

## GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023  
at 10.30am at Guildford Leagues Club

**Present:** As per Attendance Sheet.

President Barry welcomed everyone and asked have you written your questions for our Centrelink Speaker.

**Apologies:** Lidia Pedavoli, Jan Kristiansen, Phyllis Hoole, Frank Spittle, Nanette & Ray Foyle, Jack & Kumar Barbooram, Mayda Devlin, Angela & Vince Fimognari, Jill & Merv Barnett, Robin Corliss, Norma Dickie, Kay Hayes and Ann Ensor.

**Birthdays:** Lydia Culican, Terry Dickie, Jill Keenan, Judy Matthew, Noelene Mitchell and Peter Schabel.

**Welfare Officer's Report:** Phyllis Hoole doing okay. Had 2<sup>nd</sup> lot of chemotherapy. Matt Haydon is in Aged Care at Greystanes. Fay Wade has had back operation and is here today.

**Moved** Lidia Culican and **Seconded** Heather Hogan that Welfare Officer's Report be accepted.

**President's Report:** Thank you to all who enjoyed our coach trip to Robertson and of course the famed Pie Shop later. Cumberland Council has the opening of Civic Square in Merrylands at 4pm tomorrow with lots of activities, entertainment & food stalls. Your committee is trying to gauge places you may wish to visit with Judith Dunn's Past Time Coach and Minibus Tours. Historical facts. Carol has printed survey forms and information regarding this to be handed in at September meeting or today if you wish. Thank you Carol. Barry has put information re our Probus Club on noticeboard at Stocklands, his GP's office and Julie Finn's office. Barry not so sure about our MP, Julie, as she cancelled attending our October Picnic last year and seemed unsure about Probus when Heather spoke with her at a meet & chat visit to Woodpark.

At the next Linnwood House Open Day on 10<sup>th</sup> September Barry will have an outside Plant Stall combined with information to promote Guildford Probus.

We had a great representation of our members to farewell one of our original members, Eileen McGann, last month. She held positions on the committee over the years. A great number of Guildford residents attended her funeral.

**Moved** Maureen O'Donoghue and **Seconded** Keith Travers that President's report be accepted.  
**Carried.**

**Anniversaries:** Peter McGann and Eileen would have celebrated 60 years wed this month.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the previous meeting of July 2023 available to be circularised. PSP sent pack to promote Probus Clubs especially through October which is Probus Month. Celebrate your Club with some special events in October.

Certificate of Currency for 2023-24.

Trade Travel still promoting tours - Cowra Gold (22-26 October) with Abbotsford/Chiswick Probus Club. Sapphire Coast Discovery also October '23. Murray Princess, Adelaide (November '23) Received one Probus Membership Card.

**Moved** Carol Kennedy and **Seconded** Noelene Mitchell that Secretary's Report be accepted.  
**Carried.**

**Social Days Report:** 17<sup>th</sup> August – Linnwood House – 32 attending. Pay today. Byron Road.

22 September. Hambleton Cottage. \$8 pp. 11am. (need 20). Bring own lunch. Picnic. Some seating. Some members bring picnic tables. Contact Coral.

**Moved** Jim Gibbs and **Seconded** John Collins that Social Days Report be accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance healthy. Net available \$9,377.57 as at 31/7/23. Our Xmas in July outing was subsidised by \$290. The six members going to Floriade have paid deposit. Deposit of \$100 is required for the New Zealand Tour in February with Greystanes Probus. 20 going (13 from Probus). Itinerary available from Peter Schabel.

**Moved** Margaret Ricketts and **Seconded** Heather Hogan that Treasurer's report be accepted.  
**Carried.**

Barry said he had noticed prices of goods in shops at Berrima had increased substantially since last visit there.

A member had heard a Probus promotion on 2GB radio.

10.55am. Short break.

President Barry presented new member Dorothy Warwick with her Badge. Dorothy is President of Friends of Linnwood and she spoke about our upcoming Tour & Morning Tea there. Please let her know if anyone has special dietary requirements for this. There is a ramp at side front for entry. Parking at right rear side of house. Lock your cars. This is because the grounds are shared on some days with other folk who like to wander and sit in vehicles – they are mentally handicapped. Devonshire Tea and presentation on history of Linnwood and you can look through rooms of house and marvel at displays of bygone electrical appliances, old technology, fashions and furniture.

Gordon introduced our Guest Speaker – Robert Yeomans from Centrelink who answered submitted questions from members re various aspects. For any “discounts” regarding your utility bills – energy, water, council – approach the providers with your accounts and not Centrelink. If any dealings with Centrelink you can ask for a printout of their notes of your conversation with them and ask also for a receipt number. Robert seemed not a fan of Banks. Recommended Funeral Bonds if spare money to invest.

President Barry said has great Fathers' Day prizes for next month. One basket is worth \$50. Tickets on sale beforehand.

**Lucky Door Prize Winners:** Fay Wade, Tony Merlino, Carol Kennedy, Noelene Mitchell, Barry Hogan, Annette Gibbs, Gwenda Collins, Rodney Skinner, Judy Byrnes, Helen Reardon, Gordon Mitchell, Peter Schabel and Pam Cherry.

Meeting closed at 11.55am.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am.