

***THE PROBUS CLUB OF SEAFORTH INC***



**A SHORT HISTORY  
OF  
THE THIRD TEN YEARS**

**YEAR 22**

April 2012 – March 2013

Compiled by **Warren Ogborne**  
(Past President and Past Club Historian)

Produced by **Gavin Kerr**  
(Past President – Club Historian)

**The Probud Club of Seaforth Inc  
PO Box 679 Balgowlah 2093**

Year 22

(April 2012 – March 2013)



**Office Bearers**

President

Vice President

Secretary

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Ray Isaacs

Terry Murphy

Auditor

Kevin Zehnder

**Activities Coordinators**

Attendance

... Overseas Travel

... Getaways

... Discovery Day Tours

... Cultural Events

Jokes of the Day

Bowls

Golf

Welfare

Birthdays

Membership Records

Club Historian

Walking Group

Recruitment

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Newsletter Distribution

John Higson &

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David Gulliford

Neville Cleary

Reg Green

Trevor Wallin

Ian Macmillan

Lee Murrell

David Gulliford

Richard Whipp

Mick Greg

Nicholas Guoth

Warren Ogborne

Michael Draper

Reg Green

Trevor Wallin

Ray Stallworthy

Rex Elvy

Activities  
(April 2012 – March 2013)  
Coordinators

Trevor Wallin – Neville Cleary – David Gulliford – Reg Green

Mar.26	Annual Picnic - Clontarf
Apr. 11	“Yes, Prime Minister” – theatre party
Apr. 18	Choice Maz - visit
May 16	Fisherman’s Wharf
May 29	“When Dad Married Fury” – theatre party
June 13	Canterbury Races
June 19	President’s Gala Dinner ... Manly Golf Club
July 10	Brunie Riley Sings Bassey
July 20	Whale Watching – Kurnell & Lucas Heights tour
Aug. 15	Doyles Fish luncheon - \$2.50 Day
Sep.12	“The Flood” – Glen St; Theatre
Sep.16-21	Probus Rendezvous – Palmerston North - NZ
Sep. 21	Bowral Tulip Festival & lunch - day outing
Oct. 17	Cochlear Implant Centre & “Little Italy” for lunch
Nov. 3	Brandenburg Orchestra – Sydney Recital Hall
Nov. 9	Rotary Charity Regatta on Sydney Harbour
Nov. 21	“Chitty Chitty Bang Bang” – Capitol Theatre
Dec. 3	Walkers’ Xmas Picnic & Walk – Garigal National Park
Dec. 10	Xmas Dinner - Long Reef Golf Club
Dec. 13	Bowlers’ Xmas Luncheon – SBC after bowls
2013	
Mar. 6	Sydney Town Hall Tour ... plus lunch ... cancelled
Mar. 11	Annual Picnic – Clontarf
Mar. 13	“Driving Miss Daisy” – Theatre Royal

Guest Speakers  
(April 2012 – March – 2013)  
Coordinator - Terry Murphy

- April 24 Ted Simmons – “A Day in the Life of a Journalist”
- May 22 John Dengate – “Australian Poetry & Songs”
- June 26 Michael Fahey – “The Baggy Green”
- July 24 Ian Smith – “Emotional Intelligence” at Balgowlah RSL
- Aug.28 David Clegg – “Jazz ... what is it & where did it originate”
- Sep. Geoff Broadfield – “The Wizardry of Winemaking”
- Oct. Warren Ogborne – “Against all Odds”
- Nov. Bill Porges - “55 Years at University & Still Learning”
- Dec. Hugh Landa – “ The Sydney Heritage Fleet ”
- Feb. 2013 Emeritus Prof. Don Napper – “James Barnet – Colonial Architect of over 1000 buildings.”
- Mar. Bob Humphreys – “What Does a Forensic Accountant Do?”

Walking Group  
(Michael Draper)

- Mar. Mounties (Harbord Diggers) to Curl Curl & back for coffee at the Belaroma
- April 2 Warriewood Wetlands & coffee at Warriewood Square
- May 7 Long Reef Headland & coffee at the golf club... this was a gem & was well attended with an excellent morning tea at the club.
- June 4 Bradleys Head ... from Taronga Park Zoo ... coffee at the Zoo Café. Another gem of a walk & excellent morning tea.
- July 2 Mounties to Curl Curl beach ... freezing cold day
- Aug. 6 Bantry Bay & Wakehurst Parkway ... & coffee afterwards plus a stop off at the Cleary's for a glass of Aqua Pura on the way.
- Sep. 3 North Fort meeting for North Head Scenic walk ... acclaimed by all as a superb outing & very spectacular.
- Oct. 8 Another spectacular walk ... meeting at Manly Art Gallery to walk along Scenic Esplanade to King Street & back for coffee.
- Nov. 5 From Curl Curl Sports Centre, Abbott Rd; & coffee at Curly's
- Dec. 3 The pre-Xmas walk & picnic at Garigal National Park under Roseville Bridge, rounding a great year's fellowship
- 2013
- Feb. 4 Despite inclement weather, seven stalwarts enjoyed a pleasant walk through Stoney Range Botanic Garden. A real treat !!
- Mar. Lagoon Park from Cameron Ave; Queenscliff.
- April 8 Dobroyd Head to North Harbour Reserve ... to start our new year 2013-2014

GOLF GROUP  
( Trevor Wallin )

- May 22 Balgowlah Golf Club – David Millard Cup... won by Seaforth thanks to outstanding rounds by Don Elliott & Mick Grieg each with 24 points & Helen Gulliford with 22 points ..... Re-match scheduled for September.
- Sept. 28 Balgowlah Golf Club – match – Manly Probus Club
- Nov 1 Scenic Tour Shield – Killara Golf Club
- Mar. 1 The 2013 David Millard Memorial Trophy –v – Manly Probus ... postponed due to bad weather. Re-scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Bowls Club  
(Lee Murrell)

- April John Rose wins the Rick Clapp Trophy to kick off the year. With \$5.00 left over from our Mollymook bowling venture, Dick Higgins “squandered the lot” on a lottery ticket ... our hopes for a win were in vain.
- May Our annual contest with Manly Probus Club was something of a fizzer. Warren Ogborne, Bruce Fisk & Tom Stee won handsomely but our other three teams could only manage a draw and two losses. Mind you, one of those was inflicted on us by Jan Murrell, who was asked to play as a stand-in for one of the Manly teams...and she bowled “out of her skin” to give our opponents the victory. Overall we went down 31 to 43 !!
- June With only two weeks to go, Tony Sargent has an unassailable lead in the current competition.

- Sept. Ray Isaacs the winner on 8 points followed by John Daly on 7 and Tom Stee on 6... a great result.
- Nov. Dick Higgins looks like taking home the Rick Clapp Trophy with an unbeatable lead on 7.5 points from Norrie Cleary & John Rose, each on 6 points.
- Jan.28 The 2013 contest – “Aussies –v- The rest of theWorld ” had to be cancelled due to torrential rain.
- Feb. 7 Saw Jan Murrell & John Rose shared the trophy with 7 points each & Lee a close 3<sup>rd</sup> on 6.5 - The next 10 week series in now underway.
- Mar.7 Sunny day... 18 attendees + John Edwards from Manly Probus. Joined for coffee by Greta Whipp, Elaine Daly, Doug Law, Ian Macmillan & Reg Whiteley.
- Mar. 14-21 Murrells away. Poor attendance, especially on 21<sup>st</sup> due to chaos in Sydney traffic ... fuel spill in Harbour Tunnel.



Reg Green ... runner-up to James brown in the Seaforth Bowling Club Championship & a member of the club's No.4 Pennant winning team.



The appointment of four separate co-ordinators, Trevor Wallin, Reg Green, Neville Cleary & David Gulliford, to run our social programme has resulted in a galaxy of activities...cultural, historical, getaways & travel overseas. Our Vice-President, Ian Smith, organised the Presidents Gala Dinner at Manly Golf Club and the Annual Xmas Luncheon at Long Reef Golf Club ...both well attended and most enjoyable. And the weather was kind to Stuart Sercombe who ran a happy Annual Picnic at Clontarf.

And Trevor Wallin & Ray Isaacs initiated a very smart and convenient system of payments & receipts for our social outings and engagements. We now receive a form by email combining both payment & receipt (item.B) which we fill in & lodge with the function co-ordinator at our meeting. This saves time & facilitates the process enormously.

The golfers won the David Millard Cup, thanks to outstanding performances by Don Elliott and Mick Grieg but bad weather saw the return match set down for March 2013 postponed.

The bowlers were luckier and managed their full quota of matches although the 2013 "Aussies" --v-- "The Rest of the World" was rained out. And would you believe it, Jan Murrell played as a "stand-in" for a depleted Manly Probus Club, bowled "out of her skin" & secured **them** a handsome victory.

Lee Murrell's handicapping has been excellent as it has ensured that the Rick Clapp trophy is shared around. This year there have been six different winners ... this is what Thursday bowls is all about ... fun & fellowship!!

Special mention should be made of Reg Green's bowling exploits and prowess. Reg is a relative newcomer to the game but has applied himself to the sport with such intensity and determination that not only was he a member of the Seaforth Bowling Club's No.4 Pennant winning team but also runner up to James Brown in the club championship.

Richard Whipp's term as Welfare Co-ordinator has, like the head of Janus, had two aspects ...

1. Each month Richard gives us tips for achieving & maintaining better health, often with appropriate props and physical demonstrations. These have been excellent and always delivered with flare and humour.
2. Sadly however, 2012-13 has exposed the other face of Janus. It has been a year littered with accidents, sickness and grief...

We lost Allan Doutreband in June 2012 and Tom Setright in April this year after a horrible struggle following radical surgery for a facial malignancy...and our beloved elder statesman, "Big Yellow Bowls" George Mitchell lost his beloved Peggy in April too.

The sick list has included Ric Clapp, now ninety seven, Doug Law, Noel Harrs, Bruce Fisk, Phil Thompson, Ian Macmillan, John Higson, Warren Ogborne, Rudi Hochstetter, Maurie Tye, Neville Cleary, Gordon James ... and wives Norrie Cleary, Elise Carr & Pam Thompson.... all noted in Richard's Welfare Reports in our Newsletter. His follow-up and concern for everyone has been a labour of love.

As I said in my assessment of our 20<sup>th</sup> year ... "sober reflection reminds us of our vulnerability as major health problems have beset a large number of our members." Given this reality, the need for active recruitment remains a top priority. As our President observed ... "it is the life blood of the club."

Gavin Kerr now chairs our Recruitment Committee having conducted a tireless & vigorous campaign throughout the year. This included an extensive letterbox drop and manning a promotional booth at Stockland Centre on Sat. Oct.20<sup>th</sup>. Although this resulted in an encouraging response, our numbers remain well below our objectives. We were delighted to welcome Brian Cranch and Bill Etteridge as new members but lost Graham Chalkley, Bill James and Mike Ledbury through resignation ... a sad note on which to end but surely a spur to our further endeavours.

## THE PROBUS CLUB OF SEAFORTH INC.

Assets	2013	2012
Cash at Bank	26393.01	43400.15
Less Unpresented cheque	-12.00	
Plus Returned Cheque	144.00	
Add Outstanding Deposit	5.00	
	26530.01	43400.15
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Amount due for Hall Hire & Teas		692.50
Advance Receipts	23937.30	39987.20
Less Advance Deposit	23937.30	0.00
	\$2,592.71	39987.20
		40679.70
		\$2,720.45
Balance brought Forward	2720.45	4182.73
Add Surplus (Deficit) for Year	-127.74	-1462.28
Members' Funds	\$2,592.71	\$2,720.45

Signed Maurice Tye (Hon. Treasurer)

**Auditor's Report**

I have audited the above accounts comprising the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet of The Probus Club of Seaforth Inc for the year ended 31 January 2013. In my opinion the accounts present a true record and fair view of the state of affairs of The Probus Club of Seaforth Inc and the results for the year ended that date.

Signed Kevin Zehnder (Hon. Auditor)

## President's Report 2012 – 2013

Firstly I want to thank all members for their support throughout the year. Your friendship and encouragement have made my task so much easier.

In the position of President I followed in the footsteps of two excellent Presidents, David Gulliford and Gavin Kerr, both of whom served on the Committee for the year. I thank them for their support and guidance; Gavin in particular, who managed the recruitment and induction process for new members. You have heard me consistently speak of how important I regard this function.

I have been blessed with a superb Committee and team of Event Coordinators. I thank them for their support. Their efforts have made my job a lot easier.

I would like to mention some things we have done this year:-

1. Placed greater emphasis on the importance of the Newsletter as our major instrument of communication to all members (attending or otherwise). Thank you Ray Isaacs for the significant upgrade of our Newsletter.
2. Relocated the venue for our monthly meetings. The change was supported by over 80% of the voting members. It has provided us with the opportunity to socialise after meetings. We have had some hiccups along the way but that was to be expected.
3. Tightened up the agenda of our monthly meetings and introduced a Member Focus section that allows us to get to know a little more about some of our members.
4. Introduced the practice of preparing an annual budget for our Club. I expect that we will continue to improve in this area.
5. Including the potential new member we have interviewed today, we have recruited a total of X members to our Club.
6. Adopted a revised Constitution & By-laws for the Club.
7. Maintained an excellent offering of events for all members...cultural events, travel (single day & multi day excursions), bowls, golf, walking & guest speakers. I thank all Coordinators for their input during the year.
8. Who could forget the changes introduced by our Welfare Officer, Richard Whipp. His hilarious presentations on maintaining our health have been a highlight of our monthly meetings.

Unfortunately we have seen the passing of Allan Dautreband & Tom Setright.

I wish the incoming President and his team every success in the running of our wonderful Club in 2013-2014.

Ray Stallworthy concluded his highly productive year as our 22<sup>nd</sup> President by noting the following five significant achievements :-

1. Increasing the relevance of our Newsletter. This is the way we can communicate with all members, whether they are to attend a meeting or not.
2. Relocating our meeting venue to a much more generally acceptable place where we have excellent facilities and the ability to meet socially for lunch after our normal monthly meeting or not.
3. Tightening up our agenda for monthly meetings but still allowing time for us to learn a lot more about our members.
4. Maintaining the emphasis on recruitment. This function is the life blood of our club.
5. Resolving the matters relating to the Constitution and relevant By-laws.

It was indeed a remarkable year that saw the realisation of numerous changes that have been in the pipeline for some time. Not only did Ray accomplish a great deal, he did so with style. After all, when was a Probus Club led by a President sporting a vintage Riley?



Ray & his Riley at the March 2013 Annual Picnic

From the outset of his presidency Ray was concerned about a certain sloppiness in the conduct of our monthly meetings. Far too much time was spent trawling through routine reports & associated business; Ray saw this as a real “put-off” for prospective new members. His solution was radical, threefold and effective ...

1. Abandon the time honoured and time wasting ritual of opening the meetings with jokes and replace it with a “Two Minute Opener”... a personal account of an incident in the life of a designated member. Warren Ogborne “kicked – off” the enterprise with his hilarious story of being presented with an Egyptian boatman’s *sperm count* to interpret while he & Robyn were about to board their ship midstream at Port Said .... The following month Neville Cleary had us in stitches recounting his early dating of Norrie at the local movies.
2. Follow the “Two Minute Opener” with a “Member Focus” when a nominated member recounts a brief summary of their life & career. This too, has been a winner and serves to deepen our understanding and appreciation of our fellow Probians. Rudi Hochstetter’s account of his youth in and escape from Germany during WW II was harrowing and truly memorable.
3. Proceedings were streamlined by replacing tedious reports by greater reliance on the Newsletter. Activity coordinators were encouraged to communicate their news to Ray Isaacs for publication and comment at the meeting only if necessary.

The Constitution of Seaforth Probus Club has been a ongoing issue for some years. Several half hearted attempts have been made to address it to the satisfaction of Probus Central but without success. During Gavin Kerr’s presidency a process was put in place to revisit our Constitution, By-laws & Standing Instructions. A sub-committee comprising Trevor Wallin, Richard Whipp & Neville Cleary was established to review our past Constitution and the input from Probus Central. The final completed document was circulated to members and put to the meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, for adoption.

Throughout this process our President spent hours in discussion with personnel at Probus Central in Parramatta informing himself of the workings of the organisation and its requirements of its 2200 member clubs in the South Pacific.

So 2012-3 has been a year of significant change and the biggest was our decision to relocate to Balgowlah R.S.L. The attached correspondence from our President (item.A) provides a comprehensive summary of the reasons for the move and the advantages accruing. As expected, there were teething problems and not all members supported the move, but there has been strong support for having lunch in the club restaurant after the meeting and for the fellowship it fosters.

We have enjoyed a bevy of varied and interesting speakers and the AV facilities at Balgowlah R.S.L. have provided excellent backup. This was a major source of concern at Seaforth Bowling Club and the cause of considerable embarrassment on several occasions.

		<u>Address</u>	<u>Wife</u>	<u>Phone</u>
			<u>Partner</u>	
ANDERSON	Keith	12 Hillcrest Ave St Ives, 2075	Helene	94402216
BUCHAN	Arthur	217/207 Forest Way Belrose 2085	Anne	94502201
BUCKTON	Ross	1/B Water Reserve Rd, North Balgowlah 2093	Sandra	99077663
CARR	Kevin	11 Moore St. Clontarf 2093	Elise	99486746
CASSIM	Nick	36 Gordon Street, Clontarf, 2093	Julia	99482870
CHALKLEY	Graham	7 Pildra Place Frenchs Forest 2086	Janice	94514134
CLAPP	Ric	5 Gurney Cr. Seaforth 2092		99484314
CLEARY	Neville	29 Madison Way Allambie Heights 2100	Norrie	94513205
CORMACK	Bruce	113/6 Hale Road, Mosman 2088 (The Manors)	Ann	99082254
COTTON	Geoffrey	14 Ogilvy Rd Clontarf 2093	Faith	99487893
DALY F	John	403/207 Forest Way, Belrose 2085	Elaine	94501940
DEACON	Gary	9 Nandi Ave Frenchs Forest 2086	Helen	94517097
DOUTREBAND	Allan	1/113 Balgowlah Road Fairlight 2094	Ella	99486241
De GIOIA	Peter	45 Oxford Falls Road Beacon Hill 2100	Margaret	94511896
de MEYRICK F	Bill	2/22 Parriwi Rd Mosman 2088	Betty	99697007
DRAPER	Michael	16 Nolan Place, Balgowlah Heights, 2093	Margaret	99482168
ELLIOT	Don	5/1 Tower St Manly 2095		99077201
ELVY	Rex	11 Addison Road, Manly 2095	Beverley	99774260
FISK	Bruce	49 Gordon St Clontarf 2093	Yvonne	99491056
FORD	Ron	47 Gordon St Clontarf 2093	Barbara	99487744
FORSYTH F/T	Doug	8/2 Dawes Rd Belrose 2085	Beverley	94526905
GRANT	Bernard	48 Iovett st Maly Vale 2093	Jill	99483559
GREEN	Reg	1A Bimbadeen Cres Frenchs Forest 2086	Ann	94517689
GREIG	Mick	218/207 Forrest Way, Belrose 2085	Margaret	94863140
GULLIFORD	David	83 John Oxley Drive Frenchs Forest 2086	Helen	94523589
GUOTH	Nicholas	1A Russell Street Clontarf 2093	Eva	99079643
HALBICH	Werner	10 Landy Place; Beacon Hill 2100	Uta	99386795
HARRS	Noel	63 West St Balgowlah 2093	Berenice	99495069
HICKEY	Ernie	8 Moore Street Clontarf 2093	Yvonne	99486202
HIGGINS	Dick	7B/28 Woods Pde Fairlight 2094	Betty	99485433
HIGSON	John	1/31 Clarke St; Narrabeen 2101	Patsi	99813632
HOCHSTETTER	Rudi	170A Pittwater Road, Gladesville, 2111	Raylee	98797216
HOOLEY	Harry	22 Wattle Ave Fairlight 2094	Maude	99482014
ISAACS	Ray	44 Ilford Rd. Frenchs Forrest, 2086	Jeannette	94523875
JAMES	Bill	1/54 Bennett Street, Curl Curl 2096	Betty	99390249
JAMES	Gordon	3/48 West Street Balgowlah 2093	Jenny	99487775
KERR	Gavin	14 Gordon St; Mosman 2088	Helen	99604517
LAW F	Doug	4 Acacia Rd Seaforth 2092		99486177
MACMILLAN	Jim	1a 112-114 Cowles Road, Mosman 2088	Lois	0466907750
MACMILLAN	Ian	16 Glenside Street, Balgowlah 2093	Brenda	99488186
MARTIN F	Bob	74/51 Little Willandra Rd Cromer 2099	Jean	99811669
McKAY	Terry	Unit 126/ 2 Hutchison St Mt Barker S A 5251		83986826
MENZIES	Don	148/207 Forest Way, Belrose2085		94863383
MINETT	Richard	1/36 Serpentine Cr, North Balgowlah 2093	Gayle	99079907
MITCHELL F/L	George	38 Cliff St Manly 2095	Peggy	99773730
MURPHY	Terrence	114/2 Wentworth Street, Manly, 2095		0428696454

F = Foundation Member, L = Life Member, T = Temporarily Inactive Member, Private and confidential for Probus use only and not to be used for any other purpose.

MURRELL	Lee	207/2 Sylvan Avenue, Balgowlah 2093	Jan	99498028
OGBORNE	Warren	87B Peacock St, Seaforth 2092	Robyn	99078228
OSBORNE	Terry	5 Bindi Place, Beacon Hill, 2100	Pat	94513190
ROSE	John	107 Iris Street Beacon Hill 2100	Janice	94517659
RYAN	F/L Barry	32 Ernest St Balgowlah Heights 2093	Lois	99494529
SANSOM	F Dick	5 Mons Rd Balgowlah 2093	----	99484692
SARGENT	F Tony	16/180 Pacific Parade, Dee Why, 2099	Joan	99824677
SERCOMBE	Stuart	6 Brentwood Place Frenchs Forest 2086	Nancy	94512369
SETRIGHT	Tom	27 Ernest St Balgowlah 2093	Geraldine	99487566
SHATTLES	Geoffrey	27a Grandview Grove Seaforth 2092	Beryl	99491050
SMITH	Ian	15/32 Bonner Ave Manly 2095	Judith	89669096
SMYTHE	Max	47 Griffith Ave, Roseville, 2069	Terri	94173386
STALLWORTHY	Ray	11/6 Ulonga Ave. Greenwich, 2065	Helen	94338011
STEE	F Tom	82 Woodland St Balgowlah 2093	Mariet	99482478
STEVENSON	Ian	38 Bullecourt Ave Mosman 2088	Meg	99696298
THOMPSON	Phil	460/7 Colooli Rd. Narrabeen 2101. Anzac Bldg.	Pamela	99826971
TUXFORD	Reg	16/24 Birkley Rd Manly 2095		99773244
TYE	Maurice	4a Salisbury Square, Seaforth 2092	Margaret	99487637
VENN-BROWN	Ian	7 Gurney Cres, Seaforth 2092	----	99484344
WAKEFIELD	Peter	15/8 Earl Street, Mosman 2088	Louise	99683929
WALLIN	Trevor	2 Callicoma Street, Seaforth 2092	Marie	80682551
WHIPP	Richard	12/55 The Crescent Fairlight 2094	Greta	99487565
WHITELEY	Reg	353 Pittwater Road North Manly 2100	Maira	99050076
WICKENDEN	Alec	3/2b Nield Ave Balgowlah 2093	Shirley	99480286
WILSON	Len	37 Ilford Road Frenchs Forest 2086	Louise	94521779
WIPPELL	John	36 Bradley's Head Road, Mosman, 2088	Ngaire	99699106
ZEHNDER	Kevin	4 Warringah St Balgowlah North 2093	Michele	99493593
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COOK	Enid			
GARNHAM	Phyl	17 Peronne Pde Allambie 2100		99396574
JONES	Cath	9 Pitt St; Manly Vale 2093		99487168
McKINLAY	Val	20 Russel Street Clontarf		99483543
MILLARD	Nina	84/51 Little Willandra Rd; Cromer 2099		99814574
O'BRIEN	Jenny	6 Hale Road Mosman		99088054
PALMER	Gwen	71 Cutler Circuit, War Vets, Narrabeen 2101		99826208
ROWLAND	Merle	106 Frenchs Forest Road, Seaforth 2092		99495910
STAPLES	Barbara	4/24 Birkley Road, Manly 2095		99760045
WOODS	Sheila	1/80 North Steyne St Manly 2095		99772271

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Dear Member,

As part of the evolution of our Club, the Committee has for some months now been seeking alternative venues for our Monthly General meetings. We have been looking for a venue that can provide facilities and services that will be more appropriate for the future activities of our Club.

We feel that the availability of the following facilities would be of benefit to our members:

- Modern attractive building/environment to present our Club to potential members. We are competing with other Clubs to attract new members.
- Comprehensive, modern and integrated audio/visual equipment to allow more professional presentations from guest speakers
- Private room to ensure our meetings are held with no distraction or intrusion from other personnel on site
- Restaurant to allow members (and partners) to have lunch together after the Monthly meeting
- Bar facilities to allow members to socialize after the Monthly meetings
- Proximity to a majority of members

We have been successful in finding a venue that provides all of the above facilities.

At a Meeting held on May 22, 2012 your Committee voted unanimously to put before the members at our General meeting on June 26, 2012 a motion "to change the venue of the Monthly meetings of the Seaforth Probus Club to Balgowlah RSL Club, Ethel St., Seaforth."

We have viewed the Balgowlah RSL and feel that it meets all of the criteria above and there is some cost saving because the Balgowlah RSL has waived any charge for room hire for our monthly meetings.

If the members were to support the motion, so comprehensively recommended by your Committee, there would be some changes of which you should be aware:

- Our Meeting would have a start time of 10.00am at the earliest and properly managed would have a finish time of 12.00 noon
- The undercover members car park would not be available until 9.45 am
- There would be some changes to the way we collect monies for the various Club events.
- Proper management of the agenda would be needed to ensure that members, who have other post-meeting commitments, would be able to meet them. E.g. members who bowl at the Seaforth Bowling Club. With all things considered it is important to note that your Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the members that we should relocate to the Balgowlah RSL Club for our future General Meetings.

Time will be provided at the next General meeting for members to fully discuss the motion: "to change the venue of the Monthly meetings of the Seaforth Probus Club to Balgowlah RSL Club".

Your Committee seeks your support of its recommendation.

If you wish to obtain more information regarding this issue, then I invite you to call and discuss the matter with me or other Committee Members. I may be reached on 9433 8011 or 0413880070.

I will present the case for the motion and time will be provided at the June 26 meeting to fully discuss this matter before the motion is put to the vote of members.

Ray Stallworthy  
President  
Seaforth Probus Club

June 20, 2012

Item A



Dear Member,

Your Committee held their normal monthly meeting immediately following the General meeting at which the motion to relocate our monthly General meetings to Balgowlah was passed so convincingly.

The Committee wishes to put this into action as soon as possible and decided that our next General meeting will be held at Balgowlah RSL on Tuesday July 24th.

We have a number of details to sort out and will communicate with you all regarding meeting commencement time, parking arrangements etc. soon after July 10. That date is when the Committee will meet with officials at Balgowlah RSL to sort out all of the arrangements for our future meetings.

On behalf of the Committee I thank you for your support to make this significant change in our operations.

Yours sincerely,

Ray Stallworthy  
President, Seaforth Probus Club.

Item B

THE PROBUS CLUB OF SEAFORTH

## PAYMENT FOR PROBUS ACTIVITY

MEMBER'S NAME:.....

NAME OF ACTIVITY.....

NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUIRED.....

CHEQUE /CASH AMOUNT ENCLOSED.....\$.....

DATE...../...../.....

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## RECEIPT

DATE...../...../.....

MEMBER'S NAME.....

NAME OF ACTIVITY.....

AMOUNT RECEIVED \$.....

SIGNATURE OF ORGANISER.....