



CREMORNE CONVERSATIONS

Newsletter of Cremorne Probus Club Inc.

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Diary Dates:

Coffee 'n' Chat	10.30am	Tuesday 10 February 2026	Le 76 Patisserie & Bakery, Upper Level, Theo's Arcade, Neutral Bay
Lunch	12.30pm - 2.30pm	Thursday 12 February 2026	The Little Snail Restaurant 50 Murray Street, Pyrmont
General Meeting	10.00am - 12.00 noon	Thursday 26 February 2026	Mosman Art Gallery 1 Art Gallery Way, Mosman

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

New Year's Greetings to all our Cremornians as we launch our first Newsletter for 2026. We had a pleasant January General Meeting, about which you will read in the comprehensive Minutes.

This is our Cremornian "New Year's Eve" when we re-elect our Management Committee. There are those on the present Committee who have served for a number of years, some since the foundation of the Club and you will recall that when joining the Club there is an expectation members will serve on the Committee. We are also looking for assistants to those officers who feel they could help and become familiar with Management Committee roles. Nominations have been received for some existing roles, **however that does not preclude others** . Nominations must be received on or before our February General Meeting 26 February 2026.

I am constantly amazed by the information on science, wildlife, archaeology, astronomy and all things wonderful published in Popular Science Magazine. As not a great deal of Probus action has been happening since our memorable Christmas party last year, allow me to share with you a few facts on the Greenland Shark particularly as it mentions a possible link to treatment of the human retina.

"The Greenland Shark



This fellow is considered to be the longest living vertebrate on the planet, often reaching over 400 years old. They grow to over 6 metres long and can weigh over 900 kilos. It does not reach reproducing age for a lazy 150 years, often living for another 3 centuries! The female takes anything from a laid back 8 to 18 years to produce a pup. A true denizen of the deep, these apex predators spend their lives at depths of up to 1,300 metres in the frigid North Atlantic and Arctic Oceans.

A lot can be learned from this creature's baseball sized eyes which are exciting scientific interest because a study of a 200-year-old eyeball showed no sign of retinal degradation, leading to hope for advancement of treatment of human retinal degradation. The shark's eyes are often obscured by a small parasitic crustacean, still allowing continued vision."

There is no truth in the rumour that an American Shark wants to take over Greenland simply to get access to the Greenland Shark's secrets of longevity.

David

FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS

Thursday 26 February 2026 – Sally Castell: Movement Matters

Thursday 26 March 2026 – Jennifer Philips: Genetics – the future is now!

CREMORNE PROBUS OUTING

Our first activities outing was a great success with five attending and seven apologies which indicates considerable interest. The movie *Song Sung Blue* was absolutely fabulous and the group minus one adjourned to the pub afterwards.



Anyone can initiate any activity – movies, lunches etc. and it is not hard to do. If you need guidance help is available. One key element for all going on outings of any type is to respond to the **email that is indicated in the invitation** i.e. please do not hit the “reply/reply all” button.

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FUTURE EVENTS/OUTINGS

Thursday 12 February 2026 – Lunch -12.30 – 2.30pm.

The Little Snail Restaurant, 50 Murray Street, Pyrmont. Flyer has been distributed.

Friday 13 March 2026 – Georges River Lunch Cruise. Details to be advised.

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.

COFFEE ‘n’ CHAT



Le 76 Patisserie & Bakery, Upper Level, Theo’s Arcade, Neutral Bay

Come along and join your fellow Cremornians every second Tuesday of the month from 10.30am – stay as long as you like.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE:



Please wear your badge to all Club functions.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Kay B
Pauline H-K
Robyn H
David R
Rowan W

Looking out for each other: If you are aware that a fellow member is unwell or in need of support, please let us know at cremorneprobos1@gmail.com Attention Welfare Officer, so that we can contact them.

Our care can make a difference.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. An oenologist is an expert in the production of which drink?
2. The League of Nations was founded after which major conflict?
3. Brise, glissade and pli  are terms used in which performing art?
4. Which animal features on the 5 cent coin?
5. *BackRub* is the original name of which well-known tech company?
6. What meat is used to make pastrami?
7. What is the largest joint in the human body?
8. *It's the vibe of the thing, Your Honour* is from which movie?
9. What is the capital of North Korea?
10. Which Australian Prime Minister gave the famous *Light on the Hill* speech?
11. In which year did Harold Holt (PM) disappear?
12. What is the national gemstone of Australia?

ANSWERS

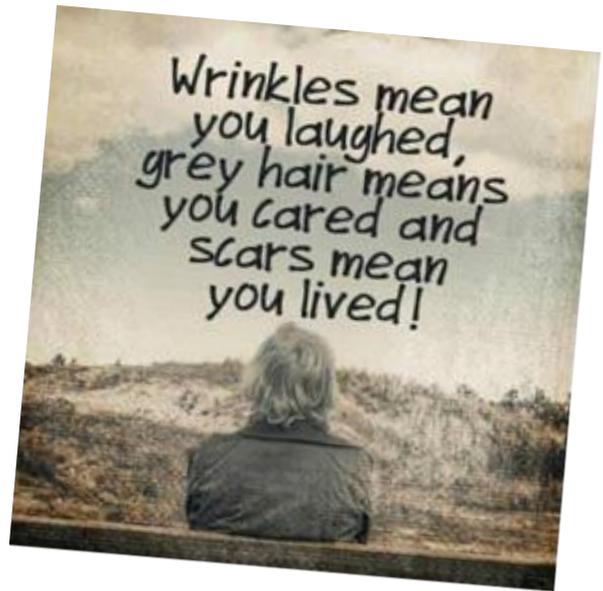
To read the answers on your iPhone or iPad: lay iPhone/iPad on a flat surface – turn it – and then you can read them! (E&OE)

1: Wine; 2: World War 1; 3: Ballet; 4: Echidna; 5: Google; 6: Beef; 7: The knee; 8: The Castle;
9: Pyongyang; 10: Ben Chifley in 1949; 11: 1967; 12: Opal.

Management Committee: Please contact the Secretary by email: cremorneprobus1@gmail.com

The next Newsletter will be published in MARCH 2026.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER RIB-TICKLERS



Get your relatives speaking to one another again by sending a heartfelt Christmas card with a picture of your family with an extra child nobody knows.

THE BEST THING ABOUT DOGS IS THAT YOU CAN ACT LIKE SOMETHING REALLY GREAT JUST HAPPENED AND THEY'LL INSTANTLY START CELEBRATING WITH YOU. THEY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT CONTEXT IS... THEY'RE JUST ALWAYS READY TO PARTY NO MATTER WHAT.