



May Newsletter

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President's Message

May 2022

Most of us still have the urge to travel to some exotic place by air, ship or road. When I book a holiday I'm always a little nervous about an event arising which may cause cancellation of the holiday.

Travel insurance for seniors is sometimes difficult to obtain and usually expensive.

Most insurers have additional premiums and conditions if you are 79 or older. Some insurers will not insure travellers over 79.

I have found that easily the best insurance is via my credit card provider. In my case I have an ordinary Visa credit card.

Subject to Sue and I passing the pre-existing medical conditions test, the cover is automatic.

Of course the amount of cover for various insurance events will vary but I have found in the past that only a \$500 excess applies against most claims.

Visa provides complimentary (nil premium) travel insurance for the card holder and includes the card holder's spouse.

It is however important to read and understand the underlying policy conditions which can be found on the card's website.

To get cover, the following is normally required although these can vary:

- You must book and pay in full the air and or voyage cost using the credit card. This can be paid to a travel agent.

Activate the policy online.

If you have difficulty activating then usually the travel agent or a visit to an enquiry official at your bank will assist.

Always contact the credit card insurer before you travel to ensure any pre-existing medical conditions have been approved for cover. If for example you have had heart surgery this may disqualify you for cover or attract an extra fee. The fee would normally be the same surcharge payable with an arranged travel insurance.

The benefit of credit card insurance is you are not paying a travel insurance policy premium, which a member recently told me was about \$1,500 for an overseas holiday.

If a claim has to be made, an excess payment may be required of usually between \$0 to \$500 per claim. Of course, there will be claim limits, and other fees for pre existing medical conditions or if you are over the usual maximum age.

It is absolutely essential that you satisfy yourself as to the adequacy and availability of this type of insurance cover before taking your holiday. Conditions and qualifications vary between card providers, and what may be available to you by your card provider may not be adequate.

Agenda

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Seaforth Bowling Club

9.30 Registration, morning tea and fellowship.

10.00 Guest Speaker: Andrew Tink —
Honeysuckle Creek.

10.50 Business.

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

jhig1062@bigpond.net.au.

Following meeting: Tuesday, June 28

- Alternatively you may wish to obtain Probus travel insurance which is underwritten by Allianz , one of the largest insurance companies. Premiums vary with cover required, age and medical conditions. Telephone Allianz for details.

Both credit card insurance and Probus travel insurance could cover (you should check).

- Emergency medical issues causing cancellation of holiday.
- Flight delays.
- Lost/stolen baggage, travel documents and valuables.
- Accidental death and funeral expenses.

The above is not to be read as a professional advice. It is simply what I recall from personal insurance experiences some years ago.

Grahame Goldberg, President

Current Membership 98

Coming Events, Registrations and Payments 2022

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

June 8 (Wed) – Luncheon Group, Dee Why RSL 12.30 pm.

Sept 19-26 (Mon-Mon) – Toowoomba Festival of Flowers and O'Reilly's – Fly to Brisbane, then Toowoomba, Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie, Wallis Lake cruise – Cost \$2690, pp, \$540 Single supplement, \$600 Deposit pp.

Cheque payable to the Probus Club of Seaforth Inc

Meet and Greet
Sandra and Ross Buckton

TREASURERS REPORT

Our corrected bank balance at end of April is \$12,200.51. Our members funds are \$10,510.51. I still have some accounts to settle so it is not all ours. If you have time next meeting I will give you an update on my nightmare! It will only take about 2 hours!

I will chase up outstanding renewals soon. If you are not renewing tell me at sjncs@hotmail.com.

Stuart Sercombe, 9451 2369

May Birthdays

Margaret Draper, Anne Creek, May 8; Reg Green, May 11; John Rose, Grahame Goldberg, May 13; Graham Chalkley, May 18; Robyn Ogborne, Dianne Swan, Pam Rose, May 21; Lorraine Sergent, May 29; Greta Whipp, May 30.

Guest Speaker

Andrew Tink — Honeysuckle Creek

After eight years as a barrister and nineteen years in the NSW Parliament, Andrew stepped back from public life to concentrate on writing. His first book, William Charles Wentworth, won an Alex Buzo Shortlist Prize and 'The Nib' Award for Literature in 2010, other books include Lord Sydney, Air Disaster Canberra, Australia 1901-2001

and Honeysuckle Creek, the story of Tom Reid, a Little Dish and Neil Armstrong's First Step. Andrew is a past president of the Library Council of NSW. He is an adjunct professor at Macquarie University.

Today Andrew will be speaking on Honeysuckle Creek, near Canberra, which played a pivotal role in the first moon landing.

Dianne Swan, co Speaker Coordinator



Guest speaker Phil Allan performing at our April meeting.

Christmas in July

We currently have 54 members attending Christmas in July and would welcome another 36 attendees.

Payment of \$50 pp happily accepted at this meeting please.



President Grahame Goldberg with newly inducted member Garry Enfield.

As you register and pay, some indication of your menu choice would be handy, eg a full Christmas

Activities



Bowls Report

We have only had a couple of our "rollups". As you all know the weather is very uncooperative, so numbers down a bit, but we do have ONE new Pro

fare, a half Christmas fare with an alternate choice of beef, chicken, Barramundi or a selection of two from the four options.

There will be entertainment and 3 door prizes (the idea of audience participation was vetoed at committee so don't let that deter you).

Beverages will be at club expense so do please come along and make up for 3 years of COVID coventry and deprivation.

John Grant

Welfare Report

Our Treasurer Stuart is now home after his short stay of occupying a hospital bed. Day tours co-ordinator Colin is finally home after a lone time away. Life member Barry Ryan is dealing with daily challenges, wishing him well. Hoping we can get back to pre-covid times and see everyone at the next meeting.

Judith Doig, Welfare

bowler — Anne Losordo (an about to be Probian) is giving bowls a try. I'm pretty sure she enjoys it! ... so that is great.

We have been bowling on No. 2 green, which is the green outside our meeting room, and usually used for the club championships, we are being spoilt!

That's all from me ...

... Lee Murrell, Organiser and Handicapper

Opposite: Our back-to-back winner David Foster with Lee. Bottom: Mounties to Curl Curl walkers — seated: Pat Cooper, Diane and Gary Swan, John Warren, George; standing: Max Cooper, Margaret and Michael Draper, and Ray Isaacs.

Walking Group

Burnt Bridge Creek

Monday, June 6

We will meet at 9:45 for 10 at Seaforth Community Centre, in Baringa Ave, where we will park, near corner of Koobilya St and walk westward to where the track begins and then walk eastward to just past the tunnel under the expressway and return to our start point.

Drive to ... maybe ... Harvey Norman *or* Black Nectar Coffee at Nth Balgowlah shops for our traditional coffee??? Decide on the day.

Enquiries: Hazel Sellin, 0422 524 021.

Luncheon Group

Our June luncheon will be on Wednesday 8th June at Dee Why RSL at 12.30 pm.

It's a while since we've been to Dee Why RSL so it's time for a return visit — it's always been a popular venue for our lunches. They have an extensive menu that caters for every taste, at very reasonable prices.

Of course we'll be having our famous Trivia Quiz, with 20 questions to test your knowledge, and good prizes for the winners.

I'll be requesting registrations in a week or so pencil in the date — Wednesday, June 8, 12.30 pm, Dee Why RSL.

David Foster, Luncheon Group Co-ordinator

Tech Group

The next Tech Group meeting is to be at the Totem Club at 11 am, Tuesday, June 14.

Interested members coming along may need to enrol to join the Totem Club if you haven't already

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.

Coming Events

8 Day Fly/Drive Tour Toowoomba Festival of Flowers and O'Reilly's September 19-26, 2022

This year our extended tour will be with OnCourse Tours.

We have a hold on 20 places on the tour.

Full details are attached, and a short summary is as follows.

- Group pickup at your homes.
- Fly to Brisbane and connect with our coach for a day tour of Brisbane and travelling on to Toowoomba.
- Two nights in Toowoomba and a major highlight is the Toowoomba Flower Festival.

done so, for a nominal fee.

Save this date ...

Any member wishing to join, contact Gavin at ghmkerr@icloud.com or phone 0404 073 76.



Our Tech Group at the Totem Club.

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.

Contact crsergent@tpg.com.au.

- Two nights at O'Reilly's Guest House in the Lamington Nation Park, a World Heritage listed rainforest.
- On to Coffs Harbour travelling via the Border Ranges National Park and Grafton for one night at Opal Cove Resort.
- Travelling to Port Macquarie for two nights at the Waters Edge Hotel Resort. Enjoy a cruise at Wallis Lake.

Cost per person twin share is \$2,690 inclusive of air fare to Brisbane. Single supplement \$540. Deposit \$600 per person.

Register your interest with Clive Sergent at our next meeting or email Clive crsergent@tpg.com.au.