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Forrester's Beach Probus Club Inc.

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CLUB HISTORY

3rd Year - April 2007 to March 2008

The Continuing Story of Forrester's Beach Probus Club

By Club Historian and Founding President John Ramsay



At the April Meeting the names of the additional 21 people accepting sub committee responsibilities and reporting to the Management Committee were announced. Membership was now over 200 with a growing waiting list.

Indicative of the support for activities was 35 people joining the Cabin/Caravan Group led by Bruce and Barbara Evans for five days In Mudgee in March with 24 of them continuing on to Dubbo.



May 6 was the date for the first Lawn Bowls Day (followed by a dinner) at The Diggers Club, Long Jetty (picture left).

The Second Bush Dance was held at Glengara Village's Club House on May 26 with the "Coast Songsters" performing mid-dance (right).



In June 2007 the Club's meeting venue was changed to Tuggerah Lakes Golf Club because The Resort's requirements and capacity were incompatible with the needs of the Club. The first meeting there saw 128 remain for lunch.

Sixty four members celebrated "Christmas in July" at the Bundanoon Hotel on July 24 and 25.



Trivia officially entered the Club with the First Trivia Lunch/Afternoon at the Toowoon Bay Surf Club on Friday August 10 (picture left).

During August the Coast Bookworms amalgamated with Coast Creations deciding that in future both groups would meet jointly at the Toowoon Bay Surf Club. Coast Creations had made a significant contribution to the "Wraps with Love" project knitting a considerable quantity of blankets and beanies (picture right). They had decided to set themselves a target of more than 60 blankets for 2008.



Between August 26 and 30 there were 64 members present at Tuncurry for the Cabin/Caravan gathering organised by Bruce and Barbara Evans. Not much knitting but plenty of golf and socialising.

Another part of the Club's development saw the first meeting of a pilot Investment Learning Group following the September meeting.

To prove the versatility of their members 27 of the Coast Walkers put "To Sea" briefly, by ferry, en route to Dangar Island in the Hawkesbury River on October 2.

On October 25 members attended "Oliver" at the Laycock Street Theatre with many meeting first at The Yellow Piano for dinner beforehand. The next day a Central Coast Bus Tour and Lunch provided a new look at our local area.

Theatre and history/scenery gave way to the glamour of the turf on November 26 with the Melbourne Cup lunch at The Terrigal Memorial Club. The Hat Prize was won by Annette Frischknect



To the November meeting many members brought a donation of non perishable food for distribution by the Salvatin Army. This followed the initial collection in 2006 suggested by Robin Kelett.

Members journeyed to Sydney to attend the NSW Schools Spectacular on November 23.

December was very much the month of "Claus" as the popular gentleman, who seemed to have lost weight between appearances, joined members to distribute gifts at both the Club Christmas Party/Dinner Dance held at the Tuggerah Golf Club on December 15 (bottom left) and at the Christmas Sausage Sizzle on December 19 organised by the team led by Chris and Ian Neill.

The Coast Songsters joined Santa (Murray Walsh below left) at the Christmas Party and were well received although clearly less popular than the jolly visitor. They left the Sizzle to Santa and he (Eric Grace - bottom right) attempted to win the hearts of the 103 present by bringing Mrs Claus as well (left of Santa). Some of the 126 who had been receiving presents on December 15 no doubt lined up on December 19 only to be courteous to Mrs Claus (Yvonne Grace).



On both occasions, as they had done throughout the year, the combination of Neville

Wynn's photographs and Frank Bunton's presentation of them immediately on the Club Web Site gave everyone in the Club a chance to recapture the fun.

The "Coast Golfers" Christmas Ambrose event was attended by 36 with June Harding and John Kent the Medley winners. Fifteen others also received a prize. The following lunch was attended by 40 as several members came to collect their spouse's prize. The Golfers continuing popularity owed much to their founding organizers Desley and Don Francis.

Speakers at the eleven Meetings during 2007 were :-

Jan David Cathie – Central Coast Water Supply
Feb Elaine Alvin – Grandparents/Grandchildren. A warm fuzzy feeling
Mar Gaby Schaudin – The Best of B & B's
Apr Update by Convenors of Special Interest Groups.
May Roz Baker – Writing and Self Publishing
Jun Barbara McFadyen – How you can make yourself well
Jul David Cathie – More questions about our Water Supply.
Aug Alan Reading - Medication Management
Sep John Barclay – The Rambling Poet
Oct David Wooley – Sanitarium makes a difference.
Nov Bob Davis – Why I still believe in Santa Claus

A continuing feature of the Club's year was the very detailed Club web site presented by Frank Bunton in a most professional and constantly updated format.

JANUARY 2008

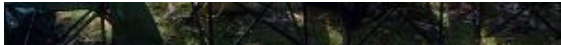
The meeting calendar resumed on January 8 with 165 present, 44 apologies. Many lunched at the Golf Club. At the Meeting 11 new members were Inducted. Seven visitors were present.

Three changes to the Constitution, in line with the Probus South Pacific recommendation, were adopted. The most significant was that newly elected Officers shall take place from April 1 each year.

The Guest speaker was Meryl Bolin, Graphologist, the topic, "Handwriting Analysis for relationships development, self discovery, forgery and genealogy".



No sign of the "Claus" family on that day or at the Sausage Sizzle on January 16 at Sutton Reserve, Bateau Bay. The 87 attending accepted reality reluctantly.



The vitality of the Club, at the start of a new calendar year, was evident with the acronym "The Coast – Combined Organisation Actively Socialising Together" clearly true.

The "Coast Walkers" to resume in March, the "Coast Creations" in February and the "Coast Songsters" in January.

FEBRUARY 2008

February's meeting saw the "New Aussie" members Gill and Jim Cleverly and Barbara and John Moine report their Australian Citizenship.

Nine new members were inducted taking total membership to 228.

The Guest Speakers were Pauline Bartley "Highlights of a trip around the World in 30 days", followed by Pippa and Rawson Ball "Travelling on the Edge – Highlights of Africa and the Middle East".

It was announced John Powell was to assume leadership of the "Coast Caravan/Cabin Group".

Featured sports events of the month were a two day golf visit to Dormie House at Moss Vale (pictures below)



..... and the Inaugural Club Casual Bowls Day held at the Diggers Club, Long Jetty (pictures below).



Merrick Roberts, a Foundation Member, passed away.

MARCH 2008

On 11th March 2008 the Annual General Meeting was held at the Tuggerah Lakes Golf Club. 173 members present with apologies from 49.

The Financial Statements disclosed :-

Funds held in trust for member prepayments	\$5,748-32
Club accumulated funds	\$5,968-62

Club Officers elected were :-

President:	Vivienne Scott
Senior Vice President:	Frank Kelett
Junior Vice President:	Mary Lyttleton
Secretary:	Pippa Ball
Membership Officer:	Rawson Ball
Treasurer:	Rod Robey
Program Managers:	Marilyn and Graham Nestor
Newsletter Editor:	Robin Kelett
Immediate Past President:	Geoff Barwick

Warren Lomax was re-appointed as Public Officer. Joe Judd was elected as Auditor

The Support Group Members were announced as :-

Co-Ordinator Meetings &	Tony Scott
Hospitality:	
Assistant Treasurer:	Joanne Robey
Welfare Officer:	Gaby Schaudinn
Hospitality Assistants (Tony's Angels):	Judy Ramsay, Jenny White, Ann Kent, Lucy Strada and Annette Frischknecht
Data Base Manager:	Robin Kelett
Webmaster:	Frank Bunton
Photographer:	Neville Wynn
Attendance Registration:	Dawn and Tom Currie (Alt. Angela and Harry Hayes)

Newsletter Backup: Christine Howe

The Coast Group Convenors were to be :-

Caravan & Cabins: John Powell

Creations: Mary Lyttleton

Golf: Desley & Don Francis : Ross Quinn

Sizzlers: Chris & Ian Neill, Anne & Len Martin, Narelle & Charles Harvey, Pat & Bob Fitzpatrick

Songsters: Chris Powell and Janet Crlik

Tennis: Rita Wynn

Theatre Parties: Marlene Brunsden

Walking Group: Tony de la Haye

The Annual General Meeting was followed by the Monthly Meeting at which Peter Cane spoke on "Miscommunications"



An Anniversary Dinner Dance was held on March 15 at the Tuggerah Lakes Golf Club. There were Members celebrating the Club's New Year. The theme was "Black and White" with many a dinner suit having an outing. Another great night due to the efforts of Marilyn and Graham Nestor.

On March 18 a meeting was held at the Toowoon Bay Surf Club attended by the coming year's Management Committee and the Support Groups and the Coast Group Convenors to co-ordinate the coming year.

End of 3rd Year - April 2007 to March 2008