



July Newsletter

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President's Message

July 2022

Sadly, John Grant has found it necessary for health reasons to resign as our Vice President. During the short period he was in office he did all that was asked of him and more. I would be grateful to any member who would like to be considered for this important role, to contact me.

Many thanks to all who helped to make our Christmas In July such a resounding success. About 80% of our membership attended and were treated to first class food, beverages and entertainment.

I was asked this week how do you stop someone from successfully contesting your Will. I responded. "Subject to two exceptions, you can't."

Obviously, if the Will on examination is itself legally invalid, it can be contested, but also an exception could be, did the testator [will-maker] have "testamentary capacity".

A legally valid Will, must be the last Will made by the testator, it must be in writing, signed by the deceased and witnessed by two adults who are not themselves beneficiaries.

If the Will appears to have been altered since it was first made, its validity can be questioned.

If there is evidence that a beneficiary exerted undue influence to be included, then the Court may deem the Will invalid or alter the benefit of that beneficiary. Some examples are, an argument at the time of signing the Will, that the Will is very different from previous Wills, or a beneficiary is unknown to the testator's family and friends.

Many people presume that if a testator has been diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's that they cannot make a valid Will. This is strictly not correct.

If a Will is made subsequent to such a diagnosis, the Court will determine whether the testator was aware of the nature and value of his/her assets. It will also investigate whether the testator was aware and appreciated what making a Will meant. The Court also needs to be satisfied that the Testator had given thought to who should benefit from the Will and finally if there were competing claims for the bulk of the estate did the testator have the ability to decide between these claims.

Mostly, I was asked to advise where it seemed that the Will had been made validly and legally, but the clients considered that they had received insufficient benefit from the Will.

In NSW the Succession Act can provide relief to eligible claimants where the claimant :

- Was the spouse of the testator,
- Was the defacto partner of the testator,
- Was a child of the testator,
- Was a dependant of the testator or had a close personal relationship with the testator.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Seaforth Bowling Club

Meeting Agenda

9.30 Registration, morning tea and fellowship.

10.00 Guest Speaker: Julie Evans —
Extraordinary Places on Sydney Harbour.

10.50 Business.

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

jhig1062@bigpond.net.au.

Following meeting: Tuesday, August 23

The time to make a claim under the Succession Act is limited to 12 months, which is the reason some executors are not prepared to distribute an Estate within 12 months without receiving indemnities from named beneficiaries.

The cost of contesting a Will are substantial but if the claim is based on strong and reasonable grounds then even if the claim is unsuccessful the costs will usually be ordered to be paid out of the estate.

I propose in coming months to continue to write short articles on various aspects of succession law but it should be remembered that these are short treatises which are not intended to be encompassing and that I write these base on my knowledge of the law prior to my retirement many years ago.

If a Probian requires advice on any related matter he or she should seek advice from a practising lawyer.

Grahame Goldberg

Coming Events, Registrations and Payments 2022

Aug 10 (Wed) – Luncheon Group – 12.30 pm Manly Leagues Club.

Aug 30 (Tues) – Picton Heritage Tour with guide – Cost \$80 pp.

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.

Oct 10 (Mon) – Annual Picnic Day – Clontarf Reserve – Cost \$5 pp (nothing if you have already paid).

Cheque payable to the Probus Club of Seaforth Inc

Current Membership 98

TREASURERS REPORT

Our corrected bank balance after allowing for unpresented cheques is \$12,382.08. Our members funds are \$9247.08

The difference is money held for future events. We are financially sound and will be subsidising future events where most members participate.

Stuart Sercombe, 9451 2369

Guest Speaker:

Julie Evans,
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust
Extraordinary Places
on Sydney Harbour

Julie began her career as a secondary English/History teacher and later moved into the area of supporting students with learning difficulties, she was head of the learning support department in a large independent boys school. Julie's passion for both History and Sydney led her to volunteer with the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust as a speaker and interviewer with the Oral History Project. For some years Julie worked as a teacher guide hosting school groups on Cockatoo Island and at North Head.

She finds being able to share Trust presentations with community groups and interview people who have connections to Harbour Trust sites, both fascinating and rewarding.

Dianne Swan

DON'T FORGET!!

Book your after-meeting lunch no later than Sunday the 24th.

Ring Sue Goldberg on 0417 7767 97

Menu is:

Baked salmon and salad \$15

Mushroom soup with crusty bread \$12

Welfare Report

A very successful and happy "Christmas in July" was held recently. Unfortunately, a few of our members had to cancel due to Covid 19 and other related illnesses. You were missed — we wish these members a safe and quick return to good health. Need to be on the alert for further winter illnesses.

Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Judith Doig, Welfare Officer

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Pamela Fizelle, July 3; Barbara Mackney, July 5;
Dene Bergman, July 7; Helen Deacon, July 12; Meg
Stevenson, July 18; Gerry Setright, July 22; Judy
Campbell, July 23; Colin Carpenter, July 28.

Activities

Bowls Report

“Rain, rain, GO AWAY!” Shouldn’t say that should I? I did ‘cos when we are waiting to have a “Rollup” to decide the winner of the Ric Clapp Trophy a couple of nice days would be appreciated. Hope it will be this Thursday (21st). Have to wait and see.

The “new” greens team, are doing a great job with “our” greens. Everything is so neat and tidy. All adds to our pleasure at the weekly “Rollups”. Come along and join us for a “Try”, or join us for a coffee and a yarn. Always welcome!

Lee Murrell, Organiser and Handicapper

Walking Group

Curl Curl Sports Centre

Monday, August 1

Walk Details: We will meet at 9:45 for 10 at the Curl Curl Sports Centre, Netball Park, Abbott Rd, opposite Playfair Rd, and walk along the park, returning to Playfair Rd where we will walk up 200m to Curly’s on the corner to enjoy our traditional coffee.

Walk time: Approximately one hour.

Grade: Easy, mostly on flat ground.

Facilities: There are a number of seats with park views along the way.

Parking: Free parking is available near the sports centre.

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

Luncheon Group

Our August lunch will be at Manly Leagues in Pittwater Rd, Brookvale (just up from Brookie Oval) on Wednesday, 10th August at 12.30 pm. We were at Manly Leagues earlier this year and the feedback was highly favourable. Their menu has

Discovery Day Outings

Picton Heritage Tour with Guide

Tuesday, August 30

Again, we will have Judith Dunn as our guide to Picton’s history dating back to 1822.

Highlights are Jarvisfield, the first land grant, The Stonequarry Viaduct, the 1860 Tollgate Lodge, the Imperial Hotel built 1860 and history of the railway and the Station Master residence.

In the afternoon we drive the Loop Line passing

everything from humble hamburgers to steak dinners at very reasonable prices. Plenty of parking in their car park opposite the front entrance in Federal Parade.

We’ll be having our usual Trivia Quiz with good prizes for the winning teams.

I’ll be e-mailing you early August so we can give the club an idea of numbers. In the meantime keep Wednesday August 10 free.

David Foster, Luncheon Group Co-ordinator

Tech Group

The next Tech Group meeting is to be at the Totem Club at 11 am, Tuesday, August 9.

At the meeting we will conclude our discussion on photos, editing and folders.

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 76.

Save this date . . .

Monday, October 10

**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.

**If you paid for the March picnic which was
cancelled, no need to pay anything.**

Otherwise it’s only \$5 pp.

**Register and pay at August and September
meetings.**

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

acreage farms and stopping at Common Ground for a chance to buy organic products. On to Razorback and return to Picton to see St Marks Church (1851).

Full details are attached. The cost is \$80 per person and includes morning tea and a two-course lunch at Tahmoor Inn.

Contact Clive Sergent sergentcr@tpg.com.au or 0412 611 811.

Coming Events

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

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.
- 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.



Dianne Swan with last month's guest speaker, Ngairé Hobbins.

Below: Happy members at the June meeting.



Trevor Wallin, Andrea Bergman "rolling up".



Anne Eastes, Judy Parker and Ada Amos taking a break.

Probus Club of Seaforth Inc
Member Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 28 June, 2022, Seaforth Bowling Club

President: Warren Ogborne, standing in for Graham Goldberg, opened the meeting at 10 am, welcoming members and visitors.

GUEST SPEAKER: Ngaire Hobbins gave an informative talk on diet and its effects on brain health and our immune system.

PRESENT: 61, apologies: 15, visitors: 2

MINUTES for May meeting moved by Ray Isaacs and seconded by Ross Buckton. There were no matters arising.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS: Pauline Hayes, Blanka Barton, June 17, Mick Greig, June 18, Berris Hodges, June 21, Carol Style, June 22, Stan Gibson, June 25.

WELFARE: Michael Draper sadly passed away and John Grant is recovering from a stroke. Judith Carpenter, Graham Goldberg also Clive Sergent have Covid.

TREASURER: Stuart Sercombe advised bank total funds are \$11,872.91 and member funds stand at \$9137.91. Discussion to be held about subsidising some coming events.

VICE PRESIDENT: 78 for Xmas lunch, more are needed. John Grant has resigned as vice president due to ill health. Post to be decided

TOURS: Clive Sergent will advise at next month meeting on Toowoomba Tour.

DAY TOURS: Clive Sergeant is taking bookings next month for the Picton Heritage Tour at the end of August.

BOWLS: Lee Murrell: There were 19 for bowls, with five weeks without rain, and club was promoted to No. 1 green last week.

LUNCHEON/TRIVIA: David Foster. There will be no lunch group for July. The next lunch will be on August 10 at the Manly Leagues Club. We need suggestions for more lunch venues.

WALK: Ray Isaacs: Meet at 9:45am for 10am start at Curl Curl Netball courts Abbott Road , returning to Playfair Rd, to Curley's on the corner for coffee. Weather permitting .

TECHNOLOGY: Gavin Kerr: Next meeting on 12 July at the Totem Club.

THEATRE: Glen Street Theatre payment for The Sapphires to be made today.

LUNCHESES: Lunches must be ordered at least 2 business days before meeting to enable catering requirements to be purchased. Margaret Greig requested members either ring or email her to order lunch after receiving monthly newsletter. Leave a message if she does not answer and she will get back to you. Please ring again if she doesn't.

GENERAL BUSINESS: David Foster moved, Pamela Reese seconded a motion that the club subsidise bowlers \$2 per game. This was opposed by Ray Isaacs, suggesting if the bowlers were subsidised, then all sections of the club need to be subsidised. It was also suggested the move would be unconstitutional. Treasurer Stuart Sercombe also opposed the motion. The motion was put to the members and was lost.

Ian Smith suggested the problem was a bowling problem and it should be sorted by the bowlers and decision be reported at next meeting in July.

WINE DRAW: Gavin Kerr, Anne Sayers

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 26 July, 2022 at Seaforth Bowling Club.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11:23 am .

PRESIDENT:**SECRETARY:**.....

DATE:

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PICTON HERITAGE TOUR

TUESDAY 30TH AUGUST 2022

Picton's history dates back to 1822 and local guide Judith Dunn will share it with us. We will see many of its architecturally significant buildings as well as hearing about the men and women that have shaped its development.

Upon arrival we will enjoy morning tea and our introduction to Judith before commencing our tour which will highlight:

- * The first land grant in the area – “Jarvisfield”, which sets the scene in the district
- * Hear the difficulties of railway construction through the hilly terrain to continue the Great South Line. View the Station Master's residence.
- * The Stonequarry Viaduct, the first viaduct to be built outside Sydney on the NSW railway system.
- * St Mark's Anglican Church, a charming mid 19th century stone building designed by Edmund Blackett.
- * The 1860's Tollgate Lodge, a delightful cottage, once the home of the toll collector on the Great Southern Road.
- * The Imperial Hotel, built in the 1860s.

Hear about the Fur and Feather Factory as we pass by the building on our way to the Tahmoor Inn. Lunch is a two course meal including dessert, tea and coffee. This afternoon we will take a circular drive to the Loop Line, passing examples of small acreage farms and driving past the Thirlmere Steam Museum and Harmony. Stopping at Common Ground for a chance to buy organic products, we continue to Razorback to hear the true story of Anthony Hordern's Tree before making our way back into Picton. There we will see St Marks Church (1851) and hear the lifestyle of the early ministers. Our journey home will be via Camden and Narellan.

The cost per person is \$80.00 and includes morning tea, two course lunch including tea or coffee, guide and luxury coach touring. Departs at 8.00am and returns at approximately 5.30pm.