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Dear Forresters Beach Probus members,

By far the most significant issue for our club today is the danger of the COVID-19 virus! And in yesterday's committee meeting we unanimously decided to act on the safe side, and severely limit the activities of our club, such as meetings and events in order to keep our members safe.

It was not an easy decision, as it creates a bit of an obstacle for having friendship, fellowship and fun. But in the end, our members' safety was the decider. So, - we have decided to cancel the April meeting, We also decided to cancel the "Life of Riley" getaway trip, and refund the fees paid. We will postpone the Anniversary Lunch until such a time as we can safely meet and in the meantime refund those fees as well.

As for our regular activities, each convener will favour events that are small, outdoors and self-transported, make the decision they feel is right and inform their regular participants if anything is cancelled. Please continue to enjoy those activities that will take place. Our Picnics will continue, as we see them as a pretty safe environment, and a great way to meet and get to know our members.

Needless to say we strongly recommend you all take care of yourselves and behave in a secure manner, reading and following the recommendations issued by the Central Coast Mayor, Probus (https://www.probusouthpacific.org/pages/Probus_Community_News), and many clubs. Essentially to avoid anyone who has flu-like symptoms or has travelled in the last two weeks, touch as little as possible in public places and wash your hands thoroughly and often. Cover your nose and mouth when you sneeze or cough, and if you don't feel well, or you yourself have travelled in the last two weeks, stay at home.

We are working on ways to continue encouraging Friendship, Fellowship and Fun even in these difficult circumstances, and we will let you know as they develop. Any ideas, let me know.

We will use our website, e-mail, post and telephone for communicating with our members.
HANG IN THERE, this too shall pass!

Bård Haerland
President