

GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC
Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th August 2026
at 10.30am at Guildford Leagues Club

Present: As per Attendance Sheet – 44.

Vice-President Barry welcomed all to a different meeting venue. President Heather and Treasurer Peter are enjoying a vintage train holiday in the central west. Barry explained the upstairs room was unavailable and committee had looked at back meeting room near bowlers but on Monday he was advised this was being used by the builders and so located us in the Terrace area which is nice & bright. Dining room is being renovated and we are in terrace outdoor dining area now. Said big thanks to Joanne for organising all work for the move, heating, TV screen and other equipment. Thank you to Guildford Leagues and CEO, Brien, who assisted staff member in fixing the gas heater problem.

Apologies: Jan O'Brien, Terry & Norma Dickie, Peter & Heather Schabel, Margaret Weaver, Robyn Boyle, Pam Cherry, Nola Small and Doreen Wall.

Visitors: Christine McKenna and Chris Green.
Also welcome back returning member, David Baker.

Birthdays: Lidia Culican, Terry Dickie, Therese Hehir, Jill Keenan, Judy Matthew, Noelene Mitchell and Peter Schabel.

Welfare Officer's Report: Coral had sent Get Well Card to Peter McGann who had a stay in hospital recently and received a Thank You card to members. Sent a Thinking of You card to Judy Forrest who has mobility problems and now Non-Active member. Sent Get Well Card to Pam Cherry who is recovering from two knee operations. Coral congratulated and now presented a Special "O" Birthday Card to Jill Keenan.

Moved Val Newham and **Seconded** Sue Both that **Welfare Officer's Report** be accepted.

President's Report: Barry said can read President Heather's report in Newsletter. Great attendance and enjoyable catch-up at Xmas in July lunch at Coolibah. Barry trip had good response with 34 going so far and last day if you wish to book and pay. Put you names down and book the Secret Coastal Beaches day trip in November. Re the 3 day trip to Port Stephens area we need to have definite names on list today in order to consider if trip is viable to go ahead. Our Guest Speaker today is Norm Webb with his presentation on Bee Keeping and Honey. Thank you Tony for securing this for us.

Moved Stana Simic and **Seconded** Peter McGann that **President's Report** be accepted. **Carried.**

Secretary's Report: A grateful thank you to Barry who has put in a huge effort these past few days and nights re our venue change. Thank you to Carol for contacting members and Tony who was in touch with Guest Speaker re change.

PSPL notified financial results for year ended March 2026 - \$95,919 surplus.

New Members Section now open on PSPL website.

New Probus Partner – Wendy Wu Tours (overseas). Discount to Members.

Coach Holiday Tours no longer a Probus Partner but welcome members to access their travel services. Probus members offers available.

Rhilma received information re Evening with Rodgers & Hammerstein – Songs from their Musicals at Riverside Theatre on Saturday 19 September at 2pm. Tickets - Riverside 02 88393399.

Moved Kay Hayes and **Seconded** Val Newman that **Secretary's Report** be accepted. **Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Vice President Barry said finances okay. Net available \$7,380.31 at 31/7/2026

Moved Coral Hughes and **Seconded** Carol Duane that **Treasurer's Report** be accepted. **Carried.**

Tour Officer's Report: Rhilma (Tour Team Officer) reported Berry Trip now has 36 travellers.

October 13-15 -Port Stevens trip. \$900pp. \$950 single supp. We need more participants to apply today for this to go ahead.

Moved Peter McGann and **Seconded** Heather Hogan that **Tour Officer's Report** be accepted. **Carried.**

General Business: Barry introduced Dorothy Warwick to speak re claim by ALC on heritage listed Linnwood House. Dorothy said 100 attended meeting at Guildford Leagues on 26/7. At a Cumberland Council meeting Paul Garrard proposed donation of \$10,000 for maintenance work. In 2016 ALC claimed and later was granted McCredie Cottage and land surrounding at front. They also made claim to rest of estate. Friends of Linnwood have been campaigning to save Linnwood with petitions, miles of paperwork supporting the use of the land and leaflet drops. On 20 and 21 August case will go to Land & Environment Court. If the claim is successful Linnwood House will be unable to have open days (no parking) and Sunnyfield will be severely restricted for their activities. Dorothy said cottages used by disability clients were recently vandalised overnight causing financial loss. Please support Friends of Linnwood to save this heritage site.

Tony introduced our **Guest Speaker** – Norm Webb and his wife Sandra and said Norm has brought honey to purchase today.

Norm is a member of Amateur Bee Keepers Association and spoke with great passion and knowledge on his subject and gave a very interesting presentation. He has some hives around Cobbity area and Mulgoa. He said there has been 30% loss of bees this century and Australian hives have been affected by Varroa mite with loss of hives. Nowadays some commercial honey is mixed with additives. Check your labels. Amateur honey producers have pure natural honey. Honey contains enzymes which are very beneficial and Manuka honey has 95% antimicrobial properties and is useful for skin repair.

Barry's Lucky Door Prizes: Therese Hehir, Muriel Comber, Noelene Mitchell, Margaret Ricketts, Robyn Collette, John Collins and Lydia Culican.

Meeting concluded at midday.

Next meeting will be held at 10.30am on Thursday 3rd September 2026.