



Welcome to my first newsletter as your new President! As we all know, we have an incredibly active club, with so many of our members participating in the many activities that are organized for us to enjoy. Along with the new Committee, I look forward to working closely with you all to ensure we continue to offer the best in terms of Fellowship, Friendship and Fun to all members.



At our last General Meeting, we had the opportunity to see many of our members who volunteer their time to make sure we have a successful & vibrant club. Your ongoing support of our many activities will ensure that we continue to prosper as a club & attract new members who see the benefits of being a member.

You will recall that at the last meeting, Penny retired from organizing our theatre outings and Keith & Gay retired from managing the sausage sizzle. A big thank you to them all for their great contributions over the last few years. Both theatre & sausage sizzle are very popular activities and I'm pleased to welcome Kim Fryer to the role of theatre co-ordinator & Dick Whitaker will head up the sausage sizzle team ably assisted by Jan Whitaker. They will all no doubt do a great job and look forward to your continued support.

Many thanks to Gerry for his invaluable leadership over the past year and I look forward to his continued support & input as Immediate Past President on the Committee.

As always, there have been many regular activities since last meeting! Dot also organized a great visit to the Australian National Maritime Museum, which was enjoyed by all who attended and we also enjoyed a few theatre outings organized by Kim.

The committee trust you all had a Happy and safe Easter with family and friends.

*Steve Mitchell –President.*

## After the General Meeting on 14th April at 12 pm relax and enjoy our Anniversary Three Course Luncheon.

ON ENTRY PLEASE SEE THE TABLE PLAN TO FIND WHERE YOU ARE SEATED. AS THIS MENU IS ALTERNATE SERVE I ASK YOU PLEASE, **NOT TO SWAP PLATES UNTIL EVERYONE AT YOUR TABLE HAS BEEN SERVED AS THIS CAUSES CONFUSION FOR THE WAITERS AS WELL AS A MEMBER NOT RECEIVING THE CORRECT SERVING THAT THEY WOULD BE ENTITLED TO. – THANK YOU**



Outgoing President Gerry Smee welcoming our new President Steve Mitchell.



Wendy Truman was awarded the President Award.




Our newest Members, Roy Cotton, Sue McGowan, and Hilton Peters with Membership Officer Kay Hodge and President Gerry Smee.

**PLEASE MAKE THEM FEEL VERY WELCOME.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LOOK AT THE WEBSITE AND SEE ALL THE GREAT PICTURES, YOU NEVER KNOW YOU MAY BE IN ONE OF THEM!!**

**Don't Forget!**

**TO ALWAYS WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE**

 Remember that if you know of any of our members that are ill please let our Welfare Officer Sheenagh Wilson know. This can be done via the Contact Form on our Website.

**PLEASE NOTE**

Can you please make sure when you need to apologise for non attendance at a meeting that you let David or Lynn Varvel know via the **WEBSITE CONTACT FORM.**



This is very important so that records of attendance can be kept accurate. David and Lynn also need to know if you intend to leave a meeting early, this is important for insurance reasons.

**RE VISITORS**

Could you also please advise David and Lynn if you are bringing a visitor so that a name tag can be prepared ready for them.

We have had a lot of interest in our club since the beginning of the year so please take a moment at the meetings to say hello to any visitors.

**DAVID AND LYNN CAN BE CONTACTED VIA THE WEBSITE CONTACT PAGE**

 **PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DRESS CODE SMART CASUAL AND MAKE SURE IF YOU BRING A VISITOR THEY ARE AWARE OF THIS.** 

**PAYMENT FOR EVENTS, THEATRE OUTINGS ETC.**

When making a Payment by Electronic Transfer please note the required information:

ACCOUNT NAME :  
FORRESTERS BEACH PROBUS CLUB. BSB: 082528  
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 792739005



**ALWAYS QUOTE THE EFT NUMBER SHOWN WITH THE ADVERTISED EVENT.**



# THEATRE PROGRAM



PRODUCTION	COST	DATE	VENUE	BOOKING DETAILS	EFT CODE
The Italian Tenors	Conc. & Grp. 10+ \$59.00 pp.	Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30 pm.	The Art House, Wyong	Bookings Closed	420
Aria (D. Williamson Play)	\$29.00 pp.	Sunday 10th May at 2 pm.	Woy Woy Little Theatre	Bookings Closed	425
Alladin, Victoria State Ballet	\$Conc. \$45.00 pp.	Saturday 23rd May at 2 pm.	Laycock Street Theatre, Wyoming	Closing date for bookings and payments 18th April	430
You Got it! A Tribute to Roy Orbison	\$71.00 pp.	Saturday, June 13, at 3:00 pm.	The Art House Theatre	Closing date for bookings and payments is May 12th.	435
In the name of love – The Vallies	\$26.00 pp.	Wednesday, June 10, at 11:00 pm.	Laycock Street Theatre	Closing date for bookings and payments is April 24th.	440

 **PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET KIM FRYER KNOW, VIA THE WEBSITE CONTACT FORM, WHEN YOU HAVE PAID FOR AN EVENT** 



## BOOK SWAP

### **A VOICE IN THE NIGHT! BY SARAH HAWTHORN**

A gripping read! Begins in glamorous New York with an illicit relationship – entitled male, anxious lover, then disaster. The story moves on to London. A good job for anxious lover but difficulties quickly emerge. A read certain to keep you up at night, easy writing style, good pace, exciting. Enjoy!

*Jan Wallace*

### **AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM OUTING.**

Thank you to the members who joined us for this most enjoyable outing. The tour of the Navy destroyer HMNAS Vampire was fascinating. We were very lucky to have Col a retired Captain show us around and into areas that were not open to the public. David our tour guide was so helpful and so knowledgeable we could see why he loves volunteering at the museum. The inside exhibition of ocean photography was beautiful. We were well and truly exhausted by the time we stopped for a lovely lunch at a little restaurant David took us to. It was definitely an experience going in the submarine. Geoff. took some great photos which we hope to show at the April meeting. *Dot. Tinker*



Some of the members who enjoyed this trip.



The Happy Crowd that enjoyed the Cabin and Caravan Breakaway to Forster—Tuncurry.



### **1ST MAY—THE GREENS, THE ENTRANCE**

Probus Cluster 15 are organizing a Bare Foot Bowls day as they have done for many years. This year it will be held at The Green. 10 Warrigal St. The Entrance, on Friday 1st May. \$12 PP including bowls if required.

The green is covered by a kind of shade cloth, which makes comfortable for bowling. We are asking experienced bowlers to help the inexperienced bowlers to play the grand old game of Lawn Bowls.

Please bring your own bowls if you have some. Otherwise, bowls will be provided. Please arrive at 9.30, where you will be given a numbered ticket, which will be the lane you will be playing on. Bowls start at 10 am and finishes at 12 sharp. The greens are booked by others from then on. Lunch at your own expense. . Names on list at meeting. Optional lunch at club, for a fun day of games and friendship and fellowship with our cluster clubs.

Contact Wendy Truman via the website for more information



## TUESDAY MAY 5TH

Enjoy Three and a Half Hours Cruise Around Sydney Harbour in a Fully Enclosed Glass Boat, Walker Friendly.

11 am to 2.30 pm.

Morning Tea/Coffee upon arrival, Sumptuous lunch and Delicious Dessert, Entertainment, Bingo, Trivia & Name That Song.

\$69 for Cruise and Lunch etc. Extra \$40 for Coach—Total \$109. Code 220

Pick up points.

8.05 am—Terrigal Scout Hall—Willoughby Rd.

8.25 am EDSAASC Oval— North End— Yakalla St.

8.45 am Car Park located near Mingara, Tumbi Umbi (Turn right from Mingara Drive, then right at smaller roundabout located before Mingara Car Park. (Bus bays are directly behind KFC)

**CONTACT DOT TINKER VIA THE WEBSITE CONTACT FORM**

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The next Sizzle will be on **TUESDAY 21ST APRIL** at Swadling Reserve, Toowoon Bay.

The cost is \$5 and includes bread roll, onions and sausage. The cost also includes a raffle ticket. Please bring your own drinks, plate, knife and fork if required. If the weather looks inclement and we have to cancel a notice will be put on the website around 10.00am.

**Please sign your name on the board at the meeting and if you then find you are unable to attend please let Dick Whitaker know a.s.a.p. to help with the catering.**

Dick can be contacted via the Website contact Form.



## Camera Club

**29 April, 2026.**

**Meeting Time:** Tuggerah Station, 8.55 am, Platform 2.

**Venue:** Newcastle.

**Transport:** Train from Tuggerah Station to Newcastle Interchange. Newcastle Light Rail to Newcastle Beach.

**What to Photograph:** Newcastle Harbour, Harbour traffic Nobbys Beach, Nobbys Lighthouse, Newcastle Breakwall Newcastle Baths.

**Lunch:** To be determined.

This is a mainly a small group social event in which photos are taken either by phone or camera. A great fun day is had and lunch venue is normally a group decision. A lot of camaraderie.



Gerry Smee can be contacted via the website.



## BOWLS

On March 13th twenty-four bowlers joined in a fun day. We played five games. two triples, and three games of pairs. The triples winners were Toni Rutter, (new member) Hilton Peters. with Richard Kennedy, and Sandra Brammall, Tom Wallace with Lindsay McNamarra. The pairs winners were Ron Hodge with Toni Hosking, Les Coventry with Ken Oxby and Phil Clarke with Roger Brammall. Bowls will be on again on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Always looking for more members to join us for Probus Bowls.

**LINDSAY McNAMARRA** will be organising the April and May Games while I am away.

**Note the games will now start at 10:00 am because the Bateau Bay Bowling Club will only be opening at 10:00 am. Ken.**

## GOLF

Our first event of the year was held at Everglades GC on Monday March 30<sup>th</sup>. 12 Players participated, with June Brennan being the winner of the ladies and Nearest The Pin. Des Brownlee took the honours for the men and Hilton Peters was NTP.

**OUR NEXT EVENT WILL BE AT GOSFORD GC ON JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>.**

**Kevin Brennan CAN BE CONTACTED VIA OUR WEBSITE**



## TEN PIN

Our Ten Pin challenge was on again with people enjoying an afternoon of fun and laughs. We welcome some new faces this month, Alison Maynard and Sheenagh Wilson, thanks for joining us. We watched the pins fall, lots of strikes and spares. There were moments as we held our breath with some very near misses - some lonely pins stood tall in defiance of the oncoming ball. Steve Mitchell showed his altruistic side as he threw his ball down the lane, scoring a strike for Alison. She was very grateful! This is just what we would expect from our new President. Who will he honour next? Congratulations to our winners: The Gents: Jim Tinker, Steve Mitchell, Don Harding. The Ladies: June Brennan, Pam Smith and Jayne Wilson. Thirty people joined us for dinner at Bateau Bay Bowling Club.

**SEE YOU ON 23 APRIL FOR OUR NEXT SESSION.**

Pop your name on the board.

**Prue Smee CAN BE CONTACTED VIA THE WEBSITE.**

# WOW!

## “WOMEN OF WISDOM”

WOW meets again on **MONDAY 20TH APRIL** at the Toowoon Bay SLSC (Top floor) from 2-4pm . Access is from Street level.

All ladies are encouraged to come and join us. We enjoy each other's company and conversations in a fun, supportive and confidential environment.

Please advise Hazel of any topics you might like included.

Join us and grow new friends, laugh and smile a lot, and share life's moments just because you want to.

We have tea and coffee to enjoy whilst chatting.

Cost is \$3 for hall hire.

**Contact Hazel via the website if you have any queries or simply just come along and enjoy.**



## Table of Knowledge

The TOK men's "Table of Knowledge" conversation group met again on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 with 14 members attending. This was one of our largest gatherings and we enjoyed a lively conversation with several topics and points of view.

For the sake of our new President Steve Mitchell and Junior Vice President I should explain that our meetings are informal, friendly and have no pre-planned agenda. I keep a list of attendees should any Probus insurance issues arise but the attendance and conversation at the meeting remains confidential as some personal issues are sometimes discussed. The standing joke is that if anyone outside the meeting asks us what we talk about we answer that's it's "Secret Men's Business" The spirit of the conversation is one of everyone having a chance to speak if they wish. It's not a debate or competition and not interrupting and respecting the speaker is paramount.

We welcome any one who wishes to come and join us with no expectation that they need to attend regularly.

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL I.E. THE FIRST MONDAY AFTER THE MONTHLY PROBUS MEETING.**

Meeting venue is the **Bateau Bay Bowling Club lounge from 10am to 11.30 am. Please note that the meeting times have changed and start is now 10am.**

(due to club now opening at 10am)

Regards *George Miller*

ANYONE WANTING TO KNOW MORE CAN CONTACT GEORGE VIA THE WEBSITE.



## APRIL SHORT WALK

### Mount Penang Gardens Tues 28<sup>th</sup> April

This walk is selected to be a relaxing and non-strenuous short walk in order to cater for those who would like to participate in the walking programme. The meeting point will be at 10am at the entrance to Mount Penang Gardens 38 – 40 Parklands Road, Kariong where the walk will commence. Free, ample parking is available directly in front of the Mt Penang Gardens entrance. The intention is to have a leisurely walk around the gardens while taking in the wonderful gardens, water features and bird life and finish with coffee, for those who wish, at the Waterfall Café where the walk commenced.

This is a leisurely walk with a total distance of about 2 km. There is seating along the way for those who may not wish to do the entire walk.

*Please ensure you bring a hat and sunscreen for what we hope will be a beautiful day. Jim*



## Milthorpe Garden Rambles

Friday October 20 to Monday 2nd November 2026

Total anticipated cost \$1100.00 per person

**DEPOSIT OF \$250.00 PER PERSON DUE BY FRIDAY 13TH**

**MARCH - EFT CODE 525**

**FINAL PAYMENT, WHEN ADVISED, WILL BE DUE BY FRIDAY 17TH JULY, THERE MAY BE A SINGLE SUPPLEMENT.**

**NO REFUNDS AFTER THE FINAL PAYMENT DATE.**

**FURTHER DETAILS ARE ON THE WEBSITE.**

**Contact Ross Quinn via the website if you have any queries.**



**DATES FOR YOUR 2026 DIARY**

1ST MAY CLUSTER BAREFOOT BOWLS  
 28TH – 2ND JUNE SAPPHIRE COAST TRIP  
 18TH JUNE KEN DUNCAN GALLERY  
 25TH JUNE WYONG RACE DAY  
 15TH JULY THE FIDDLER CHRISTMAS IN JULY  
 17TH SEPTEMBER DISTILLERY VISIT  
 20TH OCT. - 2ND NOV. GARDEN TOUR.  
 23RD OCTOBER CLUSTER PICNIC DAY  
 2ND NOV. MELBOURNE CUP AT TIGERS.  
 23RD NOV. — 26TH NOV. TRIP CANBERRA

## A FABULOUS 6 DAY GOAGH TOUR TO THE SAPPHIRE COAST N.S.W.

**THURSDAY MAY 28TH TO TUESDAY  
2ND JUNE 2026**

**FULL DETAILED ITINERARY OF THIS  
COACH TOUR IS ON OUR WEBSITE**

**NAMES ON THE LIST PLEASE.  
\$1990.00 PP SINGLE SUPPLEMENT  
\$440.00.**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE THURSDAY 30TH APRIL**

**CODE 515**

**CONTACT WENDY TRUMAN VIA THE WEBSITE**

**Happy Birthday to all our members  
celebrating their birthdays in April**

Sandra Brammall, Carolyn Butler, Babs Clarke,  
Les Coventry, Janet Crik, Geoff Flippence,  
Dorothy McKay, Paul Mangion, Graham Nestor,  
Jackie Ohlin, Ralph Olsen, Suzie Parker, Gay Saines,  
Shirley Shepherd, Pam Smith, Stuart Speight, Maree  
Turner, Bev Walsh, Jenni Allan, Joe Sammut, Rob Johns.  
D. Groover



 **SAVE THE DATE**

**Ken Duncan Gallery**  
LUNCH AT KEN DUNCAN GALLERY THURS. 18TH JUNE

**Cluster event - Wyong Race Day**  
THURSDAY 25TH JUNE—COST \$80 PP.

**Christmas in July**  
AT "THE FIDDER", ROUSE HILL ON  
WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY

**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW**

## ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL 2026

**ANNIVERSARY LUNCH**

**AND MEETING TUESDAY 14TH APRIL**

**FRIDAY 17TH APRIL BOWLS**

**MONDAY 20TH APRIL WOW AND TOK**

**TUESDAY 21ST APRIL SIZZLE**

**THURSDAY 23RD APRIL TEN PIN**

**TUESDAY 28TH APRIL SHORT WALK**

**WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL CAMERA CLUB**

**WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY BAREFOOT BOWLS**

**TUESDAY 5TH MAY SENIOR BIG DAY OUT**

**WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY CRAFT.**

**HOPE YOU CAN JOIN IN SOME OF  
THESE EVENTS AND**

**ENJOY**

## Four Day Canberra Trip

**MON. 23RD NOV. to THURS. 26TH NOV..**

Transport by Coach

Staying at the Canberra Rex Hotel,  
150 Northbourne Ave, Braddon, ACT  
Deposit of \$200 per person required by 17th July.  
Final total payment of \$1475.00. Single Supplement \$380 due by 23rd October. **EFT CODE 520.**

**SEE PROPOSED ITINERARY ON THE PROBUS WEB SITE.**

**Wendy Truman can be contacted via the website.**