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FEBRUARY 2026



Welcome to 2026! I sincerely hope everyone had a great Christmas with many happy memories catching up with family and friends. If you were like Prue and me the New Year came in with a whimper. The days of partying hard and staying up late have long gone!



Since our last meeting we have experienced dramatic changes in the weather. Before Christmas Day we experienced extreme temperatures hitting 40 degrees Celsius or 104 degrees Fahrenheit. Boxing Day was one of the coldest we have experienced. In the New Year the temperature again hit 40 degrees and since then we have experienced strong winds, heavy rainfall resulting in flash flooding in some areas of the coast. Also in New South Wales tragically we have experienced four shark attacks in four days. What a roller coaster start to the year!

We have an exciting year ahead. Dot Tinker has been planning some exciting events for the coming months. Kim Fryer is replacing Penny Barnett in April, as Penny, who has filled the Theatre role with distinction is taking a well earned break. Thank you Penny. Kim has been busy and has submitted a program with a variety shows which look very interesting.

Dick Whitaker is taking on the Sausage Sizzle in April. Keith Saines is retiring after being in the role for a number of years, **building up attendance and participation. Keith has been the 'King of the Sausage Sizzle' and always had a joke or funny comment or two on hand to entertain us.** Thank you Keith.

In the next few months we have two major trips away:

1. Caravan and Cabins trip to Forster /Tuncurry staying at NRMA Tuncurry Holiday Park from 2 to 6 March. Des and Lyn Brownlee have been planning for months a variety of activities and the venue looks great.
2. Wendy Truman has organised a getaway to the Sapphire Coast on a six day coach tour from Thursday, 28 May to Tuesday 2 June. The itinerary looks comprehensive with a variety of interesting places to visit and stay.

The February meeting is always well attended as members like to engage in friendship, fellowship and fun. We look forward to a year filled with interesting Probus activities and building on past and new friendships.

Probus South Pacific Inc. is celebrating 50 years and we are likely to hear and participate in what they are planning. Incidentally, our club purchased a dozen bottles of Probus South Pacific Inc. fiftieth anniversary wine and bottles will be used as prizes throughout the year. By the way, the first Probus Club was Hunters Hill Probus Club, which commenced in February, 1976 and is still going strong.

Gerry Smees—President.



OUR SPEAKER FOR 10TH FEBRUARY MEETING WILL BE CHRIS RICHARDSON WHO IS A VOLUNTEER AT NORAH HEAD LIGHTHOUSE.

CHRIS WILL SPEAK TO US ABOUT THE HISTORY & ALSO THE FUNCTIONING OF THE LIGHTHOUSE.

Chris. is one of many volunteers at the Norah Head Lighthouse. He spent most of his working life in corporate roles, followed by a stint in Mackay working on the cane trains. In 2012, he moved back to the Central Coast and in 2016 he joined the volunteers at the lighthouse.



Our newest member, Suzie Murtagh with Lyn Varvel (Membership) & Gerry Smees (President).



The swansong of our Songsters, thank you for all the pleasure you have given us, we will miss you **GOODBYE!**



Rob and Jenny Johns enjoying their first Christmas Lunch as Probus Members.

**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.

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
VISITOR THEY ARE AWARE
OF THIS.**

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PAYMENT FOR EVENTS, THEATRE OUTINGS ETC.

When making a

Payment by Electronic Transfer please note the required information:

ACCOUNT NAME :

FORRESTER'S BEACH PROBUS CLUB. BSB: 082528

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 792739005

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



THEATRE PROGRAM



PRODUCTION	COST	DATE	VENUE	BOOKING DETAILS	EFT CODE
The Australian Eagles Show	\$90.00	Friday March 27th at 7.30 pm	Laycock Street Theatre, Gosford	Closing Date for bookings and payments Feb. 27th	410
Morning Melodies, Rogers and Hammerstein	\$25.00	Wednesday 8th April at 11 am	Laycock Street Theatre, Gosford	Closing Date for bookings and payments March 10th	415
The Italian Tenors	Conc. & G.P. 10+ \$59.00	Wednesday 22nd April at 7.70 pm.	The Art House, Wyong	Closing Date for bookings and payments March 10th	420
Aria (D. Williamson Play)	\$29.00	Sunday 10th May at 2 pm.	Woy Woy Little Theatre	Closing Date for bookings 8th April	425



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





BOOK SWAP

Remember to bring a book, that you have read, and swap it for another. There is always a varied selection, always one to suit every taste.

BRING A BOOK TAKE A BOOK

CENTRAL COAST MARINE DISCOVERY CENTRE

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

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

. 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

Lunch: Terrigal Hotel, just down the road, OPTIONAL

Dot Tinker can be contacted via the website.

FEBRUARY SHORT WALK

HARDYS BAY FORESHORE WALK KILLCARE

TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

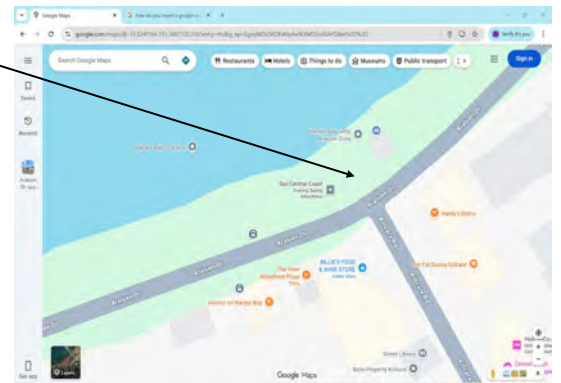
This walk is selected to be a relaxing and non-strenuous short walk in order to cater for those who would like to participate in the walking programme.

The meeting point will be at 10am at the foreshore park adjacent to the corner of Araluen Drive and Killcare Road, Killcare where the walk will commence. There is parking along Araluen Drive. The intention is to walk along the foreshore road and path as far as Pretty Beach and then return and finish for coffee or lunch, for those who wish, at The Fat Goose café just over the road from where the walk commenced.

This is a leisurely and very scenic walk with a total distance of about 3.4km return. 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.

Meet Here



Jim Tinker can be contacted via the website.

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

Dot Tinker can be contacted via the website

Cabin and Caravan Getaway Forster - Tuncurry

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE CABIN AND CARAVAN GETAWAY AT TUNCURRY IS ON

MONDAY MARCH 2ND – FRIDAY MARCH 6TH

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE., OR CONTACT LYN OR DES BROWNLEE VIA THE WEBSITE CONTACT FORM.

The March monthly meeting will start at 10:00 am and end at about 10:45 am.

After a morning tea break the

Annual General Meeting

will start at about 11:00 am and end at 12:00 noon.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The next Sizzle will be on **TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY** 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.



Camera Club

23 FEBRUARY 2026

MEET AT TUGGERAH STATION 7.45 AM, PLATFORM 1.

Venue: Manly.

Transport: Train from Tuggerah Station to Central Railway Station. Central Railway Station to Circular Quay. Ferry from Circular Quay to Manly. Reverse for the return journey.

What to Photograph: Circular Quay and surrounds. From the ferry, Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge, Kirribilli House and grounds, harbour traffic, various landmarks. Manly: Ferry wharf, sculptures, The Corso, Manly Beach and surrounds, Manly walk.

Lunch: Numerous options. Group decision.

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.



The Corso
Manly

Gerry Smee can be contacted via the website.



BOWLS

December 12th was our last game of Lawn Bowls for the Year, and twenty-two bowlers joined in a fun day. We started with a "spider", where all bowlers bowl two bowls into the middle of the rink, from the periphery and the lucky bowlers whose bowl ends up closest to markers, won cash prizes. The lucky bowlers were Graham Hosking, Les Coventry, Sandra Brammall, Roger Brammall and Keith Saines.

We then played "scroungers", with Jan Wallace playing her first bowls ever. The rink winners were Toni Hosking, Julie Coventry drew with Keith Saines but progressed on a roll of a bowl, Les Coventry (as an aside Jan scored 10 points over the last 5 ends), Steve Halverson, Roger Brammall (after a great battle with Vicki Halverson) and Sandra Brammall.

In the semi final Roger beat Sandra and Steve, while Toni and Les drew while beating Julie. This time Toni won the roll of the bowl.

The final was won by Roger Brammall over Toni Hosking.

We then went into the club for our lunch and Presentation, where prizes were not only given for the scroungers on the day (Roger and Toni) but also for the Scroungers game in June when Vicki Halverson beat Julie Coventry.

Prizes were then given for the top 5 consistent bowlers for the year, where Lindsay McNamara beat Julie Coventry by the smallest of margins. Then came Ralph Olsen, Stuart Speight and Les Coventry. For the best performing bowlers (who had played at least four games), the winner was Geoff Barwick, from Julie Coventry, Mike Pass, Vicki Halverson and John Kent. We then enjoyed the usual lucky (random) prizes of wine and Christmas items.

BOWLS WILL BE ON AGAIN STARTING ON FEBRUARY 13TH.

Always looking for more members to join us for Probus Bowls.

KEN OXBY CAN BE CONTACTED VIA OUR WEBSITE

GOLF

Monday, Mar 30, at Everglades Golf Club, Tee off Time 8.00 am

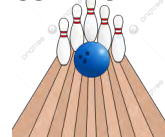
Kevin Brennan CAN BE CONTACTED VIA OUR WEBSITE



TEN PIN

**WE ARE TAKING A BREAK UNTIL FEBRUARY.
SEE YOU ALL ON THURSDAY 26TH.**

Prue Smee CAN BE CONTACTED VIA THE WEBSITE.



WOW!

“WOMEN OF WISDOM”

On December 15th 2025: Thirteen Amazing Ladies gathered to celebrate our Festive Season, Share Stories and Feast on all the goodies we had brought to share. Champagne and Soft drinks were enjoyed along with excellent stories and tales, new and old. The day was warm and a perfect 24C. We laughed and shared views and listened keenly to all that was said.

Thank you for the Fantastic Day's Celebration.

Our next gathering is **MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY AT 2PM AT** 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 and supportive, confidential environment.

Please advise Hazel of any topics you might like included or just come along and enjoy. Pot Luck is Good Too!!!

Join us and grow new friends.

We have tea, coffee, chocolate and Milo to enjoy whilst chatting. Cost is \$3 for hall hire.

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

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Table of Knowledge

The TOK men's "Table of Knowledge" conversation group met again on 15th December with 10 wise men in attendance.

Shared conversation, wisdom and laughs were again enjoyed.

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 after the summer break on 16th February 2026.

Meeting venue is the **Bateau Bay Bowling Club lounge from 9.30am to 11 am.**

Regards *George Miller.*

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



APRIL PUB LUNCH

Saltwater Bar and Bistro, Avoca Beach Hotel.

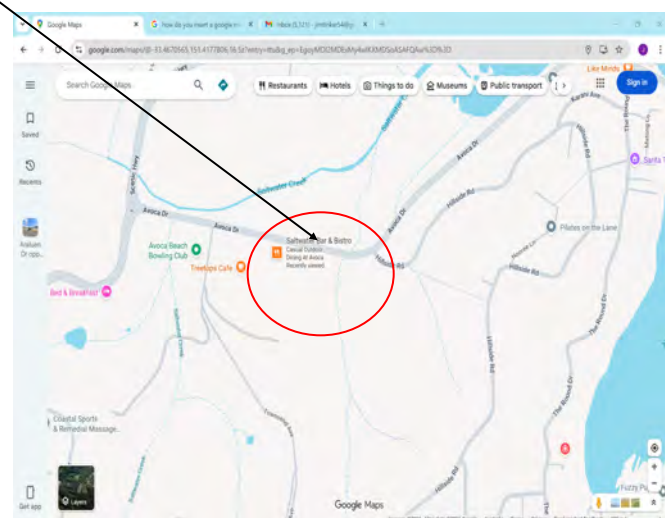
326—360 Avoca Drive, Avoca Beach

Tuesday 7th April at 12 noon.

Lunch at Members expense.

Jim will send an SMS to everyone who has previously attended a pub lunch a week out from the lunch in order to get numbers. If you haven't attended previously, please contact Jim Tinker via our website with your name and number if you wish to attend.

Meet here.



DATES FOR YOUR 2026 DIARY



- 14TH APRIL ANNIVERSARY DINNER
- 1ST MAY CLUSTER BAREFOOT BOWLS
- 18TH JUNE KEN DUNCAN GALLERY
- 15TH JULY THE FIDDLER CHRISTMAS IN JULY
- 20TH OCT.- 2ND NOV. GARDEN TOUR.
- 23RD OCTOBER CLUSTER PICNIC DAY
- 2ND NOV. MELBOURNE CUP AT TIGERS.
- 24RD NOV.—26TH NOV. TRIP CANBERRA

A FABULOUS 6 DAY COACH 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.

A DEPOSIT OF \$200PP IS REQUIRED BY
13TH FEBRUARY CODE 515

CONTACT WENDY TRUMAN VIA THE WEBSITE

We hope members who celebrated
their birthdays in January had a
lovely day and we wish members
with Birthdays this month a very
Happy Day

Marlene Brunsdn, Julie Kral , Heather Mertell, Ian Neill
Mike Pass, Tony Scott, Gerry Smee, Jill Stain,
Sheenagh Wilson, Kathy Wyborn , Lesley Walmsley,
Robin Balcomb, Austin Driscoll, Nancy Davies,
Graeme Bullard, Don Blaxell, Mary Brady, Trish Brady,
Bob Hornby, Graham Hosking, Pip Howe, Ian Reece,
Alf Meyer, Lyn Ryan, Jim Tinker, David Varvel



SHELLY BEACH TO BATEAU BAY BUSH WALK

TUESDAY 24 MARCH, 2026

We will meet at the car park of the Shelly Beach
Surf Club at 10.30am. We then walk along the
Coast Walking Track for approximately 2-3 kilo-
meters towards Bateau Bay before returning on
the same track to the Surf Club for lunch. Part
of the walkway is paved and some is through
bush land on sandy paths mainly following the
shoreline.

Kathy Wyborn can be contacted via the
website.

ANNIVERSARY LUNCH 21 YEARS OF FORRESTER'S PROBUS CLUB

14TH APRIL—STRAIGHT AFTER THE APRIL
MEETING

RELAX AND ENJOY A 3 COURSE LUNCH-
EON WITH SPECIAL TREATS
DIETRY REQUIREMENTS CATERED FOR
CODE: 215 – COST \$50 P.P.
PAYMENT DUE 13TH MARCH

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR PLACE



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

WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH CRAFT

JUST SIGN UP FOR ONE OR ANY OF THESE AND



Chief Sizzler Keith Saines
and
Treasurer Gay Saines



Our very own
Father
Christmas!



Bowls Scrounger
semi-finalists
Toni Hoskings, Julie
Coventry and Les
Coventry