

GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 5th September 2024
at 10.30 at Guildford Leagues Club

President Heather opened meeting with a Happy Fathers Day to Dads & Granpas here today. Barry has a great roll-up for his special raffle today.

Apologies: Carol Kennedy, Dorothy Warwick, Vince & Angela Fimognari, Frank Spittle, Norma Dickie, Robyn Corliss, Kay Hayes, Maureen O'Donoghue, Judy Matthew, Helen Reardon, Ann Ensor, Robyn Boyle.

Visitors: Margaret Weaver and Carol Campbell. (Margaret Ricketts said Carol Campbell has become a member today and is going on the Dubbo Trip).

Birthdays: Robyn Boyle, Mayda Devlin, Diane Frost, Frank Spittle, Barry Hogan (B'day today) and Heather Hogan.

Welfare Officer's Report: Sue has sent Get Well card to Angela Fimognari who has been in hospital, had surgery and is home now recuperating. Kay Hayes has "flu".

Moved Mervyn Barnett and **Seconded** Edna Brett that **Welfare Officer's Report** be accepted.

President's Report: Heather hoped we have been practising the memory pointers which last month's interesting speaker - Dale Reed-Evans – gave us. *Our Menangle Trotting excursion* was thoroughly enjoyable with night markets, great food, some punting and watching the trotters. Well done everyone. *Zig-Zag outing – be here early 7.30am* so coach can depart on time. *Dubbo Tour* is progressing well. *Fathers Day Raffle today* – lots of prizes – hampers, whisky, Slow Cooker, Towel set, Sandwich Maker, Toiletries, Kettle and more. Our Club advertising sign in area near escalator has gone missing! Barry is checking this out. Carol has printed out, in four booklets, the Active Retirees Magazine which is available for you to read in the break.

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

Carried.

Secretary's Report: Hope all Dads were appreciated on Fathers Day last Sunday.

Ordered and paid for two name Badges and received them.

Received PSPL information re AGM & Officers election. CEO, Michael Ransom, and Treasurer, David Ekert, were re-elected to their positions.

Moved Judy Byrnes and **Seconded** Heather Hogan that **Secretary's Report** be accepted. **Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Peter said looking quite good. Balance as at 31/8/24 is \$18,186.66. Peter then read short story "Shoebox".

Moved Heather Hogan and **Seconded** John Collins that **Treasurer's Report** be accepted.

Tour Team: (Sue) Zig Zag Railway Trip: Change in time of train trip – 12.30pm. We leave same time. Picnic lunch at Station provided by Ray. Shelter and facilities there. 7.30am for departure 8.00am.

Dubbo Trip: All OK.

November 21 - Brislington. \$2. 50 Outing. No parking close by. Meet there 10.30. Information talk – 20 mins. WWI & WWII hospital displays. Nursing memorabilia. Good Georges Cafe nearby in Park. Light lunches. Will reserve tables.

October is designated Probus Month (50 years). Informal Picnic on Thursday 24 October in Central Gardens. BYO lunch, mug, chair. Tea & coffee provided. Cakes & slices donations welcome.

Rhilma: Xmas Lunch – 6 December. Please give Dessert choices (sticky date pudding or fruit salad) during break or after Guest Speaker.

Remember Linwood House on Sunday. Carol & Sue manning Probus stall inside & Barry's Plants outside.

Moved Mayda Devlin and **Seconded** Edna Brett that **Tour Team's Report** be accepted.

Short Break before Guest Speaker.

Gordon introduced Guest Speaker.

Guest Speaker: Faye Yarroll together with her Lions Hearing Dog "Sydney" and a little help from her brother, Robert, gave a wonderful, interesting and heart-warming story of her life pre and post Cochlear implants. Having a hearing loss since birth, lip-reading for years, and losing most of hearing in her right ear and then in her "good" left ear in 2003, her life was turned around with Cochlear implants in 2005 and 2007. Faye can now hear better than ever before and she is now very passionate about informing the public of the difference Cochlear can make to adults and children with moderately severe to profound hearing loss.

Faye also informed us about Australian Lions Hearing Dogs and demonstrated with Sydney various ways these well-trained, mostly rescue dogs assist and alert and sometimes rescue their deaf or hard of hearing owners and family. These furry friends (Hearing Assistance Dogs) have public access rights the same as Guide Dogs. They provide companionship and help their owners to socialise and improve their general and mental health.

Barry's Fathers Day Raffle Winners: Gwenda Collins, Fay Haydon, Peter Schabel, Muriel Comber, Terry Dickie x 2, Pam Cherry, Mayda Devlin, Margaret Ricketts and Judy Forrest.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd October at 10.30am.