



April Newsletter

A monthly publication of the Probus Club of Seaforth

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President's Message

April 2021

Thank you to the outgoing committee for their outstanding job in reinstating our meetings so early during 2020. Together with the committee of the Seaforth Bowling Club they were able to set up a very suitable and safe venue to cater for our size of group. The innovation of our reasonably priced lunch is very much appreciated, we have been very fortunate.

We have had a good response to our request for emergency contact details. If you still wish to add your details please email Peter Style at style3@bigpond.com.au.

Roll on 2021, and hopefully with many of us now having had our first vaccination, we are ready.

True spirit of Probus: Friendship, Fellowship, Fun.

Judith Carpenter, President, Probus Club of Seaforth

My Story — Judith Carpenter

As I have never presented "my story" to my Probus friends I thought I should give a background brief.

I grew up in Putney, attended Riverside Girls High School and Metropolitan Business College. I worked firstly at the Electricity Commission, then in a couple of legal practices and ended my working life in a very interesting position at the Interpreter Service at Royal North Shore Hospital. Colin and I were married in Ryde in 1966. We built our first home at Warriewood Beach in 1969 and built our second home in Seaforth in 1984 where we still live.

We have three daughters one living in Las Vegas, one in Bathurst and one in Newtown. Our three grandchildren live in Bathurst.

I have worked in many administrative roles and since I've retired have travelled and played bowls first at Seaforth and now Belrose. I enjoy reading and gardening at our little holiday cottage in Bathurst located opposite our family.

I joined Seaforth Probus in 2016 and have loved meeting new people, listening to our guest speakers and participating in outings.

I'm honoured to have been asked to be President of Seaforth Probus Club.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, April 27, 2021,
Seaforth Bowling Club

Meeting Agenda

9.30 Registration, morning tea and fellowship.

10.00 Guest Speaker: Nicholas Cowdery
AO QC — *Some Current Issues in Criminal Justice in NSW.*

10.50 Business.

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

Following meeting: Tuesday, May 25

Coming Events, Registrations and Payments 2021

May 10-15 (Mon-Sat) — Bellingen, Dorrigo and the Coffs Coast.

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

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.

Cheque payable to the Probus Club of Seaforth Inc

Current Membership 94

Light Lunch after May meeting

\$10 per person. The menu will be Chicken Kiev and quiche, both with salad. Contact Margaret Greig, phone: 9486 3140 or email: m_mgreig@bigpond.com to pre-order by Friday, April 23. Pay Margaret pre meeting with correct money.

Registration of Attendance

Contact John Higson on 0416 142 768 or email at jhig1062@bigpond.net.au to inform him on your attendance/non attendance at the May meeting. We need to inform the Seaforth Bowling Club the number of attendees.

Meet and Greet

Sandra and Ross Buckton

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Hazel Sellin, April 10; Carmen Anderson,
Jim Varjavandi, April 12; Lyn Barry, April 14;
Ross Buckton, April 15; Michael Calloway,
Helen Gulliford, April 27; Gavin Kerr, April 29

Guest speaker — Nicholas Cowdery AO QC *Some Current Issues in Criminal Justice in NSW*

Nicholas Cowdery AO QC has been involved in criminal justice for 50 years — as an intern, as a Public Defender in PNG, as a barrister, as an Acting Judge and as Director of Public Prosecutions for NSW from 1994 to 2011. Since then he has been teaching Criminal Justice at universities.

The title of his topic is *Some Current Issues in Criminal Justice in NSW*.

Welfare Report

Good news, Colin Carpenter is having his second cataract operation done, and will be back driving next week. It appears a number of members are having their “jabs” done.

Ella Doutreband is slowly recovering from a number of health procedures, and hopes to be at the May meeting. Continue looking after your health.

See you at the next meeting.

Judith Doig

Important Message

from our Resident Medico

The flu vaccine for the winter season is now in and available at your local GP or pharmacy. It is free at the doctors but \$20 a jab at the pharmacy. Also you need two shots of the vaccine at the pharmacy to ensure full immunisation in our age group. It is recommended not to have it within 2 weeks of having a Covid vaccine.

Robyn and I had our Astra Zenica Covid vaccine recently with few side effects except feeling tired for a couple of days. The clinic in our area is at the Balgowlah Medical Clinic in Sydney Rd. All the proper protocols were adhered to and an appointment was given for the next shot in three months time. I recommend people of our age get the vaccine as the benefits greatly outweigh the risks ...

Warren Ogborne

TREASURERS REPORT

Our adjusted bank balance at 31 March 2021 is \$14,048.85. This is mainly Belligan Trip. Our members funds are \$8448.85 but we are yet to pay Probus South Pacific for annual fees and magazine.

Nearly all annual fees are paid. I will collect outstanding fees at the April meeting but if you cannot attend pop a cheque for \$35 payable to Seaforth Probus Club to S Sercombe, 6 Brentwood Pl, Frenchs Forest NSW 2086.

If you are not renewing call me on 9451 2369 or email sjncs@hotmail.com. Please let me know.

Stuart Sercombe, 9451 2369

Activities

Walking Group

Bradleys Head Walk

Monday, May 3

Walk Details: We meet at 9:15 for 9:30 at Taronga Park Zoo main entrance on Bradleys Head Rd via Mosman Junction. We will walk past the Athol Hall Café (not open Mondays) down to the HMAS Sydney memorial mast, one of the few

places in Sydney where you can enjoy a million-dollar view for free. Then on, around and back up to the Zoo Entrance where there is a large courtyard with facilities and a café for our traditional coffee.

Parking — Free Parking on Bradleys Head Rd just before the zoo.

Walk time — Approximately 45 minutes.

Grade — Moderate, a few steps going down with mostly dirt track.

Enquiries — Michael Draper, 0417 239 293.



Bowls Report

We have only had four rollups this comp, and nothing to report as yet.

Had a "Rollup" on Green 2 (outside the meeting room), on Thursday, usually kept for the more serious events, but as there were only 12 starters, and the green staff wished to mow the No. 3 green

it suited us fine. The green is in great condition, and we enjoyed having a change.

Numbers have been down a bit lately, which is disappointing, but we work on the basis that there is no compulsion, whoever "rolls up", is there for the "Rollup". As you know I am always seeking a few new bowlers.

Lee Murrell. Organiser and Handicapper

Tech Group

The next Tech Group meeting will be on Tuesday, May 11 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.



Coming Events

Dorrigo and the Coffs Coast

6 days/5 nights fully inclusive

Monday May 10 return Saturday May 15

I am pleased to report that the tour is proceeding and our coach will depart Seaforth Bowling Club



on the above date and time. Parking is permissible at the club at your own risk.

Clive Sergent, phone 0412 611 811

email crsergent@tpg.com.au

A number of deposit refunds are available for collection at the April meeting.



Griffith and the Riverina

6 days/5 nights fully inclusive
Monday 4 October returning 9 October

Griffith is our next tour.

We are behind in bookings deposits due to delays with the Bellingen Dorrigo tour. I would like to receive your bookings and deposits this month. I have an extended deadline from 30 April to 25 May to pay our deposits.

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.

Clive Sergent, phone 0412 611 811

email crsergent@tpg.com.au

Glen St Theatre

The Glen Street Theatre is putting on *The Appleton Ladies Race*, a comedy and Pam Reese is seeking tickets for Sunday, May 16 at 5 pm. It is the weekend after the Dorrigo trip and if you are interested e-mail Pam at pamelareese15@gmail.com.

Been a long time coming, don't miss out.



Mid-Year Yulefest Lunch

- Coach trip to Berowra Waters
- Lunch at the Waterview Restaurant consisting of:
 - A welcome sherry
 - Entrée of marinated chicken served on a salad
 - Main of Christmas roast pork belly, roast turkey and roast vegetables
 - Desert of baked Christmas pudding with brandy custard
 - Soft drinks, red and white wines during lunch
 - Tea and coffee to finish
 - Views over Berowra Waters, sandstone cliffs, eucalypts and luxury vessels
 - Be entertained by Lucky Star, the original country muso who had a hit of "I've been everywhere" back in 1962. You all remember that hit.
- And of course a return coach trip back to Seaforth



Isn't that good value for \$95 per person?

It's booked for Wednesday, June 30



It is necessary to confirm numbers to the restaurant and coach company following the April meeting.

Please confirm your interest at the April meeting.

Payment will commence being collected at the May meeting.

Don't miss out!





The Probud Club of Seaforth

Griffith, Leeton Tour

October 4-9, 2021

\$1075 pp (\$100 deposit, \$225 single supplement)

Member's name:

Number of participants: 1 2 3 or more

Cheque/cash amount enclosed: \$

Date:.....

Receipt —

Griffith, Leeton Tour

October 4-9, 2021

Member's name:

Number of participants: 1 2 3 or more

Amount received: \$

Signature of organiser.....

Date:.....

Probus Club of Seaforth
Member meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 23, 2021, Seaforth Bowling Club

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

GUEST SPEAKER: Ray Walsh from The Australian National Maritime Museum gave a very informative talk on Western European Exploration in the 1600s. Slides of European ship Duyfken and maps showed how it fought, traded and explored its way across the Spice Islands.

PRESENT: 56 visitors, 4 apologies. Lunch at Wakehurst Golf Club for about 25 members.

MINUTES for February meeting were moved by Des Mackney and seconded by Michael Calloway. There were no matters arising.

VISITORS: Ann Fuller, Anne and Doug Creek, and Margaret Ledbury

BIRTHDAYS: Barry Ryan, Moira Whiteley, Pat Jenkins, Val McKinlay, Pamela Reese, Fran Hodge, Trevor Wallin and Judith Doig.

WELFARE: Berris Hodges has had a knee replacement.

TREASURER: Bank balance as at 28/2/2021 is \$14,878.85. Members funds are \$7,918.85 less approximately \$2,000 for Probus Head Office fees. \$6,960 for Bellinghen trip.

VICE PRESIDENT: Margaret Greig welcomed members to lunch at Wakehurst Golf Club after AGM meeting today and said lunch next month will be back at Seaforth Bowling Club.

TOURS: 21 members have booked for Bellinghen, with final decision made mid April if tour will proceed. Outsiders have been advertised to make up numbers. Covid vaccine required before tour. Deposits due by May for Griffiths tour in October.

DAY TOURS: Colin Carpenter will collect money next meeting for Yulefest lunch on Wednesday 30th June. Entertainment by Lucky Starr, good food and views at Waterview Restaurant, Berowra Waters. \$95 pp. Coach from Seaforth Bowling Club.

BOWLS: Lee Murrell welcomed members to Thursday morning bowls.

LUNCHEONS: None due to Covid

WALK: Monday 5th April (Easter Monday) 2021. Meet Clontarf Reserve by 9.30am for car relay to Ogilvie Street for walk back to Clonnies for coffee.

TECHNOLOGY: Zoom meeting Tuesday, April 13, at 10.30am. Ring or email Gavin Kerr.

THEATRE: Pamela Reese said it was impossible to organise theatre outings due to short notice and to book your own tickets.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Patricia Henn has resigned due to family commitments.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

WINE DRAW: Hazel Sellin and Helen Gulliford

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.21am.

PresidentSecretary

Date