



April Newsletter

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President's Message

April 2022

Hi All,

I am confident that 2022/2023 shall allow us to share covid restriction free meetings in the next 12 months.



The Committee that has been elected unopposed to represent you combines experience and the ability to put forward fresh ideas.

Seaforth Probos has had for some years the reputation of being a club where all members proactively enjoy their time together both in our monthly meetings and by participating in as many activities as possible.

Your Committee has already lined up in the pipeline interesting speakers, trips, lunches, educational sessions, bowling competitions and holiday breaks.

Now it is up to you to take advantage of as many of these as possible. They are designed to improve both your physical and mental health, and at the same time to allow you to meet and greet other Probians and make new and lasting friendships.

Let's make our April meeting a record turn out and don't forget beforehand to contact John Higson to order lunch.

Grahame Goldberg, President

Coming Events, Registrations and Payments 2022

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

May 31 (Tues) – SCG Tour – Public transport – Tour cost \$22 pp.

Cheque payable to the Probos Club of Seaforth Inc

Meet and Greet

Sandra and Ross Buckton

Wharf Review

Please return your tickets for the Glen St Theatre Wharf Revue at our next (April) meeting for a cash refund from Pamela Reese.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

Current Membership 97

Next Meeting

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022,
Seaforth Bowling Club**

Meeting Agenda

9.30 Registration, morning tea and fellowship.

10.00 Guest Speaker: Phil Adam —
Handbells/Handchimes Introduction.

10.50 Business.

If not attending, please inform: John
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Following meeting: Tuesday, May 24

Welfare Report

It appears a number of Probians have occupied beds in Northern Beaches Hospital. Colin Carpenter has the all clear to go to Delmar; our new Secretary, Carmen Anderson, has her new hip and is in Delmar; our treasurer, Stuart Sercombe has had a short stay for a shoulder problem. Lili Koch is still recovering from Covid 19. Brenda Traves and husband are in temporary accommodation from the rainbomb in March and were flooded out. Look forward to catching up with everyone at next meeting. Look after each other.

Judith Doig, Welfare

Guest Speaker

Our entertainment this month will be a presentation of Handchimes by Phil Allan. Phil is a member of the Handbells Society of Australasia and his topic is entitled "The History of Handbell Playing in Australia Supported by Handbell Playing".

Handbells/Handchimes Introduction — Phil Allan

Phil retired from the workforce over 12 years ago. A few years after retirement, he was looking for an additional activity to enhance his retirement.

Activities

Luncheon Group

Our next luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 11 at Club Belrose (aka Belrose Bowling Club) at 12.30 pm. All welcome.

If you haven't been to Club Belrose lately you have a treat in store. The whole place has been beautifully restored. We will be taking over the terrace at the side of the Cascade Restaurant. They have an extensive menu (just look up their web site) with an array of dishes from \$15 upwards. And of course we'll be having our famous Trivia Quiz, with good prizes for the winning teams.

If you'd like to come please email me at dmfost@bigpond.net.au or phone 9948 1790, so I can let the club know how many to provide for.

David Foster, Luncheons Co-ordinator

Bowls Report

Really I have nothing to report this month. The reason being we haven't been having any "ROLLUPS"! This weather is giving me "the gripes", very difficult to be able to organise our usual weekly competition.

THE LEADERS ARE STILL THE SAME

So, 10 years ago, he purchased himself a set of miniature handbells and taught himself to play. Phil will elaborate more on this during his presentation.

Over the past 10 years, he has been entertaining all types of social clubs such as Probus, Rotary, Ladies VIEW Clubs, Community Groups, as well as Retirement Villages and the occasional concert performance. Once a month, he plays at his church during the Sunday service.

Phil is a member of the Handbells Society of Australasia which, again, he will elaborate on more fully during his presentation. His topic is entitled, "The History of Handbell Playing In Australia Supported by Handbell Playing" as well as some stories of interest. He will leave some time at the end of the presentation for questions and you are invited to look at and try the bells and chimes afterwards.

Phil is married to Pam and lives at Belrose. He plays tennis twice a week and has a very busy and enjoyable life in retirement. He and Pam are members of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose.

Susan Stead

Hope next week will be fine so we can have our Final!

This week only six brave soles turned up, and we had a very pleasant few "ends". Pam Fizelle was one of them, bonza to have you back Pam.

Lee Murrell, Organiser and Handicapper

Tech Group

The next Tech Group meeting is to be at the Totem Club at 11 am, Tuesday, May 10.

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

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, May 2

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 — Ray Isaacs, 0412 578 104; Hazel Sellin, 0422 524 021.

Discovery Day Outings

Sydney Cricket Ground Outing

Tuesday, May 31

Please join us on a private group walking tour of the SCG for 10.30 am Tuesday May 31. A SCG flyer with details is attached. The tour cost is \$22 per person and a minimum number of 15 is required.

Our day's program

- Public transport to arrive at the SCG by 10.15 am.

The Manly Ferry to Circular Quay departs at 9 am and next at 9.20 am.

At Circular Quay catch the light rail either L2 Randwick or L3 Kingsford. Alight at Moore Park stop.

If you are travelling by bus to Wynyard catch the light rail in George St near Wynyard railway station.

- SCG walking tour 90 minutes.
- Lunch at the Entertainment Quarter. A short walk 250 to 400 metres to many restaurants. Suggest Watson EQ for a pub lunch.

Book your tour with Clive Sargent and final payment at Probus meeting on April 26.

Contact crsargent@tpg.com.au.

Temora Trip



In very wet conditions our OnCourse coach departed the rendezvous point at Cammeray for our trip to Young and a day at the Temora Airshow. We ventured down the Hume Highway to Mittagong where we abandoned our morning tea break due to the continuing heavy rain. It wasn't until we headed west towards our lunch spot in Yass that the rain eased and our spirits brightened.

Highlight of our first day was our stop at Murrumburrah where we saw the most amazing bronze interpretation of "Bill the Bastard" and his riders and heard an informative wartime story. It is a credit to the people of the district and their supporters that Australia's history can be so well displayed.

We have all been impressed by the Young district as we were taken on a tour of the town showing us the varied industries contributing to the town's vibrant economy. We enjoyed cherry pies for morning tea at the beautifully maintained Chinese Tribute Gardens then returned to town for a wander through a well presented museum and a visit to the fudge factory. Lunch this time was at the Grove Winery where we were treated to tasting several varieties of wines produced using grapes from the family's vineyards. Back into town for free time for shopping or relaxation at our comfortable motel.

Airshow day dawned with overcast skies but no rain. We travelled the southwest plains through very productive agricultural country to Temora which appears to be a very prosperous town. We passed very substantial public buildings on our way to the airfield on the edge of town. After a slow start we watched many vintage aircraft in the air including Tiger Moth, Ryan, Wirraway, Lockheed Hudson and Spitfires to name a few. Proceedings were conducted by a very knowledgeable commentator who officiated for hours



Daredevil Don Elliott with Andrea Bergman, Judy Parker and Dene Bergman.

with no notes, quoting all the facts and figures and many stories associated with the aircraft. Light rain came in during the afternoon but by then the aerial display was complete.

At last a sunny day as we departed from Young for Cowra with morning tea at the visitors centre then on to the Japanese Gardens. Such a peaceful place to stroll and for some take a buggy ride.

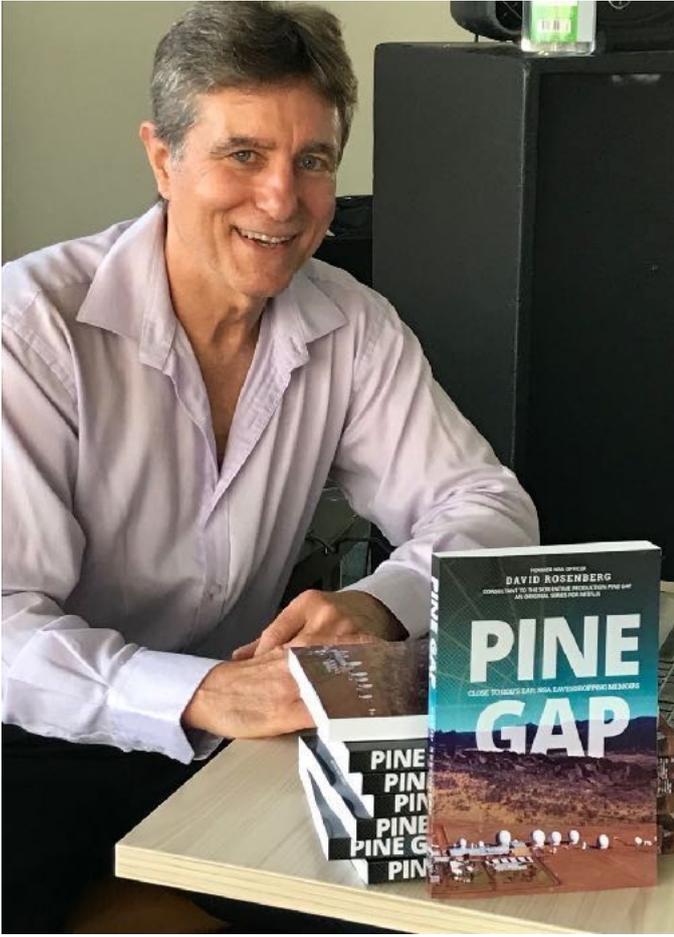
Our journey continued for a quick drive around the historic town of Carcoar then on to Bathurst which is famous for its spectacular race track. Our coach driver had a wonderful knowledge of the track. We lined up at P1 for an informative trip around the track just as the race drivers view it. He was able to name all the twists and turns and the speed at which drivers would be travelling at each turn. It is truly a wonderful race track but our driver added so much more to our understanding of the track and the race.

We toured Bathurst to view its wonderful historic buildings before lunch at Panthers for our final meal together before the trip back to Sydney.

It was a wonderful few days with friendly people and plenty to entertain and inform us along the way.



Happy diners after our March Annual General Meeting.



March meeting guest speaker David Rosenberg.



Secretary Carmen Anderson's birthday celebration at Delmar.



Pam Jordan and Colleen Avis



At the insistence of our past secretary Hazel Sellin, Jeannette and your editor.