

THE PROBUS CLUB OF SEAFORTH INC



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

YEAR 30

April 2020 – March 2021

Gavin Kerr
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Acting President's Message

April 2020



As President Elect for 2020, I hope you're all out walking for half an hour daily and for those of you who are interested in reading, Manly Library will provide you with books on loan that you can collect in a bag at the library; you place your order on line using the Northern Beaches website.

Also, programmes normally played at the Cremorne Theatre, are available if you have a Smart-TV or an Apple Box ... programmes such as the Metropolitan Operas and plays produced by the National Theatre Co.

And finally ... don't forget to maintain contact with your family on Facetime or Zoom.

A belated Happy Easter to you all...

Warren Ogborne

Year 30

(April 2020 - March 2021)

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2020

Activities

(April 2020 - March 2021)

Coordinator Clive Sergent

- March 24** **Annual General Meeting - *CANCELLED DUE TO VIRUS***
- April 2** **Ensemble Theatre — David William’s “Crunch Time”- *CANCELLED DUE TO VIRUS***
- Dec 7** **Christmas Lunch – Wakehurst Golf Club**

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**CELEBRATION OF THE CLUBS' 30 YEAR!
LIFE MEMBER BARRY RYAN DOING THE HONOURS!**

Day Trip

Georges River Cruise

What a day to come out of restrictions with our first day trip for the year.

Boarding at Seaforth Bowling Club we were on our way to the south side. It is just over the other side of Sydney which we rarely go to other than pass through.

All aboard the Bass and Flinders cruises at Sans Souci, firstly into Sylvania Waters. Wow, how many waterfront houses in waterfront bays and canals, unbelievable.

Then upstream, under Tom Uglys Bridge passing by mega waterfront mansions many perched high above the cliff top with access by inclinator to the water's edge.

Back on our coach, John our coach captain dropped us at the St George Motor Boat Club.



Did you want fish and chips or chips and fish? The variety on the menu was unexpected, it was your choice. Gelato or cherry crumble followed then tea or coffee. Even a doggy bag was required, no one went hungry.

On we go, to the Kurnell Peninsular, it went on forever until we entered the National Park.

A stop over to walk lunch off at the Sutherland memorial.



Off again to Solander Point which was the end of the road. No whales were passing as they were holidaying in Antarctic waters for their summer migration. We followed the beaches south viewing Wanda, Elouera, North and South Cronulla.

Time to head home, it was only a day trip but we fitted in and saw so much.

Colin Carpenter

Our holiday

Some of our fellow Probus members who have ventured on to the high seas on cruises will understand the necessity of the crew being trained and prepared. We took an adventure cruise and were away during the January and February meetings on a cruise. Did you miss us? Actually, not high seas but mostly mill ponds to slight seas around the Indian Ocean and around the Cape of Good Hope. You would have heard “for exercise, for exercise, for exercise” it is for crew training. We were 300 miles off Cape Town recently and an announcement to passengers from the bridge that there was a medical emergency and a medi-vac was to take place within the hour. The ship altered course heading towards the nearest land and increased speed. In preparation for the chopper arriving procedures were put into place by the crew. At the stern where the evacuation was to take place all common areas and cabins from deck 14 down to and including 10 were evacuated of passengers in case the helicopter crashed onto the deck.

The chopper assessed the situation and in no time had the patient and winchman on board and off to hospital. It all happened so quickly and efficiently.

The captain gave a debrief a few days later.

With the aid of the photography department a visual explanation showed how the specialist crew carried out their duties.

Two fully fire-protected teams were on standby in case the chopper crashed onto the deck, one either side of the superstructure.

A fast response rescue vessel was deployed in case the chopper ditched.

Communications between the chopper and the cruise liner could not be made initially and was relayed by another vessel within the area.

Within minutes of the chopper departing another announcement from the bridge was to quash rumours on board that the patient had the ‘virus’ The virus was in early days elsewhere around the world but was covered on the 3 TV channels on board, we were aware of contagious and deaths occurring.

Health comes first where the medical team consider it necessary to evacuate and cost and insurance claims are not considered by the captain or medical staff. Hopefully the patient had insurance to cover the emergency. A lesson learnt, do not travel without insurance, some policies do not cover pandemics, read the small print.

Fortunately, our Princess ship was clean and we disembarked in Fremantle without, surprisingly, any health checks just a week or more ahead of the Ruby debacle.

Where to next? It will be a long time before the cruise industry returns to pre-virus. We may need to support the local tourism industry prior to deciding on the next cruise.

Judith and Colin Carpenter

THE WORLD ECONOMY EXPLAINED WITH TWO COWS

SOCIALISM You have 2 cows. You give one to your neighbour.

COMMUNISM You have 2 cows. The State takes both and gives you some milk. **FASCISM** You have 2 cows. The State takes both and sells you some milk.

BUREAUCRACY You have 2 cows. The State takes both, shoots one, milks the other and then throws the milk away.

TRADITIONAL CAPITALISM You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull. Your herd multiplies, and the economy grows. You sell them and retire on the income.

VENTURE CAPITALISM You have two cows. You sell three of them to your publicly listed company, using letters of credit opened by your brother-in-law at the bank, then execute a debt/equity swap with an associated general offer so that you get all four cows back, with a tax exemption for five cows. The milk rights of the six cows are transferred via an intermediary to a Cayman Island Company secretly owned by the majority shareholder who sells the rights to all seven cows back to your listed company. The annual report says the company owns eight cows, with an option on one more.

AN AMERICAN CORPORATION You have two cows. You sell one, and force the other to produce the milk of four cows. Later, you hire a consultant to analyse why the cow has died.

A FRENCH CORPORATION You have two cows. You go on strike, organise a riot, and block the roads, because you want three cows.

AN ITALIAN CORPORATION You have two cows, but you do not know where they are. You decide to have lunch.

A SWISS CORPORATION You have 5,000 cows. None of them belong to you. You charge the owners for storing them.

A CHINESE CORPORATION You have two cows. You have 300 people milking them. You claim that you have full employment and high bovine productivity. You arrest the newsman who reported the real situation.

AN INDIAN CORPORATION You have two cows. You worship them.

A BRITISH CORPORATION You have two cows. Both are mad.

AN IRAQI CORPORATION Everyone thinks you have lots of cows. You tell them that you have none. Nobody believes you, so they bomb the crap out of you and invade your country. You still have no cows but at least you are now a Democracy.

AN AUSTRALIAN CORPORATION You have two cows. Business seems pretty good. You close the office and go for a few beers to celebrate.

A NEW ZEALAND CORPORATION You have two cows. The one on the left looks very attractive.

A GREEK CORPORATION You have two cows borrowed from French and German banks. You eat both of them. The banks call to collect their milk, but you cannot deliver so you call the IMF. The IMF loans you two cows. You eat both of them. The banks and the IMF call to collect their cows/milk. You are out getting a haircut.

AN IRISH CORPORATION You have two cows — one of them is a horse!

(Due to Covid 19 cancelling our Activities, I thought the President's Messages were the most appropriate to add over the ensuing months! - Gavin Kerr)

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President's Message

May 2020

As incoming President I have three messages for our members ...

1. Due to COVID-19 it looks as though we'll not be meeting again for several months due to social distancing requirements.
2. Peter Style is relinquishing his role as our *Guest Speech Coordinator*, a duty he has performed with considerable flare and distinction. It is vital that we fill this position before meetings resume; *I therefore ask anyone willing to assume this role to contact me by email or by phoning 9907 8228.*
3. Feedback from our members has suggested that so few join us for lunch after our meeting due to the cost of the meal. Unfortunately the structure of our meetings militates against meaningful integration and socialisation; enjoying lunch together would go a long way in overcoming this. I will discuss this with the management at Totem to see if we can devise a solution.

... Warren Ogborne

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COVID-19 has put an end to our meetings at TOTEM because the venue will not enable us to observe adequate social distancing. Fortunately Seaforth Bowling Club is happy to accommodate us, complete with social distancing and audiovisual backup for our speakers' presentations ... and plenty of parking!!

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President's Message

June 2020

We plan to recommence our meetings on Tuesday, July 28, and the meeting will be restricted to 50 members — no visitors — due to social distancing restrictions. We ask, if attending, you please let John Higson know. John can be contacted by phone on 0416 142 768, email jhig1062@bigpond.net.au. Should the social distancing restrictions alter members will be provided with further details in our July newsletter. Margaret Greig has booked our Christmas Luncheon at Wakehurst Golf Club on Monday, December 7 ... an event not to be missed!

Finally ... as Peter Style will no longer be our Guest Speaker Coordinator, I again appeal for a volunteer to replace him. Peter is more than happy to assist in the change- over so the transition should be an easy one.

Warren Ogborne

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President's Message

July 2020

With our area designated “low risk” for COVID-19, our Probus meeting should take place on Tuesday, July 28, as already indicated, as it is important that we hold our AGM and elect new office bearers. If you are attending be sure to register with John Higson, telephone: 9981 3632.

Should changing circumstances force a cancellation, everyone will be notified by email.

Procedure on arrival:—

1. Use hand sanitiser provided.
2. Check in with John Higson and pay your \$5 attendance fee.
3. Check in with Margaret Greig if you have ordered lunch and pay your \$10.
Please bring correct change.

2. 4. Observe appropriate social distancing at all times. Looking forward to a happy meeting ...

... *Warren Ogborne*

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President's Message

August 2020

Unless otherwise advised, we will be holding our next meeting on Tuesday, August 25 at Seaforth Bowling Club. If you are attending please notify John Higson by phone on 9981 3632 as we must inform the club of attending numbers.

I suggest that we all wear face masks, sign in with John and pay our \$5 as we arrive.

We will start the meeting with our belated AGM under Judith Doig's chairmanship and the election of our new office bearers then proceed to the introduction of our guest speaker.

I am delighted that Desmond Mackney has replaced Peter Style as Guest Speaker Coordinator, a job he has filled with distinction these past several years.

Clive Sergent hopes to be able to present you all with a number of outings and excursions in the coming months and in the new year ... events we have enjoyed together in the past.

... *Warren Ogborne*

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President's Message

September 2020

Despite the problems arising from the advent of COVID-19, our first meeting of the year on August 25 was a great success thanks to the

commitment of our members and the efforts of Patricia Garousse and the staff at Seaforth Bowling Club.

Our next meeting, scheduled for September 22, will commence with registration at 9.30 am. If you are attending please notify John Higson by phone or email.

The club is providing lunch after the meeting ... with a choice of quiche and salad or pumpkin soup and a crusty bread roll at a cost of \$10 per person. If joining us for lunch please notify Margaret Greig by phone or email. Margaret will collect your \$10 as you arrive; please have the right money!!

I suggest we wear masks during the meeting and sanitise our hands when registering with John Higson. The club will organise for social distancing throughout.

I am delighted to announce that Clive Sergent has booked two promising trips for the new year ... Bellingen and the Coffs Coast in March and the Riverina in October. Plans are also under way for the resumption of our daily outings.

... *Warren Ogborne*

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President's Message

October 2020

Please note the details accompanying this newsletter concerning your choice of lunch (quiche or lasagne) at our next meeting to be communicated to Margaret Greig by Friday, October 23, and attendance at our Christmas luncheon in December at cost of \$50 per head ... the event will also celebrate the thirty year anniversary of Seaforth Probus. It would help our secretary, Hazel Sellin, if she had use of a printer. If anyone has one they wish to dispose of we'd love to hear from you.

Warren Ogborne

President's Message

November 2020

At our committee meeting on Tuesday, October 27 it was decided that Probus would meet permanently at Seaforth Bowling Club. This decision will need to be ratified by members at our next general meeting on Tuesday, November 24th ... and to meet the legal requirements governing the bowling club our members must become bowling club members ... details to be discussed on 24th.

A reminder: Registration, morning tea and fellowship is from 9.30 am ... the formal meeting begins at 10 am. You must notify John Higson if you are attending no later than the Friday prior to the meeting and you must also register your lunch order with Margaret Greig asap ... options are Quiche or Lasagne ... both with salad.

Warren Ogborne

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President's Message

December 2020

In wishing you all a very happy Christmas, I also want to stress the importance of not taking liberties with social distancing, wearing your face mask on public transport and in the supermarket; when among crowds and maintaining careful hand cleansing. The consequences of ignoring these safety precautions can be dire ... as a recent email from Reg Green so graphically demonstrates. Cheers to you all...

Warren Ogborne

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President's Message

January 2021

Welcome to 2021 and a Happy New Year to you all. Our first meeting this year will be on Tuesday, January 19 at Seaforth Bowling Club where we will meet for coffee and fellowship from 9.30 am with the formal meeting to follow at 10 am.

We are not required to wear masks, unless advised otherwise, but must observe social distancing and are required to "sign in" on arriving. Be sure to contact John Higson prior to Tuesday 19th to register your attendance ... and inform Margaret Greig of your lunch preference if attending ... either Quiche or Lasagne ... both with salad.

A reminder ... as directed at our last meeting, all attending Probus Members must now be bone-fide members of Seaforth Bowling Club.

I look forward to seeing you on the 19th. Cheers ...

... *Warren Ogborne*

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President's Message

February 2021

Seaforth Probus Club was founded thirty-one years ago, in 1990. Its membership then was limited to 50. Over the years this figure has grown to 95, including 10 former presidents.

Happily, we now appear to have covered all incoming committee positions for 2021. All will be revealed at the Annual General Meeting on March 23.

We are not required to wear masks at our February meeting unless advised otherwise, but social distancing must be observed. You must "sign-in" on arrival and be sure to contact John Higson by Friday, February 19th to register your attendance and inform Margaret Greig of your lunch preference — Quiche or Chicken Kiev, both with salad.

Our \$35 annual membership fee is payable at the February meeting and a reminder that all attending members must now be bona-fide members of Seaforth Bowling Club.

Coffee and fellowship at 9.30 am with our formal meeting to follow at 10 am.

Warren Ogborne

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President's Message

March 2021

The past year has been a trying time for us all at Seaforth Probus; hopefully the implementation of the vaccination program, soon to begin, will improve life for us all. Meanwhile, I'm afraid we must still follow the procedures we've observed these past months ... "sign-in" as we meet at the bowling club ... contact John Higson prior to the meeting to register your attendance ... normally inform Margaret Greig of your lunch preference — (Quiche or Chicken Khiev ... both with salad), but as lunch is at the Wakehurst Golf Club following our AGM, just roll up and order from the Buffet.

Masks are not mandatory but we should do our best to maintain social distancing.

See you all on Tuesday, March 23 at 9.30 am for coffee and fellowship followed by the formal meeting ... then by the AGM and election of next year's office bearers.

Warren Ogborne

GETAWAY!
February 2020 travel event

Mudgee, Gulgong, Hill End and Mayfield Gardens Tour

**We had an excellent tour in March with Coach
Holidays & Tours in association with Australia Wide
Coaches.**

We were thirty-one travellers and how lucky were we to enjoy this before now finding ourselves in home isolation.

Gooree Park 5,800 acres horse stud was a highlight and a very beautiful property. This is the passion of Eduardo Cojuangco who happens to be the Chairman of San Miguel Corporation of the Philippines.

Other highlights were a visit to Mayfield Gardens in Oberon and to the historic town of Hill End.

We have received a refund of \$930 being \$30 per travellers. This will be paid to the travellers when we next meet — Clive Sergent

Thanks to our indefatigable Clive Sergent, twenty-nine of our members and seven visitors, made up a party of thirty-six, to enjoy a wonderful six days touring the country west of the Blue Mountains.

Travelling in a brand new luxurious coach, we paused at Leura and Lithgow en route to Parklands Resort, where we enjoyed excellent accommodation and from where we set out daily to explore the countryside.

Our first excursion took us on a guided tour of the Gooree Park Thoroughbred Horse Stud, where we were amazed at the care with which the horses were nurtured “from cradle to grave.” Like human beings, each was studied and encouraged to develop physically and temperamentally as they grew into adulthood.

Our day at Hill End was of particular interest. Here, in 1872, the world’s largest specimen of reef gold was uncovered and significant reef gold continues to be mined today. Our guide, Lorraine Ackerman, a fifth generation of the founding family, met us, elegantly attired in period costume. Many of the original buildings are lovingly preserved, including Ackerman Cottage, in which Lorraine lives. The old bakehouse, beautiful stone kirk and Mayor’s cottage give the settlement a special charm and the school house still caters for several pupils.

Guest Speakers

(April 2020– 2021)

Coordinator – Des Mackney

2020

April 28

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May 26

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June 23

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July 28

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August 25

Jessica North — From First Fleet Convict to First Lady

September 22.

Leicester Morris — 50 Years in Showbiz.

October 27.

Sybille Lechner — The Secret Life of Teeth.

November 24

Kevin Fitzpatrick — Ernest Shackleton, Barrier Breaker and Leader of Men.

December 22

No meeting

2021

January 26

Catherine De Vrye: Timbuktu to Kathmandu — Courage, Kindness and Hope in Our World.

February 23

Graham Sims — Bea Miles.

March 23

Ray Walsh — Western European Exploration in the 1600s.

So Hill End was pretty special, but so too was Mayfield Gardens near Oberon. Here we roamed through one of the largest privately owned cool climate gardens in the world, with its Valley of the Five Ponds ... Mayfield Lake and spectacular Water Garden. A photographer's paradise!!

For the motor sport enthusiasts we returned to Bathurst via Mount Panorama Racing Circuit, negotiated sedately by Norm our coach driver.

At Mudgee the Historical Museum was cluttered predictably with all manner of paraphernalia of a bygone farming age. But the "showstopper" was an old pusher lawn mower coupled to and driven by a bicycle ... a feat of peddling hard to imagine!!

And so to Gulgong and Sofala, whose precincts were immortalised in two famous paintings by Russel Drysdale. We saw much of the devastation caused by the recent bushfires; forests reduced to stands of blackened sticks and scorched earth. Happily, Mt. Tomah, also a bush fire victim, was well on the way to recovery, so we ended on a happy note after a delightful adventure.



Warren Ogborne



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Guest Speaker

Ernest Shackleton, Barrier Breaker and Leader of

Ernest Shackleton was part of Robert Scott's first Antarctic expedition in 1901. Shackleton organised and led an expedition in 1914, which famously ended when he sailed 1300 km in 16 days with 5 crew to South Georgia. He then returned to Elephant Island to collect the rest



Despite his personality, or maybe because of it, Shackleton demonstrated outstanding leadership. Our speaker Kevin Fitzpatrick, visited Antarctica in 2015, on the centenary of Shackleton's escape.

IT'S OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY!

It's at this stage we had to call a halt to our 2020 Probus Activities due to COVID 19!

We had a few false starts during the year but the Damn Virus would poke its head up and stifle any attempt to breath life into Seaforth Probus!

At this stage it would appear that it will be into 2021 before we can return to normalcy all being well.

The COVID 19 is age related at this stage and seems to hit us Oldies the hardest! Younger members of planet earth seem to only be affected mildly.

If you look at the range of activities one can be involved in, each one carries a greater or lesser risk to us Oldies! As an example a short paper I circulated to close friends.....

WHICH GATES TO OPEN?

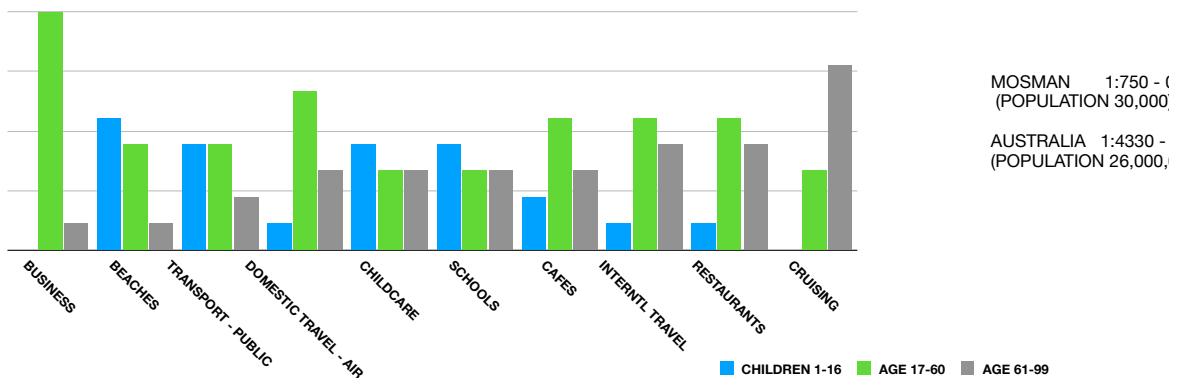


Table 1 - SCORED 1-10

GATES	CHILDREN 1-16	AGE 17-60	AGE 61-99	%AGE
BUSINESS	0	9	1	3.2
BEACHES	5	4	1	3.2
TRANSPORT - PUBLIC	4	4	2	6.5
DOMESTIC TRAVEL - AIR	1	6	3	9.7
CHILDCARE	4	3	3	9.7
SCHOOLS	4	3	3	9.7
CAFES	2	5	3	9.7
INTERNTL TRAVEL	1	5	4	12.9
RESTAURANTS	1	5	4	12.9
CRUISING	0	3	7	22.6
TOTAL	22	47	31	

OLDIES LEAST AFFECTED



OLDIES MOST AFFECTED

21 April 2020

That Damned Virus

Australian focus

Having read an interesting article in The Australian by Yoni Bashan & Natasha Robinson, “Push to let virus infect us slowly” I thought I should throw my hat in the ring for we “oldies”.

As discussed on Zoom last night the figure of between 60-80% immunity is needed to “kill” off the virus. Sweden has taken the track of “let it all happen” and the consequences are a high death toll, particularly amongst the “oldies”. Sweden will probably reach the magical %age in the next few months and go back to “normal” in business and social life. (which they are partially doing).

We, on the other hand have put the brakes on to everything and at present have had ~9000 people infected. (NSW 2860). This is a tiny %age of the Aussie population — way less than 0.1%.

At this rate it will take years to reach the magic %age. Meaning that we Oldies will need to remain in isolation until the magic %age is reached OR a vaccination becomes available. (Don’t hold your breath for the next possible 18 months.)

The government is now considering opening the gates slightly in the near future to increase the rate of infection to eventually reach the magical number. This can only mean that we oldies will be sheltered from this “opening of the gates” and will only be infected slightly. We will need to keep ourselves in isolation for “ever”(until a vaccination is available).

There are tests being evolved to test one’s blood to determine if when infected you would receive a mild dose or a strong to deadly dose of the virus. More to come from this!

If the C-virus becomes like the influenza virus and appears every year then a vaccination is the only solution.

So for us, life HAS changed for “ever” so get used to it!

I mentioned above the “opening of the gates” suggested by the government (local & Federal) and it got me thinking, (dangerous act at the best of times)!

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY OPENING THE GATES!

I decided to sit down and work out what I believe could be a viable policy for government.

Determining the “Gates” seemed to be the issue. There are probably many ways to structure this and the following is a first iteration. (SEE TABLE BELOW)

One obvious conclusion was that the 61-99 age bracket will see no relief from isolation until a vaccine is found, (12 months - 6 yrs or never) other than sealing off the state of NSW from everyone!

I have chosen just a few Gates at this stage to give a picture of our predicament. Each Gate has an estimated number in each of the columns indicating likely number of people out of 10 likely of being exposed to the virus. The columns are divided into three groups: 1-16, 17-60, 61-99. Hopefully it becomes self explanatory. The higher the number in the last column indicates a greater chance of the 61-99 age bracket has of catching the virus with a ~15% fatality rate.

You can see from the graph that CRUISING is out of the question with a rating of 22.6 whilst BUSINESS and BEACHES rates 3.2. These last two indicate that if businesses started to gear up again it would have little impact on the 61-99 group with only a slight chance of being infected.

As you go down the list the chances of exposure increase for the 61-99 group and a far higher fatality rate.

In conclusion, the gates need to be opened slowly and wait for the effect (14-21 days) before attempting the next!

So it will be some time before we see “Normality” again!

One ray of hope for us is if the government of NSW CLOSES the state borders completely. This could take place IF the virus is eliminated from the state.

Hopefully I can be proved WRONG!

As indicated earlier these are my thoughts only and I am sure you could come up different GATES with a more enlightened view! I must have too much time on hand!

.....Gavin Kerr

NOTE TO THE COMMITTEE!

*MICK AND MARGARET GREIG HAVE KINDLY OFFERED TO STORE
PROBUS SEAFORTH ARCHIVAL MATERIAL AT THEIR PROPERTY.
THIS NEEDS TO BE NOTED BY EACH NEW COMMITTEE.*

Welfare Report - ***Selection*** – 2020-21

To those of you I have spoken to or emailed. You are keeping well, having observed the “lock down” restrictions. This is great news. Remember your flu injection at this time of year. Hopefully new restrictions will be lifted in the near future, then we will be able to meet again. ... ***Judith Doig, Welfare officer***

Having spoken with a number of members, it appears members are observing the lockdown procedure. That is good news. Unfortunately a couple of ladies have had a fall — Pam and Lili; a speedy recovery is looking good. Gavin has been in hospital, but is now home being looked after by his wife Helen. When we will be able to meet for that cup of coffee, is sometime down the track. I have heard that there is a shingles injection available. I wonder what will be the next injection.

Look after yourselves ***Judith Doig, Welfare officer***

Nothing really to report, just hope Nancy Sercombe is feeling stronger having suffered a long bout with Meniere’s Disease.

Judith Doig

Fellow Probian Lili Koch is having some back pains from her fall off the bridge at Seaforth a few months ago, also Carmen Anderson is having some eye problems and is booked into having a hip replacement in the near future. Wishing these ladies a quick recovery. Trusting everyone else is in good health and see you at the next meeting.

Judith Doig

Assistant Treasurer Terry Osborne is at Delmar Hospital, had a stent inserted, doing ok. Have not heard of anyone else.

Judith Doig

Bowls

**(April 2020 - March 2021)
Coordinator – Lee Murrell**

April

Business Bowls 2020 for Probus 1 and Probus 2

An exciting competition at Balgowlah Bowling Club the final round saw Probus 1 in the lead by 1 point. The final round against Hookers of Seaforth was a tense game with Probus 1 leading throughout the game and into the final end. On the final end Hooker Seaforth needed 7 points to take the game from Probus 1. As the game continued Hooker Seaforth were holding 5 points and Probus 1 holding a critical 2 points. The last bowl of the last end was critical the skip for Hooker Seaforth sent down a drive that struck Probus 1's only bowl and knocked it out of the game so Hooker Seaforth won 36 to Probus 1 34. Hooker Seaforth won first prize of \$600.

But the results were still in Probus favour — Probus 1 came in second for a \$300 prize and Probus 2 won the Wooden Spoon for a prize of \$150. Well done to both Probus 1 and Probus 2 — a sterling effort. Business Bowls is a great competition for non-registered bowlers on 4 consecutive Friday afternoons in February and November.

May

Hi Pro. Bowlers,

No good news. SBC are allowing members to have a rollup, on certain greens and at certain times. Only two to a rink, every second rink. No lines marked (this may be fixed soon) and no competition!!! Tried to work out how we could use a few, but not worth the effort in the end!

Looks like June the first, things will get back to near normal. If we accept that, then June 4th will be our first roll up. Can't wait.

We are both AOK and funnily enough have been playing a bit of golf. Everything is in twos, but that suits Jan and me, and we have had a few games. Have to get up early to make a booking, it seems every member is at home, and looking to give it a whack!!

Our VERY fond thoughts to you all, and that's it from me ...

June

After a long break, we are back on the greens. All sorts of this and that, but WE ARE BACK! We had our first "Rollup" last Thursday (4/6) and again this week (11/6). Quite good Numbers, 17 and 15, includes a couple of guests, Mick and Meg Greig, and on the first week our well known Clive Sergent who just happens to be President of Seaforth Bowling Club. Clive's help

started us off again. Thanks from us all. He joined in with us the first week for a “Rollup”. The weather for both weeks, perfect.

We have four weeks to go for this comp. There is one bowler on 7, three on 6 and four on 5 points, so looks like a great fighting finish coming up!

Great to be back, that’s it ...

July

Well we are certainly lucky to be “Pro. Bowlers”, ‘cos we are really enjoying the “ROLLUPS” and the company and pleasure they bring. Attendances

have been very good, boding well for our coming weeks.

Now I have some important NEWS! It gives me pleasure to announce that the winner of our current comp is Stuart Sercombe on 8 1/2 points with Judith Parker and Don Elliot close behind on 8 points — great finish.



You have heard me extolling the environment of the Seaforth Bowling Club. I’m so pleased that you will see for yourselves, what a cracker spot it is. We really are lucky. If you think all the “greens” aren’t all green it is because the new popular grass is “Tipdwarf” which is not green!!

PS, I forgot to mention, Fearless Flying David Foster stood in for me a couple of times, thanks D.

Aug

Week 5 of our 10 wk comp today (13/8). “The Weather Gods” have really been looking after the Pro. bowlers. We have had a run off fabulous mornings. (Doesn’t seem to help my bowls much!) I have had great support, the numbers have been pretty good. Always look forward to seeing a fresh new face; I’ve mentioned that before, eh?

As with everyone we have been watching the “Covid Rules”, and maintaining our social distancing. So lucky we are still able to “roll up”. A morning we all look forward to.

Sept

It's almost unheard of, but, we have had NINE weeks in a row, enjoying our "rollup", without any serious weather events. This is MOST unusual, aren't we lucky?

Only one week to go in our current comp, with one of our ladies on nine points and a couple of the "boys" within a point or 11/2. (Must be a great handicapper, eh?) So a BIG week coming up.

I am pleased to advise we have a new bowler in our ranks, due to start next week. Plenty of room for more!!! No more news, so that's it from me ...

Oct

We have had four bonza "Rollups", this last month. All on the No. 1 Green, which is very convenient. This week we will be on No. 3 green (the far one). This has been in play, for the club members for some time; I've been told it is much faster, a different grass, finer and tightly mown, this will certainly be a challenge, not so easy to judge for "we" more casual bowlers. All in the game, eh?



Nov

Since the last report we have only had a couple of "rollups" although we should be AOK this week (12/11). As I said at the meeting, the third green has us all concentrating! Fast!

We still have five weeks to go in our current comp, so a bit early to call anyone in particular as likely to star. Numbers have been great, always room for a few more. Give me a "Bell."

We have set a date for our Christmas party (17/12), but still not sure of format. May have to have it catered to conform with Covid rules.



Dec

Important things First. The Ric Clapp Trophy was won by Hazel “BYB” Sellin (10 points; very impressive), 2nd was Warren Ogborne and there were four also-rans, me included, — good handicapping, eh? Got to skite sometimes! Our Christmas party went off with a BANG! Thirty-two attendees. The Seaforth Bowl. girls were terrific, thanks Pat, Moira and our Sue, for a delightful spread. We restart our “Rollups” on Thursday January 7, and that’s it from Lee Murrell,

Organiser and Handicapper.

Jan

We had our first “Rollup” today (Jan 7) as predicted. Great “Rollup”, 19 Pro. bowlers, and Gerry Setright and Dene Bergman joined us for coffee and a chat. So a great start to our season. Green was good, dodged the showers, what more could we want?



That’s all from me ...

... Lee Murrell, Organiser and Handicapper

Feb Half way through our 10 week comp and there are a couple starting to look very competitive. Long way to go though, so we will see! I'd like to thank Ray Isaacs (our editor), he jumped in and has taken on the "task" of signing in all our Pro. bowlers who do not have the Covid App. from "Service NSW. It means he makes sure he gets to bowls early to catch everyone. Thanks Ray. When you arrive at our next meeting, have a "decko" at our No. 1 green. Starting to look great after its renovation for the new species. We have been having good roll ups for our "rollups", bonza, hope it continues.

Mar Today, 10th March, was our Finals Day. As you know we have a 10 week competition. This one started 19/12/20. So depending on weather, it can be a long 10 weeks. Now, our new champion, winner of the Ric Clapp Trophy is Jenny Grant, with a cracking score of 91/2. Even so Jenny only managed to win by 1/2 a point from our very talented, member Don Elliot, who was 11/2 points ahead of F.F. David Foster. Congratulations (the handicapper has been making notes)! We had a total of 143 Pro. bowlers, compared with 168, and 152, for the two preceding comps. I'd love that number to be closer to 200!
SO THERE IS ROOM FOR A FEW NEW BOWLERS. Please see ME...

... Lee Murrell, Organiser and

Handicapper



Luncheon Group
(April 2020 - March 2021)
Coordinator –David Foster

NO ACTIVITY FOR THIS YEAR DUE TO COMPLICATIONS WITH COVID -19

Walking Group

(April 2020 - March 2021)
Coordinator – Michael Draper

May -
June -
July -



Aug. **Mounties to Curl Curl Beach.** - We meet at 9:15 for 9:30 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.

Sept. **Manly to Fairlight.** - We will meet at 10 am at the Manly Art Gallery (adjacent to Marine World). We will stroll along Scenic Esplanade, skirting the harbour and magnificent views, as far as King Ave, then retrace our steps to the Art Gallery where we will enjoy our traditional coffee at one of three coffee shops there.

Oct **Killarney Heights:** - We will meet at 9.15 for 9.30 am at the eastern end of Killarney Drive. Drive to the end of Starkey St, Forestville, and then down the last street on the right, Connemara, through to Killarney Drive. The Flat Rock Walking Track is the old sewerage maintenance track and is next to the Explosives Magazine track which is across the water from Seaforth Oval. So not far as the crow flies. We will walk along the banks of the beautiful middle harbour inlet for about half an hour then return. Our traditional coffee will be at Killarney Heights Village nearby.



Nov. **Burnt Bridge Creek:** -We will meet at 9.15 for 9.30 in Pitt St off Balgowlah Rd, one street west from Condomine St, then follow the track along the creek beside the expressway to Eileen St and return. Our traditional coffee will be in Harvey Norman's Café via Roseberry St.

Dec. **Manly to Queenscliff:** - We meet at 9:15 for 9:30 at the seaside end of the Manly Corso. We will walk along the beach front path past North Steyne Beach to Cameron Ave, Queenscliff, and inland to Lagoon Park, retracing our steps back to The Corso where we will enjoy our traditional coffee.

Jan 2021 No walk

Feb. Manly to Shelley Beach: - We meet at 9:15 for 9:30 at the seaside end of the Manly Corso. We will stroll south along the seashore above the rocks past Fairy Bower to Shelley Beach and up to the lookout over Blue Fish Point, then retrace our steps to Bower Cafe for our traditional coffee.

March. Warriewood Wetlands - We will meet at 9.15 for 9.30 am at Katoa Close car park North Narrabeen. To get there travel north along Pittwater Rd, turn left into Jacksons Road. Follow it to the end and turn right into Garden St. Katoa Close is the next turn on the right. The Wetlands walk includes a beautiful walkway above swamps and ponds

April. Ogilvy Rd to Clontarf Reserve: - Meet at 9:15 for 9:30 in Clontarf parking area. Then one or two cars can take everyone to Ogilvy Road from where we will walk along part of the Manly to Spit Bridge walking track back to Clonny's Kiosk for

Michael Draper, 0417 239 293

Technology Workshop

(April 2020 - March 2021)

Facilitator
Gavin Kerr

We are now in our sixth year and during this year Technology Workshops were run and facilitated by Gavin Kerr.

The intent of these workshops was to facilitate the use of iPads, iPhones and other Hybrids, including the interconnecting and communication with iCloud, computers and cameras.

The purpose was to make members more aware of the power of these devices and the ability to aid in everyday life.

The meetings consisted of 6 to 12 members and topics ranged from the basic use of the devices to more complex topics such as iCloud use and photo manipulation.

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Due to COVID-19 It was decided that for the remainder of the year we would revert to using ZOOM instead of meeting at the Totem Club. This will be reviewed from time to time as the virus progresses. Felt too dangerous meeting during the height of the pandemic.



Probud Club of Seaforth

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Monday, December 7, 2020 — 12 noon for 12.30
Wakehurst Golf Club

Dress: Men smart casual Ladies appropriate dress

Cost per person: \$50 — includes a welcoming drink — sparkling wine, beer, wine, soft drink on arrival and during meal, alternate two-course lunch followed by birthday cake, celebrating our 30th year.

Meals: **Entree:** Mango and king prawn cocktail served with mesclun salad; or slow roasted beef cheek served with papaw salad.
Mains: Traditional honey roast double smoked ham and slow roasted turkey breast served with pumpkin chats potatoes green and demi-glaze; or pan-grilled Atlantic salmon fillet served on a bed of mixed grain rice, vegetables and lemon sauce.
Desert: Chocolate mud cake prepared as a birthday cake, ceremonially cut then plated and individually served.

Tables of 8 or 10

Refund policy: As we must commit to the caterers by November 30, we regret no refunds can be given after that date.

Please advise any dietary requirements:

Please complete this form, top and bottom and return it, together with cash or cheque in favour of the Probud Club of Seaforth, at the October/November meetings.

All enquiries to the organiser: Margaret Greig 9486 3140

Number of places required: Cheque/cash enclosed: \$

RECEIPT – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

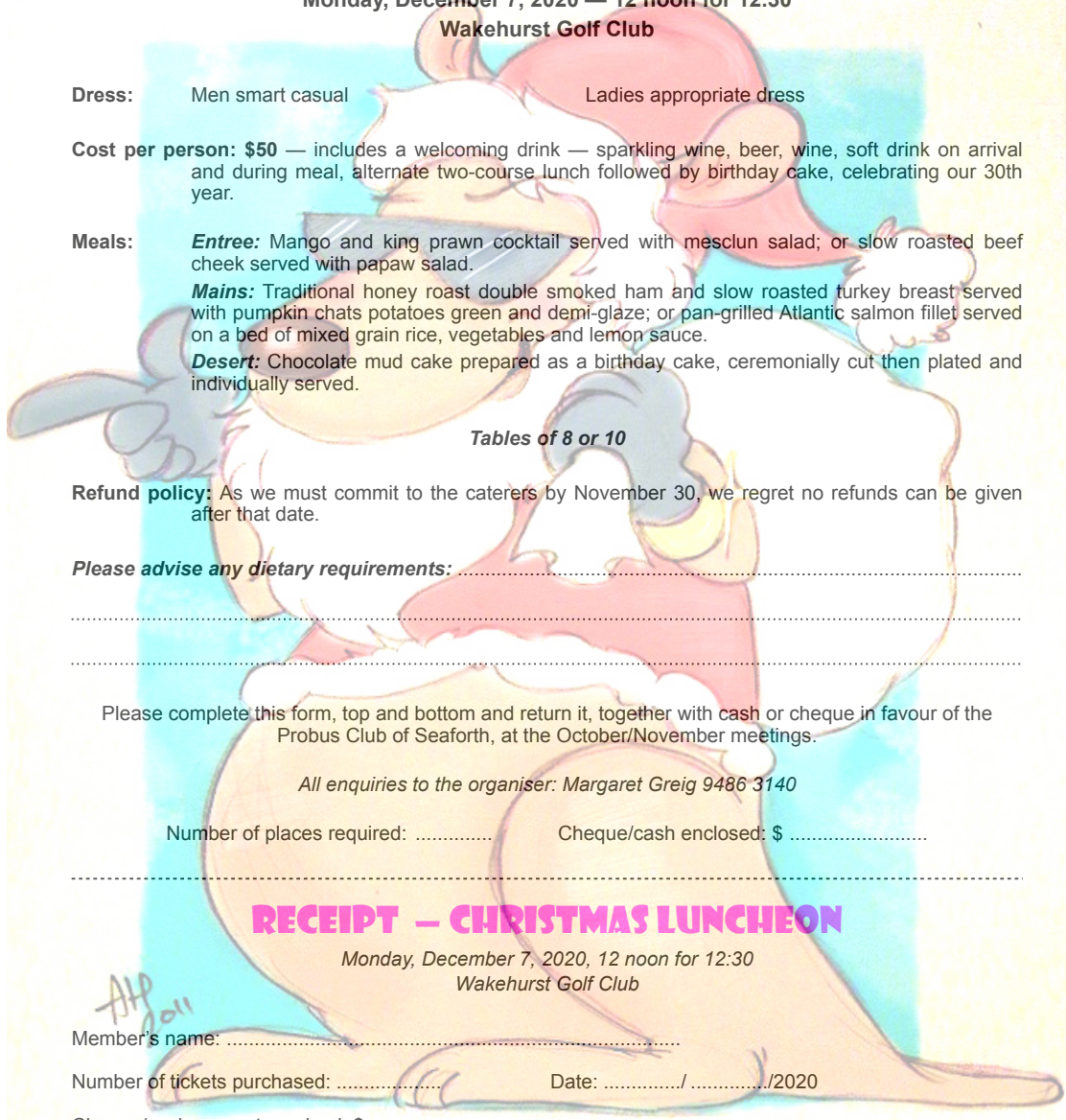
Monday, December 7, 2020, 12 noon for 12:30
Wakehurst Golf Club

Member's name:

Number of tickets purchased: Date:/...../2020

Cheque/cash amount received: \$

Signature of organiser:



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CIRCULATORY MINUTE OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF
THE PROBUS CLUB OF SEAFORTH INC

This minute has been approved by email by the Management Committee as it is illegal to hold a meeting at this time.

The AGM scheduled for 25 March 2020 was deferred due to the current pandemic, and there is a need to ensure continuity of the committee and the club. So

It is RESOLVED:

That the resignation of the Judith Doig as President and Tony Gosling as Vice President be accepted (Constitution 4 c (iii))

That the resignation of Tony Gosling from the committee be accepted. It is noted that Judith Doig will remain on the Management Committee as the Immediate Past President. (Standing Resolution 4-1)

That Warren Ogborne be appointed to the Management Committee and be appointed Acting President. (Constitution 4 d)

That Margaret Stevenson be appointed to the Management Committee and be appointed Acting Vice President (Constitution 4 d)

All other committee members will remain in office until the AGM when the financials can be presented and elections will be held.

That the Treasurer be authorised to complete the annual return to Probus South Pacific incorporating:

Members 100
Non-member fee \$15
Magazine subscription %50

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Secretary
/. /2020

Family Name	First Name	Home	Mobile	Partner
ANDERSON	Carmen		0422 412 184	-
AVALOS	Rosa		0409 991 990	-
BARRATT	Ron	99088943		Gerri
BARRY	Lyn		0432 978 485	-
BERGMAN	Dene	9451 0270	0407 268 728	Andrea
BERGMAN	Andrea	9451 0270	0407 473 678	Dena
BUCKTON	Ross	99077663		Sandra
BUCKTON	Sandra	99077663		Ross
CALLOWAY	Michael	94002596	0403 207 321	Ruth
CALLOWAY	Ruth	94002596	0425 361 774	Michael
CARPENTER	Judith	-	0424 957 647	Colin
CARPENTER	Colin		0400 018 187	Judith
CASS	Peta	94502636	0419 442 198	-
CHALKLEY	Janice	94514134		Graham
CHALKLEY	Graham	94514134		Janice
CLEARY	Neville		0412 416 904	-
COSGROVE	Ray	99484853		Lorraine
COWIE	Bill	85923315	0432 983 129	Julia
CROMBIE	Nick	99497898		Beverley
CROMBIE	Beverley	99497898		Nick
DALY	Elaine	94501940		-
DEACON	Gary	94500604		Helen
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DOIG	Judith	99492071		Peter
DOUTREBAND	Ella		0403 399 173	
DRAPER	Michael	9982 1189	0417 239 293	Margaret
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EASTES	Anne		0432 327 020	Arthur
ELLIOT	Don	99077201		Judy
FIZELLE	Pamela	99491700		
FOSTER	David	99481790	0407 971 180	Margaret
GOLDBERG	Grahame	99489025		Susan
GOLDBERG	Susan	99489025		Grahame
GOSLING	Gail	99792711	0418 293 800	Tony
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GRANT	John	9949 8827	0413 087 529	Jenny
GRANT	Jenny	9949 8827	0410 517 237	John
GREEN	Reg	94517689		Ann
GREIG	Mick	94863140		Margaret
GREIG	Margaret	94863140		Mick
GULLIFORD	David	94523589	0400 487 821	Helen
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HARRS	Bunny	99495069		-----
HARVEY	Barbara	94510992	0444 582 672	
HENN	Patricia	99484629		-----
HIGSON	John	99813632		-
HOCHSTETTER	Rudi	98797216		Raylee
HOSKINSON	Rhondda	99485024		-----

ISAACS	Ray	94523875		Jeannette
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JENKINS	Pat	99497839		
KELLY	Grahame		0412 381 316	Joanne
KERR	Gavin	99604517		Helen
KILLWORTH	Jeanette		0400 556 306	-
KOCH	Lili	9948 8892	0417 691 779	-
LAMBERT	Pax	99496087		Roslyn
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LEWIN	Val	99861972		
MACKNEY	Des	9977 6094		Barbara
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MACMILLAN	Ian	99488186		Brenda
McKINLAY	Val	99483543		
MURPHY	Terrence		0428 696 454	
MURRELL	Lee	99498028		Jan
OCKERBY	Pam		0419 124 880	-
OGBORNE	Robyn	99078228		Warren
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OSBORNE	Terry	94513190		Pat
REESE	Pamela	9949 2847		-
RODWELL	Jackie	99132694		
ROSE	John	94025659		Janice
ROSE	Pam		0418 222 691	-
RYAN	Barry	99494529		-----
SAYERS	Anne		0403 691 764	John
SELLIN	Hazel	99486939	0422 524 021	-----
SERCOMBE	Stuart	94512369		Nancy
SERGENT	Clive	99775622	0412 611 811	Lorraine
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SETRIGHT	Gerry	99487566		----
SMITH	Helen	94502995		
SMITH	Ian	99724756		Judith
STEAD	Susan	99491996	0412 578 104	Ray
STENSTROM	Janette	99498882		
STEVENSON	Ian	99696298		Meg
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STYLE	Peter		0427 281 551	Carol
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SWAN	Gary	99491636	0409 837 753	Dianne
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TUXFORD	Reg	99773244		----
WALLIN	Trevor	80682551		Marie
WHIPP	Richard	99487565		Greta
WHIPP	Greta	99487565		Richard
WHITELEY	Moir	99050076		Moir
WIPPELL	John	99699106		Ngarre
ZEHNDER	Kevin	99493593		Mickey
ZEHNDER	Mickey	99493593	0408 478 823	Kevin

Probus Club of Seaforth Inc.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-First Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Seaforth Inc. will be held at Seaforth Bowling Club, 39 Kirkwood Street, Seaforth, on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at the completion of the general monthly meeting which will commence at 10.00 am.

BUSINESS

1. To confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive from the Committee, reports on the preceding year.
3. To elect office bearers and ordinary members of the Committee.
4. To elect an Auditor for the ensuing year.
5. To receive an income and expenditure account and balance sheet for the 12 months to the end of January 2021 that have been confirmed by the Auditor elected for the past 12 months.
6. To transact any other business for which due notice has been given. Nomination form for the election of the office-bearers of the club and three ordinary members of the Committee and an Auditor for the year commencing the first day of April

Ihereby
nominate (Name in capital letters) (Name in capital letters)

For the position
of* (*INSERT:
President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Ordinary Committee Member, or Auditor)

THE PROBUS CLUB OF SEAFORTH INC.

Assets	2020	2019
Cash at Bank	43,334.84	7,281.60
Less Unpresented Cheques	30.00	100.00
	43,304.84	7,181.60
Liabilities		
Advance Receipts	39,159.00	1,233.00
	\$ 4,145.84	\$ 5,948.60
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 5,948.60	5,419.78
Add Surplus (Deficit) for Year	(1,802.76)	528.82
	\$ 4,145.84	\$ 5,948.60

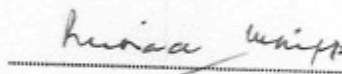
Signed Stuart Sercombe (Hon. Treasurer)



Auditors 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 2020. 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 result for the year ended that date.

Signed Richard Whipp (Hon. Auditor)



THE PROBUS CLUB OF SEAFORTH INC.

Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 January 2020

	2020	2019
Income		
Subscriptions	3,135.00	3,255.00
Interest Received	8.07	9.91
Meeting Attendance / Morning Teas	3,665.00	3,100.00
Surplus from Activities	633.60	1,243.86
Joining Fees	150.00	240.00
Badges	110.00	170.00
	7,701.67	8,018.77
Expenditure		
Newsletter	158.00	82.00
Admin Expenses	0.00	132.99
Guest Speakers	439.79	243.20
Probus Affiliation Fee, Insurance & Magazine	2,020.00	1,547.50
Dept of Fair Trading Fee	97.00	45.00
Room Hire	1,650.00	1,800.00
PO Box Fee	135.00	124.00
Probus Pins & Badges	410.14	247.96
Morning Teas	2,512.00	2,106.50
Loss from Activities	2,082.50	1,160.80
	9,504.43	7,489.95
Operating Surplus (Loss)	(\$1,802.76)	\$ 528.82