

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF FRENCHS FOREST INC.
HELD AT BELROSE HOTEL ON THURSDAY, 23RD APRIL, 2026**

WELCOME:. The President Kaye Lines welcomed members to the General Meeting and asked everyone **to turn off their mobile phones.**

SPEAKER: Marnie Ogg **Topic “Reading the World through Light”**
(Wife of Fred Watson previous Speaker)

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Kaye Lines, Barry Springett, Di Ivey, Liz Ellery, Wendy Speakman, Bev Chivers, Bernadette Chapman, Ariela Honour & Graeme Honour.

APOLOGIES: Gill Gorrick, Margy Springett, Gwen Hunt, Judy Lucas, Joy Thompson, Jan Evans, Beryl Barter, Joy Zamiatin, Ken Speakman, Vicki Hennessy, Claude Andre & John Solomon.

VISITORS: Terry O’Nion, Roz Lindsay (2) & Marina Gerritson (1)

NUMBER OF MEMBERS PRESENT: 51 members present.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: **Birthdays: MAY**
Claudine Andre 20th May
John Clement 5th May
Ron Ortlipp 7th May
Rhonda Scotter 28th May
Barry Springett 31st May
Yvonne Viney 8th May

ICE BREAKER: Barry Springett

INDUCTIONS: Our new member Helen McFarlane was introduced by Merilyn Scott and inducted into the Probus Club by President Kaye Lines.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2026

These have been distributed and found to be correct.

Moved: Ariela Honour **Seconded** Marie Gallant **Carried**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE IN:
Bank Statement for March.
PSPL Parcel containing Handbooks etc.
Thank you card for the gift from Sue Clement

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:
Helen McFarlane

BUSINESS ARISING FROM INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE: NIL

Moved: Enid Reynolds **Seconded** Bernadette Chapman **Carried**

FINANCE: Liz Ellery reported

**Statement of INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE MONTH ENDING 31 MARCH 2026**

Balance as at March		\$10,702.34
Membership	\$1,400.00	
Joining Fees	\$ 20.00	
Social Outings	\$4,487.00	
Social Getaways	\$	
Hall Hire	\$	
Speakers' expenses	\$	
Donations	\$	
	\$5,907.00	<u>\$16,609.34</u>

EXPENDITURE

Membership	\$1,612.50
Joining Fees	\$
Social Outings	\$3,673.00
Social Getaways	\$
Lucky Door & Speakers Exp	\$ 81.96
Newsletter	\$ 23.76
Sundries	\$ 263.00
Badges	\$
Bank Charges	\$
	\$5,654.22

Balance as at 31 March 2026 **\$10,955.12**

Balance B/fwd **\$10,955.12**

PROVISIONS

Social Outings \$ 3,784.00

Our Balance **\$ 7,171.12**

Moved: Liz Ellery **Seconded;** Bruce Pearce **Carried**

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Ariela & Graeme Honour
At this stage still working on arranging a Guest Speaker for May.

THEATRE BOOKINGS: Kaye Lines & Di Ivey

Our next Theatre Party will be an Evening of Rogers & Hammerstein at the Glen Street Theatre on Thursday, 21st May, 2026 2pm Matinee.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Sue Clement

Thursday 7 th May	Wyong Races – Carpool
Thursday 11 th June	Davistown RSL Club drive/train to Woy Woy then pick up Ferry to Davistown
Thursday 9 th July	Xmas in July Camden
Thursday 13 th August	Doyles Watsons Bay expressions of interest
14 th – 18 th September	Mudgee Getaway \$200 deposit needed before 14 th May
Friday 30 th October	Navel Trip East of the Harbour
12 th or 19 th November	Fish Markets expressions of interest

Additional shared outings proposed with Treffel

Murray River Cruise Information afternoon on Thursday 30th April 2.30pm Frenchs Forest Guide Hall

Mary McKillop Centre and Convent at Kincumber it is a 3-day stay in November.

These two outings are expressions of interest only. If interested please speak to Sue Clement.

WELFARE OFFICER: Bernadette Chapman
Card sent to Claude Andre

EDITOR: Thank you Bruce Pearce for filling in for our Editor Claude Andre

FIVE MINUTE TALK: Enid Reynolds gave a very interesting talk about being on a Cruise ship which caught fire.
Next month's talk to be advised.

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE: Enid Reynolds

GENERAL BUSINESS: Probus Cards were given to the following members
Robyn Netting, Carol Baxter and Rex Alison.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Thursday, 30th April 2026 at 10.00am

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Thursday, 28th May 2026 at 10.00am for
10.30am start

MEETING CLOSED: 12.15pm

TURN MOBILE PHONES BACK ON