Probus Club of Grovedale Marshall Inc
Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Grovedale Community Hub on 8th October 2026

Meeting Opened: 10.00am

Attendance: Attending 48 members, 14 apologies.

Apologies: Sue Wright, Ken Wright, Jill Bell, John Stasse, Lesley Stasse, Irene Black, John Caulfield, Tony Allotta, Marie Allotta, Sue Cunningham, Angela Parkyn, Julie Jenkins, Maria Borracci, Mary Hancock.

Opening Remarks
Lawrence Glynn

- The President welcomed all members. He then described the evacuation procedures in detail.
- For insurance purposes, Probus members and visitors were reminded to check in at the main door using the paper-based system.
- There is no after meeting lunch at a restaurant this month as we are having a BBQ to celebrate 50 years of Probus at this facility after the guest speaker's presentation has concluded. The room with chairs and tables where food will be severed is at the end of the hall past the toilets.
- The President reminded members that when exiting the car park of the Hub, please exit one way in a clockwise manner following the arrows on the road.

Anne Lane

Anne Lane moved "that the minutes of the September meeting be approved as a true and correct record". Seconded: Mary Donohoe All in favour - Carried

Sue Howard
Treasurer's report

Opening balance	$3,446.15	
Receipts	$1,055.35	
Expenditure	$190.15	
Closing balance	$4,311.32	5 cent jar $33.95

Sue Howard moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted.
Seconded: Carmel Brasier All in favour – Carried

- A day trip to Timboon has been booked for 29th October. 54 members (including 11 Winchelsea Probus members) have signed up for the trip. Members to convene at the Grovedale Community Hub at 8.15am for an 8.30am departure. The return trip will depart Timboon at 2.30pm. There are multiple lunch options in Timboon to choose from.
- Thursday 26th November there will be a trip to Sorento by ferry. The charge for foot passengers is $34 return concession if booked online or $36 if paid at the terminal. An optional lunch will be booked at the Sorento Terminal restaurant. Members to state their preferences on the list at the back of the hall.
- A visit to a vintage cars' museum at the home of Ken Batson, 135 Waurn Ponds Drive, Waurn Ponds has been booked for Thursday 19th November at 12.30pm. 6 members have booked so far. Lunch at the Waurn Ponds Hotel has been booked to follow. Members to confirm their preferences on the list.
- Xmas in December has been booked for 12pm on 3rd December at the Fyansford Hotel. This will be an ordinary lunch with no entertainment scheduled this year. There is an extensive senior's menu available with either a $27 or $23 option, both of which include a main meal with either a dessert or entrée. The club will partly subsidize this event by asking members to pay $20 per person in advance.
- Sue confirmed that the Dianella Hall has been booked for the duration of 2027.

Anne Lane

Correspondence – In

- Email from Margaret Robinson who is the Rotary District 9780 Probus Chair. More information regarding ideas on how clubs can celebrate 50 years of Probus. We are doing this with our BBQ today.
- Email from Probus head office reminding members about submissions to their competition, giving away five 50th Anniversary Probus hampers in each state and territory for the most compelling testimonials of why you joined Probus.
- Hall Hire notice received from Geelong City Council.
- Email from Waurn Ponds Deakin Probus with an invitation to join them for a Day Trip to Melbourne to do Outlet Shopping on 29th October. Unfortunately this clashed with our day trip to Timboon.
- Email from Waurn Ponds Deakin Probus Club with information about a Mayoral Function – Celebrating The 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia. Asking for two committee members to attend on behalf of Grovedale Marshall Probus club.

Correspondence Out

- Email to Waurn Ponds Deakin Probus Club confirming Shaaron and Lawrence Glynn's attendance at the Mayoral Function celebrating Probus 50 years, representing Grovedale Marshall Probus Club.
- Email to Waurn Ponds Deakin thanking them for the day trip invite with apologies that it clashes with our Timboon trip. I stated that we would be very interested in any other trips they plan where they have spare seats available.

Anne moved that the correspondence be accepted and called for second. Graeme Morris
All in favour Carried

Club Activity Reports

Book Club - Lawrnce Glynn for Pam Simpson

- The next book club meeting is on Friday 16th October at 1pm at the Glynn's house.

Activities - Shaaron Glynn

Recent Events

- Wednesday 16th September lunch at 12pm at Grill'd in Waurn Ponds shopping Centre to support the fundraising efforts of Geelong Evening VIEW Club.
- Thursday 24th September lunch at 12pm at The Grovedale Hotel.
- Thursday 17th September lunch at 12pm at Mt Moriac Hotel,

Upcoming events;

- Thursday 15th October 11am at Barwon Water trip to Wurdee Boluc Treatment plant with an optional lunch at Babil Oddfellows Turkish restaurant, 43 Gellibrand Street, Colac at 1pm. 900 metres of walking on fairly even bitumen and gravel surfaces and please wear enclosed shoes. We will, be issued with Hi-Vis vests. Tour is 45 mins – 1 hour depending on questions. There is no toilet at the plant. The public toilet is 100 metres further along Cape Otway Road. Please look at the list carefully and fill out what you want to attend. or if you need a lift.
- Wed 21st October Morning Melodies from 9.30 am at Geelong Art Centre. 'They sang at Carnegie Hall' with Bernadette Robinson. All tickets have been purchased and there are no members on the waiting list for a cancellation.
- Thursday 22nd October lunch at 12pm at The Peninsular Hotel, 195 Bellarine Highway, Newcomb.
- Thursday 21st January 2027 lunch is at 12pm at The Sphinx Hotel.
- Chocolates celebrating birthdays and anniversaries were distributed.

General Business

Lawrence Glynn

- Asked if there is any "new general business" from the members present.

- Many thanks were expressed to those volunteers who arrived early to help set up the tables and chairs for our meeting. We ask that another couple of members volunteer to do this for our next meeting and there is a list at the back of the hall for this purpose.
- The Mystery Door Prize was drawn.
- The President announced that morning tea was served and that members should resume their seats at 11.00am for our Guest Speaker.
- President Lawrence Glyn gave the following introduction to our guest speaker. “Dale McIntyre is known to many members as our bus driver for our many trips undertaken by this club. Dale is here today representing BlazeAid. BlazeAid volunteers such as Dale McIntyre assist rural families and individuals in recovering from natural disasters such as bushfires, floods, and cyclones through volunteer-led practical assistance and community support. This involves rebuilding fences and damaged structures, restoring confidence, supporting local communities, and helping people recover both physically and emotionally. Please welcome Dale McIntyre”.
- Members gave a round of applause to Dale at the conclusion of his presentation and Anne Lane presented him with his Certificate of Appreciation.

- Confirmation of Next Meeting Date Thursday 12th November 2026

- Meeting closed at 12noon.

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Lawrence Glynn - President Anne Lane - Secretary