

GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 4th April 2024
at 10.30am at Guildford Leagues Club

Present: As per Attendance Sheet.

Past President Barry welcomed new President Heather Schabel and invested her with President's collar.

President Heather then welcomed everyone to our changed venue today in Restaurant. Renovations going on so pointed out where amenities located and reminded to turn mobiles off.

Apologies: Jan O'Brien, Lidia Pedavoli, Kay Hayes, Ann Ensor, Robyn Corliss, Judy Matthew, Frank Spittle, Norma Dickie, Maureen O'Donoghue, John Flood and Jill Barnett.

Visitor: Diane Frost.

Birthdays: Carol Duane, Norma Dickie, Phyllis Hoole, Rodney Skinner.

Anniversaries: Judy & Frank Byrnes – 61 years. Fay & Matt Hayden - 63 years and Carol & Brien Duane.

Welfare Officer's Report: Sue had no reports of illnesses. Members all okay.

Moved Helen Reardon and **Seconded** John Collins that Welfare Officer's Report be accepted.

Heather introduced new Member, Edna Brett, and presented her with her Probus badge.

President's Report: Heather said looking forward to a great year. Her report is on front page of Bulletin so she won't repeat this. Special Thank You to Carol for updating the information in the Bulletin, at very very short notice, re change of meeting room for today. Hope to be upstairs again for next meeting. Thanks again also to our great Tour Team.

Moved Mayda Devlin and **Seconded** Peter McGann that President's report be accepted. **Carried.**

Another Visitor just registered – Tina Falivene.

Secretary's Report: Received: Probus invite to Information & Partners Day to Committee Members in May/June. Gold Probus Partner, Trade Travel, with new information promoting their trips and have Guest Speakers for presentations to Probus Clubs. Received three Name Badges and Bar.

Moved Carol Kennedy and **Seconded** Heather Hogan that Secretary's Report be accepted. **Carried.**

Tour Officers' Reports: *Rhilma* 11/4 - Picnic at Central Gardens. Chicken & Salad & roll. Bring chair & Mug. Morning Tea donations welcome. \$5pp. Due today.

16 May – Barefoot Bowls. \$10pp. 2.00-3.30pm. Meet for lunch at midday (own expense) at tables overlooking the green. Bowlers to wear flat shoes, thongs or bare feet.

Sue: June 20 – Coolibah Hotel Lunch. Names down.

July 18: Xmas in July Lunch. Wollondilly Heritage Centre. \$75pp. Names down. Need 25 minimum.

August 10 (Saturday) – Menangle Trots and Night Markets. \$45pp. Depart Guildford Leagues 4.30pm – return approx. 10.30pm. Markets 5.45pm. Locals could arrange car pooling. 25 needed. *Interested persons names down.*

September 13 – Zig Zag Railway & Blue Mountains Tour. \$85pp. Depart 8am. 10.30 Zig Zag Railway. Lunch Katoomba (own cost). Approx. \$35 at Brasserie or the cafe.

October 14-18 – Dubbo/Parkes/Gulgong/Mudgee - Names down in order to arrange accommodation. Need 25. Twin share.

November – *Expressions of Interest* – Navy Historical Society 3 hour Harbour Cruise to various interesting points within harbour. Depart King Street Wharf 9.45am. \$70pp. Morning tea.

May 24 – Cancer Council Morning Tea. \$10. Coolibah Hotel. Raffles.

Moved Carol Duane and **Seconded** Merv Barnett that Tour Officers Reports be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: \$10,192.06 net available 31/3/24. Large balance as Probus Capitation Fees not paid as yet. Peter then told story of Senior Shoplifter.

Moved Jill Keenan and **Seconded** Muriel Comber that Treasurer's report be accepted. **Carried.**

General Business: None.

Short break to prepare for Speaker.

11.05am. **Guest Speaker:** Hans Kunnen gave a very interesting and moving presentation of his experience during the September 2001 terrorist attack on the Twin Towers in New York City. He was an Australian at a conference in the Marriott Hotel adjoining the Twin Tower buildings and spoke of the kindness and hospitality given to him by a complete stranger and family (and now firm friends) on that day and days after.

Lucky Door Prizes: Fay Wade, Brien Duane, Mayda Devlin, Coral Hughes, Edna Brett, Carol Kennedy, Annette Gibbs, Noelene Mitchell, Tony Merlino and Doreen Wall.

Meeting closed at midday.

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 10.30am.