



February Newsletter

A monthly publication of the Probus Club of Seaforth

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President's Message

February 2021

Seaforth Probuse Club was founded thirty-one years ago, in 1990. Its membership then was limited to 50. Over the years this figure has grown to 95, including 10 former presidents.

Happily, we now appear to have covered all incoming committee positions for 2021. All will be revealed at the Annual General Meeting on March 23.

We are not required to wear masks at our February meeting unless advised otherwise, but social distancing must be observed. You must "sign-in" on arrival and be sure to contact John Higson by Friday, February 19th to register your attendance and inform Margaret Greig of your lunch preference — Quiche or Chicken Kiev, both with salad.

Our \$35 annual membership fee is payable at the February meeting and a reminder that all attending members must now be bona-fide members of Seaforth Bowling Club.

Coffee and fellowship at 9.30 am with our formal meeting to follow at 10 am.

Warren Ogorne

Coming Events, Registrations and Payments 2021

March — Seaforth Probuse Annual Picnic, Clontarf — The Annual Picnic, which was scheduled for March 1, has been postponed until later in the year, when (hopefully) we will be less restricted re numbers attending, catering and social distancing.

May 10-15 (Mon-Sat) — Bellingen and the Coffs Coast — Cost \$1160 pp twin share, single supplement \$300, final payment due March 23.

Oct 4-9 (Mon-Sat) — Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera and the Riverina — Cost \$1075 pp twin share, single supplement \$225 — Deposit \$100 pp due Apr 7, 2021.

Cheque payable to the Probuse Club of Seaforth Inc

Next meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Seaforth Bowling Club

Meeting Agenda

9.30 Registration, morning tea and fellowship.

10.00 Guest Speaker: Graham Sims —
Bea Miles.

10.50 Business.

If attending/not attending, please inform: *John Higson* 0416 142 768
jhig1062@bigpond.net.au.

Following meeting: Tuesday, March 23

Light lunch after February meeting

\$10 per person

There will be a change to the lunch menu which will be quiche with salad or chicken Kiev and salad.

Margaret will be away with the bowling club from February 16 to 19. You might encounter difficulties contacting Margaret Greig by phone.

Leave a message or send email — 9486 3140 or

m_mgreig@bigpond.com — to pre-order by Friday, February 19.

Pay Margaret as you enter the clubhouse pre meeting.

Please have correct money.

Registration of Attendance

Please contact John Higson on 0416 142 768 or email at jhig1062@bigpond.net.au and let him know whether you will be attending the February meeting. We need to inform the bowling club the number of members attending.

Current Membership 95

Pre-Meeting Covid Check-in

As you would be aware, all Seaforth Probus members are required to log in to the Service NSW App prior to our meetings using your smart phones — or, if you don't have a smart phone, check in using the bowling club supplied computer, at the desk upon entry to the Seaforth Bowls clubhouse, input done by bowling club volunteer Pat Gousse.

The Seaforth Probus committee would like this duty to be taken over by Probus club members and is looking for four to six volunteers to step up and take over this duty, thus making life a little easier for Pat, who does more than enough for the bowling club. We already have a member entering names on Thursday mornings prior to our bowls rollup, and it is a simple task. Navigation around the app is simple using the tab key, three entries only, Christian name, surname and contact phone number.

If you'd like to assist, please see me — Ray Isaacs — and if we get enough volunteers a roster will be drawn up. We see our volunteers being utilised two to three times a year.



TREASURER'S REPORT

At the end of our financial year, 31/1/2021, our bank balance is \$20341.85 made up mainly of \$4255.00 for the Georges River Cruise and \$10,360.00 for the Bellingin Trip. This leaves \$5726.85 members funds.

ANNUAL RENEWALS DUE NOW

Our annual fee is \$35 per person. How to pay —

1. Give me either cash (correct money would be helpful) or a cheque payable to Probus Club of Seaforth at the February or March meeting.

David Foster will help me so look for us at the meeting and make sure I mark you off the membership list.

2. Transfer money to our bank — Westpac Manly, BSB 032 294 Account 690735 Probus Club of Seaforth Inc **with your NAME** so I can mark you off.
3. Post a cheque payable to Probus Club of Seaforth to 6 Brentwood Place, Frenchs Forest, NSW 2086.
4. Take a pleasure car trip and pop your cheque in my letterbox.

Stuart Sercombe, Treasurer, 9451 2369

Guest Speaker — Graham Sims JP Bea Miles

Graham has had a 40 year career in education as a teacher, consultant, Chief of Public Relations, Principal, Inspector of Schools and Director of Education. He will talk on Bea Miles' life from the mid 1920s until her death in 1973.

She wandered the streets of Sydney, a bane of taxi drivers, bus and tram drivers and conductors. She was a remarkable, intelligent woman with prodigious knowledge and memory. Graham tells Bea's incredible story, including his

personal encounters with her and input from her 90 year old niece.

Des Mackney



Welfare Report

Fellow Probian Lili Koch is having some back pains from her fall off the bridge at Seaforth a few months ago, also Carmen Anderson is having some eye problems and is booked into having a hip replacement in the near future. Wishing these ladies a quick recovery. Trusting everyone else is in good health and see you at the next meeting.

Judith Doig

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Gibson, Feb 1; Terry Osborne, Feb 2;
Peta Cass, Feb 13; Helen Smith, Feb 15;
Sandra Buckton, Jenny Grant, Feb 17;
Val Lewin, Feb 21; John Hodges, Feb 22;
Lee Murrell, Feb 23; David Foster, Feb 25

Activities

Tech Group

The next Tech Group meeting will be on Tuesday, March 9 at 10.30 am. Due to Covid we are now hi-tech and the meeting will be conducted using Zoom. The meeting will last 40 minutes and if you would like see what Zoom is all about, ring Gavin on 9960 4517 or email at ghmkerr@ozemail.com.au.



Walking Group Warriewood Wetlands Monday March 1

Walk Details: We will meet at 9.15 for 9.30 am at Katoa Close car park North Narrabeen. To get there travel north along Pittwater Rd, turn left into Jacksons Road. Follow it to the end and turn right into Garden St. Katoa Close is the next turn on the right.

The Wetlands walk includes a beautiful walkway above swamps and ponds with bird life and ducks and a waterfall. After, drive to Warriewood Square for our traditional coffee.

WalkTime — Approx. 60 minutes return.

Coming Events

Dorrigo, Bellingen and the Coffs Coast 6 days/5 nights fully inclusive Monday, May 10 return Saturday 15 2021

Our numbers have fallen to 29 travellers.

**Final payment net of deposit due now
or by 23 March 2021 AGM**

Couple \$2,120, twin share \$1,060 pp and single \$1,360 pp. Cheques payable to Probus Club of Seaforth.

Special Diets. I have received only one request in the booking forms. Please advise to the email address below if you have special needs.

Thanks Clive Sergent, phone 0412 611 811,
email crsergent@tpg.com.au

Grade — Easy.

Facilities — There are facilities at Warriewood Square.

Parking — Free Parking.

Enquiries — Michael Draper, 0417 239 293.

Bowls Report

Half way through our 10 week comp and there are a couple starting to look very competitive. Long way to go though, so we will see!

I'd like to thank Ray Isaacs (our editor), he jumped in and has taken on the "task" of signing in all our Pro. bowlers who do not have the Covid App. from "Service NSW. It means he makes sure he gets to bowls early to catch everyone. Thanks Ray.

When you arrive at our next meeting, have a "decko" at our No. 1 green. Starting to look great after its renovation for the new species. We have been having good roll ups for our "rollups", bonza, hope it continues.

And that is all from ...

... *Lee Murrell, Organiser and Handicapper*



Griffith and The Riverina 6 days/5 nights fully inclusive

Full details in March 2021 Newsletter. Expression of interests taken at next meeting.

Travel Monday, October 4 returning October 9, 2021.

Stay at the Griffith Motor Inn. Explore Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera and the Riverina.

Cost: \$1,075 pp twin share. Single supplement \$225. Price uplift: \$30 to \$60 pp if coach numbers fall below 40 and 35 respectively. Deposit \$100 pp payable to Probus Club of Seaforth by April 7, 2021.

**Contact Clive Sergent,
email crsergent@tpg.com.au, phone 0412 611 811**



Probud Club of Seaforth Inc.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-First Annual General Meeting of the Probud Club of Seaforth Inc. will be held at Seaforth Bowling Club, 39 Kirkwood Street, Seaforth, on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at the completion of the general monthly meeting which will commence at 10.00 am.

BUSINESS

1. To confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive from the Committee, reports on the preceding year.
3. To elect office bearers and ordinary members of the Committee.
4. To elect an Auditor for the ensuing year.
5. To receive an income and expenditure account and balance sheet for the 12 months to the end of January 2021 that have been confirmed by the Auditor elected for the past 12 months.
6. To transact any other business for which due notice has been given.

Nomination form for the election of the office-bearers of the club and three ordinary members of the Committee and an Auditor for the year commencing the first day of April



Ihereby nominate
 (Name in capital letters) (Name in capital letters)

For the position of*
 (*INSERT: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Ordinary Committee Member, or Auditor)

SignedSigned.....
 Nominator Secunder

I consent to the above nomination

SignedDate
 (Nominee)

Received by SecretaryDate

Nominations must be received by the Secretary at least 28 days before the Annual General Meeting.

Probus Club of Seaforth

Member meeting minutes

Tuesday, January 19, 2021, Seaforth Bowling Club

President Warren Ogborne opened the meeting at 10 am, welcoming members and visitors.

PRESENT: 68. Apologies 10. Visitors 8. Luncheon 29.

GUEST SPEAKER: Catherine De Vrye, Timbuktu to Kathmandu — Courage, Kindness and Hope in Our World. Technical problems prevented the viewing of slides but her talk was most entertaining and amusing.

MINUTES for November meeting, moved by Pamela Reese and seconded by Jackie Rodwell. No matters arising.

VISITORS: Colleen Avis, Pam Jordan, Pauline Hayes, Ann Fuller, Douglas and Anne Creek and Georgina and Alan Wallis.

BIRTHDAYS: Peter Style, Neville Cleary, Judith Carpenter, Clive Sergent, Anne Eastes, Beverley Crombie, Lili Koch.

WELFARE: Carmen Anderson is undergoing tests. Judith Doig again mentioned the email scam asking our treasurer for money.

VICE PRESIDENT: Margaret Greig apologised to those members who missed out on Christmas Luncheon due to Covid number restrictions. Please order lunches by the Friday prior to monthly meetings.

TREASURER: In response to a previous request, Stuart Sercombe reported that the costs involved in installing and operating Eftpos were too costly to adopt. Annual membership to remain at \$35 and due at February meeting.

TOURS: Bellingen tour 10-15 May, 2021 to proceed at Lookout Mountain Retreat, Dorrigo after the sudden cancellation of Bellingen Valley Lodge accomodation. To be paid for by 23rd March. Covid vaccinations to be followed up later when they become available. Expressions of interest in Griffiths Tour 4-9th October 2021 to be taken at February meeting.

DAY TOURS: Colin Carpenter reported 51 names are down for George's River and Botany Bay Cruise. Depart Seaforth Bowling Club 9.15 am and return 5 pm. Wear mask on to bus. QR entry to St George Motor Boat Club.

ANNUAL PICNIC: To be postponed until Sep/Oct when hopefully there will be less Covid restrictions.

BOWLS: Check Lee's email for weather report on Wednesdays.

WALK: Monday 1st February, Manly to Shelley Beach. Meet by 9.30 at ocean end of Corso.

TECHNOLOGY: Gavin Kerr will hold his first technology Zoom meeting on Tuesday, 9th February. Connect with Gavin at 10.30 am for 40 minute meeting.

THEATRE: Pamela Reese named upcoming Glen Street Theatre Shows. Not taking bookings due to Covid uncertainties.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021.

WINE DRAW: Helen Gulliford and Lorraine Sergent.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.31am.

PRESIDENTSECRETARY

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