



March Newsletter

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President's Message

March 2022

AGM time again. Thank you for all the people who have come forward to be part of the management team for our next 12 months. A mix of new people with fresh ideas as well as past committee members with plenty of experience.

We hope you stay for our complimentary light lunch after our AGM. It was lovely to hear the chatter at our last meeting. Catching up after such a disjointed period is lovely to hear.

Taking part in our many activities and joining in our trips and tours is another way to forge friendships within our club.

Looking forward to a great year.

Judith Carpenter, President

Coming Events, Registrations and Payments 2022

March 27 (Sun) 5 pm – Wharf Revue, Glen St Theatre.

March 28 (Mon) – Annual Picnic, Clontarf Beach Reserve.

April 7-10 (Thurs-Sun) – Young, Temora Air Show – Full price \$960, single supplement \$220, deposit of \$200 required with final payment 6 weeks prior to departure.

May 11 (Wed) – Luncheon Group lunch, 12.30 pm, Belrose Bowling Club.

Cheque payable to the Probos Club of Seaforth Inc

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH TO FOLLOW AGM

A reminder that a complimentary lunch will be served after our Annual General Meeting. The bar at the club will be open for the purchase of drinks. Please join with friends for a chat plus see it as an opportunity to speak with some of the newer members of our club. Hopefully it is the beginning of a less disrupted time ahead with a new management group to take us forward.

Let's Enjoy.

APOLOGIES

As our meeting on 22nd March will be followed by our Annual General Meeting it is required that attendance numbers and apologies are carefully recorded.

Could you please telephone John Higson 0416 142 768 to record your apology if you are unable to attend.

Thank you,

Judith Carpenter

Meet and Greet

Sandra and Ross Buckton

Current Membership 97

Next Meeting

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022,
Seaforth Bowling Club**

Meeting Agenda

9.30 Registration, morning tea and fellowship.

10.00 Guest Speaker: David Rosenberg
— Pine Gap.

10.50 Business followed by Probos Club of Seaforth Annual General Meeting.

If not attending, please inform: *John Higson* 0416 142 768

jhig1062@bigpond.net.au.

Following meeting: **Tuesday, April 26**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

Guest Speaker

David Rosenberg — Pine Gap

Our guest speaker this month is David Rosenberg, who worked as a civilian with the United States National Security Agency (NSA) for 23 years, completing his last 18 years at the joint defence facility Pine Gap in Alice Springs.

David wrote a book *Pine Gap: The Inside Story of the NSA in Australia* which was published in 2018 and was the first book about the NSA's operations at a satellite ground site by an individual who held the Top Secret security clearance that allowed him to work inside operations.

This book details the intelligence collection mission at Pine Gap and the partnership between Australia and the United States that has made Pine Gap the most important satellite ground site in the intelligence community. David is the technical and creative consultant for the Netflix and ABC television series, *Pine Gap*. The series is produced by Screentime Australia.

Dianne Swan, co-Guest Speaker Coordinator

Note the new date . . .

Monday, March 28

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 meeting

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

Activities

Bowls Report

WHACKO! We actually had a "rollup" yesterday, on No. 1 Green, and 15 stalwarts rolled up! We are at the exciting stage of our comp

TREASURERS REPORT

Our corrected bank balance at 28/2/2022 is \$12,385.90 thanks to members fees paid in February plus Tramway Tour and Annual Picnic. Our members funds are \$9525.90. We will buy you lunch in March plus we have to pay Probus South Pacific annual fees next month. We still hold some money for the cancelled Xmas Party.

Special Attention

Annual membership fees are due NOW. Still only \$35 per person.

HOW TO PAY

Option 1

Pay me at the March meeting. Cheque payable to Probus Club of Seaforth or cash. Correct amount would be helpful.

Option 2

Transfer direct to our bank. WESTPAC BSB 032 294 Account number 690 735. Don't forget your name and who you are paying for.

Option 3

Post me a cheque payable to Probus Club of Seaforth. Send to S Sercombe, 6 Brentwood Pl, Frenchs Forest NSW 2086.

Option 4

Drop a cheque off in my letter box. Address above.

If you are not renewing email sjncs@hotmail.com.

Stuart Sercombe, 9451 2369

Welfare Report

Friend Lili Koch has received "home hospitalisation" and is slowly on the mend. Bowls coordinator Lee Murrell is back playing bowls. Colin Carpenter has had a set back with his knee operation, hoping to go to rehab soon.

Treasurer Stuart Sercombe has had another fall resulting in a broken a bone in his shoulder. His surgeon says it will heal by itself and an operation is not needed. Stuart will be entering repat in a few days, but no idea exactly when or where that will be. We wish Stuart a quick recovery and hope to see him soon.

If it is not Covid it is floods. Look after yourself and family.

Judith Doig

(started on 16th Dec) with two rounds to go.

I can report that David F.F. Foster is in the lead with 8 pts, with John Rose breathing down his neck on 7 1/2, and Judy Parker on 6 1/2, as the

contenders, with three others on six. So have to wait at least a couple of “rollups” to get the result.

It is surprising to me, that the greens are in such great nick, speaks volumes for the greens team, eh? I was out of action for a few weeks, and Hazel BYB Sellin volunteered to “Run the Show” for me. As expected, did a great job. Thanks again Hazel.

Lee Murrell, Organiser and Handicapper

Tech Group

The next Tech Group meeting is to be at the Totem Club at 11 am, Tuesday, April 12.

Interested members coming along may need to enrol to join the Totem Club if you haven’t already done so, for a nominal fee as indicated earlier.

Save this date ...

Any member wishing to join, contact Gavin at ghmkerr@icloud.com or phone 0404 073 760.

Walking Group

Mounties to Curl Curl Beach

Monday, April 4

Walk Details: We meet at 9:45 for 10, near the flag pole in the outside car park next to Mounties Freshwater (Harbord Diggers). We will stroll north along the boardwalk down to Curl Curl Beach, then back up to the Mounties Club coffee bar for our traditional coffee.

Walk time — 45 minutes.

Grade — Moderate, mostly on boardwalk to beach — some steps at top.

Facilities — There are facilities at Mounties and at Curl Curl Beach as well as some seats to watch the waves roll in along the way.

Parking — Free parking.

Enquiries — Michael Draper 0417 239 293.

Coming Events

Temora trip

The Temora Airshow trip, 7-10 April, is approaching and 23 travellers from Seaforth Probus will be on board. We are travelling as part of a scheduled OnCourse tour and at this stage 18 other travellers will be joining us.

Kerry at OnCourse will arrange for our group to be seated together for our evening meals, other meals are free seating.

You will receive pick up instructions for departure from your home from Kerry nearer the time. It may be you are picked up with other travellers not necessarily Probus members.

Please check the weather for Temora during our stay and dress accordingly. Hopefully rain gear will not be needed, more sun hat weather would be preferred. In any case an umbrella can cover both events. Ear plugs optional, after all it is an airshow.

Don’t forget a folding chair for our day at the airfield.

It all sounds like a great challenge, maybe out of our comfort zone, but an experience we can share.

OnCourse have requested that members wear their name tags, and if you need any further information please call me and if I don’t know the answer I will contact Kerry who will.

Judith Carpenter, 0424957647

Tramway Day Outing

What a sight to behold, clearing skies and the opportunity to get out and about. Light traffic allowed us an easy trip to Loftus and I can’t say I noticed one pothole from the comfort of the coach.

Following morning tea we boarded a beautifully restored tram for a trip into the National Park, impressively holding up the traffic on the Princess Highway. The ride was followed by a guided tour of the very beautifully restored collection of trams accumulated across the decades.

Lunch beckoned, however due to the wind strength and the dangerous seas the idea of a boat ride from Bundeena to Cronulla was scrapped and replaced by a road trip and lunch on the beach front at Coogee. Following our lunch we all enjoyed a tour of the eastern beaches with a chance to marvel at the architecture and development of the surrounding suburbs.

We enjoyed a wonderful day out together and saw parts of Sydney not often visited.

Judith Carpenter



Our free ride.



Susan, Carmen and Michael inspecting exhibits.

Entertainment

Wharf Review

There are two tickets available for the Wharf Review at the Glen St Theatre on Sunday, March 27, 5 pm. If you are interested, email Pamela Reese at pamelareese15@gmail.com or phone 9949 2847. Cost is \$75 per ticket.



Margaret Ledbury.

Below: The old Railway Square tram shed.



Dianne and Gary Swan en route to Audley.

Below: My bride Jeannette, Gary Swan and Ian Smith.

