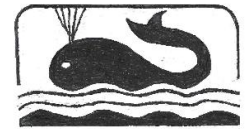




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NEWSLETTER

27 August 2025

\* **Next Meeting: Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

\* **Venue: Mosman Art Gallery Hall 10:30 – 12:30pm**  
Doors will open at 10:00am

\* **Speaker: Rosalie Horner-Waltzing Mathilde: Letters to a Little Girl**

Born in Sydney, Rosalie graduated in Fine Arts from Melbourne University. After becoming a presenter on ABC TV Melbourne, she subsequently moved to London where she worked for many years as a Fleet Street journalist and as a panelist on popular TV shows. Before returning to live permanently in Mosman in 2018, Rosalie graduated in Italian from University College, London. This is her first historical novel.

◆ **Next Meeting (24 September, 2025): tba**

**Member's 5-Minute Spot: Rayna Brown – A Tale of Two Cities**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO COME TO A CLUB LUNCH AFTER THE GENERAL MEETING**

Members and guests are invited to join a Club lunch after each meeting. It is held upstairs in the Upper Duck Restaurant, Hotel Mosman, Military Rd, Spit Junction, just a short walk from the Mosman Art Gallery.

This month we'll announce the final details of our Christmas lunch, including the subsidy approved by the Management Committee. It promises to be a tasteful event, incorporating some historic favourites at a most reasonable cost.

In June, we announced an application to Mosman Council under its' Community Grants program. Christmas has come early with advice that we have been awarded \$2,000 to be applied to a Club computer and related software so that we can manage our information much more effectively and also provide better audio visual support for Guest Speakers.

Reports back from the first \$2.50 Club Fun & Friendship outing to Australia Square whetted our appetites and then Pamela McLeland spearheaded a train visit to Leura with Members and a few hedonistic options on offer. See guest reporter Sarnie's report below.

The return of Trivia Nights after a 5 year "rest" is another response to Members feedback and is keenly anticipated. Lock in 5:30 – 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Mosman Library Creation Space.

Your Management Committee has approved a new Club Constitution and Standing Resolutions largely as recommended by Probus Central. These are the "rules and authority" by which we operate. After next month's General Meeting, we'll send you a separate copy of each ahead of a vote to adopt them in September.

### **Mosman Probus Trivia Nights**

*Graham Levido*

Trivia nights are **FINALLY** back after a five years break. Some older members might remember the fun quiz nights we had upstairs at the Mosman Club. Hopefully we can pick up more of that fun at our new venue.

**Venue: Mosman Library Creation Space** (entry is to the left just outside the main entrance to the library)

**Time: 5:30pm** to about **7pm** every **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** of the **month**

**Starting date: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

As in the past, members attending the quiz may choose to dine at a local eating venue after the quiz.

Graham Levido will run the first night's quiz. Hopefully other club members will take up the challenge of running future nights. All it takes is being able to dream up curly quiz questions be they serious, amusing or just challenging. Just as long as we all have **FUN**.

Any thoughts or questions, contact **Graham Levido** on **0403 997 625**.

### **Mosman Probus Cinema Club**

*Gill Napper*

Spring is almost here with its longer warmer evenings, and so we can start up our Probus Cinema Club again – to meet on the first Monday of every month. Our next meeting will be on Monday September 1 – I shall send out an email on the preceding Thursday with all the details of session times. If you wish to be on the list but are not yet, then please email me at [gillnapper@gmail.com](mailto:gillnapper@gmail.com) to be included. Spring wishes to everyone!



**Au Petit Escargot**



**Dawn a célébré un anniversaire important au Petit Escargot**

*Photo: gracieuseté de TrishT*



**\* Thursday 23 & Friday 24 October 2025: Blue Mountains Get Away: A luxury coach tour with Alura Coaches.** This coach company comes highly recommended. Visit Blackheath, Govetts Leap Lookout, tour & enjoy high tea at the Hydro Majestic, overnight at Leura Gardens Resort, ride the Zig Zag Railway & lunch at Lithgow. **Cost: \$473.00pp** with **\$110.00** singles supplement where required. A **\$100** deposit is required at the August meeting & then Alura will follow up regarding all other arrangements.



## Other activities:

### \* **Wednesday 3 September: CATS Theatre Party at Theatre Royal**

This event is booked out. Please let the Activities Committee know if you would like to be on the wait list in case of a cancellation.

### \* **18 – 23 September: 6-day OnCourse Bellinghen Gourmet Adventure**

All Mosman Probus seats on this tour have been allocated.

### \* **Thursday 9 October: A memorable lunch experience at Refettorio**

481 Crown Street, Surry Hills. This event has been booked out. Diners are asked to bring an envelope containing **\$30** cash to cover their meal. Diners can include more than \$30 if they wish. Information on how to get to the restaurant will be available at the activities table.

**Advance notice:** Sarah has secured a booking for 15 people, the new maximum number per booking, on 26 February 2026. The people on the waiting list will have first option for the February booking.

The OzHarvest restaurant uses funds donated by lunch participants to feed people in need. The menu is prepared by talented chefs and OzHarvest volunteers serve the meals.

### \* **Tuesday 4 November: Melbourne Cup Lunch at The Duck.**

Be there at **12:30pm** in race day dress or just attend. Lunch & a drink are included in the **\$85.00pp** cost. Join in the sweeps & have a festive time. It is always a fabulous event upstairs at The Duck.

### \* **Friday 21 November: Sydney Rotary Regatta Lunch Cruise.**

Members thoroughly enjoyed this activity in 2024. A good lunch onboard & the opportunity to have a bird's eye view of the racing boats. Speak to Rob at the activities table to sign up for this event. **Cost: \$135pp.**

### \* **Friday 28 November: Schools Spectacular in the Qudos Bank Arena.**

Tickets are available for the 2025 Schools Spectacular. The performance will start at **11:00am** in the arena; however, attendees can watch SpecFest 2025 musical performances by individual students, marching bands and ensembles outside the arena from **9:15** to **10:30am** or after the show. Information about transport to and from the performance will be available at the Activities desk.

### \* **Wednesday 10 December: Christmas Lunch.**

Hold the date for a very special traditional Christmas lunch.

**Please Note:** 2026 planning, based on the survey results, is well underway.

## **Archibald Prize Tour 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

*Margaret Badger*

There was a wonderful commentary from Les, the Art Gallery tour guide, who was able to give us an interesting background to each of the portraits selected.



The portrait to the right, *Cormac in Arcadia*, by Marcus Wills took two years to paint, while Jason Phu's portrait of Hugo Weaving (left) took just one hour. The People's Choice winner, Loribelle Spirovski's *Finger Painting of William Barton*, (lower right) was completed by finger painting when the artist had problems holding a brush. Mostafa Azimitabar's portrait of Grace Tame, *The Definition of Hope*, was



painted using toothbrushes (see immediate left).

Tsering Hannaford painted *Meditation on Time* (a left-handed self-portrait) (left lower) with her non-dominant hand, when she could not use her right hand. One can't help feeling energised by

artists compelled to find a way to continue their passion under any circumstances.

The back stories of how the subjects were approached to be painted was also very interesting.

Our Mosman Probus group were joined by seven members from Waverton Probus; meeting and having lunch with them completed a very successful tour.

**Upcoming: \$2.50 Club Eastwood Outing** *Organiser: Sarnie Hay*

**Please Note Date: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

### How to Get There:

Take the 144 bus from Mosman to Chatswood Station, the 114 bus to Crowsnest Metro and then to Chatswood Station, or alternatively, catch the Metro from North Sydney to Chatswood. We will meet at **10:00 am** outside the **main entrance** to **Chatswood Station**.

On arrival at Eastwood Station, we will make our way to the CWA Tea Rooms just across the road to partake of their famous Devonshire teas—two scones with jam and cream and a tea or coffee. They also sell local honey, homemade jams, handicrafts and second-hand books. Bulk orders of scones can be made in advance. After the tea rooms, we will head up to Brush Farm House, about a 20 minute easy walk.

Brush Farm was built circa 1820 by Gregory Blaxland. It's not only one of Australia's oldest houses but also one of the most substantial houses to survive from the Macquarie period.

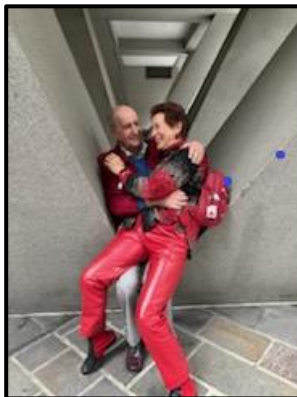
### Lunch:

For those who would like to lunch on Peking duck or a Korean BBQ, there are a couple of great restaurants, or if you prefer you can pick from any number of restaurants along the Rowe Street strip.





Enjoying the first of the \$2.50 Club's Outings at Australia Square. It was led by the Secretary, who is almost as tall as the Tower he helped to build.



**Dramatic reenactment of where marital bliss was engineered 58 years ago (to the very day) during the building of the Australia Square Tower.**

*Photos: Courtesy of Sarnie & Lendlease*



For some reason, he refused to talk to me



I wouldn't have believed that the \$25 Loulou's 'steak frites sandwich' with a glass of wine that we had on Graham and Trish's inaugural trip of the \$2.50 Club could be matched but there we were sitting in a cafe and deli, aptly named the 'Leura Gourmet', with a great view to Katoomba.

Our leader, Pam McLeland, managed to get all seven of us safely boarded on the train at Central. If you want to see the Nepean River in its full glory, well check it out from the upstairs of a country train carriage.

Leaving the bustle of Sydney behind, we headed for the breathtaking World Heritage Blue Mountains, just a two hour train journey. It was a crisp, clear winter's day, perfect for enjoying the scenery and cozying up by a fireplace.

After lunch we took a gentle stroll around the mall, stopping to shop. On the trip home we shared some old-fashioned lollies we bought from the Leura Candy shop. An unforgettable day out. Thank you Pam.

### **Previous Speaker: Mayor Ann Marie Kimber – *Journey to Leadership***



Mayor Kimber commenced her talk by saying that she would initially reflect on the many things that her life experiences had taught her in her journey to leadership and then explain how she had become Mayor of Mosman despite not having worked in government previously.

The Mayor's first overhead illustrated the complexity of the many different factors that she considered can contribute to effective leadership. These include intense motivation and a strong sense of responsibility, both combined with firm discipline, sensitive people management and effective

teamwork.

This overhead also coupled these determinants with additional factors, such as support, vision, influence, mentoring, inspiration and communication. In her personal journey to leadership, Ann Marie felt that what was most important were her values: these led her to make effective choices, as well as to accept challenges and changes, and to serve with courage, resilience and integrity.

Mayor Kimber stressed the importance of 'followship'. Followship replaces leadership when the leader moves away from a traditional directive approach and leads as a follower. In followship, the leader adopts the role of listening to group members, communicating directly with each one and treating each member with kindness. Teamwork can be more successful than independent individuals when all the voices of the team are heard.

The Mayor made mention in passing of the book *Who Moved My Cheese?* by Dr Spencer Johnson, one of the most successful US business books of all time. It recounts a simple yet profound fable that describes four different reactions to change. The story teaches that those who embrace change and adapt to it quickly will thrive while those who resist change will usually struggle.



In introducing herself, Anne Marie said that she is the daughter of a Scottish immigrant. As Mayor, she is delighted now to be able to care for Mosman's Scottish cairn, which was a Bicentennial gift to Australia from the people of Scotland (see photo right). The cairn's stones were gathered by the ministers of each Scottish parish to represent the diversity of Scotland's geology. There are also stones from Scottish cathedrals.

The Mayor went on to say that conducting citizenship ceremonies was a special joy for her not just because of her immigrant father but because she herself had lived in many parts of the world. She noted that in 2024, almost 9 million of Australia's 27 million population (about one third) had been born overseas, indicating Australia's very diverse demographics.

The Mayor's professional career has spanned sport, global experience, business (both large and small) and deep community involvement. Her list of previous employers included Glenridge Ambulance (US), Geneva, Capitan, Overlay Technology, Rhône-Poulenc Rorer and currently, Daisee.

Daisee is an Australian start-up software company that her husband, Richard (a former Google regional MD) formed 8 years ago. It builds cutting edge AI applications for business. These have to-date spanned banking and financial services, healthcare, tele-medicine, and government and digital commerce markets.

Sport has been an essential learning experience for Ann Marie. Her main sport has been basketball. From basketball, she has learnt the critical importance of teamwork, especially in her role first, as a team captain and then as a coach. She has also learnt that it is the journey that is usually remembered, not the result of a specific game, even if that game is a final.

As a generalisation, the Mayor said that she has learnt from business that it is critical for the customer's needs to be satisfied. She now intends to do the same for Mosman ratepayers by addressing key community concerns such as the rising cost of living, traffic congestion and environmental sustainability. She has also learnt that it can be the little things that may ultimately give rise to success.

Ann Marie's path to mayoralty began when she was invited to coffee by the previous Mayor of Mosman, Carolyn Corrigan. To Ann Marie's surprise, Carolyn asked her to consider joining Mosman Council. This was an unexpected challenge which Anne Marie immediately stepped up to, despite the lack of previous experience in government. Carolyn made it clear that she wished to step down after 12 years on Council, including 6 years as the first popularly elected female Mayor of Mosman. Carolyn said that she wanted Ann Marie to take over as leader, which is what happened when Ann Marie was elected Mayor of Mosman in September 2024 as part of the independent Serving Mosman team.

With insights from a career that now spans from big business to local government, Ann Marie's personal story is a reminder that leadership is not about title or power, but about purpose, persistence, and lifting others along the way.