



Wentworth Point Probus Club

August 2024 Newsletter



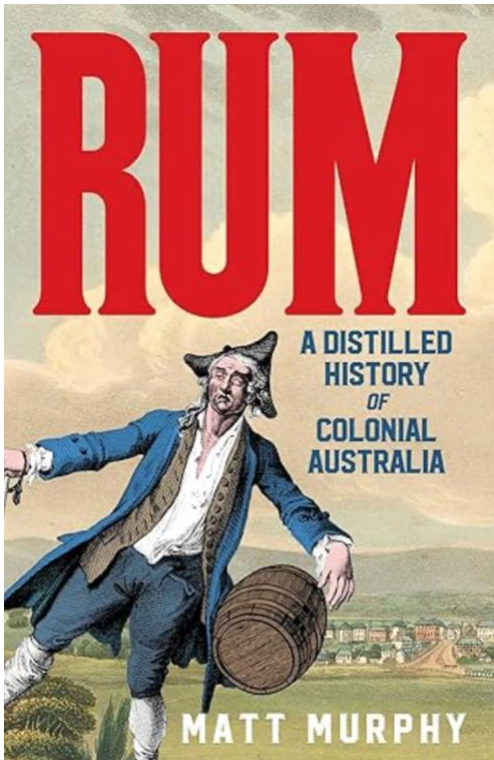
Next Meeting

Monday 19 August, 10.30am - Pulse Room 1

If you cannot make it, please submit a [Meeting Apology Form](#)

Next Speaker

Matt Murphy – A Distilled History of Rum in the Colonies



Could the Rum Rebellion have been averted if Major Johnston wasn't hungover?

Would the Eureka Stockade have been different if the rebels weren't pissed?

How were prisoners to get drunk if Macquarie closed the only pub in the gaol?

And why should sailors under fourteen be deprived of their sixteen shots of rum per day?

These are just some of the questions raised in Matt Murphy's account of Australia's colonial history. Brimming with detailed research and irreverent character sketches, *Rum* looks at not just how much was drunk in colonial Australia (a lot!), but also the lengths people went to get their hands on it, the futile efforts of the early governors to control it, and the often disastrous and/or absurd consequences of its consumption.

Those consequences aren't just in our past. Murphy goes beyond foundation stories to look at the legacy our love affair with alcohol has created, from binge drinking to lockout laws and from prohibition to urinating on the parliamentary carpet.

So here's to Rum, for making bad decisions look like a good idea at the time.

News & Updates

- Concord Rotary has kindly donated \$250 to WPPC. This is an extremely generous gift which is very much appreciated. Thank you, Concord Rotary. Evelyn Scott, funding WPPC member and also a Rotarian, presented the cheque to President Peter Logan at the July meeting.
- Noel Jones, who is in charge of the local Probus area, congratulated WPPC for achieving 15 years and presented a commemoration certificate to Club President, Peter Logan. Thank you to all members, past and present, for making our club a successful one.
- Photos of the “cheque” and certificate presentations are here in the [July minutes](#).
- Our lovely Welfare Officer, Denise McManus, is not well. We all wish her a speedy recovery and hope she’s back on her feet soon.
- Coral Starr, our great tea lady, is also not well so we would appreciate a hand to get the morning tea set up at the next meeting. Any assistance will be welcome.
- And please don’t forget that we need to set up and put away tables and chairs at near-lightning speed these days. Any assistance on the heavier work would be very welcome as well. Thank you to all of you who offer your help.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Brian Drew – 1 August
Jill Collis – 8 August
Bell Loughhead – 12 August
Warwick Georgeson – 13 August
Tom Murrie – 13 August
Barry Tozer – 31 August

Anniversaries

Shelagh & George Poray – 14 August
Elizabeth & Chris Greef – 21 August

Congratulations to Shelagh & George, Elizabeth and Chris on their anniversaries and we wish all the birthday babies a great day.



Recent Outings

Hickson House Distilling Co, 19 July 2024

Another great outing with lunch. Here are some photos.



Christmas in July, 23 July 2024

After a coach drive to Camden, a welcome drink, lunch with quite a few other Probus clubs, Elvis himself appeared on stage and sang a few numbers which got people dancing.



Upcoming Outings

Click on the heading for links to information, other websites and details of the outing.

[Parramatta Town Hall Tour including Lunch](#)



10 September 2024 at 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Bespoke tour of historic Parramatta Town Hall including lunch.

[Sydney Male Choir](#)

Not a Probus Outing but well worth it



17 August 2024 at 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
The choir's major concert of the year with the theme of "Let us entertain you".

[Museum of Fire and Norman Lindsay Gallery](#)



15 August 2024 at 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Museum of Fire + visit to Norman Lindsay Gallery. Lunch and coach included.

[30th Annual Rotary Harbour Cruise](#)



22 November 2024 at 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Price includes 3-course lunch, drinks and Regatta action.

[Cherry Blossom Festival at the Auburn Botanical Gardens](#)

This is a great annual event you may be interested in. It runs from 17 to 25 August 2024. For more information and to book, please use this link.

<https://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/sydneycherryblossomfestival>

Pulse Events in the Piazza

[Friday Social](#)

Back by popular demand - that Guy Monico was a hit at May's Social... join us for our next Friday Night Social In the Piazza!

- Join us for a fun evening **THIS FRIDAY** filled with live music, raffles.. did we say raffles - lots of prizes from meat trays, wine, merch and more.
- And we haven't forgotten the kids with a kids' zone and good vibes under the sails in The Piazza.
- Get ready to mingle, dance, and make some new friends under the stars. Don't forget to bring cash or card to purchase raffle tickets if you wish to :)
- Whether you're coming solo or with a group, everyone is welcome.
- Click on flyer below to book tickets.
- Proudly sponsored by Impress Facilities.



Dining Under The Stars

What an upmarket Monte Carlo night for Wentworth Point! Dressed to the nines but elegantly keeping warm, diners had a wonderful night with food served from the local restaurants, serenaded by a string duo. Guests later tried their luck at the Blackjack and Roulette tables (\$25 worth of chips was included in the entry price). Here are some photos.



Fund-Raising For Charity

Concord Rotary Farmers Market. These markets are on the first and third Sunday of the month. August markets are on 4th and 18th. Put your name down at the “gate” for the free lucky draw, which takes place about 11.30am. Prize is a box of goodies donated by the stallholders. Don’t worry if you have spent all your dough and gone home – winners will be contacted. Click [HERE](#) for more information on where and when, stalls, etc. Any help WPPC members can give would be very much appreciated. Please contact [Helen McCaffery](#).

Sydney Male Choir. See link above under *Outings*.

30th Annual Rotary Harbour Cruise. Also for this, see link above.

Our Beautiful Parks

(Not as good as the Cherry Blossom Festival, but pretty good anyway.)

Casuarina tree on the Louise Sauvage Walk after the rain 6 July.



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