

GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 7 September 2023
at 10.30am at Guildford Leagues Club

Present: As per Attendance Sheet.

President Barry opened meeting and hoped Dads here had a Happy Fathers Day.

Apologies: Tony Merlino, Pam Cherry, Jill Keenan, Frank Spittle, Maureen O'Donoghue, Robyn Corliss, Rhilma Brice. Fay Wade, Phyllis Hoole, Norma Dickie, Jack Babooram and Noelene Mitchell.

Visitor: Tiffany Duane

Welfare Officer's Report: Happy Fathers Day to Dads here. Not had any reports of Members being on the sick list. Robyn Corliss is doing well in Rehab and may go home shortly. Received Thank you Card from Heather Schabel.

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

Birthdays: Mayda Devlin, Heather Hogan, Barry Hogan and Frank Spittle.

President's Report: Barry praised the Guildford Leagues staff (mainly Grace & Joanne) who rose to the occasion of catering for a wake when Restaurant closed/changing hands and also ably looked after two casualties at same event (two ambulances called). All ended well.

At Linnwood House Open Day this Sunday our Probus will have an advertising table in house and Barry will have a plant stall in the open. Mustang cars. Band. Stalls. Check it out.

Committee is looking into a new bus company for trips. Smaller bus. As large bus hire is over \$1000 we need to research alternatives.

Fathers Day Raffle today. Get your tickets. Large hampers plus more prizes and beautiful artwork prize by one of our Members.

Melbourne Cup at Guildford Leagues. \$40. Elvis entertaining.

Merrylands RSL have morning Melodies at 11pp on second Thursday of every month.

Patronise the new Italian Restaurant at Guildford Leagues. Barry has heard mixed reports on food so give it a try.

Six of our Members joining Floriade trip with Greystanes Probus.

Moved Kay Hayes and **Seconded** John Collins that President's report be accepted. **Carried.**

Secretary's Report: Happy Fathers Day to all Dads here. Carol has received several emails and has forwarded them on to me: *Castlereagh Conference Centre Devonshire Tea & Tour* at Castlereagh. \$20pp. (Mon-Fri only) and another at same venue on 7th October (Sat.) 9-3pm which is *Penrith Uniting Church Fete* with free entry.

Australian National Maritime Museum Speaker Program. From Carol to Gordon and me.

Speaker *Doreen Palmer (Niagara Therapy) – River of Life.* Speaker at Arthritis Group. Email to Carol & Gordon.

Suggestion Box: Sue has the latest members suggestions (most have been ideas for outings) and was to read them at this Meeting as part of her Social Days report. She has previously included suggestions in her social report. Forwarded: *Gosford, Katoomba, Zig-Zag Railway (for 2024), Hambledon Cottage – this month, Shopping Tour, Train to Mountains – Leura. Hydro Majestic. River Cat: Parramatta to Darling Harbour. 10-12 day cruise to Barrier Reef and Arms of Australia Inn – Penrith.*

From PSP: Reminder of 29th Annual Rotary Charity Harbour Cruise – 17 November 2023.

Emails from Trade Travel: *Fly to Alice Springs, tour Uluru, Kings Canyon* and travel home via more destinations in 5 star coach. 16-27 September 2024. Serina & Kaylene. TT

NZ North & South Islands. 14 days. \$6198pp. Twin share. 30/10-12/11 2024.

Singapore Sightseeing including garden festival. 8 days. 6-13 August 2024. \$6198pp ts.

European Gems River Cruise – Budapest to Amsterdam. 15 days. 19/7-2/8, 2024 1800 034 439.

Newsletter Officer Carol has inquired re placing a free ad in Parra News for our Probus Club.

Visit Wisteria Gardens via Parramatta Park on 16-17 and 23-24 September.

Merrylands RSL has 5 yr Membership for \$11 or update yours. Available Sept/October 23.

Moved Margaret Ricketts and **Seconded** Peter McGann that Secretary's Report be accepted. **Carried.**

Barry reminded Melbourne Cup 11.30am-3pm Tuesday 7th November. \$40..

Xmas Lunch - 7th December. Meeting first then lunch. Barramundi or Roast. Dessert. Names to Coral with choice of meals. New Italian Restaurant at Guildford Leagues. \$30pp.

Barry then presented Angela and Vince Fimognari with their Membership Badges and thanked Angela for wrapping & decoration of raffle baskets.

Treasurer's Report: Balance healthy. Net available balance \$9187.57 as at 31/8/2023. No bills to pay. Peter then read "Strong Woman" and "No one is perfect". Peter said these poems and lots of other stories have been given to him by Gwenyth Hely.

Moved Jim Gibbs and **Seconded** Carol Kennedy that Treasurer's report be accepted. **Carried.**

Social Days Report: Sue said Linnwood House Devonshire Tea & Presentation was enjoyed by all who attended.

Hambledon Cottage tour on 22 September. Bring chair, lunch.

Coolibah Lunch 19 October. Names on list. Wear blue & yellow as Celebrating Probus Month.

Woy Woy with Opal card. 16 November. Train Strathfield 9.30am. Platform 3. More details later.

Please put names on List beforehand in case of weather cancellation.

Moved Keith Travers and **Seconded** Heather Hogan that Social Days Report be accepted.

General Business: Gordon said the Guest Speaker on Centrelink last month had several issues. Some members had consulted him after his talk.

Constitution Hill Fete is on Saturday morning. All welcome.

Guest Speaker: Diane Crease - who has been an entertainer, in charge of props, and a director with Bankstown Theatre Company over numerous years. Very informative & interesting talk about community theatre – mainly Bankstown Theatre Company which was originally formed in 1948-49. Lots of work behind the scenes for each production. Support your local theatre groups as professional standard shows are well priced compared to professional productions. Show on 3-12 November - "Into the Woods".

Fathers Day Raffle Winners: Terry Dickie, Carol Duane, Judy Byrnes, Ann Ensor, Muriel Comber, Rhilma Bruce, Heather Schabel, Tiffany Duane, Vince Fimognari, Gwenda Collins, Annette Gibbs, Fay Hayden, Gordon Mitchell. (Some tickets were pre-bought).

Meeting closed at midday.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 5th October 2023 at 10.30am.