



# COAST

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**Forresters Beach Probus Club Inc.**

## CLUB HISTORY

### 5th Year - April 2009 to March 2010

**The Continuing Story of Forresters Beach Probus Club**

**By Club Historian and Founding President John Ramsay**



#### APRIL 2009

The month had much to match.

It began on April 8 with 54 joining Marilyn and Graham Nestor on an Opera House Tour followed by Lunch at Cockatoo Island.



171 attended the Monthly Meeting on April 14 with eight new members being inducted.

Past President, Geoff Barwick, presented Probus Appreciation Certificates to the following, all of whom had held either Management or Convenors positions :-

Tony de la Haye	Coast Walkers 2008
Chris and Ian Neill	Coast Sizzlers 2006-2008
Rod Robey	Treasurer 2008
Joanne Robey	Assistant Treasurer 2008
Tony Scott	Co-Ordinator, Hospitality 2008



Tony Scott, Joanne Robey, Ian & Chris Neill, Tony de la Haye

The Meeting speaker was Julie Braithwaite on "The Unknown War and its Australian Heroes."

For the first time the new "Bev's Beauties" led by Bev Walsh, as Co-ordinator, Morning Teas, officiated at the morning tea break replacing Tony's Angels .

Jenny White's appointment, as the new Co-ordinator, Lunches and Bookings, in which role she will be assisted by her husband Peter, was announced.

During the month the Bowlers, the Golfers, the Sizzlers and the Songsters all met. The Sizzlers showed their culinary flair by replacing sausages with pancakes at a special brunch on April 22.



The month closed with Marilyn and Graham Nestor leading 34 on a walking tour/picnic lunch visit to Newcastle.

**MAY 2009**

Between May 4th and 7th there was a Coach tour, based at Kiama, of the Illawarra Area by 24 members (picture below).



At the Monthly Meeting it was reported that 200 renewals of subscription had been received so far. There were 176 at the meeting with apologies from 20 and a further 11 granted Leave of Absence.

The Motion, of which Notice had previously been given, "That no meeting be held in January but one held in December instead" was approved.

The speaker was Harold Harker on "Greece and Turkey".

The Theatre Party, organized by Marlene Brunsdon, to "Guys and Dolls" on May 24 was fully booked.

## **JUNE 2009**

All were saddened by the death of Joan Olsen, wife of Ralph. Both Foundation Members of the Club.

At the Meeting on June 9 Rawson Ball spoke on the recent trip he and Pippa had completed. The title – "Australia – Greenland Poles Apart".

Bill and Christine Andrew's 40th wedding anniversary was announced.

A team represented us at Probus Bowls events held at Terrigal on June 22 and at Toukley on June 29.

June 26 was the "Aussie Bush Christmas Lunch" at the Buttai Barn. Two busses took 104 to what proved to be a splendid meal and excellent entertainment. The photos of Doreen and Tony Byrne (below left) and of Val and Ed Kehl (below right) evidence the choice by Marilyn and Graham Nestor of the venue.



## **JULY 2009**

The "Getaway Group" was launched with a change in name from the Caravan and Cabin Group. John Powell leads it and 55 are to join him at Cowra next month. The plan is to have two trips each year.

An afternoon of "Trivia" was held on July 10 at the Toowoon Bay Surf Club. The winning team is pictured below.



At the Meeting on July 14 the speaker was Bob Collard of the Central Coast Prostate Support Group , on "The Silent Killer".

Thirty accompanied Graham and Marilyn Nestor on July 24, to North Sydney for morning tea at the Mary McKillop Centre and then for a walk through Lavender Bay, over the Bridge to Observatory Park for a picnic lunch followed by a Rocks Tour.

The month ended with the "Coast Bowlers" monthly game being held on July 31 having been deferred earlier in the month due to rain. Pippa Ball, Eric Grace and the "Mighty" Ross Quinn triumphed on the day even though there were some very serious lady bowlers present.

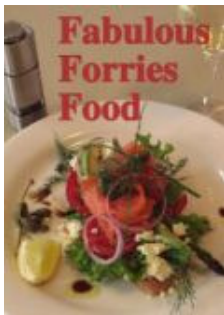
## **AUGUST 2009**

The "Sydney Historic Walk" – Lunch at Sydney Hospital, the Botanic Gardens,

Government House grounds and finally the Police Museum – was on August 6 with 47 accompanying Marilyn and Graham Nestor. Much delight was experienced following Graham's "pink umbrella"!! (picture below)



At the monthly Meeting it was announced that the usual Christmas Dinner Dance would be replaced by a Lunch following an abbreviated Meeting in December.



It was decided to collate and publish a "Fabulous Forries Food Recipe Book" (picture left) with Ronalda Arnott (picture right) as Editor.



The new Coast Digital Camera group had met and was planning its future schedule with a plan to have various sub groups to allow for varying skills and interests.

Carol Heuchan, a Bush Poet, gave a very well received talk on "From Paddock to Stage".

From August 24 to 27 there were 55 joining John Powell at a "Cowra Getaway". John only carried a standard golf umbrella.

## **SEPTEMBER 2009**



Member since 2006, Joyce Barnard, was featured in the Newsletter as a former racing driver, with a highlight of her career being the 1991 NSW Ladies Hill Climb Championship. Her husband and fellow Member, John and son had earlier been involved in racing and she decided to join in.

Meeting speaker was Pat Gleeson who spoke on her involvement in developing opportunities for young dancers.

It was announced that next year, due to the intended resignation of Marilyn and Graham Nestor, Sue and Greg Abbott would be taking the role as 2010 Program Managers. Marilyn and Graham had offered to still arrange longer stays, either overseas or within Australia, plus day walks.

The Coast Bowlers, Golfers, Sizzlers and Songsters all had their usual monthly gathering.

Sadly, Annette Frishknecht, a Foundation Member as was her husband Eddie, passed away. Annette and Eddie had been very regular participants in all of the many Club activities. Annette at the time of the Club's formation had been involved in the establishment of the official records.



## **OCTOBER 2009**

Virginia Ash resigned as Junior Vice President to concentrate on producing a documentary film about her late mother.

In her place Les Coventry was appointed.

The speaker at the Monthly Meeting was Graham Dobell, a Canberra political journalist. His topic – "The Other Side of Politics".

A feature of the month was the Blue Mountains Garden Tour organized and led by Ross Quinn, attended by 46. Included in the Tour were the Blackheath Rhododendron Gardens, the Mt Wilson Noroo/Sefton Cottage gardens and the Fernbrook Garden and Art Gallery at Kurrajong. Truly a "Mighty" itinerary!!



All welcomed the visit to the Mt Tomah gardens, with Don Blaxell present. Don had shared responsibility for their creation during the 1988 Bi-Centennial in his role as Assistant Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney.

The bus trip home was enlivened by the "garden trivia session" organized by Tom Currie.

A new Group – the Camera Group – was formed following the interest shown by the 40 who attended the exploratory meeting to ascertain the degree of interest. It will be led by David Stuart and Robert Morgan.

## **NOVEMBER 2009**

The Club proved there is more to November than the Melbourne Cup. Don't tell the horses!

November 6 was the "Motorised, Vehicular, Observation and Identification and Luncheon Experience" organized by Marilyn and Graham Nestor. Marilyn was keen to remind everyone that the title was Graham's own work. The Car Rally was to the Lower Hunter Valley with lunch at Wollombi.

Speaker at the Monthly Meeting was Harold Harker with his topic "The French Countryside"

The new Camera Group formed had its first formal meeting (picture below).



November 21 to December 1 was a Cruise on the "Rhapsody of the Seas" to the Whitsundays (cruise attendees pictured below).



## **DECEMBER 2009**

191 attended the Meeting on December 8. A special Christmas Lunch followed. (Picture below show the "Coast Songsters" providing entertainment at the lunch.)



A revision of the Club Standing Orders – Standing Resolution No 1 - "The Club shall be

managed by a Management Committee comprising a President, a Senior Vice President, a Junior Vice President, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary/Membership Officer, a Treasurer, two Events Managers and a Getaway Manager. The Immediate Past President and the Newsletter Editor shall be Members, ex officio, of the Committee without Voting Rights" was passed.



Ross Quinn presented "The Murray Walsh Perpetual Golf Trophy" to the year's joint winners Robin Kelett and Jeremy Arnott (pictured left).

The "Fabulous Forries Cook Books" were distributed following their compilation by Ronalda Arnott. They featured cartoons by Terry Jackson.

Brian Hughes assumed the role of Golf Convenor.

There were baskets for food donations to the Salvation Army at the back of the meeting as there had been in November.

The wicked and potentially wicked (17 in number) attended "Wicked" at the Capitol Theatre on December 9. It was the fifth Theatre Party organized by Marlene Brunnsden (pictured right) during 2009. Two, apart from "Wicked", had been in Sydney - "Guys and Dolls" and "Candy Man". The remaining two - "The Producers" and "Steel Magnolias" were at the Laycock Theatre, Gosford.



December proved to be very much the month to be social with a wide range of Christmas parties by the groups within the Club.

The "Coast Creations" led the way on December 1 with a lunch at The Entrance Hotel. The final Golf outing for the year was followed by lunch at The Breakers Club, Wamberal on December 2. Tennis on December 7 was followed later by a Dinner at Manon's House, Forresters Beach. A December 11 lunch for the Bowlers held at the Bay Sports Club following their last competition. Pelicans Wharf, North Entrance was the luncheon choice of The Songsters on December 17

Wednesday December 16 saw the "Coast Sizzlers" closing their year with a special "Jolly Guest and Helper" at Swadling Reserve, Toowoona Bay.





All in all a month to be convivial. The Club acronym – COAST- was very accurate.

## **JANUARY 2010**

After the very busy December there was no Meeting in January.

Everyone looked forward to the Club's New Year.

The pace of 2009 was remembered with some of the Highlights having been :-

The Australia Day Sydney Harbour Cruise attended by 135.

The February "Seduction by the Bay" Cocktail Party attended by 82.

The March Anniversary Dinner with a Masked Theme with 92 present.

The April Tour of the Opera House and then Cockatoo Island by 45.

Christmas in July at the Buttai Barn in June with 102 there.

July's Trivia afternoon for 74 and in the same month the Lavender Bay/Bridge Walk.

September's Ten Pin Bowling at Bateau Bay.

The Golfers outing on January 27 was the beginning of the Club year of activities.

## **FEBRUARY 2010**

The year's first Meeting was attended by 183. Six new members were inducted. In the previous 12 months thirty three new members had been inducted.

The Members accepted the Treasurer's recommendation that the membership fee for 2010-2011 remain at \$36 per person.



Hayley French, grand daughter of Barbara and Bruce Evans (all pictured left), was the Guest Speaker informing all of her work in Cambodia with "Destiny Rescue" in Phnom Penh. Various Club members were so moved by the worth of the work they contributed a total of \$920.

Nominations for the Management Committee for the year beginning April, 2010 closed at the end of the meeting.

The social program had commenced on February 4 with a party attending The Edinburgh Tattoo in Sydney.

Bowls, Craft, Golf and the Sizzlers all met during the month.

February 18 brought the "Not so Posh Cocktail Party" at The Toowoon Bay Surf Club with 94 enjoying the ambience. Another major success by Marilyn and Graham Nestor.



## **MARCH 2010**

On March 1 there were 53 commencing a five day Getaway at Port Stephens organized by John Powell. A highlight was the John Powell led Tour of the Marine National Park.

The Annual General Meeting was held on March 9. The Election of the Management Committee members for the next year took place. Those elected were :-

President:	Ross Quinn
Senior Vice President:	Les Coventry
Junior Vice President:	Ronalda Arnott
Secretary:	Bob Fitzpatrick
Treasurer :	Warren Lomax
Public Officer:	Warren Lomax
Membership Officer:	Rawson Ball
Events Managers:	Sue Abbott Greg Abbott
Getaways Manager:	Graham Nestor
Immediate Past President:	Frank Kelett

Other Committee members elected were :-

Data Base Manager:	Pippa Ball
Newsletter Editor:	Frank Kelett

Joe Judd was re-elected as Auditor.

Ross Quinn announced that the members appointed to perform the numerous other roles within the Club would be announced at the next Monthly Meeting.

The Financial Statements for the Club – for the year to 31st January 2010 - which had been Audited by Joe Judd, were presented and accepted by Members. After allowing for funds held as prepayments for future activities, accumulated funds were \$4393.66

In addition to the Annual General Meeting the usual Meeting was held on March 9 with

180 present and was addressed by a representative of Trade Travel and a representative of Sabah Tourism.

The Members voted to accept the recommendation of the Management Committee, following Bob Fitzpatrick's letter requesting consideration of the matter, that Life Membership be awarded to Judy and John Ramsay who founded the Club in 2005.



On March 17, St Patrick's Day, The Sizzlers presented what they claimed were three "genuine Leprechauns" - Len Martin, Charles Harvey and Neville Wynn (pictured left) - who served what they claimed were "Irish Sausages" to the 75 in attendance at Terrigal Rotary Park.

The Annual Anniversary Dinner was held on March 18 at the Bay Sports Club, Bateau Bay. The Songsters (pictured right) presented several musical items to the 130 attending who enjoyed the very entertaining performance.



**End of 5th year - April 2009 to March 2010**