



Merry Christmas

Welcome to our December Newsletter.

With another year almost gone, it's time to reflect on the good times. We have enjoyed our year with Forrester's Beach Probus Club and express our thanks to all those members who have given so much of their time. On behalf of you all, I especially thank the Management Committee, Organisers and the many helpers who facilitated the smooth running of our Club during the year.



Do you remember when you were young? At the end of the school year there was about a fortnight before Christmas Day; how the days dragged ever so slowly. Now in our mature years time seems to fly and before we know it Christmas has turned into Easter and so on. I have read that the feeling that time speeds up or slows down is dependent on your emotional state; it is known as subjective time perception. When you are enjoying yourself or are highly engaged, your brain processes information differently, making it feel as if time is passing quickly. When you are bored, time seems to drag. In Joseph Heller's *Catch-22* (1961) his character, Dunbar, believed that time passed more slowly when one was bored or doing something unpleasant, so he intentionally sought out boring people and activities, including undesirable tasks, to prolong his life. I don't believe many of our Probus members are bored when I consider the exciting activities offered.

On behalf of the Salvation Army, I'd like to say thank you for your donations to help the needy this Christmas. They certainly will be thrilled with your generosity.

Prue and I would like to thank you for the support you have shown us during the year and personally wish you all a Christmas and New Year filled with peace and happiness spent with family and friends. I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting in 2026.

Gerry Smee—President.

**TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER DOORS OPEN 10 AM
GENERAL MEETING STARTS 10.30 A.M FOLLOWED BY
A BUFFET LUNCHEON WHICH WILL BE SERVED BY STAFF FOR YOU TO ENJOY**



Drinks may be purchased at the Bar.

Entertainment: Our Songsters will perform Christmas Carols & you are encouraged to join in. **The Sugar Whisky Band acoustic Duo** will play easy listening music throughout Lunch and move onto upbeat songs when the Dancing will commence.

PRIZES: Wear your favourite Christmas outfit as there will be a Prize for the best dressed Lady and Man. **Also** there will be prizes of BOTTLES of wine.

SANTA: Will be there to distribute his bag full of chocolates.



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.

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

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 ADVERTISEMENT



TO ALWAYS WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE



BOOK SWAP

THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD
By Ben Brooks

Arthur Candlewicks is a wealthy man, in the process of exiting his involvement in a very successful timber business. His wife Yara still feels financially insecure despite their circumstances and likes to get to airports at least 4 hours ahead of requirements. Son Emil is good at maths and little else. Evangeline is heading to Uni, and she is very concerned about the state of the world, but not to the extent that she wants to trim her lifestyle. It is a secure but disjointed family. Following an incident, Arthur, decides his wealth would be better served channelled through worthy charities. The decision is not well received. What ensues is a very witty and thought-provoking account of a family plunged into crisis.

A GREAT READ

Kevin Brennan



Don't forget your donations to the Salvation Army. A collection bucket will be on the top table.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR DRESS CODE SMART CASUAL AND MAKE SURE IF YOU BRING A VISITOR THEY ARE AWARE OF THIS, BUT WEAR SOMETHING CHRISTMASSY FOR OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCH,



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.



THEATRE PROGRAM



PRODUCTION	COST	DATE	VENUE	BOOKING DETAILS	EFT CODE
Travelling Wilburys Collection	Conc.\$65.00 Group. 10+ \$60.00	Thursday February 5th at 7.30 pm.	The Art House, Wyong	Closing Date for bookings and payments January 5th 2026	400
The Fab 4	Conc. And Gp. 10 + \$60.00	Thursday March 5th at 7.30 pm.	The Art House, Wyong	Closing Date for bookings and payments February 2nd 2026	405
The Australian Eagles Show	\$90.00	Friday March 27th at 7.30 pm	Laycock Street Theatre, Gosford	Closing Date for bookings and payments February 27th 2026.	410



PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET PENNY BARNETT KNOW, VIA THE WEBSITE CONTACT FORM WHEN YOU HAVE PAID FOR AN EVENT.



Cabin and Caravan Getaway Forster - Tuncurry

Date: **MONDAY MARCH 2ND – FRIDAY
MARCH 6TH**

MONDAY 6TH 4.30 PM. Happy Hour—rear of Café.
6.00 pm Welcome Dinner at the Tuncurry Bowling Club.

TUESDAY 3RD Free Spirit luncheon Cruise.
Check in 11.30 am
11.40 a. Golf—Forster Golf Club.
3.00 pm Ten Pin Bowling—Forster Entrainment Centre
6.00 pm Forster Bowling Club Buffet—all you can eat \$30 pp.

WEDNESDAY Free Spirit luncheon Cruise
Check in 11.30am
4.30pm Happy Hour

THURSDAY Leisure Time
3.30pm Barefoot Bowls, Tuncurry Bowling Club.
EVENING—Farewell Dinner after bowling. Tuncurry Bowling Club.

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE.

Contact Lyn and Des Brownlee via the website contact form.



TODAY WE INDUCT INTO OUR CLUB

Suzie Murtagh, she was a
Theatre Nurse and she
enjoys Craft,
Gardening, Painting and
Bike Riding

**PLEASE SAY HELLO
AND MAKE HER FEEL VERY
WELCOME.**



Our Speaker
Bev Campbell
was thanked
by Hazel
Hopping



Connie
Kennedy
was our
lucky
door prize
winner.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The next Sizzle will be on **TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER** 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 Keith know a.s.a.p. to help with the catering.

Keith can be contacted via the Website contact Form.



GOLF

Golf Lunch at The Balcony SBSLSC

15 golfers and partners attended a lunch on Friday 21st Nov, to officially present the golf awards for 2025. The President's Cup for the Team event at Mangrove Mountain on Nov 7th, went to Geoff Barwick © Denise Quinn, Steve Halverson & Lyn Brownlee. The Golfer of the Year went to Des Brownlee and he received the Murray Walsh Trophy. Golf continues to attract a small but loyal following and we hope this will continue into the years ahead.



Winners of the President's Cup Team Event, Denise Quinn, Steve Halverson, Lyn Brownlee and Geoff Barwick, Lyn and Geoff not available for the photograph.



Winner of The Murray Walsh Trophy, Des Brownlee

Kevin Brennan



BOWLS

18 players bowled at our November meeting, including Kerry Smith who had his last game with us before leaving to his new home near the Gold Coast.

We played triples. Richard Kennedy with Geoff Barwick and Graham Wood, Tony Hosking with Julie Coventry and Steve Mitchell and Rawson Ball with Kerry Smith and John Kent were the winners.

The next game is scheduled for **Friday 12 December 2025**. This is our last game for the year, where we will have some special events and after the games we will be having lunch in the club with **Prizes for the best performers over the year, etc, etc. Christmassy clothing welcome.**

Bowlers are very welcome to bring friends to bowl or just join us for the lunch.

Tick your name on the list at the meeting and indicate the number coming to lunch for catering purposes – new bowlers welcome to add their names and come and join in.



KEN OXBY CAN BE CONTACTED VIA OUR WEBSITE

TEN PIN



Life doesn't get much better than this. A record twenty one players, Ralph getting a strike, Keith getting three spares in a row, Bob Hopping's birthday and Christmas goodies to share. That topped with a delicious dinner at the Bateau Bay Bowling Club. Thanks everyone for a great year of Ten Pin. If you missed out this year pop the dates in your diary. **WE ARE TAKING A BREAK UNTIL FEBRUARY. SEE YOU ALL ON THURSDAY 26TH.**



Prue Smees CAN BE CONTACTED VIA THE WEBSITE.



WOW!

“WOMEN OF WISDOM”

WOW LADIES WISH TO INVITE EVERY LADY THAT HAS EVER ATTENDED OR THOUGHT OF ATTENDING WOW, TO JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FESTIVE MUNCHIES 2025 CELEBRATIONS

Bring a plate of nibbles to share and a desire to enjoy companionship, laughter and good tales.

All drinks are provided - Hot and cold.

We are gathering on **MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER** at the Toowoon Bay SLSC (Top floor) from 2-4 pm.

Access is from Street level.

All ladies are encouraged to come and join us. We enjoy each other's companionship and conversations

in a fun and supportive, confidential environment.

Cost is \$3 for hall hire.

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



Happy 'sizzler' getting ready for the November sizzle.



Members who enjoyed the Killcare to Wagstaff Walk



All aboard the ferry for the River Postman Riverboat Cruise.

Table of Knowledge

Once again the “Men’s Table of Knowledge” discussion group had a well-attended meeting.

Several topics for discussion arose and everyone had something to say.

As always, the discussion gave us all an opportunity to hear another point of view rather than a debate.

I always enjoy these conversations and I always come away impressed by the breadth of knowledge and experience present.

New attendees are most welcome. Meetings are held on the Monday after the monthly Probus general meeting

Our next TOK meeting will be Monday 15th December at the Bateau Bay Bowling Club lounge from 9.30am to 11 am.

Anyone wanting to know more can contact me via the website.

George Miller.



A very Merry Christmas from your Newsletter Editor and every Good Wish for 2026.



A very Happy Birthday to members celebrating their birthdays in December

Barbara Bowen, Lyn Brownlee, Coral Fletcher, Toni Hosking, Jenny Jarvis, Robyn Smith, Doria Tensing, Jan Whitaker, Carol Bullard



**A FABULOUS
6 DAY GOACH TOUR
TO THE SAPPHIRE COAST N.S.W.**

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

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

NAMES ON THE LIST PLEASE.

A DEPOSIT OF \$200PP IS REQUIRED.

CODE 515

**CONTACT WENDY TRUMAN
VIA THE WEBSITE.**

ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER 2025



**TUESDAY 9TH
MEETING AND
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**



FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER BOWLS

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER TOK AND WOW

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS SIZZLE



To Enjoy in The New Year

WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY CRAFT

TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY MEETING

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY BOWLS

MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY WOW AND TOK

TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY SIZZLE

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY MARINE CENTRE

MON. 23TH FEBRUARY CAMERA CLUB

TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY SHORT WALK

THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY TEN PIN

ENJOY!

CENTRAL COAST MARINE DISCOVERY CENTRE

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

Location: In the Rotary Park, next to Terrigal Lagoon,
Terrigal Drive

Details: Learn about our amazing local temperate marine environment, coastal landforms, flora & fauna. This tour has hands-on Exhibits, innovative Aquariums & much more. Their Virtual Reality Dive enables you to explore the Ex HMAS Adelaide Artificial Reef which is part of the Wonders of the Wreck program.

THERE IS SOMETHING TO CAPTIVATE VISITORS OF ALL AGES.

****Wheelchair and Walker suitable****

Start Time: 10.30am - Duration 90 minutes

Maximum: 25 Transport: OWN

CODE:205 COST: \$24 includes Morning Tea

PAY BY: TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

**Lunch: Terrigal Hotel, just down the road,
OPTIONAL**

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

DATE: WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH

Time at the museum – 10am to 1pm

Code: 210 - Cost: \$24 all inclusive of all ships, exhibitions and galleries open to the public including any public tours running on the day. This also includes a 1hr guided tour of the Navy Destroyer HMAS Vampire

(not suitable for members with limited mobility)

Cost: \$16 all indoor exhibitions and galleries open to the public including any public tours running on the day.

Transport- train to Central – meeting at the Information desk at 9.45am - light rail to Pyrmont Bay – then about a 2 minute walk to The museum. Morning tea – “Ripples Café” – own exp. Lunch – TBA- own expense.

Then returning by light rail and train to the Central Coast

PAYMENT BY: 10TH MARCH

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR 2026 DIARY

MID APRIL- TBA - DISTILLERY BOTANICA - ERINA

MAY – TUESDAY 5TH 21ST ANNIVERSARY CRUISE ON SYDNEY HARBOUR – WALKER FRIENDLY – BUS COACH

OPTIONAL ENJOY 3 ½ HOURS CRUISING, 2 COURSE BUFFET LUNCH, ENTERTAINMENT – BINGO, TRIVIA & NAME THAT SONG.

FULL INFORMATION IS ON THE WEBSITE