

THE PROBUS CLUB OF SEAFORTH INC

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

April 2001 - March 2011

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In presenting the ongoing history of the club's activities, I have maintained the format employed by George Mitchell in his short history of the first ten years. George and I agreed that clarity and brevity were essential and that the material be easily accessible. For this reason each year is introduced with an overview followed by detailed information of each of the club's individual activities under separate headings, the whole concluding with the President's Report for the year. Like George, I have presented two membership lists; one at the conclusion of our fifteenth year and the other at the conclusion of year twenty. These lists contain the names of all members at that time, both past and present, along with their status... Foundation Member, Life Member, Current Member and Temporarily Incapacitated Member or TIM.

The club has maintained a sound financial position throughout its second decade; in fact, so strong were our finances that the Executive Committee decided to subsidise the cost of several of our activities during 2010. For this reason it was only necessary to reproduce the Treasurer's financial statement, based on the Auditor's Report, at the conclusion of our twentieth year.

This short history of the club's second decade is based on its newsletters and the minutes of meetings dating from 2001 to 2010, plus reference to some documents dating back to its beginnings in 2001; its accuracy is based solely on these documents. Photos included in the text have been provided by Allen Doutreband, Richard Whipp, Bob Martin and myself. Having taken on the role of Club Historian from George Mitchell, I have collated all the newsletters and minutes of our meetings collected since 2001, and filed them by year in separate folders for preservation and future reference.

In compiling this brief history I have been made aware of the importance of maintaining meaningful and accurate reports of our various activities in our monthly newsletter. Without this information the writing of our ongoing history would have been impossible. I therefore wish to express my thanks to all those who, over the years, have faithfully performed this task and to others, who, by their support have assisted me with this project in various ways.



Warren Ogborne

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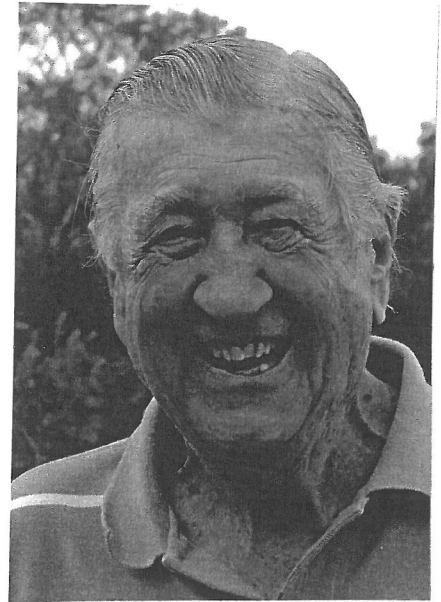
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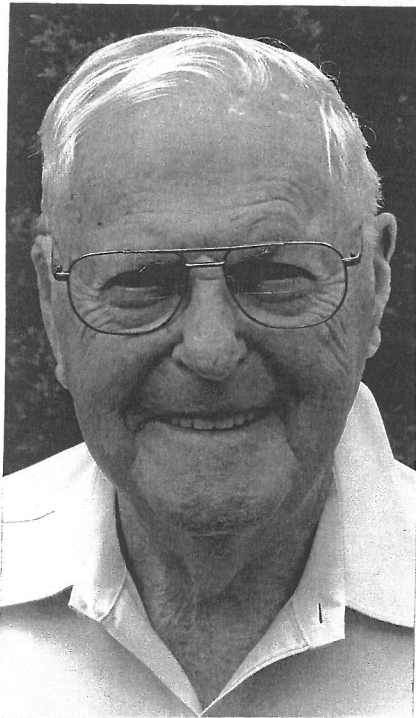
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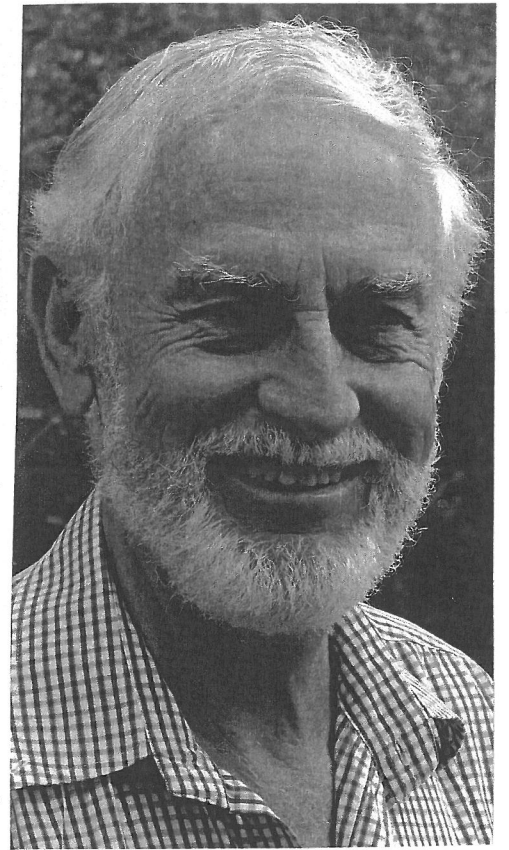
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## Year 11

(April 2001 – March 2002)

|                                      |                            |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| President                            | Peter Wakefield            |
| Vice President                       | Bruce Fisk                 |
| Immediate Past President             | Ian Stevenson              |
| Treasurer                            | Tom Stee                   |
| Assistant Treasurer                  | John Woods                 |
| Secretary                            | Ian Venn-Brown             |
| Assistant Secretary                  | David Millard              |
| Coordinator – Guest Speakers         | Reg Whiteley               |
| Activities Coordinator               | Barry Ryan                 |
| Assistants to Activities Coordinator | Bob & Barry Goddard        |
| Newsletter Editor                    | Trevor Wallin              |
| Assistants to Editor                 | Ric Clapp &<br>Dick Sansom |

### Appointees

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Auditor       | Michael Lee     |
| Historian     | George Mitchell |
| Bridge        | David Millard   |
| Bowls         | Dick Sansom     |
| ..            | Bob Goddard     |
| Golf          | Trevor Palmer   |
| ..            | Ian Stevenson   |
| Catering      | Doug Forsyth    |
| ..            | Kevin Carr      |
| Computer Club | Trevor Wallin   |
| .. ..         | Barry Goddard   |
| .. ..         | Dick Sansom     |
| Fellowship    | Reg Tuxford     |
| Lunch Club    | Michael Slatter |
| .. ..         | Kevin Carr      |
| Photographer  | Bob Martin      |
| Registration  | Ken Carver      |
| ..            | Phil Thompson   |
| Welfare       | Roy Felan       |

Reflecting on his year as President in 2001-2, Peter Wakefield stressed that “during the year 2000, we found our members were reluctant to take up the Presidency of our Probus Club until Ian Stephenson volunteered to fill the vacancy. It was then decided between Bruce Fisk, Ken Carver and myself, as we all lived in Gordon St. Clontarf and were good friends, that we would solve this problem over the next three years by my taking on the Vice-Presidency under Ian, followed by Bruce and then Ken. During Ken’s Presidency he developed Motor Neuron Disease but struggled on valiantly to complete his year in office.”

Peter’s year began with a fifty membership limit. By year’s end our membership had grown to 74 regular members + 2 TIMS. A Special General Meeting was also called to amend By-Law 11 1(e) to enable the club to elect new members at a full meeting *at any time*, not just at the Annual General Meeting as was previously the case. This done, two of our Foundation Members, Alistair Paech and Geoff Dobbie, were duly elevated to Life Membership in recognition of their tremendous service to the club... and the appointment of Ian Venn-Brown as Secretary, saw Geoff Dobbie relieved of the role that he had filled since the club’s foundation in October 1990; and this was the end of “Dobbie’s Den” where Executive Committee Meetings were held each month during our first ten years.

Foundation Vice-President, George Mitchell, produced the club’s “Short History of the First Ten Years” which went on sale in September 2001 at a cost of \$5.00; total printing cost being subsidised from club funds, resulting in a small financial deficit for the first time in our history.

Heavy rain in both 2000 and 2001 resulted in our decision to move our Annual Picnic forward to March, and the ever popular \$1.10 days were reintroduced and celebrated at Sydney Rowing Club where we lunched in style.

Peter’s Presidency was accomplished with some difficulty however, as he and Louise embarked on home renovations occupying 4-5 months, during which time they lived with their daughter in Vacluse and still managed to run “a tight ship”... and an uncomfortable sojourn in hospital complicated Peter’s presidency further. Fortunately, most of the 2000 team “backed up” for 2001, and Peter’s task was made that much easier by the experience, dedication and enthusiasm it brought with it.

Of course 2001 will be remembered for the horrific events of September 11<sup>th</sup> at the World Trade Centre in New York, and Seaforth Probus suffered the loss of Foundation Member, Pax Lindsay, and of Maurice Milner & Ross Pogson... and there were resignations from Ric Garden, John Scott and Peter Oliver. But at our meeting in February, 2002, we welcomed six new members... Nick Cassim, Ian Macmillan, Bob Nicholl, Max Smythe, John Wippell and Bob Ryan.

As Peter’s year was about to begin, a group of sixteen Seaforth Probiants headed for Santiago Chile to sail on Holland America’s luxury ship the Ryndam, leaving from Valparaiso and heading down the coast calling in at Puerto Montt, Punta Arenas, Ushuaia through the Beagle Channel, on to the Falkland Islands and from there to Buenos Aires,

Montevideo and Rio de Janeiro before flying home. Closer to home, October-November saw a party of forty three fly to Auckland for their 10 day Northern Explorer Adventure in New Zealand. This was so thoroughly reported in our November 2001 Newsletter by Bob Martin and so eloquently reveals the spirit in which so many of our activities are enjoyed, that it warrants inclusion in our Club History... (see appendix 1)

At home, our outings included visits to Fort Denison, Vacluse House, Garden Island, a tour of historic Parramatta, a Show Boat cruise on Sydney Harbour during Navy Week, among forty five warships from all over the world, the Tamworth Music Festival, a Hunter Valley Caper, fortified by good golf and even better wines, and a special day at the Canterbury Races where, if we could manage a party of forty or more, our President would be given the privilege of presenting the Seaforth Probus Cup to the winner of an event staged especially for the occasion. Fifty Seaforth Probians were present, and President Peter made the presentation in grand style.

So we had plenty to talk about in 2001...but we also had some excellent speakers to listen to. Reg Whiteley's choice of guest speakers provided a wonderful range of interesting topics... Commander Graham Sloper AOM with "The Role of the RAN in the Gulf War"... Nick Cassim & "Sail from Ancient to Modern Times"... cartoonist, Kevin Erwin OAM,EM, with entertaining stories of Old Sydney... John Vaughan & "The History of Flags" ... "Electronic Banking" from Westpac's Ed. Foley ... "Services for Seniors" from Bronwyn Bishop... "The History & Development of Financial Services in Australia" from Alec Wickenden... Catherine O'Rielly with "The History of O'Rielly's in Lamington National Park" and from Dick French, a hysterical presentation of his experiences as an international cricket umpire.

We also had a year of enjoyable theatre going. "Shout" at the Capitol ... "Mack & Mabel" and "The Secret Garden" with the Willoughby Musical Society ... "The Mikado" and "The Graduate" at the Theatre Royal ... "The Oldest Profession" at the Ensemble ... "Singing in the Rain" and "The Wizard of Oz" at the Lyric, and of course, the Tamworth Music Festival.

Mike Slatter provided us with fine fare with the Luncheon Club ... The Sands Hotel at Mona Vale, The Raj Restaurant at Balgowlah, with the Thai Vieng Ping and Dumpling restaurants thrown in for good measure. We also enjoyed excellent Yum Cha in Chinatown and a \$1.10 Day at the Woolwich Pier Hotel. Our Christmas Luncheon in December at Wakeshurst Golf Club, was graced by our very own Santa, John Panylyk, as he circulated distributing presents to us all.

As will be seen from what follows, our golfers and Bridge players enjoyed a particularly and eventful year, while our bowlers maintain their enthusiasm despite a small following, encouraged by the generous offer from Seaforth Bowling Club to provide free tuition to any of our members interested in taking up the game.

And Trevor Wallin's Computer Group continues to prosper thanks to the generosity of the Lees and the Sargents and to Seaforth Probus Club's Executive Committee, all of whom have contributed items of equipment that have expanded the group's ability to provide a more interesting programme covering a wider range of topics and to compile a manual entitled "Computer Club Help & Hints" ... available on 3.5 inch floppy and as a \$2.50 print edition.

The commitment and comradeship of Peter Wakefield, Bruce Fisk and Ken Carver would seem to have launched us into our 2<sup>nd</sup> decade in fine style. It is to be expected that the tremendous achievements of 2001-2 will continue as Bruce assumes the leadership for the coming year.

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Bruce Fisk, Bob Martin, Peter Wakefield, Barry Ryan and Richard Whipp ...  
... making the official presentation to "Washington Girl" ...  
winner of the Seaforth Probus Handicap

Activities (Coordinator Barry Ryan)  
(April 2001 – March 2002)

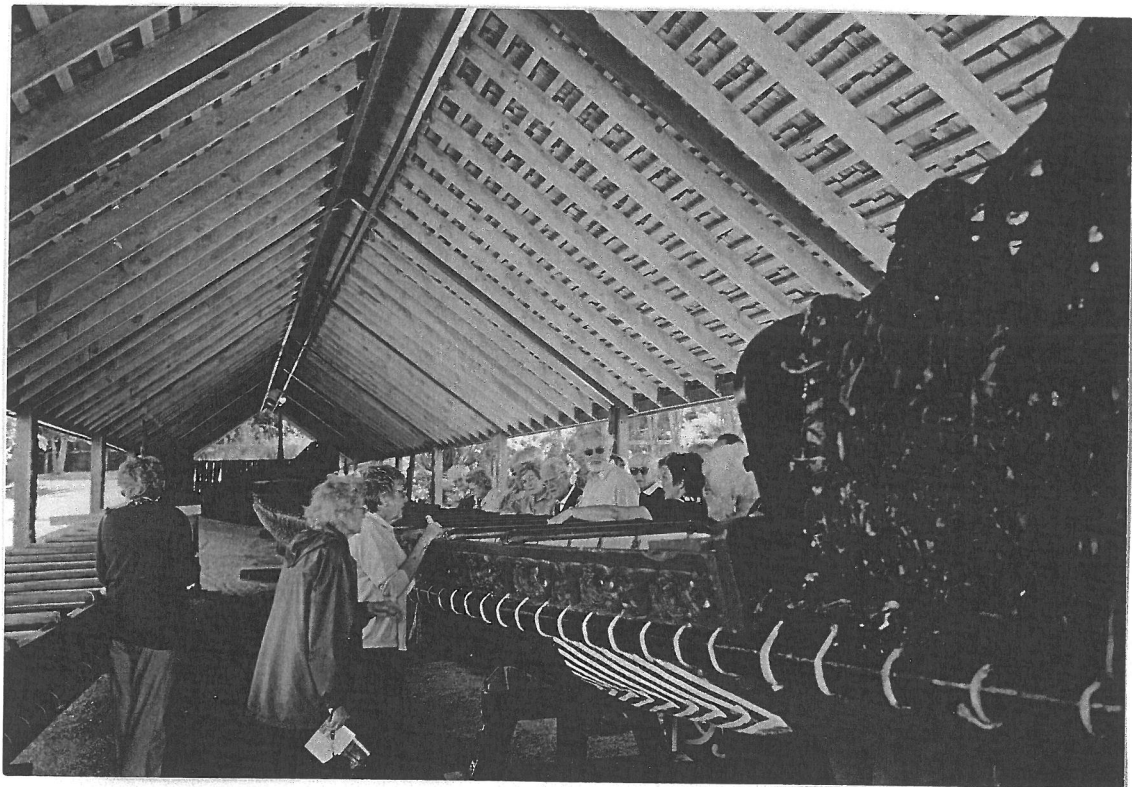
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| 11 April | “Shout” – Capitol Theatre                                |
| 17 April | Golf at Cromer   |
| 29 April | “Mack & Mabel” – Willoughby Music Society                |
| 1 May    | China Town Tour & Lunch at East Ocean Restaurant         |
| 9 May    | Hunter Valley Tour – Pokolbin Hill Chateau Restaurant    |
| 30 May   | Canterbury Races – “Seaforth Probus Cup”                 |
| 13 June  | “Singing in the Rain” – Lyric Theatre                    |
| 7 Aug    | Fort Denison   |
| 22 Aug   | “The Mikado” – Theatre Royal                             |
| 2 Sept   | “The Oldest Profession” – Ensemble Theatre               |
| 4 Sept   | Garden Island – Vacluse House – Lunch at Danny’s / Bondi |
| 20 Sept  | Golf – Long Reef   |
| 3 Oct    | Cruise – Sydney Show Boat                                |
| 17 Oct   | “The Graduate” - Theatre Royal                           |
| 27 Oct   | Northern Explorer – NZ                                   |
| 5 Nov    | -- --  |
| 18 Nov   | “The Secret Garden” – Willoughby Music Club              |
| 20 Nov   | Sydney Rowing Club – Rivercat                            |
| 10 Dec   | Probus Christmas Party                                   |
| 9 Jan    | “The Wizard of Oz” – Lyric Theatre                       |
| 18 Jan   | Tamworth Music Festival                                  |
| 23 Jan   | -- -- --   |
| 5 Mar    | Parramatta Historic Tour                                 |
| 18 Mar   | Annual Picnic – Clontarf Reserve                         |



Seaforth Probusians in Chile ...overlooking Valparaiso



Waitangi Treaty House ... Bay of Islands - NZ



Ceremonial Canoe ... Waitangi

**SEAFORTH PROBUS CLUB – TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND  
WITH SCENIC TOURS – 27<sup>th</sup> October to 5<sup>th</sup> November 2001**

This is not intended to be a travelogue of the Probus visit to N.Z. but is simply a story covering impressions and incident during the course of our tour. Thirty six people made up our party, including fourteen of our Probus members. Missing and missed was our President Peter (undergoing surgery) and wife Louise. However we had four committee members and three past presidents to assist Big White Chief Barry Ryan when necessary. We visited Auckland, the Bay of Islands including Waitangi Treaty Reserve, Rotorua, Lake Taupo, Wellington and Christchurch - all in ten days.

We left Balgowlah RSL Club, on time, all present, at 6:45am on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October. By the time we reached the Sp. Bridge we heard the sad story of how Ross Christensen on that very morning had dropped and broken his many years old Waterford Crystal handled shaving brush. There weren't many hairs to damage as they were already worn out, but he would replace it duty free at the airport. He did, with a cheapie, for \$3.50.

On arrival at the airport at 7.30am, Barry told us to stay on the coach until the other group behind us, who were in front of us, were cleared. Translation: The group on the coach behind ours were actually placed ahead of us on the check-in queue. Later, after much backtracking between the check in point and McDonalds, passports and boarding passes were returned. I was helping Barry distribute them and gave Gwen Palmer, her own and Trevors. Then the trouble started, Trevor's passport disappeared and he was not allowed to board the aircraft. Also his baggage had to be located and removed from the luggage container. This took some time and we left late, but we still had Gwen. Trevor went home and, after extensive inquiries, it seemed he could not get a replacement passport till the following Wednesday and he was considering aborting the trip. However, as we were coming into Auckland airport one of our other travelers found Trevor's passport in her tour bag (Remember, all tour bags were alike, issued by Scenic Tours). This particular bag was sitting next to Palmers, so someone made a mistake. The passport was returned to Sydney on the next flight out of Auckland, and Trevor was allowed to come over on the plane's return journey. He was upgraded to Business Class, treated like royalty and arrived in Auckland about midnight.

At Auckland we didn't seem to have a coach driver, but some phone calls and sometime later, we caught up with "Bob" our driver, who had been looking for some Evergreen tourists. Aren't we?

Reg Whiteley suffered ear problems on the flight and had to see a Doctor.

Some of us met in the Carver's Room at the Sheraton to study the NZ language (plus the duty free liquor). We were all familiar with the "fush and chups" but the best of all seemed to be "pissed aside", meaning Pesticide.

Next morning it was up into the Sky Tower (supposedly the tallest structure in the Southern Hemisphere), then Kelly Tarlton's Antarctic Experience and Sea World followed by lunch at the America's Cup Village.

Our trip up to Paihia (Bay of Islands) included a visit to the Kauri Museum and lunch at the Gumdiggers Tea Room, where Carvers had the biggest milk shakes and burgers imaginable. Paihia is a beautiful place and one could easily spend time there, with the bay containing some 144 islands. Adjoining Paihia is Waitangi with its golf course (can't concentrate on golf for the view) and the Treaty Reserve, a beautifully maintained area where the British and Maori's signed the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840.

On our free day some took the optional extra to Cape Reinga (top of the island), some took the ferry to Russell (for me a good choice as it proved to be a delightful bayside town to visit). Highlights of the day were Don and Jo Elliot boogie boarding down the sandhills like two kids and Jean Martin peeping through hotel windows, frightening Dick Sansom who was resting clad only in his underwear.

Our catamaran trip on "Tiger 3" through the Bay of Islands and out in open water (Pacific) to pass through the "Hole in Rock" at Cape Brett proved to be a rough ride and, whilst several of us felt rather off, not one of our party was actually sick. At our lunch stop at Urupukapuka Island on the way back, Don left his hat behind and was forced to make a quick return to recover it. Moira Whiteley had trouble on the boat, sitting amongst "drips" but after moving to a drier location, she and Reg slept happily for the remainder of the trip. We learnt later in the day that Don and Jo are already being attacked by "The Seven Year Itch" despite their wedding anniversary still being four months away.

On returning to Sheraton Auckland there was a mix-up in room allocations. Ian Venn-Brown entered "his room" to be told by the female inhabitant that she had the room till 7pm (Was she renting by the hour? Ian didn't say but ran off to get another room - Chicken?) Christensen's had a similar experience but their door had the safety chain in place and whoever was in the room was having a shower. The next room allocated to them didn't have the view of the city and Skytower that Helen wanted but her complaints didn't change things.

Having a drink at the Martins, Don Elliot wet his pants. He was quick enough to blame opening the soda water. Trevor Palmer was upset as he left a \$4.50 can of beer in his refig.

At Waihi on our way to Rotorua we rode in the preserved old "Goldfields Railway" train, with morning tea on board, then inspected the Normandy Mining "Martha" open cut mine which is steadily consuming parts of the town but is yielding \$1 million per week in gold and silver. Rotorua proved to have now developed into a big city, with less smell in the air, less thermal activity (apparently due to more being drawn off to serve the thermal power station at Wairakei) and more commercialism in Maori activities than on my last visit. We experienced Maori culture at their Arts and Crafts Institute and were taken through their thermal area riding on sophisticated people-movers. We visited the Agrodome to see sheep, sheep shearing and woollen products. A fake auction was arranged for five sheep, and they were knocked down to a Korean girl for \$100. One of our members was concerned as the girl didn't have the \$100 and he asked how was she to get the sheep back to Korea. We explained it all to him later. Dinner and Concert at the Tamaki Maori Village was an excellent evening's entertainment with Barry Ryan acting as our Chief.

Incidentally, Ian Venn-Brown had his bags packed and left outside his room at 7am on the morning we were not leaving Rotorua at all.

The Wairakei Thermal Power Station was interesting but we could not get a starter at the Taupo Bungy Centre even though they were prepared to waive the \$100 per jump fee for people over 65.

We drove around Lake Taupo, the biggest lake by far in NZ and on to Wellington with a visit to Mount Victoria lookout for spectacular views of the city. It was at the excellent Hotel Duxton that our guide, Karen, told us that "when we get into the hotel lobby she will point out where the hotel is." (meant to say where the bar is). Later at the same hotel Shirley Trigone was having great trouble trying to get into the room. She had her numbers confused but the front desk sorted her out. The Whiteleys also had trouble getting into their room, even the master key would not work but finally the manager and his grand-master-key did the trick. It was here that Trevor and Marie Wallin left us to extend their holiday on the North Island whilst we headed for the ship to cross Cook Strait to Picton on the South Island.

Our crossing on the "Arahua" proved to be an adventure as it was supposedly the roughest crossing for many a day. Services had been cancelled, including the big catamaran, and many extra people were put on our ship. Our group prepared with copious quantities of sea-sick tablets and, to my knowledge, none of our members were actually sick although sea-sickness abounded on the ship. It wasn't a pleasant sight. To help distract our group, Ken Carver and I arranged a couple of Melbourne Cup Sweeps, resulting in winnings for:-

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Dorothy Edwards and Michael Slatter
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dorothy Edwards and Warwick Wharton
- 3<sup>rd</sup>. Reg Whiteley and Barry Ryan.

On arrival at Picton (three quarters of an hour late due to weather) we were met by a new coach and driver "Trevor". It was a long trip down the east coast to Christchurch, arriving at 7.15pm---too late and too tired for celebrating our last night.

Barry and Lois overslept the next morning and were last for breakfast. It didn't matter as it was free time to walk Christchurch. Reg Whiteley had his astronaut ear plugs sent over to him by U.P.S. but they didn't get to the hotel. It was a long story but he finally got them and an apology from the courier. Trevor Palmer (again) left his credit card in a shop and it was only through a long chase by a Chinese lad that it was returned. Trevor had been trying to help Harry Hooley pay for something that Maude finally didn't buy anyhow. Harry kept trying to use his Bankcard but nobody would accept it. For next time Harry must get a Mastercard or Visa.

Bob and Jean met Beverley and Doug Forsyth in the street. They were on a different tour and were returning home by Qantas half an hour before our departure. We met again at the airport and they weren't happy as Qantas was delayed and due to leave an hour after us.

Bob made appropriate presentations to our two drivers and to Karen, our guide, on behalf of the group and thanked Barry and Lois for their efforts.

On the return flight by Air New Zealand, as on the way over, the aircraft was little more than half full. Sadly that is what happens when rumors of difficulties in the airline are circulated....Ansett all over again. Barry tried to get out of his seat with his seat-belt on and almost broke the seat in front of his, occupied by your scribe. The Palmers, the Whiteleys and the Woods were seated away from the rest in a more forward compartment and word came back that they were up-graded to Business Class. I hate to tell them otherwise, but they were still in Pacific Class, and that's economy.

We arrived safely in Sydney, ahead of time and too early for our Scenic pick-up but that was soon rectified. It was a great tour, wonderful hotels and meals, beautiful scenery and a great gang to travel with.

Bob Martin.

By appointment to the Great White Chief Barry.

Guest Speakers (Co-ordinator Reg Whiteley)  
(April 2001 – March 2002)

- April - 01 Keith Erwin OAM EM : “Old Sydney Town”
- May - 01 Sandra Bates : “ The Ensemble Theatre”
- June - 01 Dick French : “The Evolution of International Cricket”
- July - 01 Bronwyn Bishop MP: “Australian Government Programmes  
for the Elderly & Self-Funded Retirees”
- Aug - 01 John Vaughan: “The History & Development of Flags”
- Sept - 01 Rafaele Joudry: “Better Hearing the Natural Way”
- Oct - 01 Ed Foley: “Electronic Banking”
- Nov - 01 Nick Cassim: “Sail from Ancient to Modern Times”
- Jan - 02 Alec Wickenden: “Development of Financial Services in Australia”
- Feb - 02 Catherine O’Reilly: “History of Lamington National Park & O’Reilly’s  
Guest House”
- Mar - 02 Cmd.Graham Sloper AOM: “The Role of the RAN in the Gulf War”

**LUNCHEON CLUB** (Michael Slatter)

- 17 April The Sands Hotel
- 29 June Raj Restaurant
- 31 Aug Thai Vieng Ping Restaurant
- 16 Nov The Sands Hotel
- 1 Mar Dumpling Restaurant

### BRIDGE CLUB (David Millard)

|         |     |  |
|---------|-----|--|
| 4 April | N/S | Jean & John Chester  |
|         | E/W | Sheila & John Woods  |
| 2 May   | N/S | Jean & John Chester  |
|         | E/W | Jo & Don Elliott   |
| 6 June  |     | Meg & Ian Stevenson  |
| July    |     | Phyl & Darrell Garnham   |
| Aug     | N/S | Helen Christensen  |
|         |     | Judy Lee   |
|         | E/W | Phyl & Darrell Garnham   |
| 5 Sept  |     | Shirley Wickenden  |
|         |     | Peggy Mitchell   |
| Oct     |     | Judy Lee   |
|         |     | Helen Christensen  |
| 7 Nov   |     | Helen Christensen  |
|         |     | Judy Lee   |
| 6 Feb   |     | First competition of the New Year ... "The friendliest duplicate bridge competition on the Peninsula." |
|         | N/S | Gerry Setright   |
|         |     | Noelene Milner   |
|         |     | Helen Christensen  |
|         |     | Judy Lee   |
|         | E/W | Gwen Palmer  |
|         |     | Peggy Mitchell   |
| Mar     | N/S | Noelene Milner   |
|         |     | Gerry Setright   |
|         | E/W | Reg & Moira Whiteley   |

### BOWLS CLUB ( Dick Sansom)

A small group of enthusiastic bowlers meets each Thursday morning at Seaforth Bowling Club & plays for about an hour and a half ... (roughly 8 - 9 ends)... then retires for morning tea/coffee in the clubhouse. A number of our group are Seaforth Bowling Club members & would like to encourage their fellow Probians who bowl of a Thursday morning to join. A singles competition has been arranged for Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

The Bowling Club has generously offered to provide free tuition for those interested in mastering the game & it is hoped that newcomers to our group will avail themselves of this offer.

**GOLF** (Convenor - Trevor Palmer)

- 19 April Cromer Golf Club  
 May Hunter Valley ..... "water, water everywhere"  
 Mens Tom Setright  
 Men's NTP Tom Setright  
 Ladies Meg Stevenson  
 June Golf Club Members – Seaforth Probus  
 Men Women
- |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Manly     | 22        | 15        |
| Cromer    | 13        | 4         |
| Killara   | 1         | 1         |
| Balgowlah | 1         | 0         |
| Warringah | 1         | 0         |
|           | <u>38</u> | <u>20</u> |
- July Sydney golf clubs are becoming very expensive... exploring feasibility of play at Long Reef... Wakehurst... Wiseman's Ferry
- Aug Call for North Sydney Probus Golf at Killara ... Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Considering Country Golf Caper ... early 2002?
- 20 Sept Long Reef ... 13 players
- Oct Excursion to Salamander Bay planned for April 2002  
 Mon. April 8 – Wed. April 11  
 Golf at - Newcastle Links / Stockton ... Mon. 8<sup>th</sup>  
 - Horizons ... Wed. 10<sup>th</sup>
- Mar Golf at Wakehurst scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup> following Probus meeting & lunch at the club

## COMPUTER CLUB (Trevor Wallin)

- 23 April Thanks to Michael & Judy Lee and Tony & Joan Sargent... and a donation from the club committee, three screens have now been acquired & set up by Dick Sansom & Barry Goddard. We meet in the Boardroom of Wakehurst Golf Club of a Monday, following the monthly meeting of Probus & pay a nominal fee of \$5 per person to repay the loan from the club committee. The meeting ends with coffee, bickies & fellowship.
- May Today we explored use of the Internet & communication by Email
- June Further exploration of the Internet & Email communication
- July Hands on session with Microsoft Word
- Aug Open session... problem solving...
- Sept Further discussion of personal problems with computer
- Oct Open discussion ... interesting & useful applications of computer
- Nov "What a computer can do for you" ... Barry Goddard demonstrated how to save money by refilling our own ink-jet cartridges.
- Feb Hands on Microsoft Word & Excel ... release of 1<sup>st</sup> edition of our "Computer Club Help & Hints" manual - 3.5 inch floppy free & print edition \$2.50
- Mar Same as for February....

## President's Report

We have had a very busy year with a great variety of activities for members to participate in, namely travel, day outings, picnics, lunch club, bridge, bowls and last but not least our very successful computer classes which all goes to making our club the success that it has been since it's conception.

### Fellowship:

Thank you Rex Tuxford for your contribution in keeping us informed regarding the outside activities of our members, and also for conducting the singing of our monthly birthday celebrations, and to Barry Goddard for his individual and humorous birthday cards.

### Membership:

Vice President Bruce Fisk reports that fifteen members had 100% attendance throughout the year; these were John Chester, Ross Christensen, Ken Carver, Bob Goddard, Ernie Hickey, Harry Hooley, Ron Jones, Doug Law, Arthur Levy, John Panlyk, Bob Rowland, Tom Stee, Ian Venn-Brown, Peter Wakefield & Reg Whitely. Well done and a record for the club.

We were saddened by the loss of three dear friends during the year, Pax Lindsay, Maurice Milner and Ross Pogson. There were also three resignations, Ric Garden, John Scott and Peter Oliver who did a wonderful job assisting with the editing of the Newsletter for many years. These vacancies have been filled by the following seven new members:- Nick Cassim, Ian McMillan, Bob Nicholl, Bob Ryan, Max Smyth, John Wippell and Warren Osborne thus the total membership now stands at 74 Active and 2 TIMS.

### Activities:-

For the past 11 years Barry Ryan with Lois's assistance has done an incredible job organising all our outings, twenty-six in all this year. They have spent many, many hours arranging these trips and collecting the monies, all of which takes considerable time and effort. There has been a trip to New Zealand, three Harbour ferry trips, a Hunter Valley Tour, Theatres, Canterbury Races, China Town, Sydney Rowing Club. A job well done and greatly appreciated.

### Finance:-

Treasurer Tom Stee with the able assistance of Michael Lee, our auditor, has done a fine job once again. At our last meeting Tom informed the committee that our club's finances were in arrears, and that a small increase in our annual subscription would be needed in the coming year. Members will be advised of the amount in this month's Newsletter.

### Newsletter:-

The quality and content of this years monthly newsletter has steadily improved, thanks to the efforts of our editor Trevor Wallin, circulation coordinator Ric Clapp and assistant Dick Sansom, keeping us all fully informed on all aspects of the club.

### Guest Speakers:-

Reg Whitely has provided our meetings with some outstanding and very interesting monthly speakers, it is a job that requires a great deal of organising and arranging, and we thank him for his effort.

### **Luncheon Club:-**

For many years Mike Slatter & Kevin Carr have provided our members with a great variety of eating experiences at the different restaurants. Thanks Mike and Kevin for those very enjoyable afternoons with our fellow members and their wives.

I must thank all the following management coordinators for their time and effort:- Bridge nights - David Millard, Bowls - Dick Sansom, Catering - Doug Forsyth (thanks for the wonderful Xmas entertainment), Computer Group - Trevor Wallin, Golf - Trevor Palmer, Historian - George Mitchell (for producing the history of our Club's first 10 years), Photographer - Bob Martin, Registrar - Ken Carver & assistant Phil Thompson, Welfare Officer - Roy Felan, hopefully I have not missed mentioning each and every person who has made a contribution to our club.

### **Administration:-**

Last but not least I must thank Ian Venn-Brown for all the help and guidance that he gave me during my Presidency. He kept me fully informed on club matters during my 7 months living out of the area during our house renovations and my stint in St. Vincent's Hospital. This was done via e-mail and phone through my secretary and wife Louise. Thanks again Ian and Louise.

I'm sure the year ahead will be a very successful one for the Seaforth Probus Club with Bruce Fisk at the helm and a committee, many of whom are back in the job for a second term. I wish them all the best of luck and an enjoyable 2002 - 2003.

Peter Wakefield  
26 March 2002

## Year 12

(April 2002 – March 2003)

|                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| President                            | Bruce Fisk          |
| Vice President                       | Ken Carver          |
| Immediate Past President             | Peter Wakefield     |
| Treasurer                            | Tom Stee            |
| Assistant Treasurer                  | John Woods          |
| Secretary                            | Ian Venn-Brown      |
| Assistant Secretary                  | David Millard       |
| Coordinator - Guest Speakers         | Reg Whiteley        |
| Activities Coordinator               | Barry Ryan          |
| Assistants to Activities Coordinator | Bob & Barry Goddard |
| Newsletter Editor                    | Trevor Wallin       |
| Assistant to Editor                  | Ric Clapp           |

## Appointees

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Auditor       | Michael Lee     |
| Historian     | George Mitchell |
| Bridge        | David Millard   |
| Bowls         | Sick Sansom     |
| ..            | Bob Goddard     |
| Golf          | Ian Stevenson   |
| Catering      | Kevin Carr      |
| ..            | Ron Jones       |
| Computer Club | Trevor Wallin   |
| ..            | Barry Goddard   |
| ..            | Dick Sansom     |
| Fellowship    | Reg Tuxford     |
| Lunch Club    | Mike Slatter    |
| ..            | Kevin Carr      |
| Photographer  | Bob Martin      |
| Registration  | Phil Thompson   |
| ..            | Geoff Cotton    |
| Welfare       | Roy Felan       |

Having guided us through the first year of the Club's 2<sup>nd</sup> decade, Peter Wakefield handed the reins to Bruce Fisk who, in his first President's Message, observed that there is an old Chinese proverb that says ... "Each generation builds a road for the next." ... adding his hope that ... "I will be able to do that, as indeed our Past Presidents have." When, in 2003, President Bruce handed the reins over to Reg Whiteley, he was able to look back on a year of significant achievement.

During his time as President, Bruce had the pleasure of seeing George Mitchell appointed a Life Member and would have been aware that 18 of the original 37 Foundation Members at November 1990 remained with us. And although we sadly farewelled John Eather and Bryan Barnard and received the resignations of Merv Eyles, Peter Gibson, Ian O'Brien and Tom Verbeck, we rejoiced in welcoming 5 new members ... Rudi Hochstetter, Charles Montgomery, Warren Osborne, Allan Doutreband and John Rose, to record a membership of 73 active members and 1 T.I.M. Interestingly, two future Presidents were to emerge from these newcomers and Alan Doutreband was to assume the role of Newsletter Editor, a task he was to fill with great distinction.

Perhaps one of our President's most significant innovations was to organise a questionnaire for the members to express their interest in the social activities they preferred. In this, Bruce was conscious of the mounting cost of overseas travel and a movement among club members to pursue more local and short-term activities. Responsibility for this exercise rested with Vice-President, Reg Whitely, who, by July, had collated the response and fed it into the deliberations of our Executive Committee; a significant readjustment of our social programme resulted and was warmly received by the members.

Bruce's other significant innovation was to open our Executive Committee meetings to members in order to encourage the input of new ideas and broaden the scope of the Club's programme. One of the most positive innovations arising from this was the introduction of our Email Newsletter, replacing our former "Snail Mail" method of distribution... and in the August edition the Committee published a concerted Membership Drive, a theme that was to influence the thinking and pursuits of all future Presidents and their Executive.

The social programme for 2002 was most rewarding. It included an overseas trip to the Italian Lakes, Tuscany & Rome ... an interstate trip to Couran Cove & O'Reilly's in Queensland, along with "local" excursions to the Blue Mountains, the Tamworth Music Festival and a Golf Getaway in Mudgee. There were also outings on the Hawkesbury River and to Woy Woy...and tours of a number of places of historical interest, including the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, the Westin Hotel (formerly the old Sydney GPO) and the Maritime Museum at Darling Harbour. We also dined sumptuously, thanks to Mike Slatter & his Lunch Club...and of course there were the traditional Spring BBQ at the Balgowlah Bowling Club, the Christmas Luncheon, our Annual Picnic at Clontarf and the ever popular \$1.10 Day at Doyle's Watson's Bay & a \$2.20 Day at Woy Woy...*the cost of the Seniors' Concession Fare rose between July & October.*

An account of our overseas tour of the Italian Lakes, Tuscany and Rome appeared in our June 2002 Newsletter. In it, special mention was made of the tour of the Jurong Bird Sanctuary, the Night Jungle Safari and Light Show on Sentosa Island, enjoyed by those who travelled ex-Sydney to Singapore. Some of the party joined the tour from Spain and France; the twenty six of us then enjoyed the beauty of Lake Garda in Italy, then Lugarno in Switzerland, before returning to Lake Maggiore. The Whipps then left us for Sicily while the Martins returned to Sydney, leaving the rest of the party to move into Tuscany where we immersed ourselves in its beauty and fascinating history. From Tuscany it was off to Rome for a brief tour of the city's highlights then back to Sydney via Singapore.

In August a party of 42 journeyed to Queensland to spend a week at Couran Cove and the O'Reilly's amazing retreat in the mountains of the Lamington National Park.. The story of the family's epic struggle to establish its homestead up in the mountains and the heroic exploits of the O'Reilly brothers in tracking down the survivors of the crashed aircraft in the unforgiving terrain, reads like the stuff of legend. Here we enjoyed wonderful hospitality, spectacular scenery and were fed like royalty; it was a holiday to treasure... as can be seen by the happy faces of the travellers below ...



Christmas in the Blue Mountains was also a special event. As we travelled west in our coach, Ken Carver entertained us with an inimitable resume of the runners in the forthcoming Melbourne Cup .... and their prospects; *definitely to be taken with a grain of salt!!!* En route, we paid a visit to Wallerawang Power Station and arrived at Felton Woods Guest House in Katoomba around 4.30pm. Warren Osborne spent one of his school holidays here way back in 1943 as an 8 year old. Apparently little had changed, even the Ball Room where he'd attended a fancy dress party....ah, memories!!

Next morning we descended into the Jamieson Valley aboard the "Scenicender" for a walk in the rain forest. But of course it was Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and having been "primed" by our resident tipster, Ken Carver, we *had* to join the locals at the Katoomba RSL and have a fling on the great race. That done, we had a change of pace and celebrated Christmas in the evening at Felton Woods, with a hot Christmas Dinner followed by a "Singalong"...accompanied by a pianist and her violinist husband who played all the old favourites. Next morning we visited Leurella House with its vast collection of antique teapots before returning home, stopping at the Panthers Leagues Club in Penrith on the way.

Our final Getaway was to Mudgee where we stayed at the Country Comfort Motel and enjoyed some of the local wines, visiting several vineyards. The golfers found plenty to challenge them on the local links with Tom and Gerry Setright, Alec and Shirley Wickenden and Don and Jo Elliott proving their metal with winning rounds. And there were excursions to Gulgong, with its Prince of Wales Opera House and historic Pioneer Museum ... to Dundullimal Homestead and to the Western Plains Zoo at Dubbo.



The golfers preparing to tee off at Mudgee Golf Links

As will be seen from the following pages, our golfers had a busy year with events spanning the months from April 2002 to March 2003 ... the Bridge Group remained active throughout the year and welcomed Max Smythe as the new Coordinator when David Millard retired ...our bowlers continue undaunted, despite small numbers attending their Thursday mornings and the Computer Club had a particularly busy and informative year, as members sought answers to their individual problems with digital photography and the Internet and shared their experience and expertise over a wide range of topics.

Our theatre-going saw us at "Oklahoma" in the Hills Entertainment Centre, "Nunsense" at the Zenith Theatre in Chatswood, "Oliver," "Man of La Mancha" & "Mamma Mia" all in July, "The Dock Brief" at the Ensemble and the showing of Shackleton's Antarctic Expedition, often described as "the greatest survival story of all time," at the IMAX Theatre...and in October, a group attended Warren Ogborne's "Opera for Everyone" at the Manly Library, followed by dinner at Warren & Robyn's home at Seaforth.

Reg Whiteley provided us with an excellent programme of guest speakers with topics encompassing our health and finances, history and archaeology, the security of our airways, gardening, keeping fit, our prospects of a sustainable future, and, would you believe, the merits of Irish Whisky! This year, Reg drew on the talent and expertise within the Club, involving Phil Thompson, Alec Wickenden, Peter Wakefield and Bruce Fisk, who gave an informative presentation on "Investing Your Money in 2003" ... on Reg Green with a historical perspective of our forefather explorers entitled "The Black Stump and Beyond," and Warren Ogborne with a spectacular Power Point presentation on The Evolution of the Pyramids."

With the year drawing to a close, our Treasurer, Tom Stee, ever mindful of our finances and a deficit of \$26.66 at year's end, was to have the last word. He proposed that the membership fee be raised by \$5.00 ... a proposal endorsed unanimously by the members.

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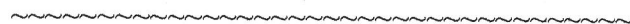
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... an informative presentation on



Lake Orta – San Giulio – Italy

**Activities (Coordinator Barry Ryan)  
(April 2003 – March 2004)**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 8 April  | Port Stephens – Getaway                                     |
| 11 April | -- -- --  |
| 16 April | The Magic of the Museum – Lunch/Centrepoint                 |
| 2 May    | “Oklahoma” – Hills Centre                                   |
| 12 May   | Tuscany Tour – Italian Lakes                                |
| 9 June   | -- -- -- --   |
| 23 June  | “Nunsense” – Zenith Theatre                                 |
| 10 July  | “Oliver” – Lyric Theatre                                    |
| 11 July  | Golf – Manly Golf Club                                      |
| 16 July  | \$1.10 Day – Doyle’s Wharf Restaurant                       |
| 31 July  | “Man of La Mancha” – Capitol Theatre                        |
| 2 Aug    | East Sydney Food School                                     |
| 15 Aug   | Couran Cove & O’Reilly’s / Q’ld                             |
| 21 Aug   | -- -- -- --   |
| 6 Sept   | East Sydney Food School                                     |
| 10 Sept  | Spring BBQ – North Balgowlah Bowling Club                   |
| 21 Sept  | “Opera for Everyone” – with Warren Ogborne at Manly Library |
| 4 Oct    | Sydney Conservatorium of Music –Lunch/Hotel International   |
| 15 Oct   | \$2.20 Day - Hawkesbury River                               |
| 24 Oct   | IMAX Theatre – Shackleton’s Antarctic Adventure             |
| 25 Oct   | Golf – Long Reef Golf Club                                  |
| 4 Nov    | Christmas in the Blue Mountains                             |
| 6 Nov    | -- -- -- --   |
| 9 Dec    | Probus Christmas Lunch                                      |
| 8 Jan    | “Mamma Mia” – Lyric Theatre                                 |
| 21 Jan   | Westin Hotel  |
| 6 Feb    | Sydney Maritime Museum + Fish & Chips                       |
| 3 Mar    | Annual Picnic – Clontarf                                    |
| 17 Mar   | Mudgee Getaway  |
| 20 Mar   | -- --   |
| 29 Mar   | “The Dock Brief” – Ensemble Theatre                         |



**Guest Speakers (Co-ordinator Reg Whiteley)  
(April 2002 – March 2003)**

- April - 02            Reg Green: "The Black Stump & Beyond – Australian Inland Explorers"
- May - 02             Peter Rutherford: "Ecogardening"
- June - 02            Val Doherty: "Aviation Security"
- July - 02             Tom Sweeney: "Royal North Shore Hospital Heart Foundation ...  
... A Matter of the Heart"
- Aug - 02             Richard Whiley: "A Sustainable Future"
- Sept - 02            Warren Ogborne: " The Evolution of the Pyramids"
- Oct - 02             Brendan Briederman: "The Glorious West"
- Nov - 02             Patrick McCarville: "The Magic of Irish Whisky"
- Jan - 03             John Pace: "Putting Humour to Work"
- Feb - 03             Phil Thompson    )  
                         Alec Wickenden ) "Investing Your Money in 2003"  
                         Peter Wakefield  )  
                         Bruce Fisk        )
- Mar - 03             Andrew Rogers: "Visiting the Titanic"

**LUNCHEON CLUB (Michael Slatter)**

- 27 May                Flower Power Restaurant – Warriewood  
18 June               Seaside Eatery – Narrabeen  
1 Nov                 Sri's Indian Eatery  
28 Feb                Harry's Fish Café – The Spit

### **BRIDGE CLUB (David Millard)**

|       |     |                                       |
|-------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| April | N/S | Joan & Tony Sargent                   |
|       | E/W | Terri & Max Smythe                    |
| May   |     | Manly Golf Club unavailable – no play |
| June  | N/S | Joan & Tony Sargent                   |
|       | E/W | Terri & Max Smythe                    |
| July  |     | At home of Alec & Shirley Wickenden   |
|       | N/S | Helen Christensen & Judy Lee          |
|       | E/W | Jo & Don Elliott                      |
| Aug   | N/S | Joan & Tony Sargent                   |
|       | E/W | Terri & Max Smythe                    |
| Sept  | -   | Ross Christensen & David Millard      |
| Oct   | N/S | Gerry Setright & Noelene Milner       |
|       | E/W | Ross Christensen & David Millard      |
| Nov   | N/S | Joan & Tony Sargent                   |
|       | E/W | Jo & Don Elliott                      |
| Jan   |     | Unable to raise a quorum – no play    |
| Feb   | N/S | Judy Pogson & Dorothy Edwards         |
|       | E/W | Peggy Mitchell & Gwen Palmer          |
| Mar   |     | David Millard & Ross Christensen      |

David Millard retired as Coordinator & Max Smythe welcomed as new Coordinator...

### **BOWLS CLUB (Dick Sansom)**

The bowlers continue as a small group of enthusiasts of between 7 – 10 members each Thursday morning. May saw Ian Venn-Brown deputise for Dick Sansom as Coordinator during Dick's absence overseas. Discussions were held re a possible friendly match with Brookvale Probus Club in September ... not to be realized. Further offers of free tuition for potential newcomers to bowls from Seaforth Bowling Club.

**GOLF** (Convenor - Ian Stevenson)

- 8 – 10 April Salamander Bay Getaway – Roche's Resort  
Mens' singles Don Elliott  
Ladies' singles Judy Lee  
Four Ball Tom Setright & Judy Lee
- 11 July Manly Golf Club – Shield Event  
Mens' singles Gordon James  
Ladies' singles Bev Elvy  
Four Ball Tom Stee & Arum Guim  
Longest drive Rex Elvy  
Nearest pin Ian Stevenson
- 25 Oct Long Reef Golf Day  
Mens' singles Richard Whipp  
Four ball Richard Whipp & Tom Stee
- 25 Nov North Sydney Probus Golf Competition – Chatswood  
No report ...
- 17 Mar Mudgee Getaway - Country Comfort Motel  
Winners – Tom & Gerry Setright  
Alec & Shirley Wickenden  
Don & Jo Elliott

**COMPUTER CLUB** (Trevor Wallin)  
assisted by Barry Goddard & Dick Sansom

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| April | Meeting Boardroom - Wakehurst Golf Club   |
| May   | Cancelled   |
| June  | Familiarisation – computer capabilities   |
| July  | Familiarisation – computer capabilities   |
| Aug   | Exploration of Search Engines & searching the Internet<br>Exploration of Discount Holidays on Internet<br>Monetary loan from Probus Club Committee paid off                           |
| Sept  | More work on MS Word & open forum on problems   |
| Oct   | Ms Word continued ...   |
| Nov   | Digital photo reproduction using computer – Reg Whiteley<br>Creating personal business cards – Richard Whipp<br>Consideration of purchase of Scanner & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Colour Printer |
| Jan   | More of the same ...  |
| Feb   | Securing your computer against viruses & unwanted intrusions<br>Q&A ... Ink Cartridge filling...MS Word...Excel<br>Ideas on redesigning Probus newsletter ... Allan Doutreband        |
| Mar   | A project for the Bowls Club ... posed by John Daly   |

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have had a very busy and exciting year with a great variety of activities for members to participate in, namely international, interstate and local travel, day outings, lunch club, picnics, bridge, bowls and computer classes, all of which contribute to making our club a success.

### **Fellowship:**

Thank you Reg Tuxford for your contribution in keeping us informed regarding the activities of our members and also for seeing to it that we celebrated our members' birthdays in style. My thanks go to Barry Goddard for his humorous birthday cards. There is a lot of time and effort put into the creation of these cards. Thanks Barry.

### **Membership:**

Vice President Ken Carver reports that twelve members had a 100% attendance record throughout the year. These were Ric Clapp, Ken Carver, Don Elliot, Roy Felan, Barry Goddard, Dick Higgins, Rus Jones, Ron Jones, John Panylyk, Geoff Shattles, Ian Venn-Brown and Reg Whiteley – congratulations to those members.

We were saddened by the loss of two dear friends during the year, John Eather and Bryan Barnard. There were also four resignations, Merv Eyles, Peter Gibson, Ian O'Brien and Tom Verbeek. We also welcomed five new members, Rudi Hochstetter, Charles Montgomery, Warren Ogborne, Alan Doutreband and John Rose. We now have 73 Active members and 1 T.I.M.

### **Activities:**

For the past twelve (12) years, Barry Ryan (with Lois' assistance) has done an incredible job organising all of our outings, including twenty-eight in this year. They have spent countless hours arranging trips, collecting monies and answering member questions, all of which takes considerable time and effort. There has been great support for the international trips to the Lakes of Italy and to New Zealand plus Couran Cove & O'Reilly's in Queensland, Christmas in the Blue Mountains, Tamworth Music Festival and a myriad of 'local' trips. A job well done and greatly appreciated, Barry.

### **Finance:**

Our founding member Tom Stee has for many, many years done a fine job in keeping our finances in order. This past year has been very busy as he has combined with Barry Ryan to account for all the monies for an every increasing number of activities and to see that all of our suppliers of services are paid. The overall result for 2002-2003 confirms that, on Tom's recommendation, we made a wise decision during the year to increase member subscriptions by \$ 5.00. The year ended in a very small deficit of \$ 26.66. My thanks also go to Tom and to our Auditor, Michael Lee who have prepared and audited the attached statement of our financial position.

### **Newsletter:**

The quality and content of this years monthly Newsletter has greatly improved thanks to the efforts of our Editor, Trevor Wallin, our Circulation co-ordinator, Ric Clapp and Dick Sansom who has printed address labels since the inception of our Club. Thank you to our Newsletter team.

### **Guest Speakers:**

Reg Whiteley has provided our meetings with some outstanding and very interesting speakers. It is a job that requires a great deal of organisation to make this happen and to ensure we get a variety of interesting people. Thanks Reg.

**Luncheon Club:**

For many years, Mike Slatter and Kevin Carr have provided our members with a great variety of eating experiences at many different restaurants. Thanks Mike & Kevin for many enjoyable afternoons shared with other members and our wives/partners.

**Management Co-ordinators:**

My thanks also go to all management co-ordinators and their assistants for their dedication and tireless efforts; Reg Tuxford ( Birthdays & Fellowship), David Millard (Bridge Club), Dick Sansom (Bowls), Doug Forsyth ( Christmas Party) Trevor Wallin (Computer Club), George Mitchell (Historian), Bob Martin ( Club Photographer), Phil Thompson & Geoff Cotton (Registrars) and Roy Felan (Welfare Officer). Hopefully, I have not missed mentioning each and every person who has contributed to make our club a success.

**Administration:**

Last but not least, I must express my sincere thanks to Ian Venn-Brown for all the help and guidance he gave me during my Presidency and for making his home available for monthly Committee meetings, to say nothing of the 'gourmet morning teas'. Thanks Ian. Greatly appreciated.

I am sure the year ahead will be a very successful one for our Club with Ken Carver at the helm and a Committee, many of whom are back for a third term. I wish them all the best of luck and an enjoyable 2003-2004.

**Bruce Fisk**  
**25 March 2003.**

## Year 13

(April 2003 – March 2004)

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| President                            | Ken Carver                             |
| Vice President                       | Reg Whiteley                           |
| Immediate Past President             | Bruce Fisk                             |
| Treasurer                            | John Woods                             |
| Secretary                            | David Millard                          |
| Coordinator – Guest Speakers         | Bob Ryan                               |
| Assistant to Coordinator             | Phil Thompson                          |
| Activities Coordinator               | Barry Ryan                             |
| Assistants to Activities Coordinator | Bob & Barry Goddard<br>& Trevor Wallin |
| Newsletter Editor                    | Trevor Wallin                          |
| Editor's Assistant                   | Ian Venn-Brown                         |

### Appointees

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|---------------|-----------------|
| Auditor       | Michael Lee     |
| Historian     | George Mitchell |
| Bridge        | Max Smythe      |
| Bowls         | John Daly       |
| ..            | Bob Goddard     |
| Catering      | Kevin Carr      |
| ..            | Ron Jones       |
| Computer Club | Trevor Wallin   |
| ..            | Barry Goddard   |
| ..            | Dick Sansom     |
| Fellowship    | Dick Higgins    |
| Lunch Club    | Mike Slatter    |
| .. ..         | Kevin Carr      |
| Photographer  | Bob Martin      |
| Registration  | Ian Macmillan   |
| ..            | Noel Harrs      |
| Hospitality   | George Mitchell |
| ..            | Ron Ford        |
| Welfare       | Gordon James    |

When Ken Carver was inducted as our 13<sup>th</sup> President, little did we know that tragedy stalked his immediate future. In 2005 his beloved Rosemary was to succumb to lung cancer and in 2006 Ken was to lose his heroic battle against the ravages of Motor Neurone Disease. When celebrating Ken's birthday in 2006, Warren Ogborne penned the following lines in tribute...

Forgive me if I'm hesitant  
Addressing our Past President,  
For Ken, in spite of failing health,  
Has shared with all of us his wealth  
Of fellowship and love of fun,  
His courage and so I, for one,  
Have not the slightest hesitation  
Saying he's an inspiration.

An inspiration indeed!! And although Ken was able to welcome new members, Neville Cleary, Keith Huntington, Reg Green, Warren Bennetts and Peter Knight into the fold, he also shared our sadness of saying "good bye" to former greats, Foundation Members and former Presidents, Allister Paech and Geoff Dobbie, and Foundation Treasurer, Mick Alcock. Magnificent tributes were paid to these men by George Mitchell and Malcolm Bush and reproduced in our September 2003 and January 2004 Newsletters.

The photograph below captures President Ken with his fellow former Presidents, Alec Wickenden, Bob Martin, Peter Wakefield, Richard Whipp, George Mitchell and Bruce Fisk, together known as "The Magnificent Seven" ... holidaying in Fiji.



Our trips away and local excursions during the year were pretty special ... and Ken's humour surfaced in our May 2003 Newsletter when, in his President's Message, he welcomed us with ... "Bula! ... I was, of course, thinking about Seaforth Probian as I lay on the warm sand, under a swaying palm tree, a cocktail in one hand, a dusky Fijian maiden on the other, listening to the lapping of water on the white sand and the gentle voices calling my name." As it turned out, the "gentle voices" were actually those of Rosemary and his mates, calling him for a game of golf, bowls, a lovo feast and a "meke."

That was in May. In September, a party of twenty seven Seaforth Probian spent almost three weeks in Western Australia, starting in Perth and touring by bus through the Margaret River wine and surfing country, then through Albany, Esperance, Kalgoorlie and on to spectacular Wave Rock at Hyden. After returning to Perth for two nights we journeyed north to Monkey Mia via Geraldton. At Monkey Mia, Bruce Fisk indulged in some unsuccessful dolphin courting, wading with his shorts rolled up, knee deep in the muddy waters of Shark Bay. We came home by train on the "Indian Pacific"... a three day journey of some 4350 km across the continent, with stops at Kalgoorlie, Cook, Adelaide, and Broken Hill, with tours arranged at some of these stops.

But we hadn't finished with travel. In November we spent a wonderful day in the Hunter Valley visiting the beautiful Hunter Valley Gardens, a gift to the people from the Roche family. A description of the gardens, their elegant layout and magnificent floral display, appeared in our January 2004 Newsletter by an appreciative Warren & Robyn Ogborne. The photograph below, was taken from above the waterfall, looking towards the Rose Garden with its 8000 rose bushes. Walking through this horticultural wonderland, one is lead through the Giant Elephant Gates into the Indian Mosaic Garden and on to the Moon Gate and Chinese Garden, the Oriental Garden with its Japanese Pagoda, to the Italian Walk and Grotto, graced with a statue of St. Francis of Assisi, and to the Par Terre Garden, based on the design of the garden at the Palace of Versailles.



In August we had our Sydney Airport Tour, conducted by Tarmac Tours, followed by lunch at Canterbury Leagues Club, and in February 2004 we were "Bound for Balmain", picking up our guide at Star City Casino before heading for Pymont Park for morning tea and into the heartland of Sydney and Old Balmain. This involved travel along the waterfront, where the old wharves and industrial complexes have been transformed into hotels and pleasant residential areas, and through Balmain with its newly restored coal miners' cottages, and Birchgrove and the Old Mort's Dockyard site, now residential waterfront parkland ....

After lunch at Western Suburbs Soccer, Sports & Community Club at Five Dock, the tour continued into the former psychiatric complex at Callan Park, where we were intrigued by the fascinating stories embedded in its colourful history, and finally to Sydney University's School of Arts to round off a fascinating day delving into the exciting past of Inner Sydney.

Our final Getaway for the year was Mollymook, where our golfers had a great time playing a nine hole, two ball round on the Monday and an eighteen hole, two ball round on the Wednesday. Trevor Wallin, John Wippell and Reg Tuxford came out winners on the Monday, and Tom Stee, Reg Tuxford and Tom & Gerry Setright dominated play on the Wednesday.

Actually, our golfers had a busy year with the George Mitchell Shield tournament at Manly Golf Club in July, with a BBQ in the Members' Lounge; an invitation from our parent Rotary Club of Balgowlah to participate in its Annual Charity Golf Day at Manly Golf Club in August, and golf at Long Reef in October.

The Bowls Group has benefited from the generous offer from Seaforth Bowling Club to provide us with coaching for those new to the game and John Daly's unflagging enthusiasm for the game and his encouragement to members to become involved, has seen increasing numbers turning up of a Thursday morning for what is developing into a splendid morning of fellowship. Another enthusiast, Max Smythe, has now taken over from David Millard who spent six years as Bridge Coordinator, and is working hard to revitalise the competition in the face of difficult circumstances...and our Computer Club owes much to stalwarts Trevor Wallin, Barry Goddard and Dick Sansom for their dedication to the task of maintaining interest from a disparate group of computer owners; in this they are helped by participants such as Bob Moxom, Reg Whiteley, Jean Martin, Louise Wakefield, Tom Stee and Neville Cleary, all of whom have contributed by virtue of their personal experience with computers over a diverse range of issues.

Of course it's not been all travel and play. We had a wonderful array of Guest Speakers to educate and entertain us with an amazing range of topics... Gordon Boyd with his "Life in the Theatre"... Barry Butt, with his exceptional presentation entitled "A Geologist in the Antarctic"... Dr. Nick Jools with "Bones, Groans & Water Works"... Dick Whibley's Power Point presentation on the building of the Karikal Bypass on the Pacific Highway, the largest incrementally launched bridge ever built ... Peter Sansom's Power Point Presentation on the building of the Cross City Tunnel, "The History of Radio" with Leon Becker, who took us back to the days of Bob Dyer, Jack Davey, Ada & Elsie, Dad &

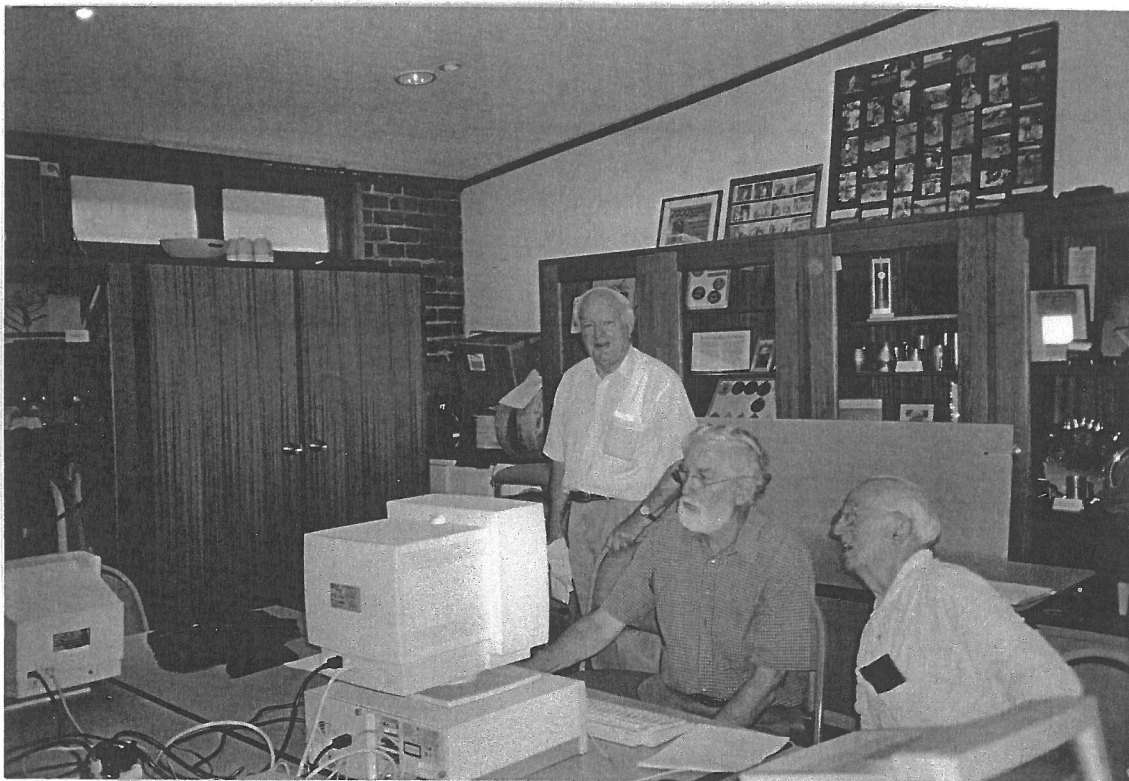
Dave and The Quiz Kids ... a nostalgic trip back into our younger days ...all fine speakers, and there were many more!

We kicked off our theatre going with "The Merry Widow" in May and followed with "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers" at Glen Street, "The Lion King" at the Capitol, and "Leader of the Pack"-(the Ellie Greenwich Musical)- at Star City in August. Then in September, we joined Warren Ogborne at Manly Library, where he presented his "Opera Matinee" as part of the Manly Arts Festival, and in the New Year we topped it all off with "The Lion the Witch & the Wardrobe" at the Lyric and "I'm Not Rappaport" in February at the Theatre Royal.

Our gastronome extraordinaire, Mike Slatter, spoiled us with delicious meals at Clive's Restaurant at Narrabeen, Sophia's at Allambie Heights, Fin at Dee Why and the Thai Vieng Ping at Collaroy Plateau. And who can forget our lunch at Sorrenson's Restaurant at the Manly Radisson, as we sat there watching an enormous surf rolling in and heard its thunderous roar as it pounded the beach.

So ... 2003-4 was a year to remember. In November 2003, our President observed that "Our highly sought after membership is limited to 75 active members. Of our current membership, 43 were members at March 1996. We've added 32 excellent new members who have been actively involved in all areas of our club. They include half the current committee! May this continue for years and years." ... **Ken Carver.**

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Dick Sansom – Trevor Wallin – Barry Goddard  
Computer Club stalwarts

Activities (Coordinator Barry Ryan)  
(April 2003 – March 2004)

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 8 April  | Jamberoo Valley                                      |
| 16 April | \$1.10 Day – Santo's Restaurant – Italian Forum      |
| 5 May    | Canterbury Races                                     |
| 9 May    | Fiji – Shangrila – Captain Cook Cruise               |
| 18 May   | -- -- -- -- --                                       |
| 21 May   | "The Merry Widow" – Capitol Theatre                  |
| 3 June   | Hotel School – International Hotel                   |
| 1 July   | Captain Cook - Luncheon Cruise                       |
| 26 July  | "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" – Glen St; Theatre      |
| 31 July  | Golf – Manly Golf Club                               |
| 5 Aug    | Sydney Airport Tour                                  |
| 10 Aug   | "Leader of the Pack" – Star City Showroom            |
| 2 Sept   | Spring BBQ – North Balgowlah Bowling Club            |
| 17 Sept  | Wild Flower Tour – WA                                |
| 4 Oct    | -- -- -- --  |
| 15 Oct   | \$1.10 Day – Rivercat to Parramatta                  |
| 24 Oct   | Golf Day   |
| 12 Nov   | Hunter Valley Gardens                                |
| 19 Nov   | "The Lion King" – Capitol Theatre                    |
| 1 Dec    | Christmas Lunch                                      |
| 7 Jan    | "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe" – Lyric Theatre |
| 3 Feb    | Bound for Balmain                                    |
| 18 Feb   | "I'm Not Rappaport" – Theatre Royal                  |
| 1 Mar    | Annual Picnic – Clontarf                             |
| 8 Mar    | Mollymook Getaway                                    |
| 11 Mar   | -- --  |
| 16 Mar   | "The Lion King" – Capitol Theatre                    |

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**Guest Speakers (Coordinator Bob Ryan)  
(April 2003 – March 2004)**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| April - 03 | Gordon Boyd: "My Life in the Theatre"            |
| May - 03   | Barrie Butt: "A Geologist in Antarctica"         |
| June - 03  | Tom Ware: "Personal Tales of a Raconteur"        |
| July: - 03 | Rodney Reitdyke: "Happy Exits"                   |
| Aug - 03   | Nick Jools: "Bones, Groans & Waterworks"         |
| Sept - 03  | Dick Whibley: "Karical Bypass – Pacific Highway" |
| Oct - 03   | Peter Sansom: "Sydney Cross City Tunnel"         |
| Nov - 03   | Leon Becker: "The History of Radio"              |
| Jan - 04   | Peter Chin: "Australian Customs Service"         |
| Feb - 04   | Julie Sutton: "Life as Mayor of Warringah"       |
| Mar - 04   | Garry Nash: "The Tarasov Saga"                   |

**LUNCHEON CLUB (Michael Slatter)**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 2 May   | Clive's Restaurant                            |
| 27 June | Sorrenson Restaurant – Radisson Hotel         |
| 29 Aug  | Sofia's Restaurant – Allambie Heights         |
| 31 Oct  | Fin Restaurant – Dee Why                      |
| 27 Feb  | Thai Vieng Ping Restaurant – Collaroy Plateau |

### **BRIDGE CLUB (Max Smythe)**

|          |     |                                    |
|----------|-----|------------------------------------|
| 30 April |     | Terri & Max Smythe                 |
| 28 May   |     | Moira & Reg Whiteley               |
| June     | N/S | Helen Christensen & Noelene Milner |
|          | E/W | Shirley & Alec Wickenden           |
| 30 July  |     | Helen Christensen & Judy Lee       |
| 27 Aug   | N/S | Helen Christensen & Judy Lee       |
|          | E/W | Jo & Don Elliott                   |
| Sept     |     | Cancelled                          |
| Oct      |     | Cancelled                          |
| 26 Nov   |     | Gerry Setright & Noelene Milner    |
| 18 Feb   |     | Helen Christensen & Judy Lee       |
| 28 Feb   |     | Jo & Don Elliott                   |
| Mar      |     | Cancelled                          |

### **BOWLS CLUB (Dick Sansom)**

The Club is gaining increasing interest from Probus members. Our nucleus of regular bowlers includes Reg Whiteley, Barry Ryan, Ian Venn-Brown, Barry Goddard, Mike Slatter, Dick Sansom, Doug Law, Ric Clapp, Ian MacMillan & John Daly, whose enthusiasm for bowls and the club is boundless and has been instrumental in its continuance despite its small membership. John's "project" for the Computer Club saw the development of a Survey of Interest presented to Seaforth Probus members with a positive response from both regular members & their wives...we look forward to welcoming a number of new members to our group very soon.

Come August and we welcomed Neville Cleary, Allan Doutreband, Ernie Hickey, John Hunt, David Millard, Max McVicar, Tony Sargent & George Mitchell as new members and Seaforth Bowling Club has again volunteered free coaching from one of its top coaches. We're now "cooking with gas."

**GOLF CLUB** (Ian Stevenson)  
assisted by Tony Sargent

Proposals for a Shield Tournament at Manly Golf Club in July, Long Reef in October and an invitation to participate in the Rotary Club of Balgowlah's Annual Charity Golf Day and BBQ at Manly Golf Club on August 7<sup>th</sup>... and a proposed South Coast Getaway in March 2004.

|      |      |   |                                 |
|------|------|---|---------------------------------|
| 31   | July | Manly Golf Club – Shield Event                        |                                 |
|      |      | Ladies' singles                                       | Jo Elliott                      |
|      |      | Four ball   | Ken Carver & Ian Stevenson      |
|      |      | Longest drive – men                                   | Don Elliott                     |
|      |      | Longest drive – women                                 | Jo Elliott                      |
|      |      | Nearest pin   | Richard Whipp                   |
|      |      | Probus Shield   | Geoff Cotton on count back      |
| 7    | Aug  | Rotary Club of Balgowlah Charity Golf Day – no report |                                 |
| 24   | Oct  | Long Reef Golf Club – Shield Event                    |                                 |
|      |      | Probus Shield   | Geoff Cotton on count back      |
|      |      | Four ball   | Geoff Cotton & Keith Huntington |
| 8-11 | Mar  | Mollymook Getaway                                     |                                 |
|      |      | Mon. 9 hole 2 ball winners                            | Trevor Wallin & John Wippell    |
|      |      | Mens' singles   | Reg Tuxford                     |
|      |      | Wed. 18 hole 2 ball winners                           | Tom Stee & Reg Tuxford          |
|      |      | Mens' singles   | Tom Setright                    |
|      |      | Ladies singles  | Gerry Setright                  |

**COMPUTER CLUB** (Trevor Wallin)  
assisted by Barry Goddard & Dick Sansom

- 28 April Two good solutions found for John Daly's "project" re Bowls  
General problem solving activities
- May Equipment wouldn't "talk" to Allan Doutreband's modern scanner  
so had to forego scanning & cataloguing of digital photos  
Current computer + software for sale - \$180 ...bargain !!
- June Novel input from Jean Martin & Louise Wakefield, Tom Stee &  
Neville Cleary
- July New screens donated by Neville Cleary...all worked perfectly and  
scanner connected ...Reg Whiteley & Jean Martin demonstrated  
the scanning & emailing of digital photos to Editor of Newsletter
- Aug Reg Whiteley demonstrated digital camera colour printing ... also  
getting started with email for beginners
- Sept General expansion of computer skills
- Oct New Internet websites providing "free online" cards - create own  
greeting cards for email or printing.... presented by Barry Goddard  
Viewed Dick Sansom's son, Peter's website of Cross City Tunnel  
& Karuah Bridge projects
- Nov End of year celebration ... open invitation to all
- Feb General topic discussion to kick off New Year
- 15 Mar Looking for alternate meeting place - Boardroom at Wakehurst no  
longer available to group

# PROBUS CLUB OF SEAFORTH

## ANNUAL REPORT 2003-2004

Thank you for allowing me to be your 13<sup>th</sup> President. In spite of my own and my wife's serious illnesses I have enjoyed the year and have done my best to encourage those oft stated catalysis of Probus – friendship, fellowship and fun. The success achieved in these areas and others is due to the enormous support given to me by the management committee members, activities co-ordinators and many other members who have willingly given of their time to ensure the club flourishes.

### *Vice President and Membership*

I am deeply indebted to Reg Whitely for his support at all times. Reg has also done an excellent job on our membership records and he reports:

Present Membership is 74 active and 1 TIM (unchanged from 2003).

New Members: Neville Cleary, Keith Huntingdon, Reg Green, Warren Bennetts and Peter Knight.

Members Deceased: Allister Paech and Geoff Dobbie

Former Members: Mick Alcock, Bruce Staples and Ian O'Brien

Members Achieving 100% Attendance: 20

### *Activities*

A splendid calendar year of events! My thanks, first to Barry Ryan (and his helper – Lois). Barry has again done a superb job in researching, organising and co-ordinating – an overseas trip (Fiji), an 18 tour of Western Australia, 5 theatre visits, 9 one day outings with lunch, the Canterbury races, 2 BBQ/picnics and trips with the golf getaways.

Then Mike Slatter, with Kevin Carr's help, has "sussed out" the most interesting and diverse eating experiences for our members to try. About 30 members and wives attended 5 such lunches.

Kevin Carr did most of the work in organising the Christmas Party meal – red, green and yellow dots mean a lot to Kevin.

And Dick Higgins with his strange birthday horoscopes – elm, fir, beach, oak and mango trees mean a lot to Dick.

### *Guest Speakers*

Bob Ryan has contributed greatly to the success of our monthly meetings with his ability to choose a variety of interesting speakers. Unfortunately, Bob had to resign from the position in October but his replacement, Phil Thompson, is continuing the good work. Thanks to Phil we also have had some great jokes at our meetings.

### *Finance*

John Woods took over from Tom Stee as Treasurer at the beginning of my term. Tom had done such a fine job it was a difficult act to follow. My thanks and admiration goes to Tom for agreeing to act as John's assistant for the year. John as taken on the assignment like a duck to water displaying due diligence not so apparent in the financial world at large.

### *Newsletter*

I am sure we all appreciate our "new look" newsletter. Trevor Wallin is responsible for this great change and he has also managed to reduce costs by using computers and the e-mail.

### *Administration*

We have been fortunate to find such smart secretaries to follow the great Geoff Dobbie and Ian Venn Brown. Now David Millard has achieved this for 2003-2004. His help and guidance has been outstanding.

Our registrars, Ian McMillan and Noel Hays have done a great job meeting our members, collecting money and balancing the books.

Our sports activities co-ordinators have worked hard to encourage members to play bowls, golf and computers.

Finally, thanks to Bob Martin (photographs), George Mitchell and Ron Ford (history), Gordon James (welfare) and others not mentioned.

### *Conclusion*

Let the bells ring! 2004-2005 is going to be a sizzler led by an able new President in Reg Whiteley, supported by a top team and all in a new venue.

KEN CARVER March 2004

## Year 14

(April 2004 – March 2005)

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| President                  | Reg Whiteley  |
| Vice President             | Trevor Wallin |
| Immediate Past President   | Ken Carver    |
| Treasurer                  | John Woods    |
| Secretary                  | David Millard |
| Coordinator Guest Speakers | Phil Thompson |
| Activities Coordinator     | Barry Ryan    |
| Newsletter Editor          | Trevor Wallin |

### Appointees

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Auditor       | Michael Lee     |
| Historian     | George Mitchell |
| ..            | Ron Ford        |
| Bridge        | Max Smythe      |
| ..            | David Millard   |
| Bowls         | John Daley      |
| ..            | Ian Macmillan   |
| Golf          | Reg Tuxford     |
| ..            | Tom Stee        |
| Catering      | Ron Jones       |
| Computer Club | Dick Sansom     |
| .. ..         | Barry Goddard   |
| Fellowship    | Warren Osborne  |
| Lunch Club    | Mike Slatter    |
| Photographer  | Bob Martin      |
| Registration  | Ian Macmillan   |
| ..            | Noel Harrs      |
| Functions     | Kevin Carr      |
| Welfare       | Ian Venn-Brown  |

As he assumed the mantle of Presidency in April 2004, Reg Whiteley expressed enduring thanks to his predecessor, Ken Carver, for his year of achievement as our 13<sup>th</sup> President. "His remarkable good humour and fortitude, midst his tragic and harrowing personal problems, will ever be a living part of our Club history."

And Reg announced the addition to our programme of an inaugural President's Gala Dinner to be held mid-year at Balgowlah RSL Club. The "novel entertainment" he promised saw Warren Osborne, bewigged as a bare-chested blond "surfie," on stage, strumming his ukulele and singing "Who'd Want to be a Surfie?" Ian Macmillan reported that Warren's spouse, Robyn, "didn't know where to look"...such was her embarrassment. But more was to follow, as Richard Whipp serenaded us to the accompaniment of his own ukulele and Noel Haars rounded off the entertainment with his inimitable rendition of "*Rule Britannia*"... finishing with those immortal lines "Three Chinese crackers up your arse go bang... Bang...BANG !!! "

On a more serious note, Reg had cardiac problems during the year and in January 2005 was admitted to hospital for the implantation of a cardiac pacemaker. Happily this was successful and he was able to chair our January meeting.

The other annoyance Reg encountered during the year was the need to move our monthly meetings to the Balgowlah Masonic Club as Wakehurst Golf Club was no longer able to accommodate us. The venue was to be temporary only as it failed to meet our needs and a search began to find suitable permanent accommodation.

During the year Probus Centre-South Pacific sent a letter to every Probus Club in Australia and New Zealand calling for any changes they considered necessary to the Standard Probus Constitution. As a result, three amendments to the Constitution and two amendments to the By-Laws were proposed. The committee of the Probus Club of Seaforth Inc. examined these amendments and *agreed unanimously that all five should be rejected*. However, unless at least 25% of Probus Clubs in Australia and New Zealand rejected the proposed amendments, they would be accepted with, it was thought, unfortunate consequences and expense for our incorporated club. It was therefore necessary to convene a Special General Meeting to be held concurrently with our regular January meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> at which every member had the opportunity of voting for or against acceptance of the amendments. A copy of the five proposals, published in our January 2004 Newsletter, follows. *The vote against the acceptance of all five resolutions was unanimous...* and there the matter remained.

In February 2009, Probus Centre informed the Executive Committee of three mandatory changes to the Constitution; being mandatory they demanded acceptance. The changes were discussed at the Committee meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> and presented to members at the general meeting on Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup>. The minutes of that meeting record that members duly signed the prescribed form indicating their endorsement of the constitutional changes. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Committee was advised that the changes had been fully endorsed by the members and that the necessary form had been completed and retained on file to conform with Probus HQ requirements. A copy of the amended Constitution was subsequently forwarded to Probus Centre in Parramatta.

In May we were saddened by the death of Don McKinley but heartened to welcome Peter Knight, Bob Moxom, Lee Murrell and Peter De Gioia as new members during the year.

Having presented several evenings for the Manly public, exploring the wonders of Grand Opera at Manly Library, Warren Ogborne was invited to repeat his programme for the Club, and in February 2005 we enjoyed scenes from spectacular productions of operas at New York's Metropolitan Opera, La Scala Milan and the Australian Opera, with commentary from Warren to spice up the programme. But the year was filled with several other theatre outings ... "Saturday Night Fever" at the Lyric, "South Pacific" at the Theatre Royal, the "Wharf Review" at Glen Street, the Edinburgh Military Tattoo at Aussie Stadium and "Dirty Dancing" ... an interesting selection of varied entertainment.

Thanks to Barry Ryan and Mike Slatter, we dined out in style and enjoyed numerous enjoyable outings. On top of Reg's President's Gala Dinner at Balgowlah RSL, we had our Spring BBQ at Balgowlah Bowling Club, our Christmas Luncheon at Wakehurst Golf Club, with Santa Claus-John Panylyk distributing his presents, and our annual Picnic at Clontarf. All great occasions! And then there were outings to The Sands Hotel at Narrabeen, Fu Kwai Restaurant, Doyle's Winter Special at Circular Quay, the Lumani Seafood Restaurant, The Food School at Brookvale TAFE, Arrivedici Restaurant at Manly Vale, the Raj Indian Brassiere at Balgowlah, and our traditional \$2.50 Day at Woolwich Pub...and we took in some history on our "Love the Loo" excursion, guided by Mick Costello, who had previously taken us on our "Bound for Balmain" tour.

The range of topics from our Guest Speakers was also wide and varied... Gary Nash and his enthralling account of his parents' escape from Communist Russia in his book "The Tarasov Saga" ... Greg McTaggart's disclosure of the refurbishment of Sydney Opera House ... Reg Green's account of the "Trials & Tribulations of Mathew Flinders" ... Michelle Edwards's presentation of Cochlear implantation and the then leader of the State Opposition, John Brogden, with his dream for the future of NSW ... these were just a few of the excellent presentations organised for us by Phil Thompson.

Our golfers and bowlers continued to thrive and under John Daly's tireless leadership the Thursday morning bowls competition produced some great performances. Our golfers Ron Jones and Don Elliott had considerable success at Cromer, while David and Nina Millard, Jan Murrell and Neville Cleary had great rounds at Blackheath during our Blue Mountains Getaway in November.

The Computer Club continued successfully at Wakehurst Golf Club under the guidance of Dick Sansom and Barry Goddard while Max Smythe struggled to maintain his Bridge Group in the face of difficulties with a regular and suitable venue.

Our overseas trip this year was to Norfolk Island whilst our Getaways included The Ghan Red Centre & Top End Tour, the Blue Mountains and Nelsons Bay...

In August, Our Ghan Red Centre & Top End Tour took us to Alice Springs where we visited the historic Telegraph Station and Radio of the Air at the Royal Flying Doctor Service Base. From the Alice we visited Uluru and rose early to watch the sunrise as it illuminated and coloured the massive rock. Proceeding north en route to Darwin, we took a trip up Katherine Gorge... what a spectacle that was, and at Darwin we enjoyed a delightful sunset cruise. From there we travelled south into Kakadu National Park where we stayed at the Crocodile Hotel and ventured out into the Wetlands to cruise the Yellow Waters Billabong and East Alligator River, with their wonderful bird life and impressive crocodiles.

The Blue Mountains Getaway in November was centred at Blackheath where we enjoyed golf and the beautiful Rhododendron Gardens, ablaze with colour. Blackheath Golf Course is always a challenge and a delight to play on; David and Nina Millard, Jan Murrell and Neville Cleary found it especially so, turning in winning performances.

No-one should visit Norfolk Island without first reading Robert Hughes's book "The Fatal Shore." In it he gives a harrowing account of the brutal and inhumane treatment of the convicts shipped there from Port Jackson. When the Pitcairn Islanders who escaped from Bligh's Bounty first arrived, they were shocked by what they saw. The horrific conditions to which the convicts were subjected were all too apparent; the Pitcairners were so appalled that they took immediate steps to dismantle the gaol and its environs and build their beautiful houses at the Settlement in Kingston and the elegant Quality Row, with the stone from the former prison. Our tour in May took all this in but was enlivened by a night tour entitled "Wonderful by Night"... hosted by a hilarious "Bush Poet" who entertained us with the lighter side of life on the island.

So... true to his promise to provide us with a year of broader scope and a healthy mix of culture, our President was able to look back with satisfaction, having enjoyed his term of office to the full, knowing that his successor would inherit a trim ship in good sailing order.

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## THE PROBUS CLUB OF SEAFORTH INC.

This is a Notice of a Special General Meeting to be held concurrently with the January 2005 regular General Meeting at the Masonic Club ,Condamine Street Balgowlah on Tuesday 25 January 2005.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote for either agreement or objection to five proposed amendments to the Standard Probud Club Constitution and the Recommended By-laws.

The five proposed amendments are as follows :-

### **PROPOSAL 1** Standard Probud Club Constitution

Article V11 - Suscriptions - delete the words ' and other contributions '

The relevant clause states - ' Members of the club shall pay an annual subscription as provided in the by-laws . The subscription shall include such capitation and insurance fees and other Contributions as may be required by the Probud Centre - South Pacific Inc. '

### **PROPOSAL 2** Standard Probud Club Constitution

Article 111 - Membership (a) - remove the words ' sponsored by two members of the club and '

The relevant clause states - ' Applicants for membership , with the exception of foundation members , must be sponsored by two members of the Club and approved by the Management Committee. '

### **PROPOSAL 3** Standard Probud Club Constitution.

Article X - By -laws - replace the word ' may ' with the word ' shall '

The relevant clause states - ' The club shall adopt by-laws not inconsistent with this constitution , embodying additional provisions for the management of the club. Such by laws may be amended from time to time as provided therein. '

### **PROPOSAL 4** Recommended by-laws.

Article 11 - Membership (a) - replace the word ' fifty ' with the word ' seventy five '

The relevant clause states - ' membership of the club shall be contingent upon attendance at regular meetings of not less than fifty percent in any club year, subject to leave of absence..... '

### **PROPOSAL 5** Recommended by-laws.

Article VI - Meetings (d) - remove the words ' twenty five ' and replace with the word ' fifty '

The relevant clause states - ' Twenty five percent of the financial members of the club (being members entitled under these by-laws to vote at a general meeting ) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting. '

Activities (Coordinator Barry Ryan)  
(April 2004 – March 2005)

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 6 April | “The Last River Boat Postman”                               |
| 4 May   | Brookvale Food School – Pittwater Restaurant                |
| 15 May  | Norfolk Island Adventure                                    |
| 22 May  | -- -- --  |
| 9 June  | Doyle’s Winter Special – Circular Quay                      |
| 14 July | President’s Gala Dinner – Balgowlah RSL                     |
| 21 July | “Saturday Night Fever” – Lyric Theatre                      |
| 4 Aug   | “South Pacific” – Theatre Royal                             |
| 14 Aug  | The Ghan & Top Tour   |
| 21 Aug  | -- -- -- --   |
| 7 Sept  | Spring BBQ – North Balgowlah Bowling Club                   |
| 5 Oct   | “Love the Loo”  |
| 24 Oct  | The Wharf Review – Glen Street Theatre                      |
| 3 Nov   | Blue Mountains Getaway – Redleaf Restaurant – Blackheath    |
| 5 Nov   | -- -- -- -- --  |
| 6 Dec   | Probus Christmas Lunch                                      |
| 12 Jan  | “Dirty Dancing” – Theatre Royal                             |
| 18 Jan  | \$2.50 Day – Woolwich Pub                                   |
| 19 Jan  | Inspection – Pacific Princess – lunch & wines               |
| 3 Feb   | Edinburgh Military Tattoo – Aussie Stadium                  |
| 16 Feb  | “A Night at the Opera” with Warren Osborne at Manly Library |
| 28 Feb  | Annual Picnic   |
| 10 Mar  | Golf – Balgowlah  |



Golf Getaway – Redleaf Motel – Blackheath

Guest Speakers (Coordinator Phil Thompson)  
(April 2004 - March 2005)

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| April - 04 | John Barclay: "Bush Poet"  |
| May - 04   | Grey McTaggart: "Sydney Opera House Refurbishment"                         |
| June - 04  | John McGregor: "My Career in the NSW Police Force"                         |
| July - 04  | Reg Green: "Triumphs & Tribulations of Mathew Flinders"                    |
| Aug - 04   | Jenny Fisher: "Past, Present & Future of Sydney Water"                     |
| Sept - 04  | Mike Pawley: "The Power of Positive Thinking in Cricket"                   |
| Oct - 04   | Stephen Mathews: "The Australian Shareholders Association"                 |
| Nov - 04   | John Brogden: "Vision for the Future of NSW"                               |
| Jan - 05   | Michelle Edmonds: "Cochlear Implantation"                                  |
| Feb - 05   | Keith Keohane: "Australian Society of World War I Aeroplane<br>Historians" |
| Mar - 05   | Lt.Col.Ron Corcoran (Ret. US Army): "Theatres of War"                      |

**LUNCHEON CLUB** (Michael Slatter)

|          |                                       |
|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 30 April | Limani Seafood Restaurant – Narrabeen |
| 25 June  | Arrivedici Restaurant – North Manly   |
| 27 Aug   | Raj Restaurant – Balgowlah            |
| 29 Oct   | Fu Kwan Restaurant                    |
| 25 Feb   | The Sands Hotel                       |

## BRIDGE CLUB (Max Smythe)

- 21 April NS Terri & Max Smythe  
EW Helen Christensen & Judy Lee  
An invitation from the group to those interested in learning the rudiments of Bridge
- 20 May NS Helen Christensen & Judy Lee  
EW Meg & Ian Stevenson
- 30 June NS Nina & David Millard  
EW Jo & Don Elliott
- July Numbers down - illness & members on holidays overseas during northern hemisphere summer. Decision to suspend meetings & review in New Year.
- Aug Offer from Seaforth Bowling Club for us to meet there for Bridge on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month from 1-4pm. Interest to be sought from our players...see September report below.
- Sept Bridge at Seaforth Bowling Club as offered unsuitable. Manly Golf Club premises available again...hopeful of October meeting.
- Oct Meeting cancelled. Decision to suspend meetings & review in New Year.

## BOWLS CLUB (John Daly)

- April Social game planned with Manly Golf Club bowlers for May. From Eric Beattie of Seaforth Bowling Club - invitation to those interested in joining a 6 week bowling skills training course.
- May Social bowls at Manly Golf Club hugely successful. Manly team led by Geoff Cotton. Scores mostly even ...save for one group whole trebled the other scores! A return fixture is planned.
- June George Mitchell joined us this month but asked that we "just stand by in case I fall over." ..... When we saw how well he bowled we **nearly fell over**. And Norrie Cleary, coached by Jennifer, shows signs of becoming a pennant player.
- July With numbers increasing rapidly, we have now launched our Six Week Competition.

- Aug We now have 16 regular members bowling on Thursday morning plus 2 ladies ... Norrie Cleary & Elaine Daly...& our Six Week Competition is well under way.
- Sept We've just completed our 2<sup>nd</sup> Six Week Competition in which Neville Cleary just pipped Ernie Hickey to collect the cash prize & have his name inscribed on our trophy.
- Oct Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Six Week Competition was won by Ernie Hickey.
- Nov With 18 regular members + 2 ladies and the Dautrebands soon to join, our membership will swell to 22.
- Jan 05 We celebrated Xmas at the Cleary's home to round off the year & with the standard of our bowling now much improved, January saw the introduction of handicaps to make the competition more evenly contested. Currently being our top bowler, Neville Cleary starts the year on -2. Scores will progress by 1 point for each win.
- Feb 05 We now boast 4 lady members ... Norrie Cleary, Elaine Daly, Lois Ryan & Joan Goddard ... and we are extending an invitation to wives of past Probus members to join us.
- Mar 05 We're delighted to welcome Bob Moxom to the club ... and our last competition winner was Norrie Cleary.

#### GOLF CLUB ( Reg Tuxford & Tom Stee)

- 9 June 04 Mona Vale Golf Day  
 2 Best Ball Don & Jo Elliott  
 Mens' singles Don Elliott
- 8-11 Nov Blackheath Getaway - Redleaf Motel  
 Blackheath Golf Course ...  
 2 Best Ball David & Nina Millard  
 Mens' singles David Millard  
 Womens' singles Jan Murrell  
 Probus Shield David Millard
- Jan 05 Bruce Scott inducted into Hall of Fame in recognition of his contribution to development of Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation & his years as Foundation Director.
- Mar 05 Balgowlah Golf Club...7 Seaforth Probians & 7 Balgowlah members played on Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> ... results not published.

**COMPUTER CLUB (Dick Sansom)**  
assisted by Barry Goddard

Although we must find a new venue, Wakehurst Golf Club is still currently available to us & our meetings have continued through January, February, March & April with the same open format to encourage free ranging discussion of the many issues we encounter as computer users.

- 28 June 04 Keen interest in exploring interesting new websites.
- 2 July Good attendance of regulars & wives. Problem with scanner brought along by member fixed ... if you have problems with your equipment why not bring it along & see if we can help?!!
- 30 Aug Demonstration of "Flash Discs" by Bob Moxom ... great new technology.
- Sept Cancelled – conflict with Labour Day Week End & holidays.
- Oct Garratt's Ltd ... commercial firm directed by Neville Cleary, is to provide us with a new "Dell" 2.8 GHz desk top computer + all the bells & whistles ... Windows XP, MS Word, Excel et al ... we should take delivery in November.
- Nov Our new "Dell" has arrived & is internet linked thanks to Trevor Wallin... a great way to celebrate year's end & Xmas, especially with sandwiches provided by Louise Wakefield & a yummy pavlova from Jean Martin.

January, February & March saw us still enjoying the hospitality of Wakehurst Golf Club & pursuing our traditional open discussion format covering topics of interest.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2004 – 2005

Measured by any reasonable standards the Club has had a good year due largely to the enthusiastic efforts of my very capable Executive team. Our problems with venue now appear resolved and we are positioned to enjoy another very full and enjoyable year under our new President and his new team. In addition, we are in a sound financial position.

I purposefully acknowledge the individual contributions of each management team to the success of the year starting with Ken Carver, our Immediate Past President, both for his wise advice and for his personal example of leadership.

To Trevor Wallin, our Vice President, for his consistent, talented and thoughtful support as administrator and his experience as Editor of our Newsletter – assisted by Allan Doutreband – which must rank among the best within Probus. Ian Venn-Brown and Ric Clapp again efficiently arranged printing and distribution of each edition.

To David Millard for his excellent work as our Secretary, and for his wise council on the conduct of our affairs. To John Woods as Treasurer for soundly steering our financial affairs and giving personality to our Accounts. To Barry Ryan as Activity Coordinator for another brilliant year during which, assisted by Lois, he organised 29 separate successful social events for our Club. This must be a Probus record. Bob and Barry Goddard again expertly assisted Barry with bookings and cooking...

To Phil Thompson as Speaker Organiser, ably assisted during his illness by Neville Cleary, both for choice of speakers and especially for his refreshing humour at the start of our meetings.

To Warren Ogborne as Musical Director, for his delightful artistic contributions to Club life, especially for his poetry, which was a highlight of our year.

To Reg Tuxford as Golf Organiser, for his superbly organised golfing adventures during the year.

To Max Smythe who strived valiantly to maintain our regular programme of Bridge but was stymied by venue and related problems.

To John Daly, assisted by Ian Macmillan, as Bowls Coordinator, for a truly remarkable year during which bowls rose from being a minor to a major activity.

To Barry Goddard, Dick Sansom and Bob Moxom for a great team effort to continue and innovate our Computer Group; and to Neville Cleary for the donation of new computer to facilitate work within the Group.

To Ian Venn-Brown as Welfare Officer, for conscientiously following and reporting on the health and welfare of our members.

To Ian Macmillan as Registrar, ably assisted by Noel Hars, for accurately recording our attendance; to Ian for his contributions to Club humour and to both Ian and Kevin Carr for their important contributions to our dinners.

To Michael Slatter as Lunch Club Coordinator for once again organising many gastronomic delights throughout the year and to Ron Ford for acting as our Historian. And last but not least, to Michael Lee for again acting as Auditor.

The year for me was an enjoyable challenge made easier by the assistance and conviviality of our team. I have tried to innovate to provide a wider field of activities, in particular, to make our individual programme more inclusive for our families. The reception at these new events was most gratifying. The possibility of adding a musical component to our annual programme is, for me, a pleasing possibility.

Thank you for the honour of being your 14<sup>th</sup> President and for the support I have received throughout the year. I wish our incoming President and his management team every success and personal enjoyment in the year ahead.

Reg Whiteley.



Barry & Lois Ryan honoured for their years of service to Seaforth Probus Club

## Year 15

(April 2005 – March 2006)

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| President                                  | Trevor Wallin                              |
| Vice President                             | Reg Tuxford                                |
| Immediate Past President                   | Reg Whiteley                               |
| Treasurer                                  | Neville Cleary                             |
| Assistant Treasurer                        | Kevin Zender                               |
| Coordinator Guest Speakers                 | Rudi Hochstetter                           |
| Activities Coordinator &<br>Assistants ... | Barry Ryan<br>Bob Goddard<br>Barry Goddard |
| Newsletter Editor                          | Allan Doutreband                           |

### Appointees

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| Auditor       | Michael Lee      |
| Historian     | Ron Ford         |
| Bowls         | Ian Macmillan    |
| ..            | Dick Higgins     |
| Golf          | Reg Tuxford      |
| ..            | Alec Wickenden   |
| ..            | Tom Stee         |
| Computer Club | Dick Sansom      |
| .. ..         | Barry Goddard    |
| .. ..         | Bob Moxam        |
| Fellowship    | Warren Ogborne   |
| Lunch Club    | Mike Slatter     |
| .. ..         | Kevin Carr       |
| Photographer  | Allan Doutreband |
| Registration  | Warren Bennetts  |
| ..            | Lee Murrell      |
| Functions     | Kevin Carr       |
| Welfare       | Ian Venn-Brown   |

- Bridge & Catering were dropped from our activities this year

As he commenced his year as our 15<sup>th</sup> President, Trevor Wallin made the astute observation that "being a President when you have a great organiser of social activities in Barry Ryan and a dedicated Vice President such as Reg Tuxford, the job of President was not going to be a difficult task"... and that "the secret of being calm and in control was to delegate."

From the outset, Trevor made a special point of encouraging participation in the Club's activities by our wives and partners ... "happy wives make for successful functions and a happier Club" ... and 2005 was certainly a happy year in which we saw a number of significant developments, the first being the introduction of the Past Presidents' Dinner. Trevor inaugurated this new event in order to show appreciation for the significant contribution these men have made and continue to make. In 2005, fifteen Foundation Members remain active among us ... George Mitchell, Barry Ryan, Doug Forsyth, Daryl Garnham, Doug Law, Bob Martin, Ross Christensen, John Daly, Bill de Meyrick, Roy Felan, John Panylyk, Bob Rowland, Dick Sansom and Tom Stee.

With the exception of Ken Carver's death in February 2006, the year provided us with a number of bonuses. Phil Thompson survived major heart surgery, Gordon James was awarded the OAM, and no less than nine new members were inducted ... Bruce Cormack, Bill James, Keith Anderson, Dennis Cowell, Graham Chalkley, Arthur Buchan, Ray Stallworthy, Gordon Hughes and Jim Macmillan ... and Ron Ford produced a splendid welcome magazine entitled "Seaforth Probus", with colour photos and brief profiles of committee members likely to be of interest to the newly inducted members.

The newly inaugurated Past Presidents' Dinner, Christmas Luncheon and Annual Picnic were happy events and our President's Gala Dinner at the Balgowlah RSL was favoured with entertainment provided by the Northern Beaches Men's Chorus, of which our own Warren Bennetts is a member...and our "Pig Drawing Competition" was won by Jenny O'Brien with "Piggy Goes to Market" & Carole Bennetts with "Saddleback Sow", while Yvonne Fisk, Michele Zender and Warren Osborne received an honourable mention for their efforts. Mind you, the judges wondered if the bulk of our fellow Probians knew what a pig looked like, judging from some of the entries they received.

We returned to Wakehurst Golf Club for our regular monthly meetings after a somewhat disruptive period at other venues. It was decided to express our gratitude by donating a trophy to the Club to be named the "Seaforth Probus Cup" to be contested yearly at a time yet to be announced.

The other major "in house" event was Rick Clapp's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. This was celebrated at our October meeting when Rick was provided with a birthday cake complete with candles and at a celebratory lunch at Wakehurst Golf Club following the meeting...and Warren Osborne penned a special tribute for the occasion ...

## Probus Celebration

### Ric Clapp's ... 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Cedric was a warrior, a Chief of War, whose name  
Translates for us today as ... "Ric"...and thus enshrines his fame.  
Of course the fame *our* Ric has earned is of a different kind,  
In World War II his expertise and dental skills combined  
To see no injured comrade would ever be consigned  
To suffer from disfigurement, from pain or loss of function,  
Dispatches praised his efforts as he, without compunction,  
Exposed himself to danger, applied his expertise,  
Relieving pain and suffering of countless casualties.

Enjoying good health in his ninetieth year,  
With family and friends he holds so dear,  
Ric's fun and games are far from finished,  
His lust for life quite undiminished;  
Ian tells me that you'll often see  
Him dabbling round at carpentry,  
And though reluctant at the start,  
I gather bowls has stole his heart,  
As weekly here you'll see him bend  
And seek to play yet one more end.

So Ric, your friends at Probus here  
Unite to raise a hearty cheer,  
To wish you happiness and health,  
With these, who gives a dam for wealth?!

Happy birthday Ric ... and many more to come ... Cheers ... Warren O.

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The golfers enjoyed a Seaforth Balgowlah Golf day and a challenging round at Moss Vale during our Getaway in the Southern Highlands ... and our bowlers continue to grow their numbers and compete vigorously while enjoying tremendous fellowship under Ian Macmillan and Dick Higgins's leadership ... while the Computer Club owes much to Dick Sansom, Bob Goddard and Bob Moxom for their tireless efforts in providing a series of stimulating and helpful programmes for members with widely varying computer skills and needs.

Theatre parties included "Witches of Eastwick", "The Producers" at the Lyric Theatre, the "Classical Spectacular" at the Sydney Entertainment Centre in July, "HMS Pinafore" & "Trial by Jury" and "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Opera House in October. Then in February 2007, Warren Ogborne presented another of his popular opera programmes entitled "Opera Magic" at the Manly Library, opening with the overture to Mozart's "Il Seraglio", which those travelling overseas for the Mozart 250th Anniversary celebrations hope to see at the Vienna State Opera.

Rudi Hochstetter arranged an excellent series of Guest Speakers for us. Notable among these was Ossie Taylor who recounted some of his experiences as a Police Prosecutor and his involvement with the Chandler/Bogle case and those of Bryant and Phillip Weston. And we were treated to enthralling presentations by Cecilia Inglis and her experience as a Sister of Mercy, Mark Lees and Care Flight, Tony Morgan and the assessment of the damage caused by Cyclone Tracy and the Newcastle Earthquake; by Hon. Mr. Justice David Lloyd with "The Ten Commandments - v - the Law", and Shirley Lucki and her Guide Dog, "Ethan." And Warren Ogborne made a spectacular power point presentation entitled "The History & Archaeology of Malta"... revealing the amazing stone age structures that predate the pyramids of ancient Egypt by 1000 years, and tracing the story of the Knights Hospitaller who treated injured crusaders returning from the crusades.

Nearer to home, we had our own "crusades" with a Getaway to Moss Vale in November that included a visit to the Police Academy at Goulburn and visits to Berrima and Bowral. Of course the highlight was the Tamworth Country Music Festival in January 2006. Here we were treated to a feast of folk dancing and bush poetry and relived the past with Col Joye and Judy Stone. But the main event for us was to be entertained at our hotel on the last night by none other than the legendary Smokey Dawson and his wife, aged 93 & 99 years respectively. They claimed this was to be their last public performance.

During the year we made our own brief excursion into music when Warren Ogborne tried unsuccessfully to introduce us to his Seaforth Probus Song, set to the tune of "He is an Englishman" from Gilbert & Sullivan's "HMS Pinafore." Despite several attempts to familiarise us with the tune, and despite providing members with a printed sheet of the words and accompanying our "singing" on the piano, it was decided to abandon the enterprise as a failure... "So like those who've gone before us,

We're proud we're Seaforth Probians" ... *but we can't sing  
for nuts !!!*

But we can enjoy ourselves when we go away together on our many trips and outings...and these were all pretty special...

There were the usual popular \$2.50 days at the Sienna-Mariana Restaurant at Woolloomooloo and the Gallery Café at Seaforth and Limani Seafood Restaurant at Narrabeen with the Luncheon Club ... "Songs on the Harbour" in June, "Christmas Aboard the Queen Mary" in August at the Waterview Restaurant Function Centre at Berowra Waters; an inspection of the Grace Hotel with lunch in August and a visit to the magnificent Hunter Valley Gardens in October, where the Roche family has established several spectacular rose gardens, each containing thousands of plants in Chinese, Japanese and European settings...Prior to that, we visited Floriade in Canberra in September, with a busy itinerary spread over three days, taking in Corbett Gardens, Cockington Green, Old Parliament House & the National Portrait Gallery, Parliament House, the National Gallery, the High Court, National Library, Questacom and the Australian War Museum.

So...what more was there to do in 2005-6 ... well, there were two wonderful trips overseas...to Tahiti & the Cook Islands and to South Africa.

In May, a group of some forty Probians had a wonderful time on the "Tahitian Princess" cruising through the Tahitian and Cook Islands...and in September, a large group flew out to South Africa for a tour entitled "World in One Country" which proved to be a rewarding experience, rich in historical and cultural significance, encapsulated in Warren Ogborne's poem, "Tshotsholoza," reproduced on the following page...



Seaforth Probians at Kruger National Park – South Africa

“Tshotsholoza”

Tshotshaloza ... our hosts in Cape Town sang,  
As greeting us in joyful voice, the rafters fairly rang.  
And free at last from countless years of brutal subjugation,  
Madiba they revere with awe, the Father of the Nation.  
In Robben Island's prison we saw each tiny cell  
Where he and his compatriots were sent to rot in hell.  
Apartheid, the obscenity that near destroyed the land,  
Is now disgraced, dismantled and rejected out of hand.  
But everywhere we travelled the shadow of its curse  
Still lingers in the poverty, the shanty towns... and worse...  
In private homes like fortresses with cruel electric fences,  
And walls bedecked with razor wire, ensuring their defences.  
But other sights enthralled us from Zambia to the Cape...  
The country's rugged mountains that left us all agape,  
And playful little children with happy smiling faces,  
A blend of many cultures and many different races;  
The craftsmen who, with simple tools, carved animals from stone,  
Their pleasure and their skill and pride... it really stood alone!  
And Cape Town's Table Mountain, a picture dressed in white,  
As clouds spilled from its summit, a truly awesome sight.  
The cable car we rode to the top on a quite precipitous climb,  
And there enjoyed the vista, a view that was sublime.  
We tasted wine at Swellendam, we dined each day like kings,  
We journeyed through the National Parks and saw some wondrous things;  
In Kruger and Hluhluwe our childhood dreams came true,  
As elephants and wilderbeast, giraffes and lions too...  
We spotted from our four by fours and marvelled at the sight,  
Of great majestic vultures and the ever present Kite...  
And antelope, and zebra, white rhinos and baboons,  
Whose antics and disdain for us proclaimed them as buffoons.  
Of course we had our problems and though we had no rain,  
Our outing was abandoned on the Outeniqua Choo Tjoe train.  
Our journey'd only just begun when we received a shock,  
The blessed engine coughed and died... a piston through the block.  
So out we trundled one by one and back along the track,  
We trudged along the sleepers, with cameras, coats and pack.  
We also had a coach that died near Durban ... but survived,  
As Anne our guide soon took control and promptly she contrived,  
To have another coach dispatched and on our way we went,  
Refreshed, revived with wheels restored and perfectly content.  
Our final stay at Livingstone was quiet, relaxed and easy,  
And sunset saw us cruising on the beautiful Zambezi.  
With wonderful companions our journey was a pleasure,  
The sights we saw, the fun we shared, are things we'll always treasure.

Warren Ogborne

Activities (Coordinator Barry Ryan)  
(April 2005 – March 2006)

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 5 April | Port Hacking Cruise                                   |
| 1 May   | “Witches of Eastwick” – Willoughby Music Society      |
| 3 May   | \$2.50 Day – Woolloomooloo                            |
| 15 May  | Tahiti & Cook Islands – Tahitian Princess Cruise      |
| 27 May  | -- -- -- -- -- --                                     |
| 8 June  | Songs of the Harbour – Captain Cook Cruise            |
| 22 June | “The Producers” – Lyric Theatre                       |
| 6 July  | President’s Gala Dinner – Balgowlah RSL               |
| 17 July | “Classical Spectacular” – Sydney Entertainment Centre |
| 16 Aug  | Grace Hotel   |
| 29 Aug  | Spring BBQ – North Balgowlah Bowling Club             |
| 7 Sept  | South Africa – “World in One Country” – Tour          |
| 9 Sept  | -- -- -- -- -- --                                     |
| 16 Sept | Golf - Balgowlah                                      |
| 8 Oct   | “HMS Pinafore” & “Trial by Jury” – Opera House        |
| 2 Nov   | “Fiddler on the Roof” – Capitol Theatre               |
| 7 Nov   | Moss Vale Getaway ... including tour of ...           |
| 8 Nov   | -- -- -- Bowral, Berrima, Goulburn Police Academy     |
| 9 Nov   | -- -- --  |
| 12 Dec  | Christmas Lunch                                       |
| 20 Jan  | Tamworth Country Music Festival                       |
| 25 Jan  | -- -- -- --   |
| 15 Feb  | “Opera Magic” – with Warren Ogborne at Manly Library  |
| 6 Mar   | Annual Picnic – Clontarf                              |
| 9 Mar   | Golf Day – Manly                                      |



All smiles on the Port Hacking Cruise

**Guest Speakers (Coordinator Rudi Hochstetter)**  
**(April 2005 – March 2006)**

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| April - 05 | Ossie Taylor: "Twenty Five Years as a Police Prosecutor"         |
| May - 05   | Warren Osborne: "The History & Archaeology of Malta"             |
| June - 05  | Cecilia Inglis: "An Ex-Nun's Extraordinary Journey"              |
| July - 05  | Tony Morgan: "Loss Adjustment Following Disaster"                |
| Aug - 05   | Mark Lees: "The Work of Care Flight"                             |
| Sept - 05  | Bernie Kestel: "Kairos Ministry in Long Bay & Silverwater Gaols" |
| Oct - 05   | Glen Jobson: "Astronomy... What's Out There?"                    |
| Nov - 05   | Mr. Justice Lloyd: "The Ten Commandments -v- the Law"            |
| Jan - 06   | Brett Tremlett: "Healthy Living"                                 |
| Feb - 05   | Shirley Lucki: "My Guide Dog & Me"                               |
| Mar - 06   | Graham Loughlan: "Data Dot Technology"                           |

**LUNCHEON CLUB (Michael Slatter)**

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| 29 April | Limani Seafood Restaurant – Narrabeen |
| 1 July   | Flower Power Restaurant               |
| 17 Aug   | Gallery Café                          |
| 11 Nov   | La Dolce Vita Restaurant – Manly      |
| 10 Feb   | Blowfish Restaurant                   |
| 31 Mar   | View Restaurant – Collaroy Beach Club |

**BOWLS CLUB ( Ian Macmillan )**  
assisted by Dick Higgins

“It’s better to be on the green than under it.”

- April Dick Sansom is leading our current competition ...
- May ... and ended the current series by winning the trophy.  
We’re back to full strength with the return of our fellow members from their trip to Tahiti.
- June New six week competition under way ...
- July Tom Stee defeated Rick Clapp to take out the current competition... he tells us we’ll have to prize the trophy from his grasp with a shoe horn.
- Aug Reg Whiteley was our run-away competition winner this month ... and after much effort, we succeeded in extricating the trophy from Tom Stee.
- Sept We welcomed Betty & Dick Higgins to the group this month and Betty looks a real prospect for the trophy. It’s a struggle between the “Oldies” & the “Newies.”
- Oct Well, we said so didn’t we? Betty Higgins has her name on the trophy after winning the competition at her first attempt. The competition will now run in ten week cycles instead of its former six and the Perpetual Trophy Seaforth Probus Club presented to Seaforth Bowling Club in gratitude for its help and support during the past year, is now to be dedicated to a challenge match entitled “Aussies –v- The Poms” to be held annually at the bowling club between two scratch teams drawn from their respective members.
- Nov Ric Clapp currently leads our present competition & “Aussies –v- “The Poms” challenge was played between two teams of forty eight bowlers on the afternoon of 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. The trophy was presented to the winning team by Trevor Wallin but who was the winner?...the name of the winning team was not recorded in our newsletter.
- Jan 06 Well...Ric Clapp really dished it up to us this month, winning 7/10 games thereby setting a record. Unfortunately his stupendous win has attracted the attention of our handicapper & it is doubted whether Ric is likely to win again for quite some time.

- Feb 06      Congratulations to Ernie Hickey & his partner, Eric Bolton, on winning the Handicap Pairs at Seaforth Bowling Club this month. And it has been decided to rename the match for the Perpetual Trophy ... "Aussies -v- The Rest of the World". The teams will be cobbled up from Probians & members of Seaforth Bowling Club wishing to participate. This month we welcomed Helen Christensen & Jo Elliott to our midst ... & Ross Christensen currently leads the competition.
- Mar 06      Peter De Gioia joined us this month, though his bowling commitments elsewhere are likely to make him an occasional bowler with the club. And John Rose got home "by a nose" to take out the current competition... and attract the handicapper's attention. Kevin Carr and Ron Jones are showing promise and could well be among the winners before long.

**GOLF CLUB (Reg Tuxford)**  
assisted by Alec Wickenden

Our Newsletters contain sparse details of the club's golfing activities during 2005-6.

It was proposed that an Annual Golf Day be scheduled between Balgowlah Golf Club & Seaforth Probus golfers, hopefully to be inaugurated on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2005, but our newsletters make no further mention of this throughout the year.

Similarly, a Getaway was planned for Moss Vale during the year at Dormie House from 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> November. Presumably this was achieved but no record of any golf results were recorded.

- Feb 06      Alec Wickenden proposed a golf day at Manly Golf Club between Seaforth & Balgowlah Probus clubs, possibly to be held in March 2006.

A Golfing Getaway was proposed for September 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> 2006 at Port Macquarie ... accommodation at the Country Comfort Motel.

Trevor Wallin & partner, Brad Cunningham, won the Balgowlah Aggregate Stableford Competition on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February... and Lee Murrell & Brian Fitzgerald won their 2BBB Stableford Event at Manly Golf Club on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

**COMPUTER CLUB ( Dick Sansom )**  
assisted by Barry Goddard & Bob Moxom

- April            We continue to meet in the boardroom at Wakehurst Golf Club. Numbers were down & in Barry Goddard's absence, Trevor Wallin assembled the equipment & had things working.
- May             Numbers down again, but time spent learning to use our newly purchased printer.
- June            Little to report
- July            Further exploration of use of digital cameras & our printer. Request for Trevor Wallin to conduct special session next meeting on Excel when we will also discuss various aspects of Broadband ... Cable, Unwired & ADSL.
- Aug            Trevor Wallin gave excellent presentation of Excel, its versatility & many applications. Request that we explore various aspect of Broadband at September meeting.
- Sept            Presentation by representative on "Unwired" & its advantages. Exploration of other aspects of Broadband...ie:- Cable, Unwired & ADSL.
- Oct            Meetings cancelled till January as alterations at Wakehurst Golf Club prevented us from connecting to internet.
- Jan 06        Connected to internet by wireless for the first time.
- Feb 06        Wakehurst Golf Club no longer available to us ... new venue being sought.
- Mar 06        First meeting at new venue...Balgowlah Scout Hall in Pickworth Ave; Balgowlah. Wireless internet connection works particularly well here & we have access to kitchen, toilets & ample storage. A happy prospect.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2005 – 2006

Based on the many favourable comments heard during the year, I can confidently say the club has had another excellent year. We have built upon the great foundation set by our immediate Past President, Reg Whiteley, adding one or two activities but most importantly, implementing a programme inclusive of our wives/partners. Adding an extra picnic was a success as too was the truly remarkable number of people attending the 2005 Christmas Party.

We also recognized on numerous occasions throughout the year the important contribution made by our Life Members and Past Presidents. The Executive Committee decided to invite those members to a special dinner in their honour (at no cost to the Club) and that was an outstanding success.

The blend of long-term senior and junior members on the Executive Committee worked brilliantly; the seniors contributing from their experience and the others their enthusiasm and dedication to get their tasks done efficiently. I purposefully acknowledge the individual contributions of each of the Executive and the various Coordinators.

Firstly that of Reg Whiteley, our Immediate Past President, both for his wise advice, his contribution of new ideas and for his personal example of leadership.

To Reg Tuxford, our Vice President, for his consistent, diligent and enthusiastic support as administrator. Reg was always keen to ensure that everything was done to perfection, including the President's Dinner arrangements and Golf Getaways, both of which were an outstanding success. And Reg, along with Ian Macmillan, also supervised the introduction of eight new members, Bill James, Dennis Cowell, Bruce Cormack, Keith Anderson, Graham Chalkley, Arthur Buchan, Ray Stallworthy and Jim Macmillan.

To Neville Cleary, our Treasurer, for efficiently administering our financial affairs and contributing sound advice to the Executive Committee...and to Ian Macmillan for his tireless work as our Secretary and for his enthusiastic approach to everything he was asked to do. Under his leadership, the Bowls Group has continued to prosper and attract members.

To Barry Ryan, our Activities Coordinator, for another brilliant year during which, assisted by Lois, he organized 22 separate successful social events. These included five theatre outings, two \$2.50 days, two picnics and seven other trips, including Winter aboard the Queen Mary and the Port Hacking Cruise, two interstate visits and two overseas trips. Thanks Barry for a well balanced and interesting year. Bob and Barry Goddard again expertly assisted Barry with bookings at our meetings. In addition to Barry's activities there were two local golf days, four Lunch Club outings and our regular activities such as bowls and the monthly Computer Club meetings. A very comprehensive programme.

To Rudi Hochstetter, our Guest Speaker Coordinator, my sincere thanks for both the choice of speakers and the hard work in arranging for them to attend our meetings.

To Allan Douitreband and his wife Ella for their outstanding contribution to Club life through the excellent Newsletter. Allan was ably assisted by Tom Stee who arranged for the Newsletter distribution.

To Kevin Carr for his tireless work in organizing place cards for our major dinners and other functions; your work is greatly appreciated ... and to Bob Martin for his dedication to the task of Club Photographer.

To Warren Ogborne as Musical Director for his coordination of our Opera evening at Manly Library and for his celebration of our members' birthdays. His tireless efforts to introduce a Club Song (with the aid of the "Two Tenors") were commendable though unsuccessful.

To Dick Sansom, Barry Goddard and Bob Moxom for a great team effort stimulating our Computer Group and educating members and their partners in the use of computers and their interaction with digital cameras.

To Ian Venn-Brown as Welfare Officer for consistently following and reporting on the health and welfare of our members. Thankfully, more of our members have been in good health this year but quite a few have had a short stay in hospital.

To Warren Bennetts as Registrar, ably assisted by Lee Murrell, for accurately recording our attendance and arranging our morning tees.

To Michael Slatter as Lunch Club Coordinator for again organizing many gastronomic delights throughout the year and to Ron Ford who oversaw the introduction of a colour brochure introducing new members to the Committee and to the Coordinators of our various activities... and lastly to Michael Lee for again acting as our Auditor.

The success of our club continued because we had a very able Executive Committee that worked as a team. We had a brilliant line up of activities that were well supported by members and their partners. At the close of my Presidency, I urge all members to get involved outside our regular monthly meetings. The more you participate, the more enjoyment you will receive and most importantly, the more you will get to know and appreciate other members.

Thank you for the honour of being your 15<sup>th</sup> President and for the support I have received throughout the year. I wish our incoming President and his management team every success and personal enjoyment in the year ahead.

**Trevor Wallin**

## Membership List – Past & Present as at March 2006

F - Foundation Member  
L – Life Member

0 - Member at March 2006  
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|-----|-------------------------------|-----|--|
| F   | Mick Alcock                   | 0   | Bruce Fisk                                     |
|     | Owen Alvarez                  | 0   | Ron Ford                                       |
| 0   | Keith Anderson                | F 0 | Doug Forsythe (Act.Pres.93-94)<br>(Pres.94-95) |
| F   | Leon Barlow                   |     | Wal Frost                                      |
| 0   | Bryan Barnard                 |     | Ric Garden                                     |
|     | Len Beecroft                  | 0   | Darrell Garnham                                |
| 0   | Warren Bennetts               | F 0 | Peter Gibson                                   |
| 0   | Arthur Buchan                 | F 0 | John Glerum                                    |
| 0   | Doug Cameron                  | F   | Bob Goddard                                    |
|     | Barry Carroll                 | 0   | Barry Goddard                                  |
| 0   | Kevin Carr                    | 0   | Reg Green                                      |
| 0   | Ken Carver                    | 0   | Nicholas Guoth                                 |
| 0   | Nick Cassim                   | 0   | Bill Graham                                    |
| 0   | Graham Chalkley               |     | Raymond Gray                                   |
|     | Keith Chambers                | F   | Jim Hall                                       |
| T   | John Chester                  |     | Noel Harrs                                     |
| F 0 | Ross Christensen (Pres.99-00) | 0   | Ernie Hickey                                   |
| 0   | Ric Clapp                     | 0   | Dick Higgins                                   |
| F   | Ron Clayton                   | 0   | Rudi Hochstetter                               |
| 0   | Neville Cleary                | 0   | Harry Hooley                                   |
| 0   | Ron Colby                     | 0   | Jack Hughes                                    |
|     | Bruce Cook                    | F   | Gordon Hughes                                  |
| 0   | Bruce Cormack                 | 0   | John Hunt                                      |
| 0   | Geoff Cotton                  | 0   | David Innes (Part Pres.93)                     |
| 0   | Dennis Cowell                 | F   | Bill James                                     |
| F 0 | John Daly                     | 0   | Gordon James                                   |
| 0   | Allan Doutreband              | 0 T | Russ Jones                                     |
| 0   | Peter De Gioia                | 0   | Ron Jones                                      |
| F 0 | Bill de Meyrick               | 0   | Doug Law                                       |
| F 0 | Geoff Dobbie                  | F 0 | Pat Lees                                       |
|     | Ken Driver                    |     | Michael Lee                                    |
| 0   | John Eather                   | T   | Arthur Levy                                    |
| 0   | Merv Eyles                    | 0   | Pax Lindsay                                    |
|     | Bob Edwards                   | F 0 | Ted Lucas                                      |
| 0   | Don Elliott (Pres.98-99)      |     | Col Lutwych                                    |
| 0   | Rex Elvy                      |     | Ian Macmillan                                  |
| F   | Bob Emanuel                   | 0   | Jim Macmillan                                  |
| F T | Roy Felan                     | 0   |  |

Membership List - Past & Present  
as at March 2006

|       |                               |     |                               |
|-------|-------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| F 0   | Bob Martin (Pres.97-98)       | F   | Roy Sedman                    |
| F     | Doug Matheson                 | 0   | Tom Setright                  |
| 0     | Don Menzies                   | F   | Otto Schneider                |
| 0     | David Millard                 | 0   | Geoff Shattles                |
| 0     | Jim Milner                    | 0   | Michael Slatter               |
| F 0 L | George Mitchell (Pres.92-93)  | 0   | Max Smythe                    |
| 0     | Charles Montgomery            |     | John Snelling                 |
| 0     | Bob Moxom                     | F   | Cyril Solomon                 |
|       | Gordon Murray                 |     | Bill Spence                   |
| 0     | Don McKinley                  | 0   | Ray Stallworthy               |
| 0     | Max McVicar                   | 0   | Bruce Staples                 |
| 0     | Lee Murrell                   | F 0 | Tom Stee                      |
| 0     | Lister Nott                   | 0   | Ian Stevenson                 |
| F 0   | Ian O'Brien                   | 0   | Phil Thompson                 |
| 0     | Warren Ogborne (Pres.2008-09) |     | Jim Triglone                  |
| 0     | Peter Oliver                  | 0   | Reg Tuxford (Pres.2006-7)     |
| F 0   | Allister Paech (Pres.90-91)   | 0   | Ian Venn-Brown                |
| 0     | Trevor Palmer                 | F 0 | Tom Verbeek                   |
| F 0   | John Panylyk                  | 0   | Peter Wakefield (Pres.2001-2) |
| 0     | Ross Pogson                   | 0   | Trevor Wallin (Pres.2005-6)   |
| F     | Tom Purcell                   | F   | Bob West                      |
| 0     | John Rose                     | 0   | Richard Whipp (Pres.95-96)    |
| F T   | Bob Rowland                   | 0   | Reg Whiteley (Pres.2004-5)    |
| F O L | Barry Ryan                    | 0   | Alec Wickenden (Pres.96-7)    |
| F 0   | Dick Sansom                   | 0   | John Wippell                  |
| F 0   | Tony Sargent                  | 0   | John Woods                    |
| 0     | Bruce Scott                   | F   | Tom Young                     |
| 0 T   | John Scott                    | 0   | Kevin Zehnder                 |

In March 2006 there were 79 members including 4 TIMS

Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 January 2006

| Assets                         | 2006             | 2005             |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cash at Bank                   | \$3824.52        | \$3680.47        |
| Cash in Hand                   | 100.00           | 100.00           |
|                                | <u>\$3924.52</u> | <u>\$3780.47</u> |
| <br>Liabilities                |                  |                  |
| Advance Receipts               | \$680.65         | \$804.00         |
| Less disbursements             | 180.00           | 110.00           |
|                                | <u>\$ 500.65</u> | <u>\$ 694.00</u> |
|                                | <u>\$3423.87</u> | <u>\$3086.47</u> |
| <br>Balance brought forward    | \$3086.47        | \$3772.52        |
| Add Surplus (Deficit) for year | 337.40           | - 686.05         |
|                                | <u>\$3423.87</u> | <u>\$3086.47</u> |
| Members' Funds                 | \$3423.87        | \$3086.47        |

Signed N.T.Cleary (Hon Treasurer)

Auditor's Report

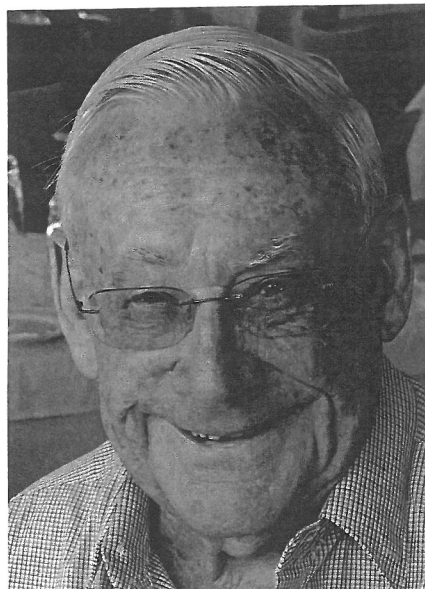
I have audited the above accounts comprising the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet of The Probus Club of Seaforth Inc for the year ended 31 January 2006. In my opinion the accounts present a true record and fair view of the state of affairs of The Probus Club of Seaforth Inc and the results for the year ended on that date.

Signed Michael Lee (Auditor)

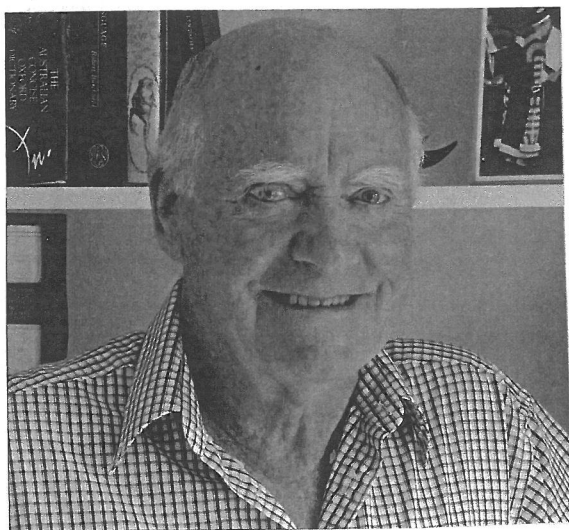
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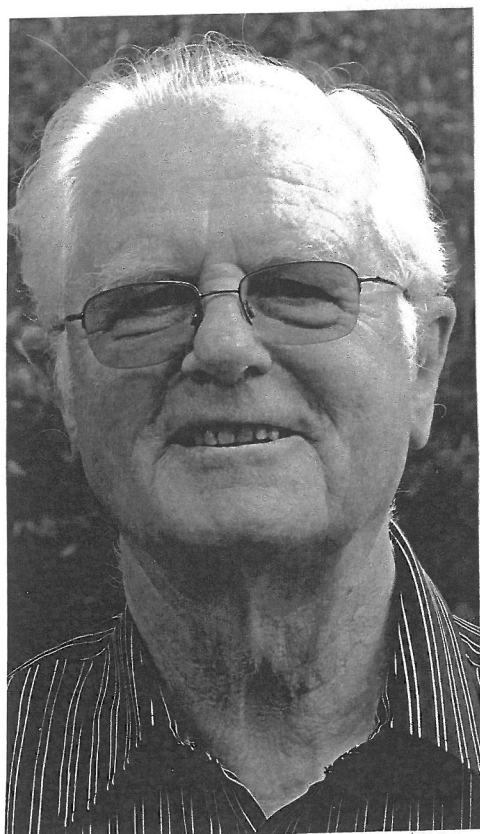
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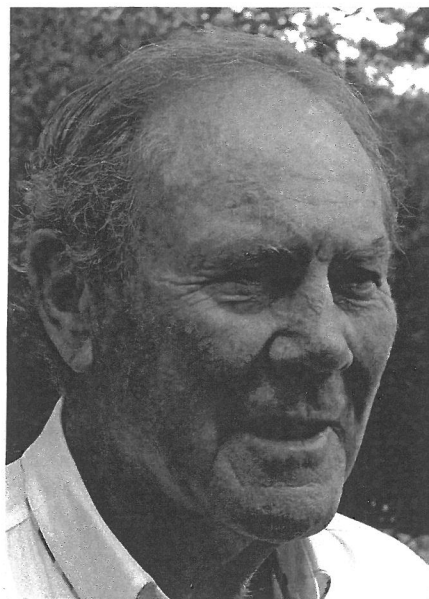
Neville Cleary



Warren Ogborne



Rudi Hochstetter



David Gulliford

## Year 16

(April 2006 – March 2007)

|                            |                  |
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| President                  | Reg Tuxford      |
| Vice President             | Neville Cleary   |
| Immediate Past President   | Trevor Wallin    |
| Treasurer                  | Reg Green        |
| Secretary                  | Graham Chalkley  |
| Coordinator Guest Speakers | Rudi Hochstetter |
| Activities Coordinator     | Barry Ryan       |
| Newsletter Editor          | Allan Doutreband |

### Appointees

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Auditor                 | Kevin Zehnder    |
| Historian               | Ron Ford         |
| Bowls                   | Ian Macmillan    |
| ..                      | Dick Higgins     |
| Golf                    | Alec Wickenden   |
| ..                      | Tom Stee         |
| Computer Club           | Dick Sansom      |
| .. ..                   | Barry Goddard    |
| .. ..                   | Bob Moxom        |
| Fellowship              | Warren Ogborne   |
| Lunch Club              | Mike Slatter     |
| Photographer            | Allan Doutreband |
| Newsletter Distribution | Tom Stee         |
| Registration            | Warren Bennetts  |
| ..                      | Lee Murrell      |
| Functions               | Kevin Carr       |
| Welfare                 | Ian Venn-Brown   |

Our 16<sup>th</sup> year at Seaforth Probus saw Reg Tuxford take the helm from outgoing President, Trevor Wallin, promising "a most enjoyable and fulfilling year." From the outset, Reg was impressed by what he called the "esprit de corps" of his colleagues and their willingness to step forward and take on the responsibility of coordinating our various activities. Little did he realise that within a year, he was to lose his beloved wife, June, and that in just four years he was to face surgery for the removal of an intracranial meningioma. With these challenges still over the horizon, Reg set about his task as our 16<sup>th</sup> President with great enthusiasm and gave us a wonderful year.

One of Reg's biggest challenges was Wakehurst Golf Club's withdrawal of its availability to us as our regular venue for the monthly meetings beyond December 2006. During January & February 2007, Reg arranged for us to meet at Balgowlah and Harbord Bowling clubs respectively, whilst exploring the possibility of holding our monthly meetings at either of these clubs or at Seaforth Bowling Club. The issue was decided by ballot following our AGM at Seaforth Bowling Club, where we were made most welcome and where we have enjoyed great hospitality ever since.

The year was enriched by a bevy of excellent guest speakers arranged by Rudi Hochstetter, most notable among whom were Geoff Osborne and his presentation on "Micro-Loans to South East Asia" and Lindy Hou, the visually impaired Para-Olympian who won gold, silver and bronze medals at the Athens Para-Olympics. Added to this were Gabby Thompson from the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, Bob Inkster on "Middle Eastern Organised Crime in NSW", James Bird on "Mercy Ships Australia", Norma Cantwell on "Road Safety for Seniors" and Geoff Falkenmire with his "Home Grown Bush Poetry."

The Computer Club had a particularly successful year, exploring the ramifications of digital photography and its enhancement through the computer, "Skype" in which Jean Martin's experience was invaluable, and the use of computers as an alternative to traditional telephone communication. The new venue at the Balgowlah Scout Hall proved to be a great success with a kitchen for the preparation of morning teas and extra storage space an added bonus.

We also shared some excellent outings and meals together. President Reg inaugurated his Fellowship lunches, held at Wakehurst Golf Club following our regular monthly meetings. We honoured our Past Presidents at the annual Past Presidents' Dinner, dined out at several excellent venues with Mike Slatter's Luncheon Club, had a great \$2.50 Day at the Sydney Rowing Club at Drummoyne and the traditional President's Gala Dinner and Christmas Luncheon at Wakehurst Golf Club and our annual Picnic at Clontarf.

The bowlers enjoyed a happy mixture of male and female players each Thursday morning at Seaforth Bowling Club, where Warren Ogborne joined the group and benefited from some expert coaching from Ron Piper, a Seaforth Bowling Club coach; and Reg Whiteley and Peter De Gioia generously assisted some of our other new members, coaching them in the rudiments of the game.

Our golfers also enjoyed a happy year, with Alec Wickenden winning the George Mitchell Trophy at the Port Macquarie Getaway while Geoff Cotton was elected a Life Member of Manly Golf Club.

The theatre attracted considerable support ... "Dusty" at the Lyric, "High Society" and "Kiss Me Kate" at the Willoughby Musical Society, "The Woman in Black" at the Theatre Royal, "Priscilla Queen of the Desert" and "Sea & Symphony for Seniors" at the Opera House with the SSO playing Beethoven's Leonore Overture and Grieg's Piano Concerto ... (which had Barry Ryan waxing poetic in our subsequent newsletter)... followed by a luncheon cruise on the harbour.

And we enjoyed a large number of outings and excursions too. These included tours of the Water Police Base at Balmain, NRMA Careflight and the College of Tourism and Management at North Head. Then there were the Kembla Grange races, our steam train trip to the Blue Mountains for Christmas in July, the BBQ at the Whippell's and the fascinating visit to the nearby aviary of exotic birds, a tour of the South Coast via the new Seacliff Bridge and our Port Macquarie Getaway in September with its cruise on the Camden Haven River and tour of the North Coast, North Brother and Comboyne mountains and Harrington Waters.

Our trips overseas were also pretty special. Vienna celebrated its 250<sup>th</sup> Mozart Anniversary with performances of several of his most famous operas, and Seaforth Probiants were there to join the festivities. They followed this with a Four Countries Cruise on the Danube on the "Amadeus Rhapsody". The other big event was the cruise on the Queen Mary II in February, when twelve Probiants sailed from Sydney to Dubai with all its extravagance and wonders. Some of our members made special preparation for this by having themselves fitted out in sartorial elegance with brand new dinner jackets tailored at Kelly Country. And somewhat closer to home, 19 Seaforth Probiants were joined by 18 Probiants from Mosman and 10 from Gosford, on a trip to Tasmania that took in the Dandenongs in Victoria aboard "Puffing Billy"... then Burnie, Stanley, Woolnorth, Cradle Mountain, Port Arthur and its penal settlement, and Wineglass Bay, where they were enthralled by pods of dolphins.

Two deaths caused us special sadness however ... Ray Stallworthy's wife, Sandra, and Roy Felan, whose exploits as a Sunderland pilot during World War II, scouring the English Channel for German U-Boats, were the stuff of legend.

But there was a lighter side to our activities. As Coordinator of Fellowship & Birthday Celebrations, Warren Ogborne, couched his profiles of each of the "birthday boys" in verse. These were collected by Reg Whitely, published in a booklet entitled "Profiles" and sold to interested members for \$5.00. One of those who really enjoyed his profile was Don Menzies, whose grandchildren apparently loved Warren's tribute to their grand father ... it read as follows ...

As his Rolls Royce Merlin engine rent the heavens with a powerful throb,  
Don Menzies gunned his Spitfire in pursuit of Herman Goering's mob.  
The Hienkles and the "Flying Bricks" no match for Menzies's cunning tricks,  
With dash and daring, skill and flare, it was the RAAF that ruled the air.  
But not content to call it quits and leave the Nazis to the Brits,  
Don packed his kit and headed east and once again he had a feast  
Of combat out in the Pacific where his exploits were terrific.  
Then after World War II was done, his dogfights and his battles won,  
Don sought a far less stressful life and raised a family with his wife,  
Gained prominence in engineering...and with qualities endearing,  
Won himself great golfing friends – and so this noble story ends.

In his last day in the job, Warren "versed" himself out of it with the following .....

For three years now I've stood up here  
Regaling you with birthday cheer;  
And though it's been a lot of fun,  
The time has come to cut and run.

My first year had me writing verse,  
Some humorous, some short and terse;  
And then I had you sing along  
And struggle with my Probian's Song.

This failed, but I refused to mope,  
And turned to Chinese horoscope.  
I hope that all of you enjoyed  
The various tricks that I employed.

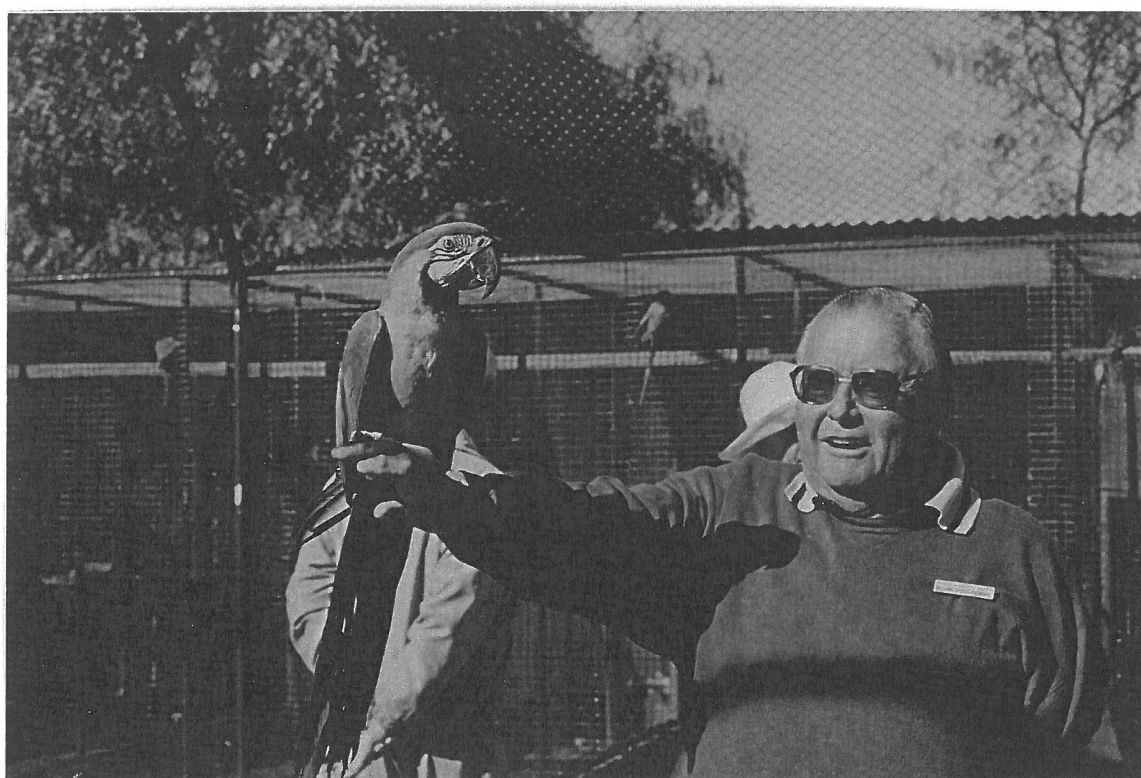
So Reg's promise of a happy year, spiced with interest and adventure, was handsomely fulfilled. His team on the Executive Committee worked with dedication and enthusiasm and from it two future presidents were to emerge.



Trevor Wallin hands the reins over to Reg Tuxford

Activities (Coordinator Barry Ryan)  
(April 2006 – March 2007)

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 5 April  | “Dusty” – Lyric Theatre                              |
| 13 April | Races – Kembla Grange                                |
| 26 April | College of Tourism & Management                      |
| 7 May    | “High Society” – Willoughby Musical Society          |
| 10 May   | Vienna Mozart 250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival |
| 2 June   | -- -- -- -- --                                       |
| 14 June  | NRMA Careflight & Childrens’ Hospital                |
| 5 July   | President’s Gala Dinner – Balgowlah RSL              |
| 12 July  | “The Woman in Black”                                 |
| 23 July  | Christmas in the Mountains                           |
| 25 July  | Fellowship Lunch at Wakehurst Golf Club              |
| 7 Aug    | Whippell’s BBQ                                       |
| 11 Aug   | -- --  |
| 5 Sept   | Tour of Water Police Base                            |
| 18 Sept  | Port Macquarie Getaway                               |
| 21 Sept  | -- -- --   |
| 20 Oct   | Symphony & the Sea                                   |
| 15 Nov   | South Coast Tour                                     |
| 19 Nov   | “Kiss Me Kate” – Willoughby Musical Society          |
| 22 Nov   | “Priscilla-Queen of the Desert”                      |
| 4 Dec    | Christmas Lunch                                      |
| 13 Jan   | Tasmanian Cruise – Pacific Princess                  |
| 21 Jan   | -- -- -- --  |
| 6 Feb    | \$2.50 Day – Sydney Rowing Club                      |
| 16 Feb   | Past Presidents’ Dinner                              |
| 20 Feb   | Queen Mary II – Cruise – Sydney to Dubai             |
| 5 Mar    | Annual Picnic  |



Allan Doutreband & “colourful bird” - Narromine



The "Master Chefs" in action



Seaforth Probus Annual Picnic - Clontarf

**Guest Speakers (Coordinator Rudi Hochstetter)  
(April 2006 – March 2007)**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| April - 06 | Norma Cantwell: "The Years Ahead – Road Safety for Seniors" |
| May - 06   | James Bird: "Mercy Ships Australia"                         |
| June - 06  | Bob Inkster: "Middle Eastern Organized Crime in NSW"        |
| July - 06  | Maj. Joyce Harmer: "An Angel in Court"                      |
| Aug - 06   | Gabby Thomson: "Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute"    |
| Sept - 06  | Sup. Deborah Wallace: "Work in the NSW Police Force"        |
| Oct - 06   | Geoff Osborne: "Micro Loans to South East Asia"             |
| Nov - 06   | Danielle Fisher: "Garvin Institute of Medical Research"     |
| Jan - 07   | Geoff Falkenmire: "Home Grown Poetry"                       |
| Feb - 07   | Lindy Hou: "The Career of a Visually Impaired Olympian"     |
| Mar - 07   | Prof. Max Howell: "What's Wrong with Rugby Today?"          |

**LUNCHEON CLUB (Michael Slatter)**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 30 June | Fu Kwai Restaurant                       |
| 25 Aug  | Deck 23 – lunch                          |
| 27 Oct  | Lemani Restaurant                        |
| 30 Mar  | Bella Largo Restaurant – Narrabeen Lakes |

**BOWLS CLUB ( Ian Macmillan )**  
assisted by Dick Higgins

“Grab life by the bowls” ... another gem from our Caledonian leader.

- April Helen Christensen & Jo Elliott are making progress with coaching from Jenny, the Seaforth Bowling Club womens' coach .....and Kevin Carr & Ron Jones continue to prosper under guidance from Reg Whiteley & Peter De Gioia.
- May Norrie Cleary looks good as the current competition progresses and Dick Higgins, AKA “Small Thumbs,” will take charge while Ian Macmillan is away for the next three months.
- June Yes, she's done it again. Norrie Cleary takes out the trophy and could well be aiming for a trifecta ... though she faces stiff competition from Bob Goddard & Ric Clapp.
- July Our wanderers overseas are trickling back & this month twenty bowlers turned up. Barry Ryan is on a roll but faces stiff competition from Tom Stee & Allan Doutreband, who scored a possible 8 on one end, *placing every one of each of their four bowls on the jack*. Their opponents were not amused!!
- Aug The current 10 game series was reduced to 9 games to accommodate absentee members at John Wippell's BBQ & the accompanying tour. The trophy was shared by “Nifty Nev” Cleary & “Big Yellow Bowls” Mitchell.
- Sept Our current top performers are Reg Whiteley, Lois Ryan & Betty Higgins-(of course Betty sleeps with the organizer)
- Oct “Big Yellow Bowls” continues to dominate the current competition just ahead of Reg Whiteley...despite being re-handicapped following his recent win.
- Nov Well...Reg Whiteley prevailed over “Big Yellow Bowls” to take the points and Ian Venn-Brown is looking good as the next 10 week competition gets under way.
- Dec John Daly was our trophy winner in December, a popular & deserving champ ... but with no less than four runners-up in Bob Moxom, Ian Venn-Brown, Neville Cleary & Betty Higgins. And twenty seven of us celebrated the end of our year's bowling with a festive lunch at Neville & Norrie Cleary's

Jan 07 "Age shall not weary them" Ric Clapp, on 7 points, has his nose in front as we launch into our first 2007 competition.

Feb / Mar But it was "Nifty Nev" Cleary, scoring a possible 10 points (starting from a scratch handicap of zero) who starred. And Warren Ogborne joined us fresh from three sessions of coaching by Ron Piper of Seaforth Bowling Club. Ron says he expects great things from his pupil.

**GOLF CLUB ( Alec Wickenden )**  
assisted by Tom Stee

April Port Macquarie booked from 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. for a Getaway & Probus Shield Golf Event

Aug Alec reminded us that Golf, that singularly Caledonian invention, has serious masculine connotations ... Gentlemen  
Only  
Ladies  
Forbidden ... whoops ?!!

Sept That said... Alec turned it on this month & won the Probus Shield Event at Port Macquarie.

Feb 07 Congratulations to Geoff Cotton on being elected a Life Member of Manly Golf Club. Geoff's grandmother's 2<sup>nd</sup> husband, G.J. Wilkinson, founded the club and is honoured by a prestigious trophy named after him.

**COMPUTER CLUB ( Dick Sansom )**  
assisted by Bob Moxom & Barry Goddard

April We are now settled nicely into our new premises at the Balgowlah Scout Hall with "all systems go" ... and welcome input from all attending.

May With a number of computer enthusiasts away in Europe this month, it was decided to postpone our next meeting by a week so as to accommodate them.

- June We viewed a photograph & presentation in the 1954 edition of Popular Mechanics magazine displaying its concept of the possible home computer of 2004. It occupied an entire room with gadgets covering one wall. The editor's opinion was that it would probably "not be economically feasible for the average home." ... (see our June 2006 Newsletter for photo)
- July Interest this month was in the use of the computer as an alternative to traditional telephone communication.
- Aug Our computer contracted a virus & required formatting of the hard drive & reinstalling all the operational programmes. This was done successfully & was a good exercise in "running repairs" & "trouble shooting" for us all.
- Sept Interesting discussion re "Skype" – which facilitates communication by enabling correspondents to see each other on their screen as they use the internet. It also saves considerable expense, reducing the cost of communicating between computer & telephone landline or mobile in Australia & abroad. Jean Martin, who uses Skype constantly, made a significant contribution to the discussion.
- Oct We have been fortunate in the past in being given much of our equipment by generous donors, but are now replacing our monitors using funds derived from our monthly attendance fees. We are very grateful to Barry Goddard who has enabled us to purchase these at very reasonable cost.
- Nov And so we are to celebrate year's end with a Xmas Bash in December...festive fare, following a short formal meeting. Our January meeting will be cancelled as members will be cruising abroad on the QM II. We will reconvene in February.
- Feb 07 With digital cameras a popular Xmas present ...we will encourage members to bring along their recent acquisitions & learn how to use them in conjunction with their computer.
- Mar John Wippill has suggested that we arrange for Mandy Pfeiffer from Photmax to address us re the organisation's service in scanning, organising, editing & sharing our digital photos. Photomax is now the fastest photo-sharing website in the USA. Don't miss this opportunity!!

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2006 – 2007

Due to the capable and enthusiastic Executive Team, Coordinators and other helpers, the year under review has proven to be a most successful one. During the year there were a significant number of events (both local and overseas) and in all 1,000 members attended the President's Dinner and the Xmas luncheon attracting in all 240 attendees and from all reports, the professional musical entertainers were well received and contributed to the conviviality and success of these functions. Special unique events were the 3801 train trip to the Blue Mountains and the visit to John Wippell's property at Narromine .... And two two fellowship luncheons were held ... both were well supported, with 80 members in attendance.

My thanks go to all the Past Presidents for their support and attendance at the various functions. A special acknowledgement to one of our Life Members, George Mitchell. Our other Life Member, Barry Ryan is notably mentioned elsewhere.

I wish to individually acknowledge the contributions as follows:-

Past President Trevor Wallin ... for his excellent support and guidance and for his "fill in" roles of Newsletter Editor and Secretary. A truly capable and dedicated operative.

Vice President Neville Cleary ... for his capable and enthusiastic support role, particularly in organizing our major social functions, the successful race day, and handling this year's picnic in the absence of Barry Ryan overseas. He and Graham Chalkley supervised the introduction of two new members, Gordon Hughes and David Gulliford.... and Graham Chalkley also adapted readily and diligently to his important function as Secretary, which he performed so well.

Treasurer Reg Green ... has performed capably and diligently in this demanding role. He also contributed with many innovative ideas.

Activities Coordinator, Barry Ryan ... Assisted by his wife, Lois. Barry, with his great organizing ability, excelled in arranging both local and overseas events for us. ... *A Club evergreen.*

Newsletter Editor & Photographer, Allan Doutreband ... both able and innovative, has produced a most colourful and informative Newsletter, probably not excelled by any other Probus Club.

Guest Speaker Coordinator – Rudi Hochstetter ... has distinguished himself in this role introducing some wonderful speakers.

Dick Sansom, Barry Goddard & Bob Moxom ... the "Technical Trio" ... for their great work in assisting members with their computer and digital camera problems.

Bowls - Dick Higgins ... an amiable and capable organiser, has carried on the good work of John Daly and Ian Macmillan. Ian now assists Dick with this task.

Golf - Alec Wickenden ... Together with Barry Ryan, Alec organized a most successful golf day at Port Macquarie and two local golf days. Another great contribution from a Past President.

Phil Thompson for his humour and well presented jokes at the start of each meeting and Ian Venn-Brown for his great diligence and care reporting on the health and wellbeing of our members.

Kevin Zehnder has assumed the role of Auditor, taking over from Michael Lee, and has performed this exacting task with great credit ... and Ron Ford has created the most colourful productions, "bringing to life" the members and activities of the Club.

Warren Ogborne - Fellowship & Birthday Celebrations ... In his inimitable style, Warren has performed this role well and capably carried out the MC function at our two major social events ... and John Panylyk - "Santa Claus" at our Xmas Luncheon, always very much appreciated ... and Kevin Carr, well recognized and appreciated for arranging the place cards at these important functions.

Registrar & Assistant Registrar - Warren Bennetts and Lee Murrell... both cheerfully and diligently performed this "front line role." Special thanks to Warren who is relinquishing this role, for his musical and splendid overall contribution to the Club.

Lunch Club Coordinator - Michael Slatter ... Thanks Michael for your continued efforts and your willingness to carry on with luncheons on a quarterly basis.

Tom Stee - Newsletter distribution ... Thanks Tom for your tireless efforts in arranging the distribution of our Newsletters... and Bob and Barry Goddard for arranging bookings at our meetings and their general ready assistance when required.

In summary, thank you for the honour of being your 16<sup>th</sup> President and the support I have received during the year. I wish the incoming president and his Executive team every success in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely, Reg Tuxford.

## Year 17

(April 2007 – March 2008)

|                            |                  |
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| President                  | Neville Cleary   |
| Vice President             | Warren Ogborne   |
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| Welfare                 | Kevin Carr       |

As Neville Cleary assumed the role of Club President for our 17<sup>th</sup> year, he pledged to work hard to integrate our social, recreational and cultural activities with those of our Activities Coordinator ... working with our members, to ensure that we all enjoyed a balanced programme with events advertised well in advance so that we could plan our participation and make good use of our diaries. As the year unfolded, it became clear that he achieved his goal and was rewarded by seeing his fellow Probians enthusiastically involved in a wide range of the Club's activities.

Neville was also mindful of the club's aging membership and made special mention of the need to become proactive in the recruitment of new members. With members' ages averaging 80yrs, this was to become a priority, one taken up aggressively by succeeding Presidents, Warren Osborne, Rudi Hochstetter and David Gulliford and the formation of a Recruitment Sub-Committee in 2009 under the chairmanship of Ray Stallworthy.

The year boasted a great mixture of cultural and sporting activities with some wonderful getaways and travel adventures thrown in for good measure. These included a trip to Gloucester and Barrington Tops in April, the Kimberly Cruise on the "Oceanic Discoverer" from Darwin to Broome in July, a Winter Christmas "Murder Mystery Tour" to the Southern Highlands, a Golf-Bowls Getaway to Cowra in October and a cruise to New Zealand on the "Sun Princess" in February 2008 ... The Winter Christmas was spent at Ranelagh House at Robertson and included a visit to the Port Kembla Steel Works and a cruise on the Shoalhaven River ... and the Kimberly Cruise made numerous incursions into the spectacular inlets along the coast. The "Sun Princess" encountered the notorious rough seas around NZ which dampened the spirits of several of our number but the Cowra Getaway was more than adequate compensation ...

Neville and Norrie Cleary visited Cowra in advance and planned our getaway based on their reconnaissance with the result that the trip provided something of interest for everyone. The Bowling Club extended us the warmest hospitality and the golfers enjoyed themselves immensely with Richard Whipp, Jan Murrell and Gail Gray taking the honours. But there were three events that merit special mention ...

The Japanese Gardens at Cowra had us all engrossed the entire morning with their elegance and spacious layout and the way they were designed to reflect the Japanese countryside with Mount Fuji as the central focus... In Bathurst we visited the Fossil & Minerals Museum where the famous Sommerville Collection is housed; this was very special ... and on the way home, we were entertained at Abercrombie House, a magnificent Scottish Gothic granite residence outside Bathurst, built by the Stuart family and now owned by the Morgans. Magnificently furnished with priceless antiques and sporting several Carrara marble fireplaces, it was a spectacular setting for the scrumptious morning tea served to us by the family in the garden.

And then there were a number of more local outings ... including \$2.50 days ... Yum Cha at Zilvers in the Haymarket and our traditional lunch at Doyles at Watson's Bay ... and we made a special trip to Morrisset to celebrate Oktober Fest at Aunt Molleys.

Even closer to home were our President's Gala Dinner at Balgowlah RSL, the Seafood Night at Balgowlah Bowling Club, Christmas Luncheon at Wakehurst Golf Club and our Annual Picnic at Clontarf ... all great occasions. And Mike Slatter staged his final Lunch Club luncheon at the Terracotta Restaurant, having decided that the club was no longer viable or necessary in view of the plethora of activities now available to members. At a meeting later in the year, President Neville Cleary presented Mike with a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of wonderful service as Lunch Club Coordinator.

We made a number of incursions into the cultural world of the theatre too ... "Cats" staged by the Willoughby Musical Society, "Billy Elliott" at the Capitol Theatre, "Twilight at Taronga" featuring Tommy Tico and his orchestra playing music from the Swing Era, "Symphony & the Sea for Seniors" at the Opera House, where the SSO played Rachmaninoff's 2<sup>nd</sup> Symphony, conducted by Vladimir Ashkenazy...and we paid visits to NIDA and to North Head for an exhibition of the Royal Carriage built by Jim Frecklington.

Guest speakers during the year included Peter Wakefield, who spoke on "Mining Resources in Our Lucky Country" and Warren Ogborne, who traced the development of Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphs, illustrating his talk with photographs of their spectacular embellishment of the tombs of the pharaohs. And we had former Wallaby, Jim Boyce, speak to us on "The Photographic History of Warringah" and Graham Ascough on "Writing Your Life History." With a cruise on the Murray River planned for 2008, Michelle Jobbins gave us an illustrated presentation on the cruise & trip to Kangaroo Island, an excursion that proved to be a winner.

And not to be left out, our golfers and bowlers had a pretty eventful year. The Bowls Group continued to grow largely due to the patience and persistence of John Daly, whose dedication to the promotion of this activity has been remarkable. We now have a ten match competition in full swing with a handicap system designed to ensure "a level playing field" in which everyone has a chance of getting their name on the trophy. A "Gala Day", pitting the under 80s against the over 80s, saw Norrie Cleary and Warren Ogborne win the pairs ... and a fun day, entitled "Australia-v-The Rest of the World", held at Seaforth Bowling Club in January 2009, resulted in a win for the Ozzies. Mind you, there were some pretty bizarre participants ... Graham Chalkley came adorned as King Saud, resplendent in flowing robes, looking a bit like Lawrence of Arabia ... and he was dressed less extravagantly than several others whose names one dare not mention.

Not to be outdone, our golfers did us proud in February 2008 by inaugurating the David Millard Trophy in honour of our former member who did so much to foster golf at both Manly and Seaforth Probus Clubs. The Trophy is to be awarded to the winning team of a Nine Hole Stableford Individual Competition between the two clubs, to be played at Balgowlah Golf Course. The initial match was won by Manly with 14.6 Stableford points to our 13 ... a tight contest, with Trevor Wallin and Bob Martin our star performers. As might be expected, a rematch is keenly anticipated.

And the George Mitchell Shield was contested on May 31<sup>st</sup> at Manly Golf Club, Neville Cleary beating Geoff Cotton with 42 points, thereby winning the "Grand Slam" of both the golf and bowls trophies, while Patsy Higson defeated Shirley Wickenden in the ladies competition.

The deaths of Bob Rowland, Russ Jones, David Millard and John Woods ... and of Judy Pogson, Robin James and June Tuxford was another reminder of our own mortality and of the importance of living each day to the full, valuing the precious gift of life and the fellowship we share as Seaforth Probians.

After hosting our regular meeting for several years, Wakehurst Golf Club has been forced to withdraw its hospitality due to competing commercial pressures. Happily we are now comfortably ensconced at Seaforth Bowling Club where we have been made most welcome ... and much to his delight, Warren Osborne now has a piano at his disposal to accompany the singing as we wish our members a Happy Birthday... a happy note on which to end the year.

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Seaforth Probians "gastronomes" at Mike Slatter's Luncheon Club

**Activities (Coordinator Barry Ryan)  
(April 2007 – March 2008)**

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|----------|--|
| 16 April | Gloucester – Barrington Tops                 |
| 19 April | -- -- --                                     |
| 29 April | “Cats” – Willoughby Musical Society          |
| 3 May    | Hawkesbury Race Day                          |
| 15 May   | NIDA - Tour                                  |
| 31 May   | Golf Day – Manly                             |
| 5 June   | Winter Christmas – Ranelagh House            |
| 19 June  | \$2.50 Day – Yum Cha                         |
| 12 July  | Kimberly Cruise – Oceanic Discoverer         |
| 25 July  | -- -- --                                     |
| 7 Aug    | \$2.50 Day - Doyle’s – Watson’s Bay          |
| 22 Aug   | President’s Gala Dinner – Balgowlah RSL      |
| 7 Sept   | Seafood Night – North Balgowlah Bowling Club |
| 8 Oct    | Cowra Getaway                                |
| 11 Oct   | -- --  |
| 23 Oct   | Fellowship Lunch – Wakehurst Golf Club       |
| 9 Nov    | Symphony & the Sea                           |
| 3 Dec    | Christmas Lunch                              |
| 7 Dec    | Golf Day – Balgowlah                         |
| 19 Dec   | “Billy Elliott” – Capitol Theatre            |
| 25 Jan   | Royal Carriage Exhibition – North Head       |
| 19 Feb   | NZ Cruise – Sun Princess                     |
| 24 Feb   | -- -- --                                     |
| 29 Feb   | David Millard Golf Day                       |
| 3 Mar    | Annual Picnic                                |
| 14 Mar   | Twilight at Taronga – Music of the Swing Era |

**LUNCHEON CLUB (Michael Slatter)**

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| 29 June | Terra Cotta Restaurant |
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It was decided to abandon the Luncheon Club at this stage as support had diminished and alternative options had begun to intrude on the programme.



Seaforth Probus bowlers enjoy great fellowship

Oct 8  
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 Cowis Getaway  
 Symphony & the Sea  
 Christmas Lunch  
 Golf Day - Balgowlah  
 "Billy Elliot" Central Theatre



Jim Frecklington's Royal Coach - North Head

**BOWLS CLUB ( Dick Higgins )**  
assisted by Ian Macmillan

- April Our first "Gala Day" ... 20 bowlers ... the over 80s -v- the under 80s; 10 of each group contested the event with the "youngsters" winning the day. Warren Ogborne & Norrie Cleary were the winning pair. It was Warren's first game; it looks like Ron Piper's prediction could be "on the money." We celebrated with a BBQ under Neville Cleary's direction & delicious salads provided by Norrie Cleary, Ella Doutreband & Betty Higgins, while Elaine Daly spoiled us with a yummy Carrot Cake.....a great day!!
- May Members were down due to the Barrington Tops Getaway & inclement weather didn't help either. The field is evenly poised ...
- June Would you believe it? Norrie cleaned us up again, pipping Ernie Hickey on the post with newcomer, Lee Murrell, a gallant challenger.
- July Not to be outdone, Jan Murrell is pressing for honours, with Warren Ogborne snapping at her heels...and John Rose is back with us again & pressing hard.
- Aug "Great Big Yellow" is at it again, pushing hard; but Jan Murrell proved to be too strong, winning with a score of 8/10 from Tom Stee & Ian Macmillan, both on 7/10. And a Golf-Bowls Getaway at Cowra is planned for October.
- Sept Ian Macmillan, our "Master Caledonian Bowler," is our new champ and Graham Chalkley has won The Seaforth Bowling Club Minor Singles title with a score of 30:12. Congratulations!
- Oct John Rose & Kevin Carr returned to the fold after a period of illness. Eleven bowlers will play at Cowra & points scored there and at Seaforth by those remaining, will count towards our current competition aggregate.
- Nov Living up to Ron Piper's expectations, Warren Ogborne won this month's championship with a score of 7/10 ... an event noted by our handicapper.
- Dec / Jan Elaine Daly's name now graces our trophy, following a good win this month. We celebrated year's end with a BBQ attended by 34 bowlers and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January will see 'The Aussies -v- The Rest of the World' do battle again.

- Jan The big event was quite an occasion... Graham Chalkley came adorned as King Saud, resplendent in his robes, while others vied for attention decked out in a bizarre array of dress. The Aussies won a 21 end game in fine style.
- Feb With 22 bowlers on the rink last week, we were pleased to welcome Reg Tuxford back and "Age Shall Not Weary Them" Ric Clapp is currently leading the pack.
- Mar Tom Stee has overtaken Ric as our current leader so a keen contest is under way. We are now averaging a weekly attendance of between 18 & 20 bowlers .... "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow."

**GOLF CLUB ( Alec Wickenden )**  
assisted by Tom Stee

- April The golf day planned for Cromer was cancelled but Alec is organising a golf day at Manly Golf Club, hopefully on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- May Sixteen players teed off at Manly Golf Club on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> as planned, and eighteen of us enjoyed lunch together following the round.
- Neville Cleary, with 42 Stableford points, beat Geoff Cotton; & Patsy Higson accounted for Shirley Wickenden in the womens. As the mens' event was for the Probus Shield, Neville achieved a Grand Slam... winning both the Shield & the current Probus Bowls trophy.
- Sept The Cowra Golf – Bowls Getaway is organised for Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>. The Cowra Golf Course is reputed to be "the best course west of the Blue Mountains" so we look forward to something special.
- Oct Richard Whipp won the Shield event with Trevor Wallin a close 2<sup>nd</sup> & Jan Murrell and Gail Gray tied for honours in the womens' event. And congratulations to Bruce Scott & his partner, winners of the recent Manly Golf Club 4 BBB event with 51 Stableford points.
- Dec/Jan 08 Golf at Balgowlah Golf Club. Eleven starters... Alec Wickenden the winner... but due for a hip replacement on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately the scores were "lost in the euphoria of the occasion."

Feb 08 On 29<sup>th</sup> February the "David Millard Golf Day" was inaugurated to honour David & his tremendous contribution to golf at Seaforth Probus Club. It will be played annually at Balgowlah Golf Club as a Nine Hole Stableford Individual Competition between Manly & Seaforth Probus Clubs.

Mar 08 The David Millard Trophy was donated anonymously. The match was played as a team event with the average scores for the nine holes of each player aggregated. Manly Probus won with a 14.6 Stableford point average from Seaforth with an average of 13.

Individual winners were... Trevor Wallin (Seaforth) & Doug Stockwell (Manly) with 19 Stableford points and Bob Martin (Seaforth) & David Keating (Manly) with 18 Stableford points.

And finally... congratulations to Bill James on his hole in one on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at Manly Golf Course using a 3 wood. Years ago, as a young man, Bill achieved the same result but only had to use a 6 iron. Ahh... the ravages of time!!

**COMPUTER CLUB ( Dick Sansom )**  
assisted by Barry Goddard & Bob Moxom

April Mandy Pfeiffer addressed 17 enthusiasts re Photomax & what it has to offer digital photographers. A highly informative & exciting session!

May – Sept Our activities were mainly devoted to experience with the marriage of computer technology and digital photography. In July this involved sharing the use of scanners & various personal computer accessories.

Oct Meeting cancelled due to Dick's absence overseas & the Cowra Getaway.

Dec Xmas Festivities ... brief meeting, again featuring digital photography, followed by the enjoyment of goodies. We meet again in February 2008.

Feb 08 It was decided to close the Computer Club as it has served its purpose in equipping members with a surfeit of useful information & a wide range of computer skills. We now have various items of equipment available to members at bargain prices. Our sincere thanks to our coordinators over these past few years... Trevor Wallin, Dick Sansom, Barry Goddard & Bob Moxom, without whom none of this would have been possible.

**Guest Speakers (Coordinator Rudi Hochstetter)**  
**(April 2007 – March 2008)**

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| April - 07 | Jim Boyce: "The Pictorial History of Warringah"   |
| May - 07   | Roz Baker: "Getting Yourself Published"   |
| June - 07  | Warren Osborne: "Ancient Egyptian Hieroglyphs"  |
| July - 07  | Graham Ascough: "How to Write Your Life History"  |
| Aug - 07   | Leonard Werner: "Scoundrels & Scallywags Down Under"  |
| Sept - 07  | Michelle Jobbins: "Murray River Cruise & SA Highlights"   |
| Oct - 07   | John Cordner: "The World of Football"   |
| Nov - 07   | Sr. Annette Baldwin: "Outreach Programme of the Sydney Adventist Hospital, Wahroonga, in the Asia Pacific Region" |
| Jan - 08   | Peter Wakefield: "Mining Resources in Our Lucky Country"  |
| Feb - 08   | John Ives: "The Last Flight ... Australia to the UK"  |
| Mar - 08   | Sarah Neal: "Green Peace and the Whales"  |



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*Seaforth Probians & partners, onboard 'Sun Princess'*

## **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT**



Based on the number of reports I have received, it would appear that members of Seaforth Probus Club share my opinion that we have enjoyed another successful year. This is thanks to the outstanding work performed by both the Executive Committee and all of the various people who have shared in the work of coordinating our various activities together with the strong participation of our members.

Unfortunately, the year was saddened by the passing of four of our esteemed members, John Woods, Bob Rowland, Russ Jones, and David Millard and the loss of Judy Pogson and June, wife of ex-president Reg Tuxford. We have had the opportunity of expressing our sincere condolences to their loved ones and wish to assure them that they will always be remembered.

As mentioned earlier, Seaforth Probus is possibly unique in the number of members who are involved, week-in week-out, in arranging and managing the club's programs. Approximately one third of our members are either involved in committee work, or in arranging and co-ordinating the

impressive range of activities, we all enjoy. You all know who these people are and there is no need for me to list them all.

However, on your behalf, I have despatched a letter to all concerned, congratulating them on their achievements and thanking them for their efforts. I sincerely doubt if any Probus Club has a more effective team.

During the year, we have enjoyed an impressive range of guest speakers, some wonderful days out with enjoyable lunches included. There have been trips to the countryside to Gloucester and Cowra, which included some golf and bowls as well. For those who went, the cruise to the Kimberleys was superb and more recently, the "Sun Princess" took 36 of us to New Zealand. If you are a golfer (poor soul), you enjoyed a round at Manly, Balgowlah and Cowra golf clubs and for bowlers there was our weekly tournament and social get-together on Thursdays at Seaforth Bowling Club.

For the computer illiterates, the computer group helped to solve your problems and it reached the stage later in the year when the need ceased to exist.

The gala events, at least in terms of numbers who attended, were the President's Dinner, the Christmas Party and the annual picnic at Clontarf Reserve.

A very impressive and enjoyable overall program, capable of satisfying all of our members.

Notwithstanding our losses mentioned earlier, we have managed to retain our numbers and we welcomed during the year John Higson, Richard Minett and Terry McKay to the fold. We wish them a satisfying time with the club.

The year started with a shock with the decision of Wakehurst Golf Club to withdraw their offer of hospitality for our monthly meetings but after a period of considering alternatives, the members made a decision to accept an offer from the Seaforth Bowling Club. I am of the opinion that the decision of members has been vindicated and the bowling club has made us very welcome.

**The future.** From our own experience and reports received from other local Probus clubs, it is obvious that we have a significant challenge ahead to maintain the momentum of past years. The average age of our membership is now approaching 80 and although this is inevitable, it carries with it the reality there will be fewer members who are either willing or capable of carrying out the 25 or so positions our club currently requires. To date, we have been fortunate enough to have been able to attract new members who will greatly assist with this challenge. Other clubs have reported to me that there is a perception that Probus Clubs have become "old peoples clubs" which in our case is far from the truth if enthusiasm and participation is the criteria.

There will be a need for future executive committees to formulate and implement an effective recruitment program to meet this challenge. Simply inviting our friends, who may be of similar age to ourselves, may not be the answer.

On this same point, it is a fact that we sometimes lose the skills and experience we already have through the inadequate use of our existing resources. I refer here to the undoubted talents of past Presidents who, after their term of office, tend to "sink from view". I am certain that all of them would welcome a plan to bring their talents to the fore again!

In concluding, I again thank the Executive committee, all co-ordinators for their efforts and all members for their support during the year and wish the incoming President the best of luck during his tenure of office.

It has been an honour to have served as your 17<sup>th</sup> President.

**NEVILLE CLEARY.**  
25 MARCH 2008.

***Please note the Club's Financial Statements are on page 6. It may be necessary to left click once on this page to see them. (Ed.)***

## Year 18

(April 2008 – March 2009)

|                            |                  |
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| President                  | Warren Ogborne   |
| Vice President             | Rudi Hochstetter |
| Immediate Past President   | Neville Cleary   |
| Treasurer                  | Reg Green        |
| Secretary                  | Graham Chalkley  |
| Coordinator Guest Speakers | Ray Stallworthy  |
| Activities Coordinator     | Barry Ryan       |
| Newsletter Editor          | Allan Doutreband |

### Appointees

|                         |                  |
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| Auditor                 | Kevin Zehnder    |
| Historian               | Ron Ford         |
| Bowls                   | Dick Higgins     |
| ..                      | Ian Macmillan    |
| Golf                    | Alec Wickenden   |
| Fellowship              | Ian Macmillan    |
| ..                      | Noel Harrs       |
| Photographer            | Allan Doutreband |
| Newsletter Distribution | Rex Elvy         |
| Registration            | Lee Murrell      |
| ..                      | Terry MacKay     |
| Functions               | Kevin Carr       |
| Welfare                 | Kevin Carr       |

- We discontinued the Computer Club during the year.

The tone for our 18<sup>th</sup> year was articulated by our new President, Warren Ogborne, in his July President's Message. It read as follows ...

"I have just returned from an interesting medical seminar at which Dr. Julian Short, the author of "An Intelligent Life," spoke on our requirements for happiness. Foremost among these is a sense of belonging. Reflecting on this, I am prompted to say how important our belonging to Seaforth Probus Club is to our health and happiness. The respect and esteem of our fellow Probians, the intellectual stimulation and fellowship we enjoy each month and the many wonderful adventures we share, richly endorse Dr. Short's assertion. Mankind's evolution has been rooted in the tribe or clan and in the love and protection of the family. For me, Probus has become an important element of my own extended family, one I treasure, and hope always to serve unstintingly."

Our activities during the year were very extensive, as will be seen from the summary that follows, but they also achieved a wonderful balance in the breadth and depth of our cultural, intellectual, sporting and social activities and included several outstanding tours.

"My Fair Lady" at the Opera House and "Cinderella on Ice" at the Sydney Entertainment Centre, both spectacular productions, were complimented by "A Night at the Opera" at Manly Library, where Warren Ogborne presented excerpts from the world's best loved grand operas featuring stunning productions from the Australian Opera, Metropolitan Opera and La Scala Milan, adding his lively commentary throughout. And then there was Beechworth and a wonderful night at "Opera in the Alps" under the stars, during our trip to the High Country.

Our guest speakers also provided us with an interesting series that included the NASA Mars Space Probe, Spitfires & their Pilots and a brain teasing exercise with David Plomley, working our way through Cryptic Crossword Puzzles. Warren Ogborne gave us two sessions on musical instrumentation and its development, entitled "Toots & Whistles" and "Plunks & Booms" ... embellishing his talk with recorded excerpts from classical music, swing & jazz to illustrate the role of brass, wind, strings and percussion instruments in making music. The one disappointing event in our programme was the failure of Tony Abbott to honour his commitment as guest speaker on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, causing the meeting to be closed prematurely, and his failure to apologise for his behaviour.

We had four outstanding tours away and a full programme of local excursions. These involved visits to the ABC Studios and Opera Australia, where we were amazed by the extent of the wardrobe and scenery produced for the various productions. At the Guide Dogs Training Facility, we saw where our guest speaker and Para-Olympian, Lindy Hou's guide dog "Harper" was trained. There were tours of the North Head Quarantine Station, La Perouse and Bare Island Fort and a delightful ferry cruise on the Hawkesbury from Palm Beach with fish & chips along the way.

"Features of the Fall" saw fourteen overseas tourists enjoy a wonderful adventure on the east coast of Canada and the USA, described in detail by Richard Whipp in our September 2008 Newsletter. Our three "home grown" adventures were our trip to the High Country, our cruise on the Murray River & visit to Kangaroo Island and a most enjoyable Golf-Bowls, cultural & sightseeing getaway to the Shoalhaven.

In the High Country we visited Bright and Mt. Buffalo, where we were enthralled by its spectacular scenery, especially from the hang-gliders launching platform ... the 19<sup>th</sup> century gold mining town of Beechworth, where Ned Kelly and his mother were once temporarily gaoled and where we had a wonderful night under the stars at "Opera in the Alps"... and a cruise on Lake Mulwala among the ghostly remains of its flooded forest.

Our Shoalhaven Getaway included a visit to "Bundanon", the historic home of the Boyd Family, with its priceless art collection, and our return journey saw us braving the heights and thrill of walking the "Illawarra Fly" at Robertson. But we also enjoyed a delightful lunch at the Coolangatta Estate where locally produced wines were matched to the local produce we were served and we somehow managed to fit in a game of golf at Nowra Golf Course and Bowls at the Nowra Bowling Club as well as a visit to HMAS Albatross to see the Fleet Air-arm exhibition.

The Murray River Cruise on the "MV Expedition" was magnificent. Boarding at Murray Bridge and cruising to Blanchetown and back, we made a number of stops to go ashore and visit several interesting places. The "Olden Days & Olden Ways" museum at Mannum, the Ngant Ngant aboriginal archaeological diggings where we saw Mimi figures carved into the cliff face, along with strata dating back thousands of years, and Reedy Creek and its spectacular granite rock formations. But the highlight was a visit to Mypolonga Primary School where the upper primary class students run a business producing and selling crafts on consignment. It was here that Rudi Hochstetter met a small German lad and had a great time conversing with him in his native tongue. And who can forget our memorable BBQ ashore where Raylee Hochstetter & Robyn Osborne put on quite a show for us around the camp fire?!!

As if this wasn't enough, we then embarked on a jetcat for our trip to Kangaroo Island. Here we visited the seal colony at Admiral's Arch, the Kelly Hill Caves (Kelly was a horse) ... the Sea Lions at Seal Bay and the Pandana Wildlife Park, where we saw an albino Kangaroo. Our guide at the Eucalyptus Farm had us in stitches, as she showed us around and we sampled the honey at the Ligurian Bee Farm and the cheese at the Goat Dairy. But surely, the highlight was our visit to the Remarkable Rocks on the headland at Wier's Cove. Sculpture by Mother Nature at its very best... Michelangelo, eat your heart out!!

Despite all this gallivanting about we still had time to play... Bowls prospered under the guidance of Dick Higgins, who has an uncanny knack of always providing us with fine weather of a Thursday morning. The group now numbers twenty five, among whom are some remarkable bowlers with even more remarkable nick-names ... Lee "Dumper"

Morrell...George "Big Yellow Bowls" Mitchell...Rick "Age Shall Not Weary Them" Clapp... John "Wrong Bias" Rose... "Nifty" Nev Cleary... and Tom "9.15" Stee.

Golf has produced its notable achievers too. Seaforth Probus Club twice won the Millard Shield during the year, the rematch in February 2009 being won largely due to the outstanding play of David Gulliford...and Bill James & Neville Cleary distinguished themselves at Manly Golf Club winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF Cup & George Findlay Memorial Prize and the Campaign & Services Cup and Bill Williams Memorial Prize respectively.

Our President Elect, Rudi Hochstetter, relaunched the Walking Group which now claims ten or more regulars who meet at 9.15am on the first Monday of the month at a designated location, and do a 5-6 Km walk of about an hour's duration, and then enjoy a cuppa together at a local coffee shop.

But not all our sporting activities are participatory. In June we were bussed down to Kembla Grange for an enjoyable afternoon at the races. It rained and the track was heavy, which may have been why our pockets were somewhat lighter after the last race, but it was a lot of fun.

Each year we join together for a rather special brand of fellowship at our President's Gala Dinner, our Seafood Night at Balgowlah Bowling Cub, the Christmas Luncheon, the Past Presidents' Dinner and our Annual Picnic at Clontarf. All these events were well attended and provided a wonderful opportunity for us to gather together as an extended family with our wives and partners.

2008-9 was also a year of sadness as we were confronted with the deaths of Mike Slatter, Gordon Hughes and Daryl Garnham ... men who had given much to the club over many years and whose companionship we will sorely miss. We also lost Mollie Law and Lois MacMillan. Coupled with this, Barry Goddard, Warren Bennetts, Ron Jones and John Chester tended their resignation ... a reminder that recruitment of new members has become a top priority.

Happily 2008-9 saw the addition of five new members to our number...Gavin Kerr, Werner Halbich, Stuart Sercombe, Garry Deacon and Bernard Grant...encouragement to us to pursue our recruitment drive with vigour. This received great impetus with the establishment of a Recruitment Sub-Committee under the energetic chairmanship of Ray Stallworthy, who is now engaged in developing a multifaceted programme to drive this forward.

And finally...we rejoiced to be able to conclude the year by honouring our Life Members, George Mitchell and Barry Ryan, by presenting each of them with a medal specially struck in recognition of their tireless and immense service to the club over the past twenty years.

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President Warren presenting medals specially struck  
to honour our two Life Members,  
George Mitchell and Barry Ryan

**Activities (Coordinator Barry Ryan)  
(April 2008 – March 2009)**

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| 2 April | La Perouse & Bare Island Fort                               |
| 1 May   | “A Night at the Opera” with Warren Ogborne at Manly Library |
| 11 May  | Murray River Cruise & Kangaroo Island                       |
| 19 May  | -- -- -- -- --  |
| 5 June  | Race Day – Kembla Grange                                    |
| 28 June | “My Fair Lady” – Opera House                                |
| 16 July | President’s Gala Dinner – Balgowlah RSL                     |
| 1 Aug   | Seafood Night – North Balgowlah Bowling Club                |
| 15 Aug  | Golf - v - Manly Probus                                     |
| 19 Aug  | Tour - ABC Studios & Opera Australia                        |
| 27 Aug  | “Cinderella on Ice” – Sydney Entertainment Centre           |
| 3 Sept  | Tour of Guide Dogs Training Facility                        |
| 26 Sept | Tour – “Features of the Fall” – East Coast of Canada & USA  |
| 30 Oct  | -- -- -- -- --  |
| 13 Oct  | Shoalhaven Getaway  |
| 16 Oct  | -- --   |
| 4 Nov   | Melbourne Cup – Lunch – Balgowlah RSL                       |
| 12 Nov  | Food & Tourism School – St. Patrick’s Estate Manly          |
| 8 Dec   | Christmas Lunch   |
| 14 Jan  | Opera in the Alps & the High Country                        |
| 19 Jan  | -- -- -- -- --  |
| 24 Jan  | Tour of Quarantine Station – North Head                     |
| 6 Feb   | Golf Day – v – Manly Probus                                 |
| 17 Feb  | Palm Beach & Hawkesbury Cruise                              |
| 2 Mar   | Annual Picnic   |



Off to inspect the River Murray during our adventures in South Australia

Guest Speakers (Coordinator Ray Stallworthy)  
(April 2008 – March 2009)

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| April - 08 | Warren Ogborne: "Toots & Whistles"... Musical Orchestration       |
| May - 08   | Kerry Doherty: "Phoenix from the Ashes...NASA's Mars Space Probe" |
| June - 08  | Jennie Hough: "The Harbour Trust Plan"                            |
| July - 08  | Warren Ogborne: "Plunks & Booms" ... Musical Orchestration        |
| Aug - 08   | Lorraine Rook: "The State Library of NSW"                         |
| Sept - 08  | David Plomley: "Crossword Puzzles"                                |
| Oct - 08   | Tony Abbott MP ... <i>Failed to keep appointment</i>              |
| Nov - 08   | Steve McGregor: "The Spitfire & it's Pilots"                      |
| Jan - 09   | Mark Gerry: "Travel & Sea Trials"                                 |
| Feb - 09   | George Richards: "The History of Column 8"                        |
| Mar - 09   | Terry Sloan: "My Musical Career"                                  |

**BOWLS CLUB ( Dick Higgins )**  
assisted by Ian Macmillan

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| April | After being overtaken by Tom "9.15am" Stee during our March competition, Ric Clapp fought back to claim the trophy.   |
| May   | Six players share the top 3 places this month...Betty Higgins & Lee "Dumper" Murrell on 8 points and Kevin Carr, Neville Cleary, John Rose & Dick "Green Bowls" Sansom on 6 points. A real contest is underway! |
| June  | Richard Whipp has joined us & is already bowling well. We now have 11 players on a handicap of one or less...an indication of the improving standard of our bowling.  |

- July We have six walking wounded currently unable to play... Norrie & Neville Cleary, "Dumper" Murrell, Mike Slatter, Dick Sansom & Ian Macmillan. But among the fit & healthy, Jan Murrell & Warren Ogborne are locked in a "two horse race" for the trophy.
- Aug "Big Yellow Bowls" Mitchell is with us again & Tom "9.15am" Stee is still struggling to score a win; he's been plagued by a seemingly endless series of failures & has been heard mumbling about a set of new bowls.
- Sept Warren Ogborne secured his 2<sup>nd</sup> trophy win with 9/10 points from Jan Murrell ... and the handicapper has relegated him to -1 to join "Nifty" Nev Cleary. And Graham Chalkley has been elected President of Seaforth Bowling Club... congratulations!
- Oct Graham has extended an invitation to our members to join Seaforth Bowling Club where free instruction will be provided by its experienced coaches. Those interested should talk to Norrie Cleary, Ian Macmillan or Dick Sansom. And our competition winner this month was Ian Venn-Brown.
- Nov Our Xmas celebration is set down for December 18<sup>th</sup> following bowls. All players & their partners are cordially invited.
- Dec Bruce Cormack topped off his 1<sup>st</sup> season with us by winning the December comp. Forty three of us celebrated season's end at our Xmas luncheon organised by Norrie Cleary. Delicious salads were provided by Jan Rose, Gerry Setright, Gwen Palmer, Elaine Daly, Jan Murrell & Betty Higgins. We will be in recess during January 2010.
- Feb 10 We kicked off the year with a record 25 starters. The pack is currently led by Betty Higgins...(the lady who sleeps with the Handicapper).
- Mar 10 Delighted to see Doug Law return & enter the fray. The competition proved to be a corker ... Ian Venn-Brown & Betty Higgins led John Rose by ½ point. Betty played John & lost, landing the three of them on 7 points. Ian then played a "Braveheart"- winning by 1 point, thereby conceding the trophy to Betty.

## **GOLF CLUB ( Alec Wickenden )**

- May            A Golf-Bowls Getaway is planned in the Shoalhaven from Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> to Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> October. The golfers will play for the George Mitchell Shield at Nowra Golf Course on Wed. October 15<sup>th</sup> & join the bowlers for lunch at the clubhouse after the match.
- July            The "David Millard Memorial Trophy" was contested with Manly Probus Club at Balgowlah Golf Club on 15<sup>th</sup> August ... with Seaforth the victors. Our stars were Gordon James, Geoff Cotton, Richard Whipp & Trevor Wallin. The trophy was presented to the winning team by Nina Millard.
- Oct            Playing at Nowra Golf Course in a field of fourteen, John Higson won the George Mitchell Shield with Geoff Cotton runner up. Gail Gray won the ladies match, impressing the men with her tremendous driving. And at Manly Golf Club, Bill James won the prestigious Annual 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF Cup & George Findlay Memorial Prize, while Neville Cleary won The Campaign & Services Cup & Bill Williams Memorial Prize.
- Feb 10        Seaforth retained the David Millard Memorial Trophy in a rematch with Manly Probus Club at Balgowlah Golf Course, with David Gulliford our star performer.

### **Seaforth Probus Club Walking Group (Coordinator - Rudi Hochstetter)**

In the club's 4<sup>th</sup> year, Lister Nott launched the Walking Group & maintained enthusiasm for its activities for the next three years, at which time it folded for lack of support. Our incoming President, Rudi Hochstetter, has announced its re-launch & the group will meet at 9.15 for 9.30am at Dee Why beach car park on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> for its first excursion. The planned 5km walk will take approximately 60 minutes & will be followed by coffee and fellowship at a local coffee shop.

The Walking Group will meet on the first Monday of each month & its planned itinerary will be published in our monthly newsletter.



Rudi Hochstetter inducted as our 19<sup>th</sup> President by President Warren

The year 2009 could see the dawning of a new era for Seaforth Probus Club. The influx of new members in 2007 and 2008 has invigorated the membership with an exciting group of new players... John Higson, Terry McKay, Richard Minett, Gavin Kerr, Werner Halbich, Stuart Sercombe, Garry Deacon and Bernard Grant; all have moved voluntarily into various positions of responsibility and there is promise of further additions to our membership as a result of the proactive recruitment campaign now in place. The deaths of Trevor Palmer, Bruce Scott, Max McVicar and Bob Moxom emphasise the importance of this programme and our incoming President, Rudi Hochstetter, has made a strong commitment to it and given great support to Ray Stallworthy, Reg Green and Trevor Wallin, who comprise the newly formed Recruitment Sub-Committee.

Along with his commitment to recruitment, Rudi has promoted the rebirth of our Walking Group. This has been a popular initiative and is attracting a regular group of walkers on the first Monday morning of the month. Walks of 5-6 Km of about an hour's duration have encompassed Cabbage Tree Eco-Sculpture Walk to Shelley Beach, the Manly Ocean Beachfront to Queenscliff, several lakeside walks at Narrabeen, the Scenic Esplanade at Manly (where our cameras worked overtime) and we celebrated our first nine months with a picnic in the Garigal National Park beneath Roseville Bridge. It's been more than just walking; it's involved lots of talking and fellowship during the walk and afterwards over coffee.

The golfers also enjoyed a good year, again winning the David Millard Trophy at Balgowlah Golf Club and retaining it in the re-match with Manly Probus Club in February, with great performances from Ian Stevenson and Gordon James.

Not to be outdone as a newsworthy item, the Bowls group had its own share of fun. Our intrepid leader, Dick Higgins, announced to the bewildered group that our trophy was missing. He'd last seen it in the boot of his car ... (or so he said) ... but couldn't believe anyone would want to steal it. The mystery deepened as the weeks went by until... it was discovered by accident on the shelves of the bar at Seaforth Bowling Club during the playing of the annual fun event "*Australia*" -v- "*The Rest of the World*" when, incidentally, the trophy for *that* fixture went missing and it was suggested that the trophy found lying idle on the bar shelves be used as a substitute. In the meantime, our own Rick, "Time Will Not Weary Them," Clapp took it into his own hands to craft a beautiful trophy to replace Dick's missing one. This now becomes our official Bowls trophy, *The Rick Clapp Trophy*. Anyway, Dick felt it was time to retire as our organiser & handicapper and handed the reigns over to Lee "Dumper" Murrell who hopes to emulate Dick's amazing record of *rain free Thursday mornings* for his bowlers.

On a more serious side, our guest speakers for the year have included some pretty interesting characters... Dr. Peter McDonald and his work with "Australian Doctors International"... John Stanley and his "Adventures in Sailing"... Lois Pembroke and her "Children of the ANZACS"... and the star turn, Doug Minty, and his brilliant demonstration of "The Mechanism of Clocks."

We maintained our patronage of the theatres with "Chicago" at the Lyric and "Guys and Dolls" and "Wicked" at the Capitol ... the latter much over-rated as a musical ... a spectacle yes, but musical ... well?

We fared better with our local trips. "Floriade" in Canberra drew good support and provided us with some very interesting extra sightseeing as well. Our visit to the Goulburn Brewery with lunch on site, enhanced by the local brew, was a hit, as was our visit to Lanyon Homestead. But the big event was surely our visit to Tidbinbilla and the Deep Space Communication Centre. Here we were treated to an excellent and informative talk on the Space Station and the incredible universe into which it probes for answers deep in space. Here was the dish (soon to be decommissioned) that recorded man's first landing on the Moon ... "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." And we just had to visit the War Memorial and view the Sidney Nolan gallery of paintings on the Gallipoli Campaign...pretty harrowing stuff ...and unwind with a delightful cruise on Lake Burley Griffin.

And then there was Scone. This will go down in our Club's history as the "*Neville Cleary Show*." Not only did he organise our Scone adventure, he also had us in stitches as he cavorted about on the dance floor like Elvis during our musical evening of celebrations on the last night. Word has it that he's received an ultimatum from Norrie that if he does it once more he's headed for a divorce. Actually, we're all hoping he ignores the threat.

Anyway, Scone was a great getaway. It included visits to the Pays Air Museum, where all manner of aircraft, old and new, are lovingly restored to fly again...to Wallabadah and the "First Fleet Gardens" where there is a memorial to the famous orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Merv Cross, and his pioneering forebears...to the Nundle Woollen Mills to see the processes of carding, spinning and dying, and to purchase some beautiful woollen garments ... and to Vinery Stud where we saw two magnificent stallions, "*Red Ransom*" aged 22 years and still covering stud mares, both here and abroad, several times a day at a fee of \$150,000 a cover...and "*More Than Ready*" a much younger stallion, who's already covered the great "*Makiby Diva*."

Our trips overseas were to Lord Howe Island and the Mediterranean. Lord Howe's geography is fascinating, with Mounts Gower and Lidsburg marking the eastern end of the island and Mount Eliza the western extremity...and the island, shaped like a comma, with the reef stretching between the eastern & western extremities enclosing the lagoon. Ned's Beach and Settlement Beach provide wonderful access to reef fish that can be fed by hand as you snorkel...and there's deep sea fishing for King Fish and Trevally off shore... and plenty of bird life and walks on shore for the keen naturalist.

Our Mediterranean Cruise took us up the Dalmatian Coast with memorable excursions ashore into Croatia and its coastal cities steeped in history...and then there were Venice and Rome, where art and architecture speak of centuries of cultural development and royal and Papal patronage...of trade and exploration ... and of tumultuous events that helped shape the course of human history; it was all there and in the time we had we saw just a little... and even that was overwhelming.

Our usual celebrations of the President's Gala Dinner, Christmas Luncheon and Annual Picnic were again well attended but Ian Macmillan added a special Melbourne Cup Day for us at Balgowlah RSL, where we enjoyed an excellent lunch and Neville Cleary backed all the right horses...and of course no year would be complete without our \$2.50 Day at Doyles, Watson's Bay, for their Winter Special...and it was special, as is always the case.

And so the year passed happily but not without sadness. We lost four loved and respected members in Trevor Palmer, Bruce Scott, Max McVicar and Bob Moxom who finally gave in to the prostate cancer he'd fought so gallantly for so long while maintaining his involvement in whatever activities he could, especially bowls; *he really enjoyed his bowls* and we always looked forward to tussling with him on the rink of a Thursday morning. And we grieved for Don Elliott, whose beloved wife, Jo, lost her fight against Alveolar Cell Cancer of the lung early in the year. This was especially sad for the Ogbornes who'd known Jo since her school days and as it was their son, Malcolm, who made the diagnosis.

Happily however, one of Rudi's last acts as President, was to induct Len Wilson, Terry Osborne and Ian Smith as new members of the club. Already Len and Ian have indicated their willingness to assume office next year with John Higson, Gavin Kerr, Werner Halbich and Stuart Sercombe already "in harness" ... the dawning of a new era for Seaforth Probus and no small thanks to Rudi Hochstetter and his team.

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The "girls" at Airlie House – Scone

**Activities (Coordinator Barry Ryan)**  
(April 2009 – March 2010)

|         |   |
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| 1 April | “Guys & Dolls” – Capitol Theatre                        |
| 20 May  | Hunter Valley Steam Fest                                |
| 3 June  | “Chicago” – Lyric Theatre                               |
| 17 June | President’s Gala Dinner – Balgowlah RSL                 |
| 7 July  | Doyle’s – Winter Special                                |
| 12 Aug  | Venice - Rome – Mediterranean Cruise – Royal Princess   |
| 25 Aug  | -- -- -- -- --  |
| 14 Sept | Floriade – Canberra & Tidbinbilla Deep Space Facility   |
| 26 Oct  | Scone Getaway – Golf – Bowls & Horse Studs              |
| 3 Nov   | Melbourne Cup – Lunch – Balgowlah RSL                   |
| 18 Nov  | “Wicked” – Capitol Theatre                              |
| 14 Dec  | Christmas Lunch – Wakehurst Golf Club                   |
| 26 Feb  | Lord Howe Island  |
| 5 Feb   | -- -- --  |
| 17 Mar  | “Opera Highlights” at Manly Library with Warren Ogborne |

**Guest Speakers (Coordinator Ray Stallworthy)**  
(April 2009 – March 2010)

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| April - 09 | Nick Cassim: “Sail & It’s Influence on Man’s History”                  |
| May - 09   | Bernie Kestle: “Outback Links”   |
| June - 09  | John Stanley: “My Sailing Experiences”                                 |
| July - 09  | Peter McDonald: “Australian Doctors International”                     |
| Aug - 09   | Lois Pembroke: “The Children of ANZACs”                                |
| Sept - 09  | Doug Minty: “The Mechanism of Clocks”                                  |
| Oct - 09   | Nathan Buckingham: “Cairns & the Great Barrier Reef”                   |
| Nov - 09   | Arthur Barnes: “Sydney Water Supply”<br>Terry Simms :                  |
| Jan - 10   | Nick Cassim : “Great Naval Battles & Their Effect on Man’s<br>History” |
| Feb - 10   | Dennis Overton: “The Restoration of Windsor Castle”                    |
| Mar - 10   | Rosemary McCulloch: “University of the Third Age”                      |

**BOWLS CLUB ( Dick Higgins )**  
assisted by Ian Macmillan

- April           Washed out ... retired to clubhouse for coffee
- May             Welcome Rudi Hochetetter. Subs up from \$5.00 to \$7.00
- June            Twenty one Seaforth Probian's are currently members of Seaforth Bowling Club... including 8 of our regular Thursday morning bowlers.
- July             Our current champ, John Daly, couldn't be presented with the trophy as it has "disappeared" & our esteemed leader has no idea where it is. He claims to have last seen it in the boot of his car.
- Aug/Sept       No reports ... but a Getaway to Scone in October will see us playing at the delightful Scone Bowling Club. And we welcome Max Smythe to the group with Don Elliott about to join us.
- Oct             This month's competition ended in a three way tie between Norrie Cleary, Betty Higgins & Ric "age shall not weary them" Clapp...and a great morning's bowling was enjoyed by sixteen of us at Scone.
- Nov             Welcome Don Elliott. Since our last meeting, Ric Clapp has been busy at his lathe making us a beautiful replacement for our missing trophy. We have decided to name it the "Ric Clapp Trophy."
- Dec/Jan 10     Dick Higgins has decided to retire as our Handicapper – Coordinator. He has been replaced by Lee "Dumper" Murrell ... and isn't it fitting that "Big Yellow Bowls" Mitchell should be the first winner of the newly consecrated Ric Clapp Trophy.  
And our Xmas luncheon was another great occasion, superbly catered for by the ladies & very well supported.
- Feb 10         And talking of trophies, guess what? Our missing trophy turned up on the shelves behind the bar at Seaforth Bowling Club on the day of the annual "Aussies - v - The Rest of the World" contest. *And...* the trophy for that event couldn't be found, so when our wayward trophy was discovered, it was suggested that it be presented as a substitute. I tell you, we're a weird mob!!

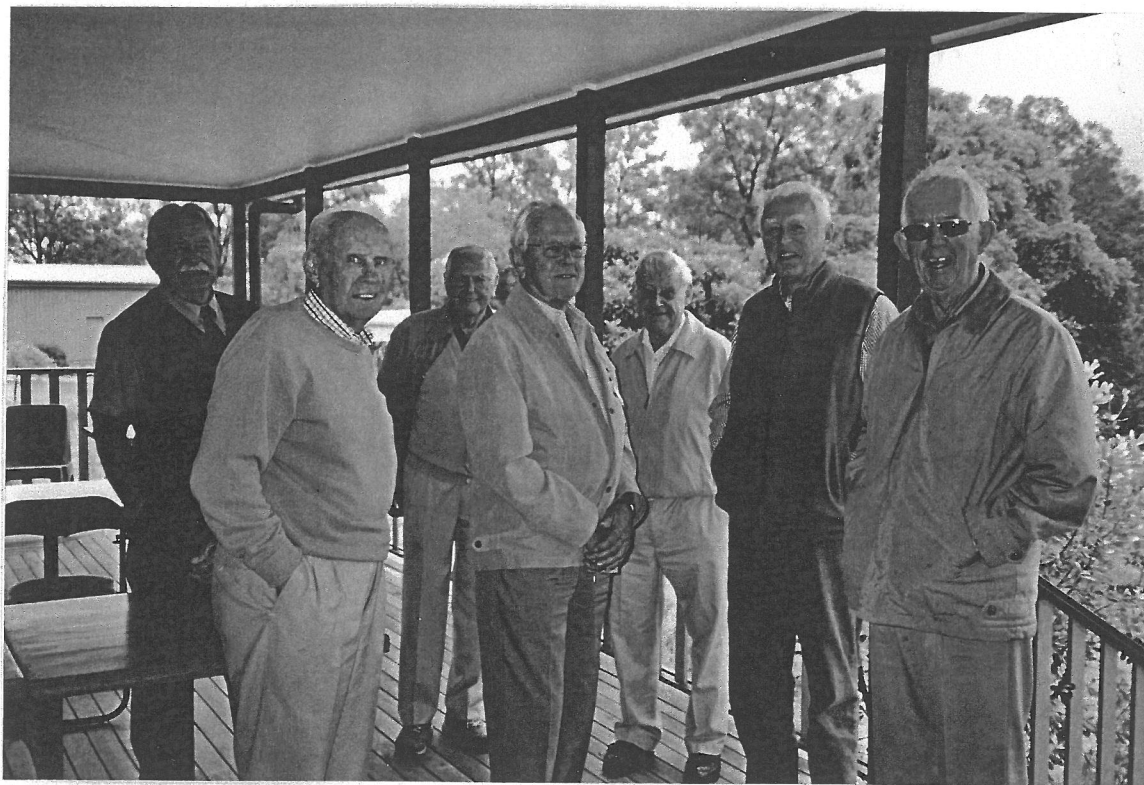
## GOLF CLUB (Alec Wickenden )

- June The highly successful Golf-Bowls Getaways at Cowra & Nowra have prompted our next ... a Getaway to Scone from October 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> in the thoroughbred horse stud country. We will stay at delightful Airlie House.
- Oct Fifteen golfers played at Muswellbrook & sixteen bowlers enjoyed their morning at Scone.  
John Higson defended his title as holder of the George Mitchell Trophy with 33 points, ahead of Rex Elvy & Tom Setright both on 31...John's wife, Patsy, won the ladies competition.  
  
And the David Millard Memorial Trophy was again contested at Balgowlah Golf Club. We fielded fourteen starters & again prevailed.
- Dec/Jan 10 John Wippell's BBQ at Narromine & Mudgee Getaway is planned for Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 2010. So far eleven golfers are interested in playing on the Mudgee course & a booking has been confirmed.
- Feb 10 A re-match was staged with Manly Probus Club for the David Millard Memorial Trophy at Balgowlah Golf Club on 12<sup>th</sup> February. We fielded seventeen starters & played well to retain the trophy with an average of 17 Stableford points to Manly's 13. Our stars were Ian Stevenson & Gordon James with 21 points.

## WALKING GROUP ( Rudi Hochstetter )

- April Nine walkers turned up for our initial walk, meeting at Dee Why & enjoying our 5km excursion ... and the coffee & fellowship that followed.
- May Met at Jameison Park, Narrabeen for a pleasant 6km walk around the shore of Lake Narrabeen ... followed by coffee.
- June Met at Wheeler Park, Narrabeen, then followed the Lakeside Pathway for a 6km walk ... followed by the ritual coffee.
- July Met at Curl Curl Sports Centre in Abbott Rd; then walked 5km before coffee.
- Aug Met at the corner of Griffin & Pitt Roads, North Curl Curl, for a 6km walk before enjoying coffee at South Curl Curl Surf Club.

- Sept Met at Manly Art Gallery then walked the spectacular Scenic Esplanade to King Street & back ... cameras working overtime. Coffee enjoyed adjacent to the Art Gallery
- Oct Met on Manly Corso at the Manly Beach end then walked to Queenscliff along the ocean front & back to the Corso for coffee
- Nov Met on the Corso – Manly Beach end then proceeded to Shelley Beach via Cabbage Tree Eco-Sculpture Walk ... 60 minute walk before enjoying our usual coffee together.
- Dec Celebrated nine months of walking together by walking in Garigal National Park under Roseville Bridge & enjoying a picnic lunch.
- Jan/Feb 10 Group in recess.
- Mar 10 Met at Jameison Park, The Esplanade, Narrabeen...6km walk along Narrabeen Lake foreshore ... coffee to complete the morning.  
Next walk cancelled as it is Easter Monday.



The "boys" at Carr's Macadamia Farm - Scone

## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT – 2009/2010

*(Addendum to 'Newsletter')*

Based upon many favourable comments heard during the year, I can confidently say the Club has had another wonderful and successful year due to the hard work of the Management Committee and all of the various people who have shared in the work of coordinating our various activities such as bowls, golf, travel and opera nights. My tribute to the members of the Management Committee is expressed in the March Message from the President and I now would like to add my sincere thanks to all those who have borne office, in one form or another, large and small.

It was great that we had a program inclusive of our wives/partners. Short trips such as the Floriade in September and the Scone Bowls/Golf Getaway in October were immensely popular. The newly reintroduced "Walking Group" attracted an average of a dozen participants and proved a most enjoyable monthly social function. Other highlights – for those who were able to go – were the Royal Princess Cruise from Venice to Rome in August and the Lord Howe Island trip in March. Interspersed with the foregoing were two theatre parties as well as Doyle's winter special.

The President's Dinner and the Christmas lunch were both well organised by David Gulliford and attracted approx. 100 members/partners each.

During the year, we enjoyed an impressive range of guest speakers including two very informative presentations by our very own Nick Cassim.

We were all saddened by the passing of four of our esteemed members Trevor Palmer, Bruce Scott, Max McVicar and Bob Moxom and the loss of Jo, wife of ex – president Don Elliott. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the grieving families, hopefully consoled in the knowledge that all enjoyed our respect and sincere affection.

We were very happy to welcome Len Wilson, Ian Smith and Terry Osborne during the year and wish them a satisfying time with the club. I am also pleased that due to the efforts of the Recruitment Committee we have three more prospective members to be inducted.

The success of our Club continued because of your participation in the many activities offered and I urge all new members to get involved in activities outside our regular monthly meetings.

Thank you for the honour of being your 19<sup>th</sup> President and for the unstinting support I have received throughout the year. I now look forward to a most enjoyable year under David Gulliford's leadership and wish him and his management team every success and personal enjoyment in the year ahead.

Rudi Hochstetter  
March 10, 2010

## Year 20

(April 2010 – March 2011)

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| President                                       | David Gulliford              |
| Vice President                                  | Gavin Kerr                   |
| Immediate Past President                        | Rudi Hochstetter             |
| Treasurer                                       | Reg Green                    |
| Secretary                                       | Len Wilson                   |
| Coordinator Guest Speakers<br>& Assistant ..... | Ray Stallworthy<br>Ian Smith |
| Activities Coordinators                         | Barry Ryan (Consultant)      |
| ... Travel Overseas .....                       | David Gulliford              |
| ... Getaways .....                              | Neville Cleary               |
| ... Discovery Day Tours .....                   | Reg Green                    |
| ... Cultural Events .....                       | Trevor Wallin                |
| Newsletter Editor                               | (Allan Doutreband)           |
| -- -- --  | Ray Isaacs                   |

### Appointees

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Auditor                 | Kevin Zender     |
| Historian               | Warren Ogborne   |
| Bowls                   | Lee Murrell      |
| Golf                    | (Alec Wickenden) |
| --                      | Trevor Wallin    |
| Fellowship              | Ian Smith        |
| --                      | Stuart Sercombe  |
| Photographer            | Allan Doutreband |
| Walking Group           | Rudi Hochstetter |
| Membership              | Nicholas Guoth   |
| Recruitment             | Reg Green        |
| --                      | Trevor Wallin    |
| --                      | Ray Stallworthy  |
| Registration            | John Higson      |
| --                      | Bernie Grant     |
| Newsletter Distribution | Rex Elvy         |
| Welfare                 | Kevin Carr       |
| Jokes                   | Phil Thompson    |
| --                      | Graham Chalkley  |

The club's twentieth year has been one of considerable turmoil throughout the world. Our nation's ongoing involvement in Afghanistan, political unrest in Egypt, Libya and the Middle East, devastating floods in Queensland and Victoria, bushfires in Western Australia, the tragedy unfolding in New Zealand in the wake of its two major earthquakes, and the catastrophic earthquake and tsunami now engulfing Japan, have been a reminder of man's fragile tenure of planet earth. At Seaforth Probus we have watched these tragic events unfold from the sidelines, but sober reflection reminds us of our own vulnerability as major health problems have beset a large number of our members...

Ross Christensen's passing in April 2010 was a sad loss indeed and was acknowledged by Beverly Hudec with a fine tribute in the Manly Daily. Later in the year, Tom Stee lost his wife Mariet, a real character whose support of her "Thomas" was remarkable. The year also saw several members challenged by life threatening events... Reg Tuxford, Tony Sargent, John Wippell, Lee Murrell, Don Elliott and John Higson. Thankfully all survived their individual ordeals and remain active among us. And there were many others confronted with serious health problems, so 2010/11 has been something of a wake up call, reminding us all of just how much we take our health for granted.

Having said all that, the year has also been a very exciting one for Seaforth Probus Club with a number of new initiatives up and running ...

1. The establishment of our Recruitment Committee of Ray Stallworthy, Reg Green & Trevor Wallin. Its proactive programme, including a letterbox drop & an Open Day at our June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, resulted in the enrolment of six new members ... Ross Buckton, Mick Greig, Terry Murphy, Michael Draper, Maurice Tye & Ray Isaacs. Les Gilbert also joined us but later resigned. Our membership on Tuesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> was 73 + 1 TIM. Our aim is to achieve an active membership of 75 members.
2. A "Meet & Greet" roster was formed to ensure none of our new members "fell through the cracks" and has been operating effectively since October 2010.
3. The Christmas newsletter saw the introduction of a diary of forthcoming club events. This proved to be invaluable in planning one's social life to accommodate Probus activities.
4. David Gulliford and his Executive Committee are working to reduce the time spent each month trudging through the formal business of our meetings so as to provide more time for fellowship and placing less time constraints on our guest speakers.
5. With Barry Ryan's retirement as Activities Coordinator, a team of coordinators is now in place to organise the club's social activities. The team comprises ...
  - a. David Gulliford ... Overseas Travel
  - b. Trevor Wallin ... Cultural Activities
  - c. Reg Green ... Discovery Day Tours
  - d. Neville Cleary ... Getaways & local events

Barry's contribution to the club's social programme over the past twenty years has been enormous and we honour him for the time and effort he has devoted to the club's welfare over this time. The new team represents a new enterprise in social activities for, while the nucleus of activities remains the same, Trevor Wallin is determined to expand the context of our cultural activities and Reg Green's introduction of his Discovery Day Tours promises something quite special in 2011 ...

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| a. | May 11 <sup>th</sup>  | State Theatre Tour + city bistro lunch             |
| b. | June 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Parramatta Historic Sites + club lunch             |
| c. | July 13 <sup>th</sup> | Canterbury Races + lunch                           |
| d. | Aug.3 <sup>rd</sup>   | High Tea – Carrington Hotel & Norman Lindsay House |
| e. | Sep.1 <sup>st</sup>   | Visit to the Garvan Institute                      |
| f. | Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Farmgate Trail + Wineries / Hawkesbury             |
| g. | Nov.2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Bare Island – La Perouse + lunch                   |

6. In order to ensure that our social programme meets the needs of our members, an Activities Survey was circulated in August 2010, inviting input from all members. The results of this survey (and others to follow) will determine the team's decisions when designing our social activities.

As indicated in the introduction to our year 19 report, Seaforth Probus Club is entering a new era, one led by a youthful, vigorous and insightful team, committed to furthering the club's outreach and providing its members with a socially, intellectually and emotionally fulfilling life of fellowship. When he steps down as President in March, David Gulliford can look back with great satisfaction on a year of significant progress under his leadership. He hands the reigns to Gavin Kerr, knowing that the club he has served so well is in a sound financial position and is poised for a great future.

Another stalwart retiring from active duty is Allan Doutreband, editor of our newsletter, a document much admired by a number of Probus Clubs. During his time as editor, Allan raised the standard of our newsletter immeasurably, transforming what previously amounted to an ordinary news-sheet, into a colourful, informative and attractive enterprise, an achievement shared with wife, Ella, ever his devoted helper. The newsletter's new editor, Ray Isaacs, brings years of experience in the printing industry to the task, so we look forward to Ray's editorship as we embark on a new year.

Ray Stallworthy provided us with a bevy of interesting speakers during the year, ranging, as usual, over a diversity of topics. Nick Cassim was at sea again with his Great Naval Battles & their influence on man's history...Ian Plumb with the Hydrogen Fuel Economy...Warren Osborne with Man & how he works (would you believe that our kidneys, comprising only 1% of our body mass, demand 25% of our entire cardiac output & filter approximately 40 gallons of fluid a day to keep us alive?)...Reg Green with The First Fleet & Gov.Phillip...John Boyd with Sydney's Tank Stream...and Julia Lever cautioning us to get our affairs in order before we "lose our marbles."

Our sporting activities included the traditional Golf, Bowls and the Walking Group. The latter, guided by Rudi Hochstetter, enjoyed walks in Garigal National Park (where we saw several large examples of aboriginal rock carving) ... the Warriewood Wetlands, Curl Curl & Manly's Scenic Esplanade ... and enjoyed fellowship afterwards over coffee. Regular walkers included the Hochstetters, Clearys, Ogbornes, Macmillans, Dalys, Wilsons, Murrells, John Rose, Ian Venn-Brown, Dick Sansom, Enid Jefferson and Reg & Ann Green. The group celebrates with a Xmas Picnic after the December walk each year in Garigal National Park adjacent to Roseville Bridge & reconvenes in March after a break during the hot months of January & February.

With Dick Higgins's retirement as Coordinator/Handicapper of the bowlers, Lee "Dumper" Murrell assumed control and was blessed with a continuing group, averaging twenty regulars each Thursday morning. During the year there have been some really close contests with Neville Cleary beating John Rose by ½ point after ten matches and Doug Law pipping Dick Higgins by ½ point on a count back in another series. The group played a challenge match against Manly Probus Club on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and won three matches to one with a "big board" tally of 50:38 ... Jan Murrell, Elaine Daly, Betty Higgins and Norrie Cleary provided the contestants with a sumptuous morning tea following the competition. As David Gulliford commented ... "The day was what Probus is all about." And of course we celebrated the season's end with our traditional Xmas Luncheon at the Seaforth Bowling Club with a wonderful spread of chicken, salads, cheesecake and other delicious items provided by our families... our special thanks to Neville & Norrie Cleary for coordinating the event with their usual flare.

And not to be left out, the golfers had their fair share of fun. Unfortunately, Alec Wickenden had to retire as coordinator of the group due to increasing hip problems and Trevor Wallin stepped into the breach and saw to it that Seaforth, Manly & Balgowlah Probus Clubs got together for three keenly contested Nine Hole Stableford Individual Competitions, played at Balgowlah Golf Course in July & November 2010 and February 2011, the latter for the David Millard Cup. In this context it is fitting that I pay tribute to Trevor Wallin. Trevor has always believed that former Club Presidents should maintain active involvement in the club's activities because of their experience in the presidential role. As will be seen from this report, Trevor is as good as his word. He has assumed the leadership of the Cultural Activities portfolio, is a member of the Recruitment Committee and Coordinator of Golfing. These, together with his willingness to help in almost any situation demanding involvement, marks him out as a man of enormous commitment and vitality and surely a key player in the club's welfare.

And Seaforth Probusians love to travel. In May/June 2010 a party joined the Passion Play festivities at Oberammergau and some members of the group then cruised the Rhine & Moselle in luxury. In February 2011 the Cunard liners, Queen Mary & Queen Elizabeth, sailed into Sydney Harbour ... it was quite a spectacle. When they departed another group of Seaforth Probusians sailed on the Queen Elizabeth for Singapore... more luxury!!



At the Chinoiserie Garden – Southern Highlands Golf/Bowls Getaway in October

Of course it wasn't all luxury overseas travel; some of us enjoyed a Golf/Bowls Getaway in the Southern Highlands of NSW, while others had a fabulous time in Tropical North Queensland, exploring Cairns & the surrounding countryside. And there were also lots of local outings to enjoy... a tour of Government House, Garden & Cockatoo Islands for the Sydney Biennale, a ferry trip from Palm Beach to Ettalong with lunch at the RSL Memorial Club, and of course our Annual Picnic at Clontarf, the Seafood Night at Balgowlah Bowling Club, President's Dinner at Wakehurst Golf Club & Christmas Luncheon by the ocean at Long Reef Golf Club, a wonderful choice of venue and a break with tradition. And we celebrated Rick Clapp's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday over lunch at Wakehurst Golf Club following the October meeting.

Our cultural exploits included theatre parties to "A Little Night Music"... "West Side Story" & "Dr. Zhivago" and to "Rain Man" at the Glen Street Theatre. Trevor Wallin organised an outing to the Orpheum Theatre in Cremorne to see a movie of one's own choice + lunch afterwards. This was a novel venture & not without some problems, but is a prospect for possible future development... Trevor is working on it.

In February 2011 we learned that 49,000 acres of Phil Thompson's former property, "Gerera", has been purchased by the Parks & Wildlife, along with two other nearby properties, and amalgamated into the Ledknapper Nature Reserve. There is also a move to heritage list the old buildings on the property, including the old galvanised building in which Phil first lived. Even more exciting is that Phil, because of his experience & interest in the district and his great knowledge of the aboriginal history throughout the area, has been invited to contribute to the management plan for the project... a really happy note on which to end the year!!

**A tribute to Phil Thompson** who, with help from Graham Chalkley, has regaled us with his jokes & humorous anecdotes these past ten years... getting proceedings underway with a laugh ... What follows is one of his gems ...

*Text of a letter from a kid from Eromanga to Mum and Dad. For those of you who don't know, Eromanga is a small town west of Quilpie in the far sough west of Queensland – basically in the middle of nowhere...*

Dear Mum & Dad,

I am well. Hope youse are too. Tell me big brothers and Phil that the army is better than workin' on the farm –tell them to get in bloody quick smart before the jobs are gone.

I wuz a bit slow in settlin down at first because ya don't hafta get outa bed until 6am. But I like sleepin in now cuz all ya gotta do before brekky is make ya bed and shine ya boots and clean ya uniform. No bloody cows to milk, no calves to feed, no feed to stack ... nothing!!! Blokes haz gotta shave though, but it's not so bad coz there's lotsa hot water and even a light to see what ya doin.

At brekky ya get cereal, fruit and eggs, but there's no kangaroo steaks or possum stew like wot Mum makes. Ya don't get fed again till noon, and by that time all the city boys are bugged because we've been on a "route march" – geez, it's only just like walking to the windmill in the back paddock!!

This one'll kill me brothers Doug and Phil with laughter. I keep getting medals for shootin – dunno why. The bullseye is as big as a bloody possum's bum and it don't move neither and it's not firing back at ya like the Johnson's did when our big scrubber bull got into their prize cows before the Ekka last year! All ya gotta do is make yerself comfortable and hit the target - it's a piece a cake!! Ya don't even load yer cartridges – they come in little boxes and ya don't have to steady yerself against the rollbar of the roo shootin truck when ya reload!

Sometimes ya gotta wrestle with the city boys and I gotta be real careful coz they break easy – it's not like fightin with Doug and Phil and Jack and Boori and Steve and Muzza all at once like we do after the muster. Turns out I'm not a bad boxer either and it looks like I'm the best the platoon's got... and I've only been beaten by this one bloke from Engineers... he's 6 foot 5 inches and three pickhandles across the shoulders, and as ya know, I'm only 5 foot 7 and eight stone wringing wet, but I fought him till the other blokes carried me off to the boozer.

I can't complain about the army. Tell the boys to get in quick before word gets around how bloody good it is

Your lovin daughter,

Jill

**Activities  
(April 2010 – March 2011)**

**Coordinators**

**Trevor Wallin – Neville Cleary - David Gulliford – Reg Green**

|      |       |   |
|------|-------|---|
| 12   | April | Annual Picnic   |
| 7    | May   | Seafood Night – Balgowlah Bowling Club                                |
| 31   | May   | Oberammergau  |
| 9    | June  | -- -- --  |
| 10   | June  | Cruise on Rhine & Moselle   |
| 24   | June  | -- -- --  |
| 11   | June  | Visit to Government House – Sydney                                    |
| 16   | June  | President’s Dinner – Wakehurst Golf Club                              |
| 10   | July  | Theatre Party – “A Little Night Music” – Sydney Opera House           |
| 10   | July  | Balgowlah Bowling Club – BBQ night                                    |
| 28   | July  | Sydney Biennale – Visit to Cockatoo Island                            |
| 4    | Aug   | Theatre Party – “West Side Story” – Lyric Theatre                     |
| 7-11 | Aug   | BBQ at John Wippell’s property - <i>cancelled</i>                     |
| 8    | Aug   | Theatre Party – Cremorne Orpheum + lunch                              |
| 24   | Aug   | Inaugural post Probus meeting lunch – Wakehurst Golf Club             |
| 31   | Aug   | Trip to Tropical North Queensland – Cairns & surrounds                |
| 7    | Sept  | -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --                                      |
| 15   | Sept  | Theatre party – “Rain Man” – Glen Street Theatre                      |
| 30   | Sept  | Excursion by ferry to Garden Island                                   |
| 4    | Oct   | Golf / Bowls Getaway to Southern Highlands                            |
| 8    | Oct   | -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --  |
| 26   | Oct   | Rick Clapp’s 95 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon – Wakehurst Golf Club |
| 26   | Oct   | Seaforth Bowling Club – Annual Review                                 |
| 17   | Nov   | Getaway by ferry – Palm Beach to Ettalong ... with lunch ashore       |
| 6    | Dec   | Walking Group’s Annual Christmas Picnic – Garigal National Park       |
| 13   | Dec   | Seaforth Probus Annual Christmas Lunch - Long Reef Golf Club          |
| 18   | Jan   | Lunch after January Probus meeting – Wakehurst Golf Club              |
| 4    | Feb   | \$2.50 Day – Lunch at Doyles / Watson’s Bay                           |
| 11   | Feb   | Seaforth Bowling Club – “Rising Stars Show”                           |
| 16   | Feb   | Theatre Party – “Dr. Zhivago” – Lyric Theatre                         |
| 22   | Feb   | Cruise on Queen Elizabeth – Sydney to Singapore                       |
| 12   | Mar   | -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- --  |
| 15   | Mar   | Past Presidents’ Luncheon – Limani Resturant                          |
| 28   | Mar   | Seaforth Probus Annual Picnic – Clontarf                              |

David Gulliford has plans in hand for two overseas trips in 2011... Viet Nam, Cambodia & the Mekong in October...and Japan’s Cherry Blossom Festival... while Neville Cleary has a fully booked Golf/Bowls Getaway organised for April. Trevor Wallin & Warren Ogborne have a party booked for the Brandenburg Orchestra at the Sydney Recital Hall in July and Reg Green’s 2011 Discovery Day Tours are organised & listed on p.3.

**Guest Speakers**  
**(April 2010 – March 2011)**  
**(Coordinator – Ray Stallworthy)**

|              |                |  |
|--------------|----------------|--|
| April – 2010 | Ian Small      | “The Kurrajongs”   |
| May          | Warren Ogborne | “What is Man?”   |
| June         | Nick Cassim    | “Great Naval Battles & Their Influence on Human History”           |
| July         | Graham Walls   | “Sport for Disabled People”  |
| Aug          | Dan Plumb      | “The Hydrogen Fuel Economy”  |
| Sept         | Julia Lever    | “Getting Your Affairs in Order Before You Lose your Marbles”       |
| Oct          | John Rawson    | “Prostate Cancer – Management Options”                             |
| Nov          | Sue Rosen      | “The Oldest House in Sydney”                                       |
| Jan – 2011   | Reg Green      | “The First Fleet & Governor Phillip’s Role in Founding the Nation” |
| Feb          | John Boyd      | “The Tank Stream”  |
| Mar          | Paul Barclay   | “The History of Calendars”   |

**GOLF CLUB**  
**(Alec Wickenden – Trevor Wallin)**

- 30 July      Nine Hole Stableford Individual Competition with Manly & Balgowlah Probus Clubs, played at Balgowlah Golf Course. Won by Seaforth Probus, with Gordon James scoring 23 points and Margaret Grieg, Don Elliott & Mick Grieg each on 20, all playing below their handicap.
- 12 Nov      Return match with Balgowlah & Manly Probians at Balgowlah Golf Course. A Nine Hole Stableford Individual Competition. There were 26 players & 27 for lunch ... with Manly the victors on the day
- 25 Feb      Our third Nine Hole Stableford Individual Competition for the year, was played for the David Millard Cup & won by our old rivals Manly for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, despite Ian Stevenson’s brilliant 26 points. The score now stands at Seaforth Probus 4 ... Manly Probus 2.

## BOWLS CLUB ( Lee Murrell )

The Bowlers were distressed see their "boss" Lee's health decline quite dramatically late in the year. He had us all worried, and Dick Higgins stepped into the breach to keep the show on the road while Lee was being investigated. Happily the problem was rapidly identified and appropriate therapy instituted. Lee is back in harness, looking and feeling a new man, with great relief all round.

The year has been a particularly good one for the group. Our numbers have been swollen by the influx of several new bowlers including Don Elliott, Max Smythe, Ray Isaacs and Maurice Tye, and on Thursday Feb.24<sup>th</sup> we had twenty five on the rink, our largest number yet.

Competition has been keen and the results have reflected considerable flare on the part of our handicapper. Elaine Daly & Betty Higgins were joint winners of the Rick Clapp Shield and Nev Cleary & Doug Law each won the trophy, beating their nearest rival by a mere ½ point. "Big Yellow Bowls" Mitchell-(BYB)-also took out the shield with another narrow win and Betty Higgins did it *again* by beating John Daly & husband Dick in another tight contest. Perhaps the biggest upset was Norrie Cleary & Jan Murrell's massive win against Don Elliott & BYB'... *they trounced the "boys" 21 points to nil !!!*

On September 9<sup>th</sup> a challenge match was held between the Seaforth & Manly Probus bowlers. It was a great contest which the "home team" won 3:1 with a "big board tally" of 50:38 ...and there followed a sumptuous morning tea provided by our lady bowlers Norrie Cleary, Jan Murrell, Elaine Daly & Betty Higgins. So much did we all enjoy the day, that a return match has been mooted with the possibility of making it a regular fixture.

The key to the success of the Bowls Club is the fellowship we enjoy. Both on the greens and afterwards, in the clubhouse, there is a constant stream of merriment & laughter, so much so, that Graham Chalkley, our fellow Probian & President of Seaforth Bowling Club, is often heard to remark ... "are you sure you're enjoying yourself?"

**WALKING GROUP**  
**(Rudi Hochstetter)**

- April 2010 Clash with Easter ... walking to commence in May
- May Bantry Bay Shops & into Garrigal National Park, where we saw several aboriginal rock carvings, including a huge one of a shark.
- June From Dee Why Surf Club along the foreshore...
- July Warriewood Wetlands, which led through sub-tropical bushland to a delightful clearing featuring cliffs, caves & a waterfall spilling into a pool.
- Aug. From Curl Curl Sports Centre & skirting the park,,
- Sept. From Manly Art Gallery along the Scenic Esplanade to King Street & back. Spectacular harbour views... a photographer's paradise.
- Oct. Cancelled as walkers away in Southern Highlands.
- Nov. Met on Manly ocean front at head of the Corso & walked to Queenscliff & the lagoon park & back.
- Dec. Walk in Garigal National Park adjacent to Roseville Bridge then assembled for annual celebratory picnic in the park.
- Jan. – Feb. Weather too hot ... walking resumes in March 2011
- Mar. 2011 Meeting at Jamieson Park Narrabeen ... a group of nineteen Probians walked this delightful route & enjoyed coffee at the Narrabeen Café afterwards. We were pleased to have Ray & Jeanette Isaacs and Michael Draper join us as “First Timers”, and with one or two other members of the habitual walkers missing ... slumming it on the Queen Elizabeth ... we can expect the number to swell as we walk into the club's 21<sup>st</sup> year.

## THE PROBUS CLUB OF SEAFORTH INC.

Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2011

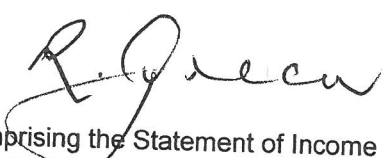
Assets

|              | 2011    | 2010    |
|--------------|---------|---------|
| Cash at Bank | 4670.73 | 7141.87 |
|              | 4670.73 | 7141.47 |

Liabilities

|                                 |         |            |         |            |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|
| Amount due for Hall Hire & Teas |         |            | 3995.00 |            |
| Advance Receipts                | 988.00  |            |         |            |
| Less Disbursements              | -500.00 | 488.00     | -125.00 | 3870.00    |
|                                 |         | 4182.73    |         | 3271.47    |
|                                 |         | \$4,182.73 |         | \$3,271.47 |
| Balance brought Forward         |         | 3271.87    |         | 5198.10    |
| Add Surplus (Deficit) for Year  |         | 910.86     |         | -1926.23   |
| Members' Funds                  |         | \$4,182.73 |         | \$3,271.87 |

Signed R N Green (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 2011. 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 K Zehnder (Hon. Auditor)



## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

My first thoughts on producing a "President's Annual Report" was that perhaps this should be a detailed report of the year that had just past and be known as the "Annual Report". However I then realised that our club historian Warren Ogborne was producing a history of the last 10 years and, on discussion with Warren, I found that he is producing a brilliant and very detailed report of this period, including 2010/11. This will be available in the next few months. I would like to congratulate Warren both personally and on behalf of the club for the contribution he is making to the club's records.

I feel that 2010/11 has been the start of the 'winds of change'. This change is happening in several areas and with this change there are, of course, regrets, but also room for fresh ideas and new activities.

After 21 years, Barry Ryan has decided to step down as travel convener Barry's record of organising great trips, both overseas and locally will never be surpassed Congratulations and thank you Barry. It required the club to replace him with 3 members.

Allan Doutreband, after 7 years of dedicated work as editor of the monthly newsletter, has retired. Without the newsletter the club could not function as we know it. A new member, Ray Isaacs, has stepped up to the task. Thank you Allan and I wish you and Ella a long and happy rest from the editor's role.

The committee has moved to cater for all members with a change of direction in our activities with less emphasis on overseas trips and more on lunches, one day outings, theatre and, of course, our 4 day bowls/golf trips. Whilst our overseas trips, in the past, have been a great success, we have found, from a survey, that over 30% of the club do not wish to travel overseas as a group and only 15% wish to travel overseas. Also, medical insurance has been harder to obtain, both in cost and cover available. Of course every endeavour will be made to obtain details and present overseas trips to the members when they indicate their interest.

Good Guest Speakers have a big role to play in ensuring that we have a good attendance at our monthly meetings, encouraging our Ladies to join us and in recruiting new members.

We have been very fortunate that Ray Stallworthy has produced such a high standard of speakers.

All older Probus clubs have to take care not to sit back and ignore their recruitment program. This would be fatal. The best recruit is always the friend of a current member.

Also, whilst good friends are made at Probus, we should make sure that we extend friendship to our new members.

The Organisation of Probus has been active, producing a new constitution which the committee will have to discuss at some stage and also have renegotiated a new travel insurance.

Our treasurer, Reg Green , after 5 years, has also decided to retire and is leaving the club in a very strong financial position. Thanks for a job well done Reg,

During the year the club was poorer by the passing of a true gentleman, Ross Christensen.

Ross was President in 1999/2000 and had served in WW2 as a pilot. The story of his escape back to England after being shot down is material for a great movie.

To be President of such an active club as Seaforth is a honour and I have enjoyed the experience immensely. I hope that I can continue to have input to the club .

I would like to make special mention of Don Elliot, who over a game of golf ,asked me to join Probus, Gavin Kerr who organised the major functions, Len Wilson who had the minutes on my computer before I had driven home from the meeting, Reg Green who always made sure that the committee did not waste money, Nev Cleary for the great 4 day trips, Trevor Wallin for the lunches, golf and theatres, Ray Stallworthy for the speakers , Lee Murrell for the bowls Rudi Hochstetter for the walking group and the other members who had a special role in the club and helped me through 2010/11.

Thank you one and all very much. I hope that you will continue to serve and enjoy the fellowship of Seaforth Probus Club

David Gulliford.

Membership List – Past & Present  
as at March 2011

| F – Foundation member<br>L – Life Member | 0 – Member at March 2011<br>T – TIM                 |
|--|---|
| F Mick Alcock                            | F T Roy Felan                                       |
| Owen Alvarez                             | 0 Bruce Fisk  |
| F 0 Keith Anderson                       | 0 Ron Ford  |
| F Leon Barlow                            | F 0 T Doug Forsyth (Act.Pres 93-94)<br>(Pres.94-95) |
| 0 Bryan Barnard                          | Wal Frost   |
| Len Beecroft                             | Ric Garden  |
| Warren Bennetts                          | F Darrell Garnham                                   |
| 0 Arthur Buchan                          | F Peter Gibson                                      |
| 0 Ross Buckton                           | F John Glerum                                       |
| Doug Cameron                             | Barry Goddard                                       |
| Barry Carroll                            | Bob Goddard   |
| 0 Kevin Carr                             | 0 Bernard Grant                                     |
| Ken Carver                               | 0 Reg Green   |
| 0 Nick Cassim                            | 0 Mick Grieg  |
| 0 Graham Chalkley                        | Bill Graham   |
| Keith Chambers                           | F Raymond Gray                                      |
| T John Chester                           | 0 David Gulliford (Pres.10-11)                      |
| F Ross Christensen (Pres.99-00)          | 0 Nicholas Guoth                                    |
| 0 Ric Clapp                              | 0 Werner Halbich                                    |
| F Ron Clayton                            | Jim Hall  |
| 0 Neville Cleary                         | 0 Noel Haars  |
| Ron Colby                                | 0 Ernie Hickey                                      |
| Bruce Cook                               | 0 Dick Higgins                                      |
| 0 Bruce Cormack                          | 0 John Higson                                       |
| 0 Geoff Cotton                           | 0 Rudi Hochstetter (Pres. 09-10)                    |
| Dennis Cowell                            | 0 Harry Hooley                                      |
| F 0 John Daly                            | F Jack Hughes                                       |
| 0 Garry Deacon                           | Gordon Hughes                                       |
| 0 Allan Doutreband                       | John Hunt   |
| 0 Peter De Gioia                         | F David Innes (Part Pres.93)                        |
| F 0 Bill De Meyrick                      | 0 Ray Isaacs  |
| F Geoff Dobbie                           | 0 Bill James  |
| Michael Draper                           | 0 Gordon James                                      |
| Ken Driver                               | Ross Jones  |
| John Eather                              | Russ Jones  |
| Bob Edwards                              | 0 Gavin Kerr  |
| 0 Don Elliott                            | F 0 Doug Law  |
| 0 Rex Elvy                               | Michael Lee   |
| Merv Eyles                               | Pat Lees  |
| F Bob Emanuel                            |   |

Membership List - Past & Present  
as at March 2011

|       |                              |     |                              |
|-------|------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|
|       | Arthur Levy                  | 0   | Geoffrey Shattles            |
| F     | Pax Lindsay                  |     | Michael Slatter              |
|       | Ted Lucas                    | 0   | Ian Smith                    |
|       | Col Lutwych                  | 0   | Max Smythe                   |
| 0     | Terry McKay                  |     | John Snelling                |
|       | Don McKinley                 | F   | Cyril Solomon                |
|       | Max McVicar                  |     | Bill Spence                  |
| 0     | Ian Macmillan                | 0   | Ray Stallworthy              |
| 0     | Jim Macmillan                |     | Bruce Staples                |
| F 0   | Bob Martin                   | F 0 | Tom Stee                     |
| F     | Doug Matheson                | 0   | Ian Stevenson                |
| 0     | Don Menzies                  | 0   | Phil Thompson                |
|       | David Millard                |     | Jim Triglone                 |
|       | Jim Milner                   | 0   | Reg Tuxford (Pres.06-07)     |
| 0     | Richard Minett               | 0   | Maurice Tye                  |
| F 0 L | George Mitchell (Pres.92-93) | 0   | Ian Venn-Brown               |
|       | Charles Montgomery           | F   | Tom Verbeek                  |
|       | Bob Moxom                    | 0   | Peter Wakefield (Pres.01-02) |
| 0     | Terrence Murphy              | 0   | Trevor Wallin (Pres.05-06)   |
|       | Gordon Murray                | F   | Bob West                     |
| 0     | Lee Murrell                  | 0   | Richard Whipp (Pres.95-96)   |
|       | Lister Nott                  | 0   | Reg Whiteley (Pres.04-05)    |
| F     | Ian O'Brien                  | 0   | Alec Wickenden (Pres.96-97)  |
| 0     | Warren Ogborne (Pres.08-09)  | 0   | Len Wilson                   |
|       | Peter Oliver                 | 0   | John Wippell                 |
| 0     | Terry Osborne                |     | John Woods                   |
| F     | Allister Paech (Pres.90-91)  | F   | Tom Young                    |
|       | Trevor Palmer                | 0   | Kevin Zehnder                |
| F     | John Panylyk                 |     |                              |
|       | Ross Pogson                  |     |                              |
| F     | Tom Purcell                  |     |                              |
| 0     | John Rose                    |     |                              |
| F T   | Bob Rowland                  |     |                              |
| F 0 L | Barry Ryan                   |     |                              |
| F 0   | Dick Sansom                  |     |                              |
| F 0   | Tony Sargent                 |     |                              |
|       | Bruce Scott                  |     |                              |
|       | John Scott                   |     |                              |
| F     | Otto Schneider               |     |                              |
| F     | Roy Sedman                   |     |                              |
| 0     | Stuart Sercombe              |     |                              |
| 0     | Tom Setright                 |     |                              |

Seaforth Probus Club  
Two Decades of Presidents  
1991 – 2011

The First Decade

|      |                                       |
|------|---------------------------------------|
| 1991 | Alistair Paech – Foundation President |
| 1992 | George Mitchell                       |
| 1993 | David Innes                           |
| 1994 | Doug Forsyth                          |
| 1995 | Richard Whipp                         |
| 1996 | Alec Wickenden                        |
| 1997 | Bob Martin                            |
| 1998 | Don Elliott                           |
| 1999 | Ross Christensen                      |
| 2000 | Ian Stevenson                         |

The Second Decade

|      |                  |
|------|------------------|
| 2001 | Peter Wakefield  |
| 2002 | Bruce Fisk       |
| 2003 | Ken Carver       |
| 2004 | Reg Whiteley     |
| 2005 | Trevor Wallin    |
| 2006 | Reg Tuxford      |
| 2007 | Neville Cleary   |
| 2008 | Warren Ogborne   |
| 2009 | Rudi Hochstetter |
| 2010 | David Gulliford  |

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