

GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 7th December 2023
at 10.35 at Guildford Leagues Club

President Barry wished all a Happy Christmas. Great to see nearly a full house today at our Christmas Meeting even though our numbers are less. We have two visitors today so welcome to you.

Apologies: Lydia Pedavoli, Peter McGann, Kay Hayes, Norma Dickie, John Flood, Nanette & Ray Foyle.

Visitors: Denise Hoye and Kay Maxwell.

PSPL have raised the Capitation Fees for each Club. Our yearly membership has been \$30 during Covid years and last year. Joining Fee remains at \$20 and yearly Membership is back to \$40 per Member for 2024-25.

Welfare Officer's Report: Sue had a call Lydia Pedavoli is not well and also Peter McGann not 100%. Lovely to see Robyn Corliss here after her long stretch in hospital and at home. Judy Forrest (another very long term & welcome member) is back today. Condolences to our President Barry who lost his brother since our last meeting.

Moved Heather Hogan and **Seconded** Terry Dickie that **Welfare Officer's Report** be accepted.

Birthdays: December - John Collins, Brien Duane and John Flood. January – Sue Both, Betty Burton, Ray Foyle, Peter McGann and Heather Schabel.

Those Members celebrating Birthdays this month & early 2024 remember to use your Vouchers from the Club for 50% discount on meal and free Raffle tickets and Birthday Draw on 17/12 and usually 3rd Sunday of month.

President's Report: Your luncheon tables are all set up. Thanks to all who did this. Carol was concerned our Xmas gifts are packed on a table downstairs in the walkway of Coffee area so is keeping any eye on everything. There is a surprise out of our fees also. I have 3 x 3kg Hams (in eskies in car) plus garden basket (put together by me) and other baskets made up of gifts donated by several members as our Xmas Lucky Door Prizes. Special thanks to all who donated throughout year.

Mini Bus Tour to *Southern Highlands* (20) plus waiting list. *Pay by February Meeting*. Xmas in July Coach Trip to Wollondilly with Ray & Shirley - \$75. Ray was driver on Floriade Trip. Now has coach & he and his wife, Shirley, are in business. Came out to Sue's home & worked out some trips with Committee members. October 2024 - 4 nights (Dubbo/Parkes/Mudgee) - \$960pp which is great value. Names to Coral if interested to assess response. New Airport Tour in March at \$50. Names down.

Moved Sue Both and **Seconded** Noelene Mitchell that **President's Report** be accepted.

Secretary's Report: Happy & Safe Christmas to all Members.

Correspondence In: PSPL Chairman (Michael Ransom) informed of increase in Capitation Fees for 2024-25 of \$2.25 to \$19 per Member.

Savings Finder Information Session on "Rebates you are Entitled to" with Services NSW. 12/12/23 at Regents Park Community Centre and 19/12/23 at Wentworthville Community Centre 11-12.30pm. Bookings essential. www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/savings.finder.

Moved Keith Travers and **Seconded** Annette Gibbs that **Secretary's Report** be accepted.

Social Days Report: Our November Lunch at Coolibah well supported with 40 diners. Summer catch-up at Coolibah on 18 January (go Hawaiian). (Sue at Aust. Open). Tour to New Airport in March. Xmas in July at Wollondilly, Show your interest in 5 day Trip with Ray in October 2024 based in Dubbo.

Moved Maureen O'Donoghue & **Seconded** Lydia Culican that **Social Days Report** be accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Financially okay. Net Available at 30/11/23 is \$8,562.75. Bills paid. Petty Cash okay. Peter then read amusing story.

Moved Muriel Comber and **Seconded** Fay Wade that **Treasurer's Report** be accepted.

President Barry then announced he has a special "President's Award" to give out. This is to Carol Duane who puts so much time and effort into producing our colourful and informative Bulletin each month which we all enjoy reading. Barry presented a gift to acknowledge this and all the other extra things she does for our Club. Barry said he had only ever given one award previously and this was to Helen Reardon.

General Business: Maureen O'Donoghue said recently enjoyed activities on "The Fun Boat" which departs near Star City. Highly recommended at \$59 – idea for future outing.

Received Christmas Card Wishes from Helen Reardon and Maureen O'Donoghue to all our Members.

Short break for socialising.

11.35am.

Special Xmas Lucky Door Prize Winners:

Dorothy Warwick (Garden Basket), Jill Barnett (Ham), Noelene Mitchell (Ham), Tony Merlino (Wine Basket), Jan O'Brien (Basket Assortment), Maureen O'Donoghue (Ham) and Judy Matthew (Ham).

Barry then suggested everyone make their way downstairs to our luncheon tables and buy a drink and get settled.

Meeting closed at 11.55am.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st February 2024 at 10.30am.