be disruptive and brought forward to March. Ripping up the front deck is part of the work.

General Business:

Coffee Break: 10.35

Guest Speaker: David welcomed Dr Peter Hobbins, 'Head of Knowledge' at Australian National Maritime Museum. His subject was the crash of a Bell 47 G helicopter over Circular Quay on December 10, 1966, revealing how it happened and the 8 years of Court action that followed.

Experienced pilot Jim Reilly undertook an ABC Charter flight (helicopter leased from Rotor-Work) with filming crew Patricia Ludford and Frank Parnell to film Sydney Harbour and the Opera House under construction. As the Bell 47 G circled slowly at about 1000ft above the Quay, and as witnesses watched,

they heard a huge bang, a roaring engine, and then watched horrified as pieces of the aircraft fell into the harbour as it spun out of control finally landing behind Goldfields House and disappeared. Commonwealth Film Unit Cameraman, Mike Franklin, watching from Farm Cove captured 15 seconds of the scene whilst Cameraman Frank Parnell, inside the Chopper kept his camera rolling. The 3 on board were killed but remarkably there was no fire or bystanders injured.

Film from both Parnell and Franklin was shown by the popular, Ross Symonds, and then around the world, whilst our Air Safety Investigation Branch, determined that a blade bolt head had sheared off, the rotor blade then fell taking the tail rotor assembly with it.

Then started the blame game with designer engineers, manufacturers, owners, pilot and pilot error, weight safety scrutineers engaged in various Court actions over the next 8 years. Finally, after more incidents around the world, the Bell tail rotor-blade retention nut a \$4.75 part, was re-engineered, but it was Rotor-Work who was directed to pay all damages.

Next General Meeting, Monday 17th March 2025

MOUNT WILSON AUTUMN COLOURS BUS TRIP

Date: Wednesday 30th April 2025

Departure times: Choice of **two** options.

8:00am from Woollahra Golf Club, parking available.

8:30am from New Mclean St, Edgecliff (opposite No. 6 New Mclean St)

Itinerary: Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens for an early lunch approximately 10:45 12:00 noon, at own expense. Café at Gardens or bring a picnic.

Then to Bebeah Garden, Mt Wilson.

Entry fee \$10 to be paid at gardens.

Cost: Bus trip \$15 per person, payable to:

Account Name: Probus Club of Double Bay

BSB 032-053 Account No. 752675

Amount: \$15

Payer Name: i.e. your name

Description: Mt Wilson/ your surname

Reference: Mt Wilson/ your surname

Please send online payment receipt to

rweiher2190@gmail.com

Payment is due by 18th April 2025.

Enquiries about outing to **Robyn Weiher, 0416 464 606**

WOY WOY FISHERMAN'S WHARF LUNCH

Date: Thursday 20th March 2025

Itinerary: Train journey from Edgecliff to Woy Woy then lunch at Fisherman's Wharf and return.

Departure times: Travel by train. Please arrive at Edgecliff Station by 9:49am.

9:59am Depart Edgecliff Station for Central Station.

At Central Station exit Platform 24/25. Walk to Platform 7.

10:20am Depart Central Station on the Newcastle Country Train.

11:30am Arrive at Woy Woy Station.

Then about an 8-minute walk to Fisherman's Wharf.

2:10pm Depart Woy Woy Train Station for Redfern Train Station.

Then T4 to Edgecliff, arrive about 3:45pm

Cost: Train fares, lunch.

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