



COAST

Combined
Organisation
Actively

Forrester's Beach Probus Club Inc.

Socialising
Together

CLUB HISTORY

1st Year - February 2005 to March 2006

The Continuing Story of Forrester's Beach Probus Club

By Club Historian and Founding President John Ramsay



The Inaugural Meeting on Tuesday 8th February, 2005 was attended by 195 people and there were 23 apologies. It was followed by a lunch with 150 present.

Val Styles, Chair of Rotary District 9680 representing Rotary and Probus, presented the Foundation Members with a Membership Certificate and a name badge.

A Committee was elected. It comprised:-

President:	John Ramsay
Vice President:	Terry Larke
Secretary:	Rhonda Phillips
Asst. Secretary:	John Phillips
Program Coordinators:	Bev & Murray Walsh
Newsletter Editor:	Frank Kellet
Database Manager:	Robin Kellet
Social Co-Ordinator:	Judy Ramsay
Picnic Planners:	Sue Edwards and Graham Williamson
Attendance Register Supervisors:	Desley and Don Francis

Numerous other members undertook the responsibility for other activities.

The first major social event organized by Bev and Murray Walsh was a six hour "Four Islands" cruise on the Broadwater, Hawkesbury and Pittwater on March 3. It was a great opportunity to meet fellow members.

A feature of the regular monthly social calendar, a Sausage Sizzle, was begun in March. Varying Central Coast venues had been selected. The first was held on March 16 at St Johns Lookout in Katandra Reserve.

Members were also advised of the speakers planned for coming monthly meetings. The first was Geoff Potter, Local Studies Librarian of Gosford Council who spoke on "The

Early History of Gosford and its Pioneers". This was designed to inform members of the background to Pioneer Park, Point Frederick where the next monthly sausage sizzle was to be held.

The social whirl continued with the first 'pub' lunch (apart from the regular lunch following each meeting) held at the Wallarah Bay Club on April 28 and three days later dinners at Ourimbah TAFE School of Catering restaurant on May 3 and 6, the first theatre party to see "Around the World" on May 19, a Tour of the Gosford Regional Art Gallery on May 24 and the first Dinner Dance MCed by Chris King with a 60's theme at The Resort on May 27.



With such a busy program the Newsletter, edited by Frank Kelett (left), was an invaluable reference point for Members. The inclusion of photos taken at the various gatherings maintained interest and developed camaraderie.

Robin Kelett (left) supplemented the Newsletter with regular dispatch of e-mails. The regular and detailed communication kept Members involved and participating.

Desley and Don Francis (right) took responsibility for organizing a monthly Golf Group and it first played on May 25.



Ross Paddon was made an Honorary Member.

Bev and Murray Walsh were basing their planning on a Survey completed by members. The Committee adopted their suggestions by launching additional activities, with the help of the offers by Members to act as organisers in a sub committee role.



Neville Wynn (left) agreed to become Club Photographer and Frank Bunton (right) agreed to set up a Club Web Site.



Ellen Hayes (left) who supervised the monthly after Meeting lunch payments and soon assumed responsibility for Theatre Parties.

On June 30 the first "outside the Coast" event was a train trip to Newcastle followed by

a Scenic/Historical tram tour and waterfront lunch. Rain forced cancellation of an associated historical walking tour.

A Walking Group led by Helen and Peter Thomson (right) began on August 1. It followed soon after the first Bush Dance held at the Matcham Hall on July 29 and preceded another Theatre Party – to “42nd Street” on August 11.



More activity in line with the acronym!



Following the resignation of Sue Edwards and Graham Williamson, Brian Kirk (left), previously a team member, assumed charge of the monthly Sausage Sizzle.

September 2005 saw the launch of the Tennis Group led by Judy Ramsay (right) and the publication by Bev and Murray Walsh of the planned program for the 12 months of 2006. Included in it were the first long term Bus trip – to Yarrowonga – planned for April 2006 and the first Overseas trip – to Vietnam - planned for October 2006. The first bus trip – to the Hunter Valley – took place on November 29.



At monthly meetings the preferable way to amend the standard Probus Constitution to allow for the future administrative framework of the ongoing and substantial Club, based on a Management Committee supported by various Sub Committee roles reporting to either a Senior or Junior Vice President, was discussed as was the desirability of setting a maximum gender percentage to ensure the Club remained a blended group.

With about 65% of the membership accessing the Internet the launch in October 2005 by Frank Bunton of a very detailed and informative web site was welcomed. (Picture below shows the front page of the first issue of the web site - [click here](#) to view the entire first web site.)

FORRESTER'S BEACH PROBUS CLUB

Postal Address - PO Box 3004 Wamberal NSW 2260

Front Page	News	Club Meetings	Social Calendar
Special Interests	Contacts	Pictures	Important Info

FRONT PAGE - OCTOBER 2005

The Internet also enabled Robin Kelett to advise a substantial number of the members of coming events and changes.

November saw the resignation of Terry Larke, Rhonda and John Phillips. Vivienne Scott was elected as Vice President and Colleen Walker as Secretary.



The Club's first Melbourne Cup was celebrated with a Cruise (picture left) organized by Bev and Murray Walsh.

December saw 91 attend the "Christmas Sausage Sizzle" some days after 110 had been at The Resort for the Christmas Dinner Dance. Santa and Mrs Claus (masquerading as Bev and Murray Walsh) arrived just as they had in 2004. No room for Rudolph.

When **2006** began, many planned events already had been circulated to Members.

A lunch at the Hardys Bay Club on February 2 followed the January "Sizzle" (right).



The AGM was held on 14th March, 2006 Members voted to adopt the Standard Probus Constitution suitably adapted for the likely future needs of the Club.



Murray Walsh (left) was elected as President. The Management Committee elected was Geoff Barwick as Senior Vice President, Vivienne Scott as Junior Vice President, Pippa Ball as Secretary, Charlie Colthurst as Treasurer, Bev Walsh as Social Co-Ordinator, June and Don Harding as Program Managers, Frank Kelett as Newsletter Editor,

To leaven the formality of the month the new Club wine label, based on the [Roman Emperor Probus](#), and researched and printed by Juerg Chresta (pictured right with Murray Walsh) was launched. Bottles of it were used as prizes at the Club's First Anniversary Dinner Dance,



held at The Resort, on March 24. There were 111 present with music by the Sydney Band "Wild Rice".



A five day visit to Huskisson between March 6 and 10 saw the Club Cabin and Caravan Group begin its part in the program. Bruce and Barbara Evans supported by Desley and Don Francis were the Conevors and 23 members joined them.

The success of the Club owed much to the willingness of numerous Members who undertook Sub Committee responsibility. This was illustrated by the willingness of Desley and Don Francis to help with the Cabin and Caravan Group when they were already Attendance Register Supervisors and Organisers of the Golf Group.

End of 1st Year - February 2005 to March 2006