



**HOMEBUSH PROBUS CLUB**

**VISIT TO  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
ON FRIDAY, 18 JULY, 2025**

**ATTENDEES:**

### ***Homebush's Tremendous Ten***

Jennifer, Elizabeth, Tim and Willa, Stephen, Lance, Ian, and Ken

#### ***Report proper:***

It was the usual locale in which we assembled on this somewhat less than sunny Friday and having gathered together we made our journey to Circular Quay and arrived with more than

The tours of Government House commence, according to the official website, at 10:30am but as we arrived at the gates at about 9:45am, and with the gates opening at 10:00am, we were lucky enough to commence our tour by 10:10am.

We were given guided access to the "Official" rooms of Government House where persons of enough time to enjoy a leisurely walk to the official residence, and offices, of the Governor of this grand State. Import, such as Consuls, Military Officers, Award Recipients, and Government Ministers attend to their various duties and dinners. We received a lesson in the history of Government House and also the purposes of each room we were permitted to visit.

We discovered that Government House uses "fake" wall paper. Our guide, Linda, informed us that what appears to be wall paper is in actual fact paint work of the most meticulous standard.

The actual tour lasted about 40 to 45 minutes after which we were permitted into the garden overlooking the harbour with Admiralty House and Garden Island being on display and we could well appreciate the location of Government House with its commanding views of the harbour which views were so necessary in 19th Century Sydney.

The visit to Government House was enjoyed by one and all, and following the visit we made our way through Circular Quay to The Rocks. Bastille festivities were much in evidence and so it was that we partook of lunch at The Rocks where we enjoyed such French foods as Fish and Chips and Hamburgers.

The day ended with us enjoying our return journeys to whatever our home rail station happened to be.

Yours,

***Ken Wallace,***

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