

GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 6th February 2025
at 10.30 at Guildford Leagues Club5rr

President Heather welcomed all to our first meeting of 2025. Hope all had an enjoyable Christmas and Happy New Year.

Apologies: Kay Hayes, Lydia Pedavoli, Jan O'Brien, Carol Kennedy, Coral Hughes, Pauline McAndrew, Norma & Terry Dickie, Annette & Jim Gibbs, Muriel Comber, Theresa Hehir, Frank Spittle and Helen Reardon.

Birthdays: Celebrate out January Birthdays: Sue Both, Peter McGann and Heather Schabel.
February: Jill Barnett, Merv Barnett, Muriel Comber, Fay Hayden, Pauline McAndrew, Lidia Pedavoli, Margaret Ricketts, Doreen Wall and Dorothy Warwick.

Anniversaries: Peter & Heather Schabel (Happy 51 years wed a few days ago).

Welfare Officer's Report: Sue presented card to Margaret Ricketts who had a special "O" Birthday. Sent Sympathy Card to Phyllis Hoole whose sister died recently. Card to Jim Gibbs (in hospital). Frank Spittle is in Westmead Hospital.

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

President's Report: Our AGM is at March Meeting. Nomination forms are on Margaret's desk and some at front. Nominate someone (firstly ask their permission), form signed and seconded. Forms in to Secretary by 10.15am on 6th March. All the committee stands down so need new nominations. A sincere thank you to Santa (Gordon) for December visit.

Thanks to Joy Allan (Marketing Manager/Executive PA) for reserving a table for us at Guildford Leagues Seniors Luncheon/Show on 5/3. Tribute Tom Jones/Neil Diamond. \$32pp. Alternate serves Roast Dinner/Fish & Chips. Book & reserve on Table E (12) and Table F (adjacent) at Reception.

Gwenda has obtained Premier's Gala Concert tickets (20) with free DCJ transport on Thursday 13th March 11-12.30. Names on list on Tour table.

Moved Peter McGann and **Seconded** Fay Haydon that **President's Report** be accepted. **Carried.**

Secretary's Report: Trade Travel promoting Bravo Cruise in October. Save \$1000 on cabin so check prices!

PSP has increased Capitation Fees for 2025-26 by \$1 to \$20. Clubs pay PSP \$20 per Member which covers insurance at meetings/outings, etc.

Cumberland Council are starting a Seniors Club for free once a month activities at four locations across Cumberland area beginning in March.

Premier's Concert tickets 4 on flat, 24 gallery, and 1 wheelchair & carer. Free DCJ bus. Awaiting details on pick up time and location.

Moved Merv Barnett and **Seconded** Sue Both that **Secretary's Report** be accepted. **Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Peter sent books to Auditor. PSP increased fees by \$1 but we are not increasing our fees. \$8088.76 available as at 31 January 2025. Peter then read clever lines with "hexophilia".

Moved Keith Travers and **Seconded** Fay Wade that **Treasurer's Report** be accepted.

Brien Duane asked to clarify what our fees are and Peter replied "Membership \$40 a year and Joining Fee for new Members is \$20. No increase".

Tour Team: (Sue): More details on trips in February Newsletter.

20/2 – Watsons Bay. Ferry from Circular Quay Wharf 2 at 1/4 to and 1/4 past the hour. Meet at W/B at midday for lunch. Names on list.

20/3 – Woy/Woy & Davistown (Need 30). \$55. Coach. (Names on list).

17/4 – Picnic at Central Gardens \$5. Lunch provided and Tea & Coffee. Donations of slices/cakes welcome. (Names on list).

15/5 – Allison Homestead & Milk Wyong Factory (Cheese & Chocs). \$55. (Need 30) Coach. (Names on list).

13/6 – Paddys Market. \$2.50 trip. Meet at Central and catch light rail to markets. (Add names).

June 4 day tour: 1-4 September. \$620 twin share. \$200 single supplement. (need 25 or more). 3 nights, 3 dinners and 3 breakfasts. Awaiting more information re accommodation.

Moved Carol Campbell and **Seconded** Noelene Mitchell that **Tour Team's Report** be accepted.

Short Break before Guest Speaker.

Margaret (our Membership Officer) gave us some statistics re 80 years. There are 960 months or 4174 weeks or 21,219 days or 42 million, 75 thousand and 936 minutes in those years.

Lydia Culican left meeting at 11.10am.

Guest speaker - Norm Webb of the Amateur Bee Keepers Association gave a very informative talk on busy bees and why they are so important. Light honey (brush box), dark usually melaleuca trees. Candied – moisture. Queen bee produces 1000 eggs per day. 1 week old they are cleaners, next two weeks are nursery maids and then outside workers – usually three weeks as their wings actually wear out! Not a long life but essential for pollinating flowers, food crops, trees and much more. 3Kg of honey from a frame. 1 ton equals 2,000 jars. Respect them. Had some honey for sale too.

In the break Sue Both had contacted Ray & Shirley re Junee Trip as dates were Meeting week so changed to 9-12 September (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). Other details being finalised.

Barry's Lucky Door Prizes: Mayda Devlin, Sue Both, Brien Duane, Pam Cherry, Margaret Ricketts, Carol Duane, Gwenda Collins, Fay Wade, Gordon Mitchell, Noelene Mitchell, Barry Hogan.

Meeting closed at 12.10pm.

Next Meeting will be on Thursday 6th March 2025 at 10.30am.