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Welcome to the first bulletin for Spring – though the winds, as often happens, are giving the blossoms a rough time, the deciduous and wattle trees are brilliantly showing the colours of Spring which on 19th April, 1984 were proclaimed the national colours of Australia, and worn by many of our representative sports teams. As the months slip by some calendars are reminding us that it is only 13 weeks to Christmas and for our personal diaries that means ensuring the date for the **Ashfield Probus 40th Anniversary and Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday 11th December** is recorded. A special time for sharing.

Our September speaker is John Eades. John will present “Battle of the Cocos Islands-HMAS Sydney-SMS Emden. John is a volunteer speaker for the Australian National Maritime Museum Foundation. When we last saw John, he told us about two ship wrecks near Tasmania. A family pass to the museum (two adults and three children) is donated by speakers. A gold coin collection from the members to support young people to sail on HMS Endeavour and the delivery of a monthly programme for people living with dementia and their carers.

Our Scrabble Group which meets on the last Monday of each month at 10 am, is growing in numbers. We still have room for more players so maybe give it a try. Play is for an hour then players often join the Coffee Club next door at ‘Happy Daze’. And don’t forget a good **game of 500** is a couple of hours well spent! First Monday of the month **except** when it is a long weekend, so **next game is 14th October**.

Our walk for August was to be at Cockatoo Island. Thank you to the nine walkers who braved the elements. The weather was definitely not with us. We took the ferry heading for Cockatoo Island, the rain was pouring down and we made the decision to return to the Quay with the same ferry. We did enjoy a lovely one-hour ferry trip. We had lunch at Rossini at Circular Quay, a hearty pumpkin soup was enjoyed by all.

Our August Outing was on 28th August, in weather suggesting that Spring was already here, ten Probos members met for an outing to the Art Gallery to see the Archibald Prize exhibition. There were many striking and memorable portraits which we will not soon forget. A tasty lunch in the bright and pleasant Gallery Café concluded a pleasant morning out.

As can be seen from the above, there is quite a choice of activities in which to participate apart from the limited time of sharing at the General Meeting; see over the page for Cinema and Musical events. These activities and outings are an enjoyable time to get to know others and share interests.

Announcement: The Bistro next to our meeting room on the 1st floor of Club Ashfield now has new caterers. Why not stay back after the General Meeting for lunch and encourage the new caterers.

Planning for our **Christmas Luncheon and 40th Anniversary Celebrations** are underway and we really do want to make this a very special occasion. Can you help with ideas or contribute in any other way. It really needs us all to ‘get excited about’ and 40 years of providing continuous fun and friendship for retirees of the local LGA is something to celebrate! Have a chat with either Julie, Lynne (Jones) or Cecily.

“Return of Death in Paradise”. An Australian ABC TV version of the English “Death in Paradise”. Watch for Iris’ preserves – Jams Pickles etc – which will apparently be on display at some time during the 6 episodes.

..... and news from Annie Byron in Dubrovnik “hellishly hot but having a wonderful time”.

COMING EVENTS

WALKING GROUP:

September: Wednesday, 11th, Centennial Park - Lachlan Reserve / Duck Pond / The Column Garden. Meet 10.45am at Light Rail stop on Chalmers Street near the Exit from Central Railway – for the 10.59am L.R. journey to Royal Randwick stop. Lunch at the Spruce Goose Food Truck located opposite the Duck Pond.

October: Wednesday 9th. Cockatoo Island. Meet: 10.30 am at Circular Quay Wharf 5. Take the 10.45am Ferry to Cockatoo Island, walk the lower parts of the island, see the historic dockyards and convict build Fitzroy dock and the turbine shop. Lunch at Cockatoo Overboard Cafe or take the Ferry back to the Quay for lunch. Return to Circular Quay at your leisure after lunch, plenty of ferries. Jane PH:0412 543 353

OUTINGS:

September: Thursday 26th, to Vacluse House. Meet at 10.30am in front of Wharf 2, Circular Quay, for the 10:45 ferry to Watsons Bay. We will have coffee at Watsons Bay, then catch the 11:45 bus for a 7-minute trip to the stop outside Vacluse House. Lunch at Vacluse Estate Cafe or Rose Bay RSL.

October: Tuesday, 29th: B.B.Q. Kokoda Track Pavilion, Rhodes. Meet 11.00am. Sausages, Onions & Cold Slaw plus Tea & Coffee provided. Bring Plates & Cutlery and anything else you require or to share! Let's celebrate Probus Month (October) at this Event. Oh! And don't forget a gift to raffle (approx. \$10).

November: Wednesday, 27th: Coach Trip Mt. Penang Gardens (Morning Tea) & Japanese Gardens (Lunch). Leave Ashfield 8.30am – Return 4.45pm. Cost to Members & Visitors \$10.00.

500 CLUB: First Monday of the Month at 10am. Club Ashfield. **Next game: Monday 14th October** **Note: usually first Monday except for Public Holidays.**

SCRABBLE: Last Monday of the Month 10am. Club Ashfield. **Next games: Mon 30th Sep and 28th Oct.**

COFFEE CLUB: Last Monday of the Month at 11am. Happy Daze café. **Mon 30th Sep and 28th Oct.**

BOOK CLUB: Books, DVDs, and Magazines- Bring one, take one at our General Meetings! (some great reading usually available) Free.

LUNCHEON CLUB:

September: Friday 20th September. Envy Cafe Summer Hill. Enter through the double gates and go to the right to the little hut. Email: irisloudon@hotmail.com Ph: 9797 9455 or 0403 882 451.

TRIVIA WITH A TWIST: The Lounge, Club Ashfield. **Wednesdays from 7.00pm**. Form a Team!! Free!

Cinema Group for Tuesday October 1 - in Executive Boardroom from 1000-1200

Touch, Drama, 121m, Start Date -22 August. English Sub-titles. Description: Widower Kristofer sets off from Iceland to London, trying to track down his first love -Miko. They met in Miko's father's restaurant, closed overnight, without notice and Miko disappeared. Next stop Japan for Kristofer before it's too late.

Thelma. Comedy/Action. Duration -98m, Start Date - 5 September. 93year old gets conned by phone scammer pretending to be her grandson. She sets out on a treacherous quest across Los Angeles to reclaim what is hers. Inspired by real-life experience of director's own grandmother.

Concerts: Strathfield Symphony Orchestra, Strathfield Town Hall. Mahler 1, Sat & Sun 28 & 29 September.

> **"Cinderella"** presented by Strathfield Musical Society Where: The Latvian Theatre, 32 Parnell Street, Strathfield. When: Saturday 26 October 2:00pm Cost: \$42.00 approximately.

> **St Andrew's Cathedral** - Band Call, Gold Coin Donation. Check website for Concerts.

> **Sydney Conservatorium of Music**. Gold Coin Donation. Check website for Concerts. Evelyn: 0434 552 815

SPEAKERS: September: John Eades, Maritime Museum. **October** - Colin Webb will give a talk on 'Making the Invisible Visible. Styles and Changes in Domestic Leadlight in the Inner West.

Our Club meets every 3rd Monday of the Month, 10.00am Club Ashfield, 1 -11 Charlotte Street, Ashfield.
Please consider becoming a member of Club Ashfield, the Club that supports us.