MINUTES of *Probus Club Of Carseldine* GENERAL MEETING – 01 September 2026 – Final Draft

Opening:	**9:50 am**
Apologies	**Apologies -** Dianne Ward *(August, September, October}*; Marie Clark {*Overseas - August, September and October*); Vanessa Wells (August and September); Faith Pearce; Melva Gibbons, Pat and John Reibelt; Bev Culverhouse; Dot Smyth
Visitors:	Jan Armstrong; Winsome Watson; Lyn Stayte
Inductions:	**Inductions** for September 2026 - **None**

President's Report

Welcome Probians. Sorry I was unable to attend the last general meeting.
However, thanks goes to Wendy Schilder who ably chaired the meeting in my absence.
I would like to welcome **Pam Plaisted** and **Adrian Price** to the club having been inducted into the Club at our August Meeting.
I attended the Hornets Club fo ther Birthday Dinner with Sandy and Michael Handfield, Linda and Enda Bracken and a recently Inducted Member, Heather Salmon. There, sadly, were no winners!
A big Thanks goes to Bev, Jan and Anita who planned and made a successful day of the Car Rally. Enjoyable morning tea at Northpine Dam then lunch at the Samford Hotel.
Remember: Birthday Dinner **Wednesday 30th September 6.30pm**,
Please Email: **rongough39@gmail.com** if you would like to attend.

Kerry Warry
PRESIDENT

Minutes:	Motion that Minutes of the **04 August General Meeting** having been circulated and **taken as read**:			
	Moved:	*Enda Bracken*	**Seconded:**	
Business Arising	Nil			
Correspondence:				

Correspondence: Inward

1. Reminders (3) **PAQ** - 04 September ***Delegates Day*** For PAQ at Westside HQ, 3 Clewley Street, Corinda
2. **Brisbane City Council** – acknowledgement of Application for **BCC Club Grant** – received **25 August 2026**
3. **Bill Henderson** – that we consider adding "**Date Joined**" in the **Membership List** distributed, regularly, to all Members. (***Thank you*** *to all Committee Members Kerry, Michael, Wendy, Lyn and Ron [in Sicily] who responded to this issue in a "round table email exchange*.)
4. **Drug ARM** - offering to speak at a Probus Meeting (This was handed to Lyn Somerville)

Correspondence: Outward

1. September **Delegates Day** for PAQ on 04 December 2026 - at Westside HQ, 3 Clewley Street, Corinda – advising Secretary will attend.
2. **Bill Henderson** – that having consulted all Committee members, the suggestion of adding "**Date Joined**" in the **Membership List** was rejected**.**
3. **Brisbane City Council** – Application for **BCC Club Grant** – lodged 25 August 2026 – **acknowledged** the same day
4. Urgent **email** to all Club Members – **Car Rally** - need for more participants
5. Urgent **Poster-style Email** to all Club Members – **Toowoomba Carnival Of Flowers** Trip – more participants needed
6. **Poster-style Email** to all Club Members re:- **Melbourne Cup; Christmas Party; December Christmas-themed Meeting** – as an all-in-one posting

Correspondence Accepted:	**Moved:-**	Enda Bracken	**Seconded:-**	*John O'Brien*
Business Arising:	➢ **NIL**			

Secretary - *Enda Bracken*

- The sole r**ole of the Membership List**: The list is to enable members to be able to **contact** each other.
- The addition of **other** information on the list e.g. "Date Joined" is problematic: -
  - It is difficult to **physically fit** into either the horizontal nor vertical formats
  - The Club keeps **several separate lists** of information about members for different purposes. They are not integrated and, therefore, it would take the Committee a long time to grab information from several lists to inject them into another. The Committee consists of Volunteers.
  - Creating a *database* with all information integrated is possible, but it requires some skill for Committees to maintain with each change-over of personnel

Treasurer's Report: *Presented by Michael Handfield*	**Opening Balance**	**$7223.32**
	Receipts	**$1836**
	Payments	**$563.96**
	Balance of Transactions - August	**$1272.04**
	Closing Balance	**$8495.36**

Treasurer Comments

- **Most income from**
  - Carnival of Flowers - $ 1,350.00;
  - 1 Payment for Christmas Lunch. October Outing; Payment for lost name badge.
  - August Meeting Fees- $289-00
- **Payment to** PAQ for 2 attendees to **Delegates Day** 2026
  - Hornets AFL Club - **Meeting Room hire** and morning tea – $325-00
  - August **Car Event** - Prizes and Expenses – $164-96

Treasurer Report Accepted	**Moved:-**	Michael Handfield	**Seconded:-**	Wendy Schilder	**CARRIED**

Guest Speakers: *Lyn Somerville*

Speaker:-.

- The Guest Speaker in September is **Val Marlow**. Val is from the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS).
- October meeting - Snr Sgt Diana Kratochvil on Seniors Crime Prevention, Scams.;
- November meeting – Barbara Eastoe – Life in Ethiopia

Membership - *Linda Bracken*

- No Inductions
- The **Digital Induction Kit** is emailed to New Members upon **Induction** includes the Constitution, Standard Resolutions, Risk Management Policy and Outings Form (for completion).
- The **1-Page** List of the **Club's Activities** for Visitors is at the **Front Table** to **entice** visitors to our club.

Birthdays and Anniversaries - *Linda Bracken*

Birthdays:- 03 - Di Jennings,; 06 - Margaret Kiernan;13 - Jan Royes; 16 - Bill Henderson; 18 – Kerry Warry;19-Vanessa Wells,; 23 - Dot Smyth; 23 – Viorica Munteanu,

Anniversaries:- 11 - Derek & Carol Hall; 11 - Linda and Enda Bracken; 21 - Michael and Sandy Handfield

Welfare: - Bev *Culverhouse – Bev is absent*

- No Report; No issue of concern reported by other members

Visits & Trips: - *Wendy Schilder*

- The Committee has passed a **Motion:-** That the Carnival of Flowers be an *Authorised Activity*. Moved Wendy Schilder; Seconded: *Sandy Handfield*
- **Combined Function** with **Probus Chermside** with Ailsa Hindley (Chermside) for Probus Clubs' **50th Anniversary** trip on *City Cat* **Tues 21 October 2026** - **$26 per head** and back finishing at *Hamilton Hotel* - where we will treated as regular customers.
- **Melbourne Cup Cruise** - **1st-7th November**. Flight to Sydney and then return cruise to Melbourne -. Organized by Wendy. It is **fully booked**. (Group Meeting was held after this General Meeting)
- **Local Melbourne Cup:** Will be run by *Aspley Hornets Club* – turn up as individuals. Marilyn will book a table for Probus. Members will have to **ask** to be directed to **the Probus Table.**
- **Carnival of Flowers :** early start 7:30am, our members will be sharing coach with others; More members are needed.
- **Welcome Back** to this meeting to **Daphne Greene** (a centenarian)!

Club Services: - *Marilyn Smith (away)*

- Marilyn is *away* September & October – but she has arranged for the Christmas function details to be almost settled in her communications with Hornets.
- **Lyn Somerville** will take over in Marilyn's absence.
- Lyn has approached 4 politicians for baskets for the **Christmas Party** hampers, 3 Council, 1 State member
- **Intention to Attend Sheet (Christmas party)** –on the Back Table. Marilyn **needs** to have some idea of the **numbers** who will attend, so that she can communicate this to **Hornets** for ***catering*** and ***staffing*** purposes

Bulletins (Quotus): - *Sandy Handfield*

- Please send us your articles and photos before the **end** of the **third week** of each month.
- Thank you for all the kind comments about the September Issue that were forwarded to Sandy.

Car Rally - *Beverley Booth and Jan Royes (and Anita Martin)*

- It rained on the morning we assembled. The morning tea spot we had chosen with a lovely view over North Pine Dam was closed off for mowing/slashing and we had to use a spot immediately adjacent.
- Secretary's Note:- Very successful. Extraordinarily well catered for by Beverley Booth, Jan Royes and Anita Martin. The questions were tricky and participants were mildly ***chided*** for "*not reading the questions correctly*". Much laughter. A Burke and Wills experience.

Movies **-** *Penny Sellens*

- There have been **very low attendances** lately, possibly because the movies were not "box office" crowd-pleasers. The Movie Activity's viability is of some concern. **Should It Continue?**
- Members present today indicated that *they would like the Movie Activity to go on*.
- Next Movie will be on **Tuesday 15 September** (earlier than usual Cheap Tuesday because of a clash of event times).
- Penny will find out the **Stafford Cinema's** Choices on the *previous Wednesday* when they are released..
- The Secretary will email all members with the choices.
- The **usual process** is:-
  - **9:45** - Members **meet** in the Foyer of the Hoyts Stafford Cinemas
  - They **discuss** which films they would like to see
  - They then either disperse to separate movies - or - go as a group (groups)
  - After the movies, they meet for **Lunch** in the *Food Hall* (it has a new carvery) just outside the Cinema and
  - Discuss what they have seen.

Theatre **-** *Lorelle Pacello*

- The *Marvellous Melbourne* tour (we have just returned) was a success. The "Beautiful Noise" (Neil Diamond Tribute) Concert was excellent.
- The **Lady Brisbane Cruise** (PAQ) -Saturday - 24 October $85.00.
- There are 8 Tickets left for Friday 18th December **Spirit of Christmas QPAC Concert**;
- 1 place left for the **Lion King** - Wednesday 20th January 2027
- The *Neil Diamond "Beautiful Noise"* concert has unexpectedly been extended to **Brisbane** in 2027. Lorelle has applied for tickets in advance. More information later.
- **Book of Mormons** tickets have all been distributed.

Ron Gough - Other Activities -

There are ***Signup Sheets*** **on the back table** for **upcoming** events**. Sign The Sheets Or Email Ron.**

- **Lady Brisbane Cruise Saturday - 24 October $85.00**. This is in celebration of *50 years of Probus in Australia*. It is being organised by Lorelle *Pacello and Barbara Tobin* (PAQ). **Purchase your own ticket**
- **Have A Chat** – 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Hornets 10am
- **Sandgate Walk**
  - 2nd Friday of the month - followed by lunch.
  - Arrive at Arthur Davis Park at 10:00 am for a 10:30 start
- **Arm Chair Travel**
  - Fifth Tuesday of the month. The next one will be on **Tuesday 29th September**
  - **11:30am** - Arrive for **Light Lunch**; **12:00pm** - Be Seated – **Travel Talks Start**
  - The next one will be on **Tuesday 29th September**. **John O'Brien** will speak on **New Guinea** and **Norma Tucker** will speak on **China**.
- **Men's Coffee** - Starts at **10am at Hornets every Friday.**
  - There have been low attendees from Probus (1 or 2) .
- **Birthday Draw Dinner**
  - On *Wednesday 29th July* – **Derek Hall** won some money
  - The next one is on **Wednesday 30th September**. Book with **Ron Gough - rongough39@gmail.com**
  - We are booked for **6:30pm**. Hornets have a monthly **birthday draw** of **$500** at 7pm and again at 7:30. So, if it's your birthday this month, you might be lucky. If it's not your birthday this month, you can still come along and join in the fun.
- **Advertising on Facebook** about Probus Carseldine on the following information sites: Carseldine, Aspley and Bracken Ridge**. Posters are up** at various shopping centre sites.
- **Webmaster:** Micro Site Homepage (*Probus South Pacific*) is updated on the 1st of each month
- **Archiving.** Updated at the end of each month

- **PAQ Representative.** Ron and Lorelle to attend / have attended a Sharing Day at Everton Library (Monday 30th August). This was a positive activity with the exchange of ideas between Clubs.

General Business:

The **Approved Activities** List **has been updated. See Below:**

The Management Committee since the **August 2026** Meeting has formally placed into the Minutes an update of the activities below as **Approved Activities (2026-2027)** under the **Risk Management Policy** and for **Insurance** purposes. They will be **added to** as **new activities** are presented to the **Committee for approval.:-**

- Christmas in July - 21st July 2026
- Car Rally Event – Tuesday, 18 August,
- Combined Function with Probus Chermside - Tues 21 October 2026
- Stafford Cinema– for our Club's Movie Group – (usually *last Tuesday* of the month)
- Attendance as an identifiable group at the Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols
- Christmas Lunch – December 2026
- Melbourne Cup Cruise - 1st-7th November
- Sandgate Walk - 2nd *Friday* of each month.
- Arm Chair Travel - Judy Thompson's Place – generally twice a year on a 5th Tuesday of the month.

Newly Added

- Carnival of Flowers - Tuesday 22nd September 2026
- Probus (PAQ) City Hall Concert on 29 September 2026.
- Book of Mormons - Glasshouse Theatre - 2 September , 7.00pm
- Anastasia - Lyric Theatre - 30 September 1.00pm

MEETING CLOSED **10:20 am**

Guest Speaker – Val Marlow – Next Page

Val Marlow from the Royal Flying Doctor Service (*RFDS*)

The Guest Speaker in September was **Val Marlow**. Val is from the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). Mrs Marlow received the **Fundraising Institute of Australia Award** after dedicating more than **30 years** of her life to assisting the fundraising efforts of the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section).

- RFDS was started by **Rev John Flynn** – travelling 11 months a year on camel, horseback and foot, he was struck by the loneliness of women and deaths from *minor* injuries.
- He proved to be a prolific writer, exhorting aid from many sources.
- He was commissioned by the Presbyterian Church to look at the needs of people living in the outback. His report to the Presbyterian Assembly in 1912 resulted in the establishment of the **Australian Inland Mission (AIM)** of which he was appointed Superintendent.
- The AIM created *Inland Mission Hospitals* – for people '*who could come in'*. However, there were others could not come in.
- Victorian pilot **Lieutenant (John) Clifford Peel** had heard Flynn's public speeches, and on being shipped out to France for World War I in 1917, sent Flynn a letter explaining how he had seen a missionary doctor visiting isolated patients using a plane.
- Flynn immediately took the idea of using aircraft to begin his idea, and published Peel's idea in the church's newsletter. Peel died in combat in September 1918, not even knowing of the full impact he had made.
- Together with **Alfred Traeger**, Flynn began experiments with radio in the mid-1920s to enable remote outposts to contact a centralised medical base. The **pedal radio** was the first result of this collaboration. These were distributed gradually to stations, missions and other human residences around Cloncurry, the base site for a 50-watt transmitter.
- By **1928**, Flynn had gathered **sufficient funds** through fundraising activities to launch the experiment of the **AMS (Aerial Medical Service)** on **15 May.** Its supporters included industrialist **HV McKay** (Sunshine Harvester), **medical doctor George Simpson** and **Hudson Fysh**, one of the founders of **Qantas**.
- **Qantas** supplied the **first aircraft** to the fledgling organisation, VH-UER a De Havilland DH.50, **dubbed "Victory".** Qantas charged two shillings per flight mile for use of the Victory in the first year of the project.
- **17 May 1928**, the service's first official flight departed from Cloncurry, 85 miles to Julia Creek. Queensland,
- The RFDS uses a wide range of **contemporary emergency medical equipment** to provide aeromedical retrieval services. These include **transport** ventilators, critical care monitors, infusion devices, point-of-care testing, **portable diagnostic** ultrasound and a range of other splints and devices.
- The RFDS supplied and maintained **2,370 medical chests** around Australia in 2022/23

A TYPICAL YEAR with the ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE			
200 Occasions of Care per Day	**2,100** Immunisations Administered	**12,300** Consultations by RFDS Mental Health Teams	**1,300** Medical chests in Rural & Remote Areas
13,000 Patients Transferred	**24,750** Consultations at RFDS GP and Nurse Clinics	**18,800** Remote Consultation Calls through RFDS Telehealth service	**2,300** Consultations by RFDS Dental Service

Val Marlow was **unwell,** fighting the aftermath of a cold. Yet she spoke - without notes – so comprehensively and so engagingly, standing on the floor. So many facts were disclosed in such an accessible manner. She did not need audio-visual aids.

Response and Vote of Thanks:- ***Secretary Enda*** who had spent time in Mount Isa, congratulated Val on her virtuoso address which gave members an insight to the history and ongoing practices of creativity and response to changing technology and times that **RFDS** has shown. **No other country** in the world comes **close** to its excellence.

He moved a **Vote of Thanks** to Val and presented her with a small gift. **Carried by Acclamation.**

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