

GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 1st February 2024
at 10.30 at Guildford Leagues Club

President Barry opened meeting. Great to be back and Happy New Year. Lots of calls regarding tours today, some checking if on lists and the occasional cancel, so it is most essential that you put your names down with Coral when any outings are announced. The Committee is endeavouring to organise more day tours and activities and suggestions are welcome.

Apologies: Pauline McAndrew, Lydia Pedavoli, Gordon and Noelene Mitchell, Doreen Wall, Fay Wade, Carol Kennedy, Peter McGann, Muriel Comber, Frank Spittle, Robyn Corliss, Jack & Kumar Babooram, Norma Dickie and Phyllis Hoole.

Visitors: Edna Brett, Gordon Haslem.

Barry gave our condolences to Rodney & Shimmy on the loss of their daughter in December.

Birthdays: Jill & Merv Barnett, Muriel Comber, Fay Haydon, Jan Kristiansen, Pauline McAndrew, Lidia Pedavoli, Margaret Ricketts, Doreen Wall and Dorothy Warwick.

Anniversaries: Heather and Peter Schabel who are celebrating their 50 years wed today and are flying to New Zealand tomorrow where they first met.

Welfare Officer's Report: Carol Duane is in Rehab after a major knee operation. Going well. Sue presented Jill Barnett with an "O" Birthday Card. Thoughts are with Rodney & Shimmy here today. We were notified of the deaths recently of two of our members from some years back – Barry Alexander and Ron Barnfield.

President's Report: Recently received tickets to Premier's Seniors Concert on Thursday 14 March at 11am. 9 tickets still available. See Gwenda. Some steps inside venue. Our other trips going well. Mini Bus to Highlands – 22. We have Wait List. *Linwood House Open Day on Sunday 24th March* not 11th as in Bulletin. I will have Plant Stand there and a promotion table for our Probus may be outside instead of in the House. Dubbo Trip in October: please put names down if interested and advise if *single supplement* as we need to advise Motel early. See my plants hints in Bulletin. One of our Members, Vince, is President of a Fishing Club if anyone is interested in going out in deep water once a month.

Moved Judy Matthew and **Seconded** Maureen O'Donoghue that **President's Report** be accepted.

Secretary's Report: Congratulations to the Schabels today.

Correspondence In: PSP sent Information Sheet on ABN & Tax File Nos. If Clubs wish to apply for an EFPOS machine these numbers are necessary.

Forwarded from Gordon: Invite from Epping Probus to attend a CPR and Automated external Defibrillator Demonstration at Eping on 12 February (Monday). Probus Members can attend their meeting at 10-10.30 or just Morning Tea 10.30-11 and 11-12 noon Presentation including Q & A's. Presentation and Demonstration by Greg Page (Original Yellow Wiggle) CEO and Founder of Heart of the Nation. Need to know numbers attending.

New PSP Partner – Tours – Collette. Members can save \$100pp. 1300 161 647 or book through your preferred Travel Agent.

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

Social Days Report: Thank you to all attendees of the Coolibah Hawaiian Lunch. Sue was at tennis in Melbourne but heard was great catch up. Regarding the Dubbo Tour – Zoo, Jail, Parkes (lots to see), Gulgong (historical), wineries – put names down and advise if single supplement as this has to be organised well in advance.

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

Treasurer's Report: Prepared for Auditor: 2022 Funds available \$10,601.47. \$2,038 returned to Members. \$8,562 available at 31/12/23.

Read story from Gwenyth Hely.

Moved Mayda Devlin and *Seconded* Sue Both that **Treasurer's Report** be accepted.

President Barry said we seem to be pushing putting your names on list for outings, etc. but this ensures that you are covered by Insurance through PSP if you should have an accident whilst attending an outing. Name not on list – no insurance.

Short break before Guest Speaker.

Guest Speaker is Chris Russell AM FAIA. Agricultural Scientist who has received so many awards, worked in so many various facets of agriculture with governments here and overseas. Details in Bulletin. A brilliant mind and knowledge above & beyond. Gave a very interesting talk about changes in feeding the world population and agriculture and water here in Australia. Food for thought.

Barry presented Chris with a Donation which he said he would pass onto Heart Research Foundation.

Lucky Door Prize Winners: Jill Keenan, Heather Schabel, Jim Gibbs, Pam Cherry, Rhilma Bruce, Margaret Ricketts, Angela Fimognari, Brien Duane, John Collins, Jill Barnett.

Meeting closed at approximately midday.

Next meeting will be our AGM held on Thursday 7th March at 10.30am.