



March Newsletter

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President's Message

March 2021

The past year has been a trying time for us all at Seaforth Probus; hopefully the implementation of the vaccination program, soon to begin, will improve life for us all. Meanwhile, I'm afraid we must still follow the procedures we've observed these past months ... "sign-in" as we meet at the bowling club ... contact John Higson prior to the meeting to register your attendance ... normally inform Margaret Greig of your lunch preference — (Quiche or Chicken Khiev ... both with salad), but as lunch is at the Wakehurst Golf Club following our AGM, just roll up and order from the Buffet.

Masks are not mandatory but we should do our best to maintain social distancing.

See you all on Tuesday, March 23 at 9.30 am for coffee and fellowship followed by the formal meeting ... then by the AGM and election of next year's office bearers.

Warren Ogborne

Lunch after March meeting

Reminder no lunch at Seaforth BC this month as the ladies who make it will be bowling that day.

I have made a loose reservation for 30 people at Wakehurst Golf Club.

No need to let me know, just rock up and order from Buffet.

Tables will be in the conservatory. Thanks Marg Greig.

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.

Next Meeting

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021,
Seaforth Bowling Club**

Meeting Agenda

9.30 Registration, morning tea and fellowship.

10.00 Guest Speaker: Ray Walsh —
Western European Exploration in the 1600s.

10.50 Business — followed by 2021 Annual General Meeting.

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

Following meeting: Tuesday, April 27

Coming Events, Registrations and Payments 2021

March — Seaforth Probus 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 \$1060 pp twin share, single supplement \$300, final payment due March 23.

June 30 (Wed) — Yulefest Lunch — Waterview Restaurant, Berowra Waters — Cost \$95 pp, expressions of interest March meeting.

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.

Dec 13 (Mon) — Christmas Luncheon, Wakehurst Golf Club — Details to follow.

Probus Club of Seaforth Inc

Current Membership 95

TREASURERS REPORT

Our corrected bank balance allowing for un-presented cheques is \$14878.85 at 28/2/2021. Our members funds are \$7918.85 but we are yet to pay our Probus Head Office fees which I suspect will be well over \$2000. Thanks to the many of you who paid the annual fees. We still have a few to go so select one of the following to pay for fun for the next 12 months —

Give me cash or a cheque payable to Probus Club of Seaforth at this month's meeting. \$35 or two for \$70.

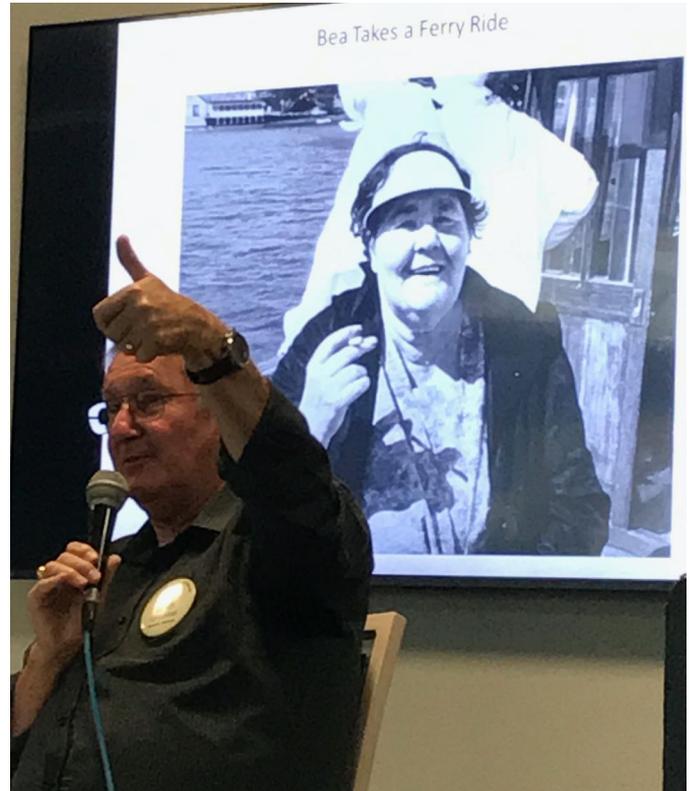
Direct Credit our bank. Westpac BSB 032 294 A/C 690735. Make sure your name is shown.

Post a cheque (payable to Probus Club of Seaforth)

S Sercombe
6 Brentwood Place
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I will explain financial accounts at the AGM but suffice to say we made a trading profit — thanks to Probus refunding some of our fees as they did not have to do anything during the year.

Stuart Sercombe, 9451 2369



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

**Barry Ryan, March 3; Moira Whiteley, March 6;
Pat Jenkins, Val McKinlay, March 17;
Pamela Reese, March 18; Fran Hodge,
March 22; Trevor Wallin, March 26;
Judith Doig, March 30.**

Guest Speaker — Ray Walsh Western European Exploration in the 1600s

Our speaker is Ray Walsh of The Australian National Maritime Museum who will speak on Western European Exploration in the 1600s, in particular to find the Spice Islands.

The Dutch defeated the Portugese to gain control

of the East Indies Spice Empire in 1601 and The Dutch East India Company ruled the empire as a quasi-independent state.

Ray will take us through the history of the Duyfken which was the first European ship to visit Australia in 1606 as it fought, traded and explored its way across the Spice Islands.

Members might like to visit the Maritime Museum and view a full scale working replica of the original ship.

Des Mackney

Welfare Report

Assistant Treasurer Terry Osborne is at Delmar Hospital, had a stent inserted, doing ok. Have not heard of anyone else.

Judith Doig

Activities

Bowls Report

Today, 10th March, was our Finals Day. As you know we have a 10 week competition. This one started 19/12/20. So depending on weather, it can be a long 10 weeks. Now, our new champion, winner of the Ric Clapp Trophy is Jenny Grant, with a cracking score of 9¹/₂. Even so Jenny only managed to win by ¹/₂ a point from our very talented, member Don Elliot, who was 1¹/₂ points ahead of F.F. David Foster. Congratulations (the handicapper has been making notes)!

We had a total of 143 Pro. bowlers, compared with 168, and 152, for the two preceding comps. I'd



love that number to be closer to 200! SO THERE IS ROOM FOR A FEW NEW BOWLERS. Please see ME...

... Lee Murrell, Organiser and Handicapper

**Walking Group
Ogilvy Rd to Clontarf Reserve
Monday, April 5**

Walk Details — Meet at 9:15 for 9:30 in Clontarf parking area. Then one or two cars can take everyone to Ogilvy Road from where we will walk along part of the Manly to Spit Bridge walking track back to Clonny’s Kiosk for our traditional coffee.

Parking — Free in Ogilvy Road.

Walk time — Less than an hour with car shuffle.

Grade — Some steps, mostly downhill but with good harbour views.

Enquiries — Michael Draper, 0417 239 293.



Tech Group

The next Tech Group meeting will be on Tuesday, April 13 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.

Georges River Cruise

What a day to come out of restrictions with our first day trip for the year.

Boarding at Seaforth Bowling Club we were on our way to the south side. It is just over the other side of Sydney which we rarely go to other than pass through.

All aboard the Bass and Flinders cruises at Sans Souci, firstly into Sylvania Waters. Wow, how many waterfront houses in waterfront bays and canals, unbelievable.

Then upstream, under Tom Uglys Bridge passing by mega waterfront mansions many perched high above the cliff top with access by inclinators to the water’s edge.

Back on our coach, John our coach captain dropped us at the St George Motor Boat Club.



Did you want fish and chips or chips and fish? The variety on the menu was unexpected, it was your choice. Gelato or cherry crumble followed then tea or coffee. Even a doggy bag was required, no one went hungry.

On we go, to the Kurnell Peninsular, it went on forever until we entered the National Park.

A stop over to walk lunch off at the Sutherland memorial.



Off again to Solander Point which was the end of the road. No whales were passing as they were holidaying in Antarctic waters for their summer migration. We followed the beaches south viewing Wanda, Elouera, North and South Cronulla.

Time to head home, it was only a day trip but we fitted in and saw so much.

Colin Carpenter

Coming Events

Dorrigo and the Coffs Coast

6 days/5 nights fully inclusive

Monday May 10 return Saturday May 15

**Final Payment net of deposit due
by 23 March 23, 2021 AGM.**

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

Please note all payments will be held by me as custodian and not banked until we have confirmation that the tour will proceed.

Regarding COVID-19 vaccinations I will send a follow up email enquiry mid-April.

I only need to know if you have had your first vaccination thanks.

Important!!! Are there any late interested members to make up our short numbers? Our numbers are down to 25 (three cancellations this week) and over the past three months I have had eleven cancellations. Today I have confirmed we

will still tour and Coach Holidays and Tours are advertising to fill vacant seats and rooms.

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

Griffith and the Riverina

6 days/5 nights fully inclusive

Monday 4 October returning 9 October

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

Tour itinerary and booking form attached

Cost: \$1,075 per person 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.

Please include receipt form with all cash deposits.

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



Feeling hungry, want to be entertained?

Join your fellow Probians for a

Yulefest Lunch

on Wednesday 30 June 30.

A coach trip to the Waterview Restaurant at Berowra Waters.

Departing Seaforth Bowling Club at 10.30 am and returning approximately 4.15 pm

Travelling through Cherrybrook, Dural and Galston to the restaurant at the scenic water's edge with scenic views of sandstone cliffs covered with eucalypts towering over millions of dollars of luxury boats afloat.

Upon arrival you will be served a welcome sherry followed by a three course meal. Entrée is marinated chicken served on salad, followed by the main of Christmas roast pork belly, roast turkey and roast vegetables. To complete, the desert of traditional baked Christmas pudding with brandy custard.

Soft drinks, red and white wines served during lunch. Tea or coffee to finish.

Lucky Star from Australian rock'n'roll, pop and country music will entertain. Do you remember his number one hit "I've been everywhere"?

All of this for just \$95 — a day out to celebrate.

Expressions of interest to Carmen Anderson and Colin Carpenter at the March meeting.

*If you cannot attend the meeting and wish to express your interest,
please advise Colin on 0400 018 187 as the numbers for the restaurant need to be advised ASAP.*

