

GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC
Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st May 2025
at 10.30am at Guildford Leagues Club

President Heather welcomed all. Different meeting room today. Remember to put mobiles on silent.

Apologies: Edna Brett, Norma & Terry Dickie, Robyn Boyle, Frank Spittle, Phyllis Hoole, Carol Campbell, Doreen Wall, Annette & Jim Gibbs, Judy Mathew, Dorothy Warwick.
42 Attending.

Visitors: Marlene & Sidney Muller, Val Newham.

Birthdays: Edna & Norma

Anniversaries: Jill and Merv Barnett – Congratulations 46 years wed.

Welfare Officer's Report: Sue sent Get Well card to Gordon Mitchell and said Phyllis Hoole is improving and on anti-biotic treatment now and Jim Gibbs improving (Barry had spoken to/visited him at home).

Moved Carol Kennedy **and Seconded** Maureen O'Donoghue that Welfare Officer's Report be accepted.

President's Report: Heather said report unchanged from Newsletter. Asked if anyone has any hobbies/interesting stories they would be willing to do a "last minute" talk about if the Guest Speaker cannot attend. Please let Gordon know. Last month Dorothy Warwick was asked the night before meeting and gave a lovely "postcards" presentation. April Picnic was a great success. The Delltones Tribute show was cancelled by performers and money refunded.

Please support Mothers Day Raffle organised by Barry and buy tickets in our break.

Moved Mayda Devlin and **Seconded** Kay Hayes that President's report be accepted. **Carried.**

Heather then inducted New Member, Robyn Collette, and presented her badge. Brien Duane recorded with photo.

Secretary's Report: Lodged forms and paid Fair Trading. Capitation Forms to PSPL. Ordered one Member Name Badge.

Received correspondence from Ethan Haber (PSPL) re growing membership/ Creating Facebook Page. Trade Travel – overseas tour offers. Coal River Coaches re Tasmania.

Received Resignation letters from two foundation members – Helen Reardon and Ann Ensor. Read their letters.

Moved Peter McGann and **Seconded** Keith Travers that Secretary's Report be accepted. **Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Peter said net funds available \$8,097.84. Picnic very successful. Note for Vivid attendees to rug up as the nights get very cold and we will be on and off coach – have been previously.

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

Tours Officer's Report: Sue thanked Heather S. for walking group members who made up numbers to enable *Alison Homestead* trip to go ahead (reached 30) and Vivid as well and also her own Tennis Club players (6) who have helped us on this and past outings.

Paddys Markets - 19th June. \$2.50 Opal Card outing. Meet under clock at Central main train Concourse.

Mystery Tour – 17 July. Coach. Need 30 people.

June Holiday – 9-12 September. Need 25. A couple needed.

Coolibah Hotel Lunch – 21 August. Names on list.

Biggest AM tea – 23 May. \$10 entry. Light snacks, nibbles, tea/coffee/wine. Raffles.

Note: Greystanes Probus are running a *tour to Nancy Bird Airport on 17 June with Ray's coach.* 10.30am. Castlereagh, morning tea, lunch Penrith RSL. New Information Centre – see plan of area.

Pick-up Pemulwuy and Wentworthville Leagues. Need 30 to be viable. Anyone interested see me (Sue).

Moved Noelene Mitchell and **Seconded** Peter McGann that Tours Officer's Report be accepted.
Carried.

General Business:

Maureen O'Donoghue said Paul has "retired" and not standing for election to Board of Guildford Leagues Club. Has been a Director and supported Club for numerous years. Elections are on 15/16/17 this month and Club needs "young blood" in positions. Suggests support young nominee, Ian Warwick, with your vote.

Gordon thanked everyone who sent Get Well Cards, wishes, visits, and help after the last meeting. He also thanked Dorothy for her great presentation at very short notice.

Next Meeting is on 5 June 2025.

Guest Speaker: Peter Plowman (maritime author & researcher) gave a presentation on Emigrant Cruise Ships that operated from 1946 to 18 October 1977. 144 ships were used over the time. He had photos and names of all the ships involved. Young orphans from U.K. and Europe first sailed here in 1947. Thousands of displaced people after World War II came to Australia on "cruise ships", some of which had been used as troop carriers and were converted back. Some of these ships and shipping lines are still known today.

Mothers' Day Raffle Winners: Noelene Mitchell, Sue Both, Barry Hogan, Tony Merlino, Muriel Comber, Margaret Ricketts, Pam Cherry.

Meeting concluded at midday.

Next meeting will be held at 10.30am on Thursday 5th June.