



January Newsletter

A monthly publication of the Probud Club of Seaforth

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President's Message

January 2020

Fellow Probudians,

Welcome to a new decade of 2020. Hopefully this one will be even better and brighter than the last. I guess you have all heard and seen the horrendous fires throughout this wonderful country of ours. To those of you who have families in these affected areas our thoughts are with you at this dreadful time. How lucky were we to visit the rhododendron area at Blackheath last October before all these fires.

You will find attached a nomination form for positions on the Seaforth Probud Committee for which elections will be held at our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, March 24 2020 following the monthly meeting. Should you be thinking of helping with the running of the club and wish to know more about these positions, please do not hesitate to contact any committee member who will be pleased to help you.

Please check the calendar for all the upcoming events which have been organised for you.

Look forward to catching up with you at the next meeting on Tuesday, January 28 2020.

Judith Doig, President

Coming Events, Registrations and Payments 2020

Feb 5 (Wed) — \$2.50 Day — Rivercat to Sydney Rowing Club for lunch.

Feb 13 (Thurs) — Premier's Gala Concert, First State Theatre, Darling Harbour — 9 free tickets available — Call or email Pam Reese (see news article for details).

Mar 2 (Mon) — Seaforth Probud Annual Picnic — Cost \$5 pp — Register and pay January, February meetings.

Mar 8-13 (Sun-Fri) — Mudgee, Gulgong, Hillend and Mayfield Gardens — Final payment — twin share \$1105 pp or \$2210 per couple, \$1430 pp single supplement due by January 28.

Mar 14 (Sat) 2 pm — Glen St Theatre — The Gospel According to Paul — \$72 pp due January meeting.

Apr 2 (Thurs) 11 am — Ensemble Theatre — David Williamson's "Crunch Time" — Register now — Cost \$70 pp.

July 26 (Sun) 5 pm — Glen St theatre — Freud's Last Session — Cost tba.

Aug 9 (Sun) 5 pm — Glen St Theatre — Echoes of the Jazz Age — \$63 pp to be paid January meeting.

Sept 9 (Wed) 5 pm — Glen St Theatre — Wharf Revue — Cost tba.

Oct 4 (Sun) 5 pm — Glen St Theatre — Manhattan Short Film Festival — 10 seats only, cost \$25 pp.

Cheque payable to the Probud Club of Seaforth Inc

Meet and Greet

Nick and Beverley Crombie, Gary Deacon

Current Membership 96

Next Meeting

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020,
Totem Club**

Meeting Agenda

10.00 Registration, morning tea and fellowship.

10.30 Guest Speaker: Gary Cook —
State Library/Michell Library.

11.20 Business.

If unable to attend please contact: *John Higson* 0416 142 768

jhig1062@bigpond.net.au.

TREASURERS REPORT

As at the 31/12/2019 our bank balance is \$3521.85. Our members funds have reduced as we subsidised the Xmas lunch. Our members funds are the same as the bank balance but we are \$700 in credit for theatre bookings.

Our financial year ends 31/1/2020 so please let me have any bills next meeting.

I will not start collecting annual fees until February meeting so they come into the 2020 / 2021 year.

Stuart Sercombe, 9451 2369

Guest Speaker — State Library/Mitchell Library

Is there a difference between the State Library and the Mitchell Library?

If libraries, with their reliance on documents, are an anachronism in today's internet world, what is the focus of the library now? In 2014 the AC reported that "less than 10 per cent of people entering the State Library are readers and scholars — the rest go there to eat lunch, escape the rain, use the internet"

Activities

Technology Group

The Technology Workshop seeks to provide assistance to members in overcoming the vagaries of iPads and iPhones, with some success.

The next meeting on 11 February at 11 am will welcome anyone experiencing Apple device issues to join in and hopefully have their problems answered. The meeting will conclude with coffee and a chat.

Gavin Kerr, ghmerr@ozemail.com.au, 0404 073 760

Bowls Report

The most important item to report is that we had a BONZA CHRISTMAS PARTY held on the 19th Dec. after our "Rollup".

Thirty-two attendees, bowlers and partners, some of whom were bowlers, and some non-bowling partners. Had a great time and wound up at about 3.00 (all funded by a weekly contribution by every bowler).

All this and more will be explained by Gary Cook at our January 28 meeting.

Peter Style, Speaker Coordinator

Welfare Report

Do your New Year resolutions include exercise and keeping fit? Probus has some suggestions ... Michael Draper runs a walking group on the first Monday of each month (details in our Newsletter) ... then there's Aquarobics at both the Warringah Aquatic Centre and the Andrew "Boy" Charlton pool at Manly and bowls every Thursday morning at Seaforth Bowling Club conducted by Lee Murrell. All good options ...

Warren Ogborne

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Peter Style, January 2; Neville Cleary, January 7; Judith Carpenter, January 12; Clive Sergeant, January 14; Rudi Hochstetter, January 15; Anne Eastes, January 24; Beverley Crombie, January 25; Lili Koch, January 31.

Only had a couple of "Rollups" this year, so far. Green is in great nick, considering the lack of rain, let us all hope we get some soon.

That is all from me ...

... Lee Murrell, Organiser and Handicapper.

Walking Group

Killarney Heights

Monday, February 3

We will meet at 9.15 for 9.30 am at the eastern end of Killarney Drive. Drive to the end of Starkey St, Forestville, and then down the last street on the right, Connemara, through to Killarney Drive. The Flat Rock Walking Track is the old sewerage maintenance track and is next to the Explosives Magazine track which is across the water from Seaforth Oval. So not far as the crow flies. We will walk along the banks of the beautiful middle harbour inlet for about half an hour then return.

Our traditional coffee will be at Killarney Heights Village nearby.

Enquiries: Michael Draper 0417 239 293.

Coming events

Save this date . . .

Monday, March 2

It's our famous

ANNUAL PICNIC

Clontarf Beach Reserve, 12 noon

Barbecued sausages, onions, bread and butter supplied. Bring your own cutlery and crockery.

BYO grog too.

Only \$5 pp. Register and pay at January meeting.

Enquiries to David Foster 9948 1790, or dmfost@bigpond.net.au.

First \$2.50 day for 2020

On Wednesday, February 5, 2020, we will catch the Rivercat to Parramatta at Circular Quay Wharf 5 at 11.35 am. We will get off at Abbotsford Wharf and lunch at Sydney Rowing Club. The club is situated above the wharf on the Parramatta River. It has an extensive bistro menu and members can purchase lunch there. Drinks are available at the Bar. A table has been reserved for Seaforth Probus members.

Dress Alert. If wearing shorts on this outing they have to be below the knee and no thongs — club rules.

Please email Robyn Ogborne at rogborne@bigpond.net.au if you are attending. If coming from Manly catch the 10.45 ferry.

Mudgee, Gulgong, Hill End and Mayfield Gardens Tour

Final payment now due no later than January 28, 2020.

Final price for 32 travellers \$1,205 pp and the single supplement where applicable is unchanged at \$325.

After deducting \$100 deposit pp, the balance payable is as follows:

- Probus Club of Seaforth
- Twin share \$1,105 per person or \$2,210 per couple.
- Single including supplement being \$1,430 per person.

Please hand to Clive Sergeant at the January Probus meeting or post to 6/20 Bonner Avenue, Manly, 2095.

Our tour company is Coach Holidays and Tours of Bowral and pick up by Australia Wide Coaches will be at Seaforth Bowling Club on Sunday, March 8 at 8.40 am for departure at 9 am.

By arrangement with Seaforth Bowling Club please park cars on the grass area furthest from the club and near the street.

Theatre Program 2020

The times and days of the bookings are different this year because these were the only times matinees were available.

The Gospel According to Paul

Glen St Theatre, Saturday, March 14, 2 pm

Jonathan Biggins as Paul Keating in this smash hit comedy.

Crunch Time

Ensemble theatre, Thursday, April 2, 11 am

David Williamson's last play.

Freud's Last Session

Glen St theatre, Sunday, July 26, 5 pm

Filled with humour, this has Freud and C S Lewis discussing love, sex and the meaning of life.

Echoes of the Jazz Age

Glen St Theatre, Sunday August 9, 5 pm

Actor John Bell and renowned pianist Simon

Tedeschi present a witty show taking the audience back to the brilliance of the jazz age. Unfortunately this cannot be reserved and paid later as we normally do. The cost of the ticket, which is \$63, has to be paid on booking and will need to be paid at the January meeting.

Wharf Revue

Glen St Theatre, Wednesday, September 9, 5 pm

Jonathan Biggins, Drew Forsythe and Phillip Scott in the last ever Wharf Revue.

Manhattan Short Film Festival

Glen St Theatre, Sunday, October 4, 5 pm

As a trial I have reserved 10 seats for this. Only \$25 — it should be interesting.

The Gospel According to Paul on Saturday, March 14, 2 pm, \$72 pp is payable next meeting to allow the tickets to be distributed at the February meeting.

Also *Echoes of the Jazz Age* with John Bell and Simon Tedeschi in Sunday, August 9, 5 pm has to be prepaid January meeting — \$63.

I have acquired nine free tickets to the Premier's Gala Concert at First State Theatre, Darling Harbour, Thursday, February 13 at 2.45 pm. Ring Pamela Reese, 9949 2847, or e-mail at pamelareese15@gmail.com if you want them.

Please email Pamela with expressions of interest for any or all the above events. If unable to email Pam, see Pam at club meetings.
