

GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2024
at 10.30 at Guildford Leagues Club

President Heather welcomed all. Please turn mobiles off. Will remind to turn on again at end of meeting. Numbers are down today. Hope not because of illness. Our Picnic was enjoyed by all. Very relaxing.

Apologies: Norma & Terry Dickie, Carol & Brien Duane, Diane Frost, Jan O'Brien, Carol Kennedy, Judy Forrest, Peter McGann, Therese Hehir, Judy Byrne, Lidia Pedavoli, Robyn Corliss, Ann Ensor, Mayda Devlin, Helen Reardon, Frank Spittle, Robyn Boyle, Doreen Wall.

Birthdays: Judy Byrnes, Robyn Corliss (special "O" Birthday), Ann Ensor and Annette Gibbs.

Welfare Officer's Report: Sent Special "O" Birthday Card to Robyn Corliss. Received Thank You Card from Barry Hogan who is here and getting fitter each day.

Moved Noelene Mitchell and **Seconded** Jill Keenan that **Welfare Officer's Report** be accepted.

President's Report: Our Picnic to celebrate Probus Month was easygoing and enjoyable. Thanks again to Barry & Sue for setting up and all who donated delicious cakes & slices. Barry is back on deck but not doing Lucky Door Prizes today. We will be having Melbourne Cup Race draw. After the break everyone present will receive an envelope with their horse's name. 2 draws of 3 prizes. Wonderful Dubbo holiday despite weather. Our Coach driver, Ray, who organised with Sue, was excellent.

Moved Sue Both and **Seconded** Phyllis Hoole that **President's Report** be accepted.

Carried.

Secretary's Report: Received from PSP travel information re Coal River Coaches tours of Tasmania. Note from PSP promoting Committee elections next March. Asking Members to think about taking up a position within their Clubs for 2025-26.

Received information re Premiers Gala Concerts on 12 & 13 March 2025.

Thanks to Sue for all her work in arranging a great Dubbo holiday and also to Peter & Heather who had a great amount of input and work before and during our holiday.

Moved Heather Hogan and **Seconded** Kay Hayes that **Secretary's Report** be accepted. **Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Unfortunately computer screen cracked so may have missed some emails but all there so okay. New computer will be sorted - just not for meeting. Peter then read "What are Seniors Worth".

Moved Maureen O'Donoghue and **Seconded** Muriel Comber that **Treasurer's Report** be accepted.

Tour Team: (Sue): Brislington Museum – 21 November. 10.30am. Lunch at Georges Cafe in Park. Some participants are catching local bus to Parramatta & then short walk to Brislington.

Committee met with Ray & Shirley to discuss Day Trips and Holiday in September '25. Less time away. Cowra/Young – 4 days - Chocolate factory, Japanese & Australian War Memorial Gardens, cherry blossoms and more. OR

Junee – 4 days – Motor Museum, Licorice factory, "Haunted" Monte Christo House, Broadway Museum and much more. Prices for both trips later with dates (based on 25p).

Expressions of interest for **either trip** to be put on **forms** with **Tour Team** on back table.

Day Trips. Committee to meet before December meeting with suggestions & ideas for 2025.

January 16 (Thursday): Coolibah Hotel lunch. 12 noon.

Lynwood House Open Day on Sunday 10/11. Barry will have Plant Stall outside with signs. No manned table inside as previously very little interest.

Tour Team: (Rhilma): Please check your name is on Xmas Lunch List and money paid today and also your choice of dessert is noted.

Would have had some money on Melbourne Cup winner if known he was born in same town – Walcha.

Moved John Collins and **Seconded** Noelene Mitchell that **Tour Team's Report** be accepted.

Xmas Lunch after Meeting on 5 December.

Short Break before Guest Speaker.

Guest speaker - Jennifer Philips is a very well-educated and well-travelled former teacher, born in UK, living and teaching in Australia since 1987. In 1993 she joined Children's Medical Research Institute as Community Relations Manager and has been involved in the Genes for Jeans Campaign, fund-raising for research into genetic diseases ever since. Her talk today is Genetics – The Future. In 1958 the first Telethon to raise funds for C.M.R.I. was organised. The Institute moved west in 1992-94 to Westmead. It receives no Government funding hence Genes for Jeans Day. Jennifer gave a fascinating talk on your gene pool. Familial traits and diseases that are passed from one generation to another, some skipping a generation or only affecting females or males and from a combination of both your parents, one parent, or even your grandparents or further back.

President Heather then called the “race” horse places (she had made up horse names and put into numbered envelopes). Prizes: First Race: 1st Barry, 2nd Sue Both and 3rd Carol Campbell. 2nd Race: 1st Keith Travers, 2nd Coral Hughes and 3rd Pauline McAndrew.

Next Meeting will be Thursday 5th December 2024 at 10.30am.