

GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC.  
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2023  
At 10.35 a.m. At Guildford Leagues Club

PRESENT: As per attendance sheet. Members: 23. Visitors: Jill Keenan

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting Agenda, Ex-President Gordon had the pleasant duty to hand over the Presidential Chain to our new President for the next year to Barry. Gordon handed over the regalia, as the immediate Past President was unavailable for this very important occasion.

Gordon emphasised that Barry will have the full support of all Members in his position as President.

APOLOGIES: Carol & Brian Duane, Jill & Merv Barnett, Gwenda & John Collins, Maureen O'Donoghue, Rhilma Bruce, Pam Cherry, Phyllis Hoole, Jim and Annette Gibbs, Doreen Wall, Peter Schabel, Frank Spittle, Paulene McAndrew, Jan O'Brien, Ray and Nanette Foyle, John Flood, Robyn Corless, Norma Dickie.

BIRTHDAYS: Rod Skinner

ANNIVERSARIES: Judy Byrnes                      Matt and Fay Hayden

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT: Sue informed the meeting of the details for the funeral for Kevin Sweeney. It will be held on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April at the Mary of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood.

She also informed us of the passing of Ray Hoole (husband of Phyllis), funeral details not known at this time.

At this point of time we had a moment of silence to acknowledge and remember Rose Merlino and all of her input to our Club over many years, being a founder member. Also Tony Merlino expressed the support that the Club had extended and was appreciative. Barry presented a rose at this time as a mark of our respect to Rose.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Barry stated that it was a great honour to be installed as the Club President for the coming year and looked forward for the support from the new Committee and all Members.

He gave a resume of the recent Silos Tour of N.W. Victoria, being of great distances but really well organised and without any problems or concerns. The very hard yards put in by Peter performing both behind the scenes and his "on tour" information was certainly first class and greatly appreciated by all the Members on tour.  
Moved. Peter McGann, Sec. Kay Hayes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Due to the apology from Gwenda, I submit the report this month. The Probus P.O. Box has now been cancelled, and catching up with the electronic age, will save the club \$140.00 per annum. Gwenda has also registered and paid the incorporation fees to Dept. Fair Trading.

An invitation was received from Trade Travel for our travel representatives to attend their Travel Expo in May at Wentworthville Leagues Club. This may expand our choice of future tours. Also a brochure was received advising that APT Luxury Travel has joined PSP as a Probus Partner.

Gordon reminded Members to support our "New Committee" and make use of the suggestion box and contact any Committee Member for any of your ideas and recommendations.

Moved: Sue Both. Sec. Mayda Devlin.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Thank you Heather Schabel for presenting the report due to Peters ill-health and advising that the current bank statement totals \$10,601.47. The Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> March was available for inspection.

Moved: Margaret Ricketts. Sec.: Lydia Culican.

**TOUR OFFICER'S REPORT:** Sue advised of the proposed Day Tour to Robertson in July for our Christmas in July outing.

Barry also gave details of the excursion. Morning tea is provided at Berrima then on through the Southern Highlands to and eventually the famous Robertson Pie Shop !!!

See Sue's report on future events including our Picnic in Merrylands Gardens, don't forget to bring a cup, plate and chair. And also the Hawkesbury Race Day, details of which are published in our Bulletin.

Coral received correspondence from Arthritis New South Wales advising that the Support Group hold a meeting at the Merrylands Bowling Club on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday of each month. They support all aspects of Arthritis and Coral explained that they are most helpful and informative and recommend your attendance, as most of us know someone with this ailment.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

Lucky door prize winners: Coral, Heather Hogan, Judy Byrnes, Peter McGann and Ann Ensor, Lydia Pedavoli.

#### GUEST SPEAKER

The Guest Speaker for today, Tom Ware, presented a story based on facts. His detailed talk covered the adventures of a plane lost over the Pacific Ocean, which Members found most interesting.

The Meeting closed at 12.05pm.

The next Meeting will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>. May 2023 at 10.30am