



PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH-MANLY (Inc.)

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**Meets second Friday of each month at 10.30am
at Balgowlah RSL Memorial Club**

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For the Meeting on Friday 11 November 2016

Speaker's Corner: Our guest speaker for the November meeting is Russell Cannon, whose subject is:- "What astronomers actually do at night, and why?" Russell holds a PHD gained in the UK and first came to Australia with his family in 1969 as an ANU Research Fellow at Mount Stromlo Observatory in Canberra. In 1974 he spent a year launching the photographic survey of the southern skies using the new UK Schmidt Telescope. Then came twelve years at the Royal Observatory, Edinburgh before returning to be Director of the Australian Astronomical Observatory until his retirement in 2002. If anyone can describe exactly what is happening in the astronomical field, Russell is the man! We will be well informed after this presentation, so do not miss it!

Our guest speaker for the October meeting was Peter Headley, who spoke on "The Portuguese Discovery of Australia and New Zealand".

Peter's presentation reviewed old Portuguese maps from the 16th century, artefacts that have been found from Fraser Island to as far south as Warrnambool in Victoria, that are reported as showing that the Portuguese visited and mapped the East Coast of Australia between 1521 and 1524. So much for the History we were taught!!

All who attended enjoyed Peter's presentation, which gave us all something to think about.

New Membership Badges: Just a final reminder that the new membership badges for all members are now available. If you have not collect yours at the previous meetings they will now be available at this meeting.

Birthdays, We wish a very happy birthday to all of our members who celebrate their birthday in November::

Trish Thompson on the 9th, Betty Reid on the 12th, John Grant on the 13th, Pamela Jordon on the 29th, and Brenda Traves on the 30th.

LUNCHEON at PITTWATER TRAINING COLLEGE, *Wednesday 16 November 2016 at 12 noon at Old Pittwater Road Brookvale.* It should be a great day with 47 starters. Car sharing is highly recommended. See you all there!

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT THE BALGOWLAH RSL. Our Christmas lunch will be held on Friday 9 December at the Balgowlah RSL at 12 noon and will be in the form of a buffet. It consists of smoked salmon and Crystal Bay prawns as starters, followed by the traditional hot and cold buffet and deserts and finished with a selection of tea and brewed coffee. Sparkling wine on arrival and red and white wine on each table.

The cost per person is \$65 and booking and payment is at our November meeting.

If you are planning to attend the Lunch, but will not be able to make the next meeting, please contact Peter Amos-our President- as soon as possible. Payment for the lunch can be either sent by cheque to our postal address:

P.O Box 296

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Or can be paid direct into the club's bank account, ensuring that you quote your name in the reference field (if you use internet banking)

Bank:	Westpac Banking Corp
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Outings: We are planning to make the 3rd Wednesday of each month a regular day to go on a day outing next year, so put it in your diary! So far we are planning:

B.B.Q. at Clontarf on 15th February 2017

Windsor Heritage & Farmgate Autumn Trial trip on 15th March 2017

Watch this space for more information.

Welfare: Ray Hamilton has contacted a number of members who have been absent from our monthly meetings to check on their welfare. He will give us an update at the meeting

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