



CREMORNE CONVERSATIONS

Newsletter of Cremorne Probus Club Inc.

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Diary Dates:

Coffee 'n' Chat	10.30am	Tuesday 12 August 2025	Le 76 Patisserie & Bakery, Upper Level, Theo's Arcade, Neutral Bay
Lunch	12.30pm	Wednesday 13 August 2025	Skiffies 237 Spit Road, Mosman
General Meeting	10.00am	Thursday 28 August 2025	Mosman Art Gallery, 1 Art Gallery Way, Mosman

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hullo Cremornians

The terrors and glories of overseas travel!

I have been inactive in Probus while away, so I will share a little of the terrors and glories of overseas travel for the benefit of we seniors. I will tell you about my recent adventures, before during and after Zagreb, where I went to participate in a joint Croatian National Choir, German Choir and a New York Choir. I was the only Aussie but there were 2 Kiwis. We were singing in Croatian, a fiercely patriotic work about King Tomislav uniting Croatia in 925 AD.

I'll get the early terrors out of the way first. A formidable terror is the fear of the unexpected. It happened half an hour before I was due to be driven to the airport by my youngest daughter's partner. I went to my garage to lock my car and . . . it was gone!!!! I had left it on Gerard Street on Sunday forgetting to move it. If I had not looked, it would have been left on Winnie Street, where it was towed, for the next 26 days! I found and garaged it just in time to be collected for the airport trip. A \$400 fine will soon come, plus the towing fee!

Then, while flying high over the Northern Territory on the way to Dubai, the plane hit severe turbulence as I typed a shaky laptop manuscript. The wanton air columns rattled every rivet of this huge A380. I strapped myself in to avoid bouncing to the ceiling as it seemed to fall 30 metres down and then rise 30 metres up again. I love Rock 'n' Roll, but this took it to another level.

One glory is Emirates Business Class. As a member of the SKI Club (Spend Kids Inheritance), I dug up the dough for it. The experience was worth it, like being waited on like royalty. Linen tableware, serving 1 hat quality meals, with a lounge at the rear with snack meals 24/7, if you fancy.

In Zagreb, (a name redolent of spy novels like Odessa) I encountered *more terrors*. After the performance, I booked with another chorister and paid for a trip into Slovenia to see a celebrated lake, castle and cave, only to be told at 11.30pm the night before that the trip was cancelled due to insufficient participants! They promised a refund but in another strange country, Oh terror! I thought my money was irretrievably gone! Miraculously it has since been credited to my card.

The next day, I booked at 9.00pm the night before with Tripadvisor for another chorister and I for a different Slovenia tour the next day. After paying, I found the meeting place was Slovenia at 8.30am, 2.5 hours drive away by Uber, at ruinous cost during sleeping time. I cancelled within 15 minutes of booking, expecting a refund. No such luck. Cancellations less than 24 hours before the tour departure get no refund! The terrors of travel!!

There are more glories, but our esteemed Editor is keeping me on a tight leash. Fortunately, I returned in one piece, terrors notwithstanding for which I am truly grateful.

David

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CREMORNE PROBUS INC.



Our President returned from his overseas sojourning in time to cut the special Anniversary Cake at our last General Meeting celebrating the 7th Anniversary of the founding of our Club.

(Actual foundation date 26 July 2018.)



PAST EVENT

***Yuletide in July* - Hotel Bundanoon - Friday 26 July 2025**

"The place of deep gullies". Good old Bundy, or to us Probians, historic Bundanoon. How pleasant it was on Friday last to be heading out of the crowded city and into the quiet countryside, comfortable in our winter woolies and coats, knowing what awaited us was a stop in Berrima for a coffee and a bit of retail therapy, a hot lunch and welcoming warm fire in the Bundanoon Hotel for this *Yuletide in July*. Wasn't that a long sentence! Could nearly get us to Berrima!

Anyway, it was a jolly good lunch. Our table of 10 or 12 complete with Enterprising Elf at the foot (or was it the head) certainly thought so. Loaded plates arrived on the table with hot veggies as well as the traditional fare. Yum!! Judging by the happy faces and glasses of the good stuff on other tables, all agreed. My personal opinion, best fare yet for *YIJ*. And a robust red chosen by Sissi went down very well!



So, to home, and after a less than rousing rendition of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, given that the sated and satisfied nodded off, we had a couple of hours gentle snoring till *Bang!* Our fearless driver hit something in North Sydney and woke us all up. This *Bang!* matched the *Thump!* of the thing we hit on the way out. But the mild excitement, with no damage, only heightened our experience of a very pleasant day.

Olivia

FUTURE EVENTS/OUTINGS

Wednesday 13 August 2025 – Lunch 12:30pm - *Skiffies Bar & Bistro*, 237 Spit Road, Mosman.

Getting there - Bus 144 on Military Road; paid car parking opposite venue.

RSVP to nancylb@optusnet.com.au by Friday 8 August 2025. Flyer distributed 20 July 2025.

Wednesday 17 September 2025 – High Tea at the Shangri-La Hotel.

Flyer to be distributed.

PAST SPEAKER

Dominic Trevor's Power Point Presentation on SCAMS. As Dominic was unavailable, our Vice President Graham stepped into the breach and presented the Power Point presentation on SCAMS. A timely reminder alerting us to the tricks and traps circulating on our various devices and what we can do to recognise and (hopefully) prevent falling victim. *The Little Black Book of Scams* available at a previous General Meeting is an added reference.

FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS

Thursday 28 August 2025: Sarah Pope from Transport for NSW on Pedestrian Safety.

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.

BOOK EXCHANGE



Bring one, take one. If yours is still there at the end of the meeting, please take it home; try again next month. *No books to be left on the table please.*

YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE: *Please*



wear your badge to all Club functions.



AUGUST 2025 BIRTHDAYS:

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Elaine B
Coralie C
Graham C
Phillipa D
Anita H

Eileen P
Krithia R
Marlene R
Sissi S
Pat T

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. What type of snack is the Vietnamese Banh Mi?
2. What type of metal cookware is Le Creuset famous for?
3. In Roman mythology who is the god of fire and volcanoes?
4. Yvonne Kenny is famous for which field of the arts?
5. *Ding Dong! the Witch is Dead* is a song from which famous musical?
6. What, according to a saying is the road to hell paved with?
7. Which Italian veal dish has a name meaning: it jumps in the mouth?
8. Which native bird is depicted on the \$2 coin?
9. Manchego cheese is traditionally made from the milk of which animal?
10. What household appliance invented in 1901 was called Puffing Billy?
11. What do you call a baby swan?
12. How many months were in the Roman calendar?

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: Sandwich; 2: Cast Iron; 3: Vulcan; 4: Singing; 5: Wizard of Oz; 6: Good Intentions; 7: Saltimbocca; 8: White Heron; 9: Sheep; 10: Vacuum Cleaner; 11: Cygnet; 12: Eight.

Management Committee: Please contact the Secretary by email: cremorneprobos1@gmail.com

Reminder: Winter is upon us and a new Covid strain is circulating in the community. Are your Covid and Flu vaccinations up to date? If you are feeling unwell please stay home.

YULETIDE IN JULY



At the end of a wonderful day!

The next Newsletter will be published in SEPTEMBER 2025

AUGUST NEWSLETTER RIB-TICKLERS

A cartoon showing a man standing in front of two adjacent storefronts. The left storefront has a sign that says "OBSTETRICIAN" and a window showing a silhouette of a person. The right storefront has a sign that says "OPTICIAN" and a window showing a pair of glasses. A speech bubble from the man says: "I'M ONLY HERE BECAUSE MY WIFE THINKS I NEED GLASSES!"

A photograph of a pharmacist in a white lab coat talking to a female customer. A speech bubble from the pharmacist says: "Do you have Viagra for women?" A speech bubble from the customer says: "Jewelry store, accross the street."

A photograph of a glass of water with a text overlay that reads: "My therapist set half a glass of water in front of me. He asked if I was an optimist or a pessimist. So, I drank the water and told him I was a problem solver. ~Unknown"

A photograph of a black sign with white text that reads: "I JUST ASKED MYSELF IF I'M CRAZY AND WE ALL SAID NO"

"you left the toilet seat up"

A photograph of a bathroom sink area. The sink is cluttered with various items, including a hairbrush, a bottle of hair spray, a small mirror, and other toiletries. The text "you left the toilet seat up" is overlaid on the image.

A photograph of a man in a plaid shirt pushing a shopping cart in a parking lot. A text overlay at the top reads: "THIS GUY'S PROJECT WILL NOT GO WELL" and a text overlay at the bottom reads: "GUARANTEED"

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