



# CREMORNE CONVERSATIONS

Newsletter of Cremorne Probus Club Inc.

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## Diary Dates:

Coffee 'n' Chat	10.30am	Tuesday 8 July 2025	<b><i>Le 76 Patisserie &amp; Bakery, Upper Level, Theo's Arcade, Neutral Bay</i></b>
General Meeting	10.00am	Thursday 24 July 2025	<b>Mosman Art Gallery, 1 Art Gallery Way, Mosman</b>
Yuletide Celebration	8.45am for 9.00am pick-up Primrose Park	Friday 25 July 2025	<b>Bundanoon Hotel, Bundanoon</b>

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you read this I expect to be in Croatia singing in an American choir celebrating the 1100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Croatia's warrior King Tomislav having united Croatia under his rule. He was a favourite son of Pope John X (no relation to the formerly named Twitter nor to the son of Elon Musk!). Croatia is by all accounts a beautiful country. Many Cremornians and other Probians have exhorted me to visit special sites of their experience in touring Croatia. I hope rehearsals and performance of the specially written concert, by the Croation 'John Williams', for the festival celebration will allow me enough time to visit them all.

Jan, our Welfare Officer and I attended a Probus Information Day at Thornleigh on 12 June and had the opportunity to hear about the experiences, the outings, the speakers and plans for the future of a great variety of Probus Clubs in the upper North Shore and Hills area. We are analysing the things we learned to better your Probus experience.

One of the best ways to boost our membership back to the pre-Covid levels is word of mouth. If you are chatting with a retired or semi-retired acquaintance who lives within easy travel distance of the Mosman Art Gallery, extol the virtues of our Club, the qualities of our activities and speakers, the friendliness of our members, the fun we have. Offer to meet them at the General Meeting and be their 'buddy' for reassurance. Together, we can rebuild our membership to its former prominence. Our acting Membership Officer, Sissi has visiting cards with our Club details and provision on the reverse side to write your contact details.

Our hard-working Management Committee is cooking up new experiences in the form of Speaker presentations and activities including Yuletide in July.

Enjoy this coming month. I'll be back, wars and other disasters not interfering, next General Meeting.

*David*

## PAST EVENT

### Guided Tour of the Archibald, Wynn and Sulman prizes Art Gallery of NSW on Friday 13 June 2025

On a crisp, sunny winter's day, fifteen Probus Cremorne members and friends made our way to the Art Gallery of NSW to view the exhibition of this year's finalists for the Sulman, Archibald and Wynne prizes. Interestingly our group was all women, perhaps reflecting that this year for the first time more women artists than men had been selected for each of the prizes.

We were met at the entrance by Susan Mitchell, our knowledgeable guide who deftly steered us through the crowds to ensure we had prime positions in front of key paintings. With 139 paintings selected for exhibition from the almost 2,400 entries, she guided us to the main highlights, including the winners of each prize.

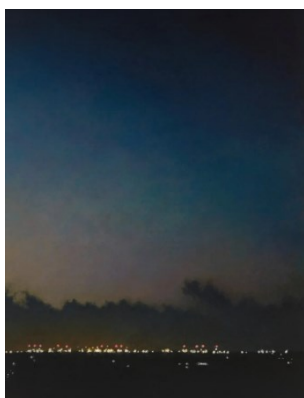
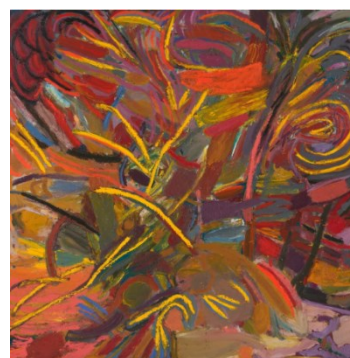
For over a century the Archibald Prize has been awarded annually to the best portrait of a person "distinguished in art, letters, science or politics" by an Australasian artist. The prize has always created controversy and conversation, and this year was no exception.



This year's winner, a black and white portrait, entitled *Flagship Mother Multiverse* by Julie Fragar was not everyone's favourite with some of the Probus art critics preferring the portrait of Gardening Australia's gnome, Costa, or the Packing Room prizewinner, Abdul Abdullah's portrait of fellow artist on horseback, *No Mountain High Enough*.



However, the Sulman Prize winner, a large, colourful canvas with swirls of bright colour by Gene A'Hern entitled *Sky Painting* was more popular with the Probians - fireworks! was our reaction. Moving on, the winner of the Wynne prize for landscape painting, Jude Rae's *Pre-dawn Sky Over Botany Container Terminal* was perhaps a bit too dark and monochromatic for our tastes.



But there's only so much art one can appreciate in a morning, and after viewing many of the paintings on exhibition we thanked Susan for her guidance and made our way to lunch.

Jane

## FUTURE EVENTS/OUTINGS

**Friday July 25 2025 - Yuletide Celebrations – Hotel Bundanoon, Bundanoon.** Pick up 8:45am for 9.00am departure from Primrose Park; returning approximately 5.00pm. Travel by luxury coach to Berrima for morning tea stop and browse, then, continue through the picturesque countryside of the Southern Highlands to the township of Bundanoon.

**This excursion will not go ahead if we do not reach the magic 20. So far we are a little light on numbers, so for those who are in the 'thinking about it' phase please decide in the affirmative. Deadline for payment is Monday 14 July 2025. Refer Flyer re-distributed 1 July 2025 for full details.**

## PAST SPEAKER

After a career in journalism both print and television then officially retiring last year, Lincoln Howes launched *Premier Legacy Films* offering a service to visually chronicle the memories of family members. Lincoln demonstrated how recording images and narratives allows personal histories and anecdotes to be captured for current and future generations to enjoy family stories 'first hand', gain connection to the past and create our very own *Australian Story*. Face to face interviews were considered best practice although Zoom could be employed for those with tech capacity. Food for thought . . . and action perhaps!



## FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS

**Thursday 24 July 2025:** Dominic Trevor's PowerPoint on 'SCAMS' presented by our Vice President, Graham Coutts.

***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.***



## JULY 2025 BIRTHDAYS:

***A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO:***

**Dot N**

**Susan S**

**John T**

**Christine W**

## TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Which salad dressing is the basis of a remoulade?
2. In which decade was Dolly the sheep cloned?
3. The Occitania region is on which continent?
4. In which year was Medibank privatised?
5. What type of animal is a caracal?
6. In fashion terms what does LBD stand for?
7. What is the main ingredient in hummus?
8. The Bering Sea is part of which ocean?
9. By which name is Robin of Loxley usually known?
10. In Greek culture how many standard muses are there?
11. Port Macquarie is at the mouth of which river?
12. What is a female donkey called?

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)

## ANSWERS

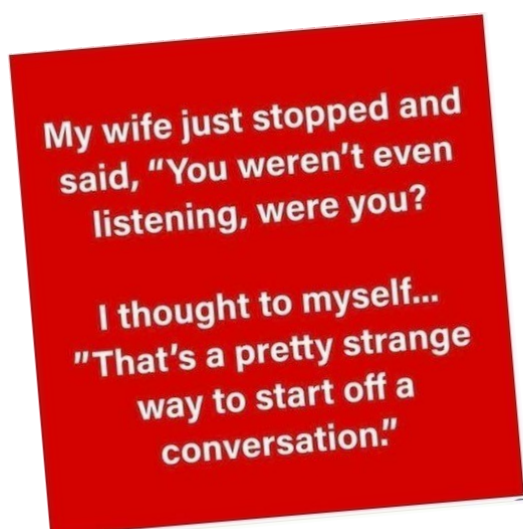
1: Mayonnaise; 2 1990's; 3: Europe; 4: 2014; 5: Wild cat; 6: Little Black Dress; 7: Chickpeas; 8: The Pacific; 9: Robin Hood; 10: Nine; 11: Hastings River; 12: Jenny

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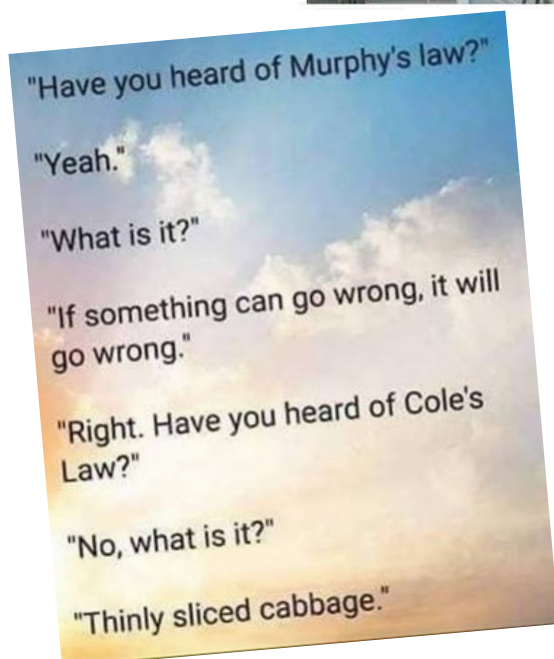
***Reminder: Winter is upon us and a new Covid strain is circulating in the community. Are your Covid and Flu vaccinations up to date? If you are feeling unwell please stay home.***



## JULY NEWSLETTER RIB-TICKLERS



Just sitting here.....eating popcorn....cell phone in hand with 9-1-.....already punched in...



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