



June Newsletter

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Next Meeting/AGM Tuesday, July 28, 2020, Seaforth Bowling Club

Meeting Agenda

10.00 Registration, morning tea and fellowship.

10.30 Business;
followed by our AGM.

If unable to attend please contact: *John Higson* 0416 142 768
jhig1062@bigpond.net.au.

Following meeting: Tuesday, August 25

President's Message

June 2020

COVID-19 has put an end to our meetings at TOTEM because the venue will not enable us to observe adequate social distancing. Fortunately Seaforth Bowling Club is happy to accommodate us, complete with social distancing and audiovisual backup for our speakers' presentations ... and plenty of parking!!

We plan to recommence our meetings on Tuesday, July 28, and the meeting will be restricted to 50 members — no visitors — due to social distancing restrictions. We ask, if attending, you please let John Higson know. John can be contacted by phone on 0416 142 768, email jhig1062@bigpond.net.au. Should the social distancing restrictions alter members will be provided with further details in our July newsletter.

Margaret Greig has booked our Christmas Luncheon at Wakefield Golf Club on Monday, December 7 ... an event not to be missed!

Finally ... as Peter Style will no longer be our Guest Speaker Coordinator, I again appeal for a volunteer to replace him. Peter is more than happy to assist in the change-over so the transition should be an easy one.

Warren Ogborne

Coming Events, Registrations and Payments 2021

Feb 13 and 14 – Glen St Theatre – Echoes of the Jazz Age – more details to follow.

June 2021 – Glen St Theatre – Freud's Last Session – Cost and further details when available.

Wharf Revue – Glen St Theatre – more information when available.

Cheque payable to the Probus Club of Seaforth Inc

TREASURERS REPORT

Our corrected bank balance at 31/5/2020 is \$4962.81. We have paid our fees to Probus South Pacific so our members funds are now \$4605.81. This is satisfactory.

There are still a small number of members fees outstanding. I have not chased you up as we are not meeting as yet but rest assured I will not forget!

Our bank account is BSB 032 294 Account Number 690735 Westpac — Probud Club of Seaforth Inc or

Send a cheque payable to Probud Club of Seaforth to —

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Phone 9451 2369 if you are unsure if you have paid.

Cheers, Stuart Sercombe

Welfare

Having spoken with a number of members, it appears members are observing the lockdown procedure. That is good news. Unfortunately a couple of ladies have had a fall — Pam and Lili; a speedy recovery is looking good. Gavin has been in hospital, but is now home being looked after by his wife Helen. When we will be able to meet for that cup of coffee, is sometime down the track. I have heard that there is a shingles injection available. I wonder what will be the next injection.

Look after yourselves ...

... *Judith Doig, Welfare officer*

PIONEERS

Some people think outside the square
But there it stays, for they do not dare.
Explorers thrive on a life of challenge
In science, new fields, or whatever they manage
Innovators are skilled at novelty and precision
They are not scared if they court derision
In their way they are all pioneers
And their future is heroic or end in tears.
Criticism spurs them on to greater heights
And can help them clarify their sights.
If in the end they hit a high score
The world will surely knock on their door.

Mick Greig

Activities

Bowls Report

After a long break, we are back on the greens. All sorts of this and that, but **WE ARE BACK!** We had our first "Rollup" last Thursday (4/6) and again this week (11/6). Quite good Numbers, 17 and 15, includes a couple of guests, Mick and Meg Greig, and on the first week our well known Clive Sergeant who just happens to be President of Seaforth Bowling Club. Clive's help started us off again. Thanks from us all. He joined in with us the first week for a "Rollup". The weather for both weeks, perfect.

We have four weeks to go for this comp. There is one bowler on 7, three on 6 and four on 5 points, so looks like a great fighting finish coming up!

Great to be back, that's it ...

... *Lee Murrell, Organiser and Handicapper*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Mick Greig, June 18; Terrence Murphy, June 20; Carol Style, June 22; Stan Gibson, June 25.

VISION

To alter the status quo, clear thinking is a must
In order to convince others and gain their trust
Planning and finance will merit attention
And modus operandi is worth a mention.
It's not easy to be a visionary with a hatful of ideas
And competition may add to your fears.
However, if you are prepared to speak with authority
You're on your way to reach the majority
History will show successful enterprises
Are from good planning, yet may still pose surprises.
If obstacles appear, do not retreat
Remain flexible and quick on your feet.
Your company's reputation may be on the line
So keep a cool head and you'll be just fine.

Mick Greig

Coming events

Expression of Interest

First an update on our Mudgee, Gulgong, Hill End and Mayfield Gardens tour last March. We have received a refund of \$930 being \$30 per travellers. This will be paid to the travellers when we next meet.

Coach Holidays and Tours operated by Rod and Colleen Richards

The above mentioned tour was arranged by Coach Holidays and Tours with very good accommodation, great daily tours and all meals. With this in mind we would like to travel again with them later this year.

We have a new tour in mind but until the 1.5 metre metre distancing requirement is lifted all tours are on hold.

*May I please have your **expression of interest** to the following proposed tour? No commitment until tour is confirmed. Email to Clive Sergeant crsergent@tpg.com.au*

Proposed Tour:

Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera and the Riverina including the Griffith Garden Festival (if to be held this year)

Dates Monday, October 19 to Saturday, October 24, 2020.

Detailed itinerary attached.

Our club members and family only — no outside persons.

Cost: \$1,055 twin share. Single supplement add \$225. Price uplift: \$30 to \$60 per person where traveller numbers are below 40 and 35 respectively.

Accommodation: Griffith Motor Inn five nights.

Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera and the Riverina

Six-day fully-inclusive coach holiday package including the Griffith Garden Festival

Monday 19 to Saturday, October 24, 2020

- ★ Luxury return coach travel from the Sydney region on board Australia Wide Coaches .
- ★ 5 night's accommodation at the Griffith Motor Inn in the heart of Griffith.
- ★ Hearty country breakfasts, all lunches and delicious evening meals.
- ★ Fascinating day tours and entry to all attractions as detailed in the itinerary.

The miracle of irrigation in the Riverina has allowed the Griffith area to become Australia's 'oasis in the desert' providing much of the country's horticultural and agricultural produce. The foresight of the pioneers and the introduction of water through the irrigation system has transformed the once dry western plains into a patchwork of emerald and olive greens, brilliant yellows with neat rows of grape trellises and contoured rice paddies all dissected by waterways and serviced by modern towns and country cities. Water allows the region to produce superb wines, top quality rice, citrus, stone fruit, vegetables, cereals and grain together with sheep and cattle. Wherever you travel in the Riverina you're certain to be constantly tempted by the scent of fruit ripening on the trees or by a hint of garlic wafting through the clean, country air as the colourful chefs of the region create their specials for the day using the wonderful local produce. Come and discover for yourself just what the Riverina has to offer.

DAY 1: Griffith and the Riverina. Please Note: No fresh fruit can be taken into the Riverina Area (severe penalties apply)

Join your air-conditioned coach for your journey south. Morning tea will be in the Southern Highlands area, followed by lunch provided along the way. Just past the Yass area leave the Hume Highway and join the Burley Griffin Way travelling west to Harden/ Murrumburrah for lunch and on through Temora for an afternoon comfort stop before arriving in Griffith. You will be warmly welcomed at the Griffith Motor Inn located in the heart of town, with time to settle in before happy hour and a delicious dinner in the motel's restaurant. Your contact number during your stay will be 02 6962 1800.

DAY 2: The Griffith Garden Festival and the Giant Citrus Sculptures during October

The Riverina is the headquarters for Australia's rice industry. The farms are 250-300 hectares with normally 80-100 hectares of rice grown each summer, rotating with wheat, oats, canola, soybeans and/or barley during the winter period. Subject to weather conditions, this morning will include a visit to a local farm, with one of the Riverina farmers who will open your eyes to the realities of farming in the M.I.A.

The Griffith Garden Festival is quite unique and your day will include a visit to Careri Garden, one of Griffith's well-known gardens. A real feature of the festival is the giant citrus sculptures. You cannot help but be amazed at the incredible array of these huge citrus sculptures created for the festival. Based on the sculptures in Menton, France, over 70,000 oranges are used to assemble these larger than life 3 dimensional creations in Griffiths parks.

Lunch provided before a visit to the Griffith Information Centre for an interpretive display. A local guide will then join the coach for a guided tour of this fascinating, cosmopolitan country city. You will hear of Griffith's development since 1913 when irrigation arrived and dramatically changed the once barren landscape into the fertile oasis of today. Like the Australian capital, Canberra and the nearby town of Leeton, Griffith was designed by Walter Burley Griffin. There is some free time this afternoon for a stroll along the main street from the motel for a closer look at the citrus sculptures.

DAY 3: Leeton

Leeton is another example of the very best in rural, urban living. Designed, as Griffith was, by Walter Burley Griffin, Leeton displays the Art Deco style of the period in its main streetscape and in the style of the fascinating Roxy Theatre which is on your schedule this morning.

This area produces amongst other things Australia's world-famous Sun Rice — rice, so good it is exported to Japan. The Leeton Information Centre offers an excellent presentation of Australia's rice industry along with a tasting. Our local guide will meet you there this morning to continue on for a town tour before lunch provided in Leeton. Close to Leeton, is the unique Lillypilly Estate Winery and a visit is normally included this afternoon. Decades ago, Pasquale Fiumara brought to Australia from Italy, the tradition of thousands of years of viticulture and winemaking. Tramillon, the very popular Red Velvet, the award-winning Noble Blend and Noble Harvest are but a few of the exclusive gems from their range which you can sample.

DAY 4: Historic Narrandera on the Murrumbidgee

First stop at Narrandera Information Centre for a comfort stop with time to see the Tiger Moth Memorial. The memorial is for those who trained at Narrandera's No 8 EFTS (Elementary Flight Training School) during the Second World War. The display features the DH 82 Tiger Moth, a comprehensive collection of model airplanes and a range of photographic memorabilia relating to the training school at Narrandera.

Continue onto Glendale Citrus and Hazelnut Orchard situated on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River at Sandigo. Graham and Barbara Eipper invite you to hop aboard a vintage tractor-drawn covered carriage and meander through their orchard where you will stop to pick an orange, crack a hazelnut or even spot a koala! Your tour ends at a picturesque river campsite where you will enjoy Barbara's delicious morning tea. The tractor carriage holds only 24 so the group will be split with 50% having morning tea and other 50% on the tractor and then swap over.

It's a short journey to Narrandera which is a town with a rich heritage, dating from "squatter" and river boat times. Shade dappled parks and gardens and tree-lined streets bear testimony to the foresight of the towns' pioneers. Lunch will be provided by the local Can Assist Group in the Church Hall. After lunch there is time to include a visit to the nearby Tiger Moth Memorial with the magnificently restored Tiger Moth and display of memorabilia from the Second World War alongside the Visitors Centre. This afternoon visit Southern Cotton at nearby Whitton, Australia's newest ginning facility. Built and commissioned in the 2012 season it boasts state of the art technology in quality measurement, cleaning, humidification, processing and data traceability. Visits are subject to seasonal availability and during the really busy season it may not always be open for coach visits.

DAY 5: Farming life, history and wine

This morning first stop is the unique Catania Fruit Salad Farm on the outskirts of Griffith – Catania is one of the oldest established farms in the area dating back to the 1920's. Catania Farm gives you the opportunity to visit a working mixed horticulture and viticulture farm, growing many different varieties of fruits and nuts — take the opportunity to taste some of their jams, prunes and mustards along with their wine made in the traditional Italian way. Lunch provided at Pioneer Park in Griffith with time for a train ride and to explore this interesting venue. Pioneer Park provides visitors with an understanding of the unique character of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation area, one of the great national success stories of our time. Griffith is also home to the famous De Bortoli Winery. Typical of the Italian tradition of warm hospitality and friendly service, instilled by Vittorio and Giuseppina De Bortoli this tradition remains very much alive at the family owned winery. Enjoy a tasting this afternoon and the opportunity to take some home with you.

DAY 6: Homeward Bound

Today it's time to farewell the fabulous Riverina. A morning tea break followed by lunch provided in Yass along the way. We hope as you reflect on your holiday you have many wonderful new memories of your time in the Riverina. Thank you for choosing this tour. We look forward to you joining our other coach tours in the future and we would welcome your call for further information.

Changes to the published itinerary and to the order of days and venue visits may be necessary on some occasions to meet local conditions

Tour prices are valid at the time of publication but are subject to changes in accommodation costs and fuel costs. If there are unexpected increases in diesel costs it may make it necessary to introduce a fuel levy and any changes to accommodation venues may impact upon the tour price (010620).

For all tour inquiries please phone Rod and Colleen Richards, Coach Holidays and Tours on 1300 134 423 or 02 4862 2137.
E: coachholidays@yahoo.com.au



ECHOES OF THE JAZZ AGE

Echoes of the Jazz Age has been cancelled and Glen St Theatre has refunded the costs of the tickets. This will be returned to all members who paid to see the show when Stuart Sercombe has sorted it out.

The show has been rescheduled for February 13 and 14, 2021, and Pam Reese is seeking tickets for these dates.

FREUD'S LAST SESSION

Freud's Last Session has been cancelled but is being rescheduled for June 2021. More information will be forthcoming when received from Glen St Theatre.

WHARF REVUE

No information as yet. Will keep you informed when able to do so.



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