



Forrester's Beach Probus Club Inc.



CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT: WWW.FORRESTER'SBEACHPROBUS.ORG.AU MARCH 2026



Sadly, all things come to an end! This will be my last President's Report for the Newsletter. The next issue will come from our new President, Steve Mitchell who will do a fantastic job. All the very best, Steve.



It is hard to believe my term as President is almost over, the year has gone quickly and the experience has been great. The job of being President is made easier when you have a talented, diligent and dedicated committee behind you. It has been a great privilege leading them and I am indebted to them, they all have my heartfelt and sincere thanks. There was certainly no 'I' in team and it has been a collaborative experience for us all.

Pleasingly, we have nominations for all committee positions for the next Probus year. All of the nominees will be presented to you at our Annual General Meeting on 10 March at Tigers Leagues Club. The Club is in very good health when we can easily fill all positions, sadly some Probus Clubs are unable to fill essential positions.

I must single out our Newsletter editor, Chris Howe, who does a marvellous job in compiling our Newsletter. Nothing is too much trouble, even when she is battling to complete it with short deadlines. She always manages to get it out on time! To be an editor of a Newsletter you need a unique skill set: Working under pressure particularly when you are waiting on reports as the deadline approaches. The second is patience. The third is having spatial awareness to work out in your head how everything is going to fit and blend in with the other articles. That is a lot of juggling about. You must have the patience of Job!

This edition of the Newsletter is Chris's 173rd as editor. What a fantastic achievement. That is almost two thirds of our Club's Newsletters. On behalf of all members we thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.

I look forward to seeing you all at our March meeting. *Gerry Smee—President.*

The March Monthly Meeting will commence at 10 am and end at approximately 10.45 am. After morning tea break the **Annual General Meeting** will commence at 11.00 am and end at 1200. There will be no speaker.



We learnt all about the Norah Head Lighthouse from Chris Richardson and his assistant Keith and were able to picture it looking at the magnificent model of the lighthouse made by our own Bob Hornby,.



3 NEW MEMBERS ARE BEING INDUCTED TODAY, PLEASE MAKE THEM FEEL VERY WELCOME.

ROY COTTON. WAS AN ENGINEER AND HIS INTERESTS ARE, BRIDGE, CYCLING AND READING.

SUE McGOWAN, SHE WAS A RECEPTIONIST AND HER INTERESTS ARE, GARDENING, READING AND WALKING.

HILTON PETERS HIS INTERESTS ARE GOLF AND BOWLS.

PLEASE SAY HELLO



**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
VISITOR THEY ARE AWARE
OF THIS.**



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

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THEATRE PROGRAM



PRODUCTION	COST	DATE	VENUE	BOOKING DETAILS	EFT CODE
Morning Melodies, Rogers and Hammerstein	\$25.00 pp.	Wednesday 8th April at 11 am	Laycock Street Theatre, Gosford	Closing Date for bookings and payments March 10th	415
The Italian Tenors	Conc. & Grp. 10+ \$59.00 pp.	Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30 pm.	The Art House, Wyong	Closing Date for bookings and payments March 10th	420
Aria (D. Williamson Play)	\$29.00 pp.	Sunday 10th May at 2 pm.	Woy Woy Little Theatre	Closing Date for bookings and payments April 8th	425
You Got it! A Tribute to Roy Orbison	\$71.00 pp.	Saturday, June 13, 2026 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, 2026 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**





OUR RETIRING
SAUSAGE SIZZLER,
KEITH SAINES



AND WELCOME TO
OUR NEW SIZZLER
DICK WHITAKER.



Thank you to the members who attended our first outing for 2026 to the **CENTRAL COAST MARINE DISCOVERY CENTRE.**

Our two very lovely guides gave us a very informative & interesting tour of the Centre. Their Seahorses just had babies, we met their own pet Port Jackson Shark. We even learnt how sharks lay their eggs. The displays & shell collection were extensive. The video of the sinking & virtual reality dive to explore the Ex HMAS Adelaide & its artificial reef kept us glued to the screen. The centre is a must see for any visitor to the coast & a wonderful place for grandchildren to explore. The cafe provided us with a scrumptious morning tea as well.

Dot Tinker.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM



WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH

Time at the museum – 10am to 1pm

Code: 210 - Cost: \$24 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.

STRICKLY PAYABLE BY 10TH MARCH

Transport- train to Central – meeting at the Information desk at 9.45am - light rail to Pymont Bay – then about a 2 minute walk To the museum.

Morning tea , Lunch at 'The Little Snail' at own expense. Then returning by light rail and train to the Central Coast.

Dot Tinker can be contacted via the website



Lucky Door Prize Winner Penny Barnett, seen here with Senior Vice-President Steve Mitchell

ANNIVERSARY LUNCH 21 YEARS OF FORRESTERS PROBUS CLUB

14TH APRIL—STRAIGHT AFTER THE APRIL MEETING

RELAX AND ENJOY A 3 COURSE LUNCHEON WITH PRIZES AND CHOCOLATES
DIETRY REQUIREMENTS CATERED FOR

CODE: 215 – COST \$50 P.P.

PAYMENT DUE BY 13TH MARCH

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR PLACE



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The next Sizzle will be on **TUESDAY 17TH MARCH** 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

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH, 2026

Meeting Time: Tuggerah Station, 7.15 am, Platform 1

Venue: Dangar Island

Transport: Train from Tuggerah Station to Hawkesbury River Station. Ferry from Brooklyn Wharf to Dangar Island Wharf.

What to Photograph: Points of interest around Brooklyn, River traffic and marina, Dangar Island and Railway bridge over Hawkesbury River, township of Dangar Island which is quite eclectic, natural and man made landscapes.

Lunch: Anglers Rest Hotel

This is 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

February 13th was our first game of Lawn Bowls for the Year, and nineteen bowlers joined in a fun day. We were joined by two "new" bowlers – Hilton Peters (friend of Kerry Smith) and Graham Westbury (friend of Les and Julie Coventry), both potential new members.

We played four games. One triples, one triples with a "swinger", and two games of pairs. The winners were Geoff Barwick, Steve Mitchell and Richard Kennedy, Sandra and Roger Brammall with Graham Westbury swinging, Graeme Woods with Lindsay McNamara and Ken Oxyby with Ralph Olsen.

Then Friday 13th struck with a blackout, which didn't stop the bowls, but stopped the coffee machine and ability to buy drinks after the games.

Bowls will be on again on **FRIDAY 13TH MARCH** (the second Friday 13th in a row!). Always looking for more members to join us for Probus Bowls.

KEN OXYBY CAN BE CONTACTED VIA OUR WEBSITE

GOLF

Monday, March 30th, at Everglades Golf Club, Tee off Time 8.00 am. Please let Kevin know if you require a cart.



Kevin Brennan CAN BE CONTACTED VIA OUR WEBSITE

TEN PIN

Welcome back

Our game this month was amazing, with twenty four players. New faces and more fun, as our teams played the first game of the year. Making a comeback in style was Julie Kral. Well done Julie who came third in total. Congratulations to the ladies, Pam as winner, Bev as second and Julie third. The gents knocked down some great scores too. Keith as winner, Richard came in second and Kevin third. A record thirty people joined us for dinner at The Bateau Bay Bowling Club. **SEE YOU ALL NEXT MONTH. THURSDAY 26 MARCH.**

Prue Smee CAN BE CONTACTED VIA THE WEBSITE.



WOW!

“WOMEN OF WISDOM”

The next meeting will be on
MONDAY MARCH 16TH 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.

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 16th February 2026 with 11 members attending.

We were displaced from our normal meeting place in the Bateau Bay Bowling Club lounge by a great horde of lady bowlers but we managed to escape to a quiet spot around the corner. It was a close call.

As usual the conversation flowed easily and was very interesting and entertaining.

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

Our next meeting will on **MONDAY 16TH MARCH** i.e. The first Monday after the monthly Probus meeting 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.

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

14TH APRIL ANNIVERSARY DINNER
1ST MAY CLUSTER BAREFOOT BOWLS
28TH –2ND JUNE SAPPHIRE COAST TRIP
18TH JUNE KEN DUNCAN GALLERY
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.

A FABULOUS 6 DAY GOACH 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 March.**

Katherine Blackwell, Beverley Bonomi,
Julie Coventry, Majorie Davis, Lynette Falken,
James Gordon, Steve Halverson,
Kay Hodge, Chris Howe, Anne Kent,
Alison Maynard, George Miller, Keith Saines,
Helen Thomson, Hazel Snowdon,
Shona Sutherland, Suzie Murtagh



SHELLY BEACH TO BATEAU BAY BUSH WALK

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

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 kilometers 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. Dogs are welcome but dog owners will have to walk their pets part of the way outside the National Park through beautiful Bateau Bay streets.

Kathy Wyborn can be contacted via the Website.

ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH 2026

TUESDAY 10TH MARCH MEETING

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH BOWLS

MONDAY 16TH MARCH WOW AND TOK

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH SIZZLE

**WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH AUSTRALIAN
MARITIME MUSEUM**

TUESDAY 24TH MARCH BUSH WALK

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH CAMERA CLUB

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH TEN PIN

MONDAY 30TH MARCH GOLF

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL CRAFT

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



Four Day Canberra Trip

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

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.