

GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC
Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th July 2026
at 10.30am at Guildford Leagues Club

President Heather greeted all and said nice to see so many as quite a few of our members have been on the sick list recently.

Apologies: Peter McGann, Tony Merlino, Terry & Norma Dickie, Margaret Weaver, Carol Kennedy, Pam Cherry and Carol Campbell.

Birthdays: Carol Campbell, Robyn Collette, Stana Simich, Gwenda Collins, Carol Kennedy, Tony Merlino, Sidney Muller, Val Newham and Shemi Skinner.

Welfare Officer's Report: Coral said has been busy lately. Sent Get Well card to Margaret Weaver & visited her in Westmead Hospital, to Peter McGann in Nepean Hospital and G/W card and phone calls to Carol Duane who was seriously ill in Concord Hospital and now back here today. Will send Thinking of You card to Judy Forrest who is unable to attend and now a "non-active" member.

Moved Edna Brett and **Seconded** Val Newham that **Welfare Officer's** report be accepted.

President's Report: Our Mystery coach tour to Mt Annan, Belgenny Farm (Tony M. milked a "cow"), lunch at Camden, Museum & Art Gallery to visit and free time to look at shops was enjoyed by all. Guessing the destinations prizes won by Val Newham, Wendy Jones (Pemulwuy Probus) and a third prize to Rhilma Bruce (our Tour Team).

As coach company prices are increasing (along with everything else) it was suggested we can make tour payments in instalments. Some members cannot participate due to health reasons and it is becoming difficult to get numbers sufficient for coach trips. Visitors can come to outings and meetings three times and then are obliged to join if wish. We need new members to join our Club so canvas your friends and neighbours to check us out.

Moved Noelene Mitchell and **Seconded** Kay Hayes that **President's** report be accepted. **Carried.**

Secretary's Report: *Notifications from PSPL* – New Board appointments, two in Australia and one in New Zealand. Heather Ewert (ABC Back Roads Host) is the PSP 50th Anniversary Spokesperson.

PSP Partners - Coach Holidays & Tours available to do presentation for Clubs and Love Tasmania Tours can create tailored tours in most Australian states.

Celebration Guide from PSPL for 50th Celebrations.

Received Balloons and Chocolates orders from PSPL.

Carol & Brien (manning our Guildford website) received notice re Sydney Male Choir Concert on August 15 at 2pm at Sydney Town Hall. \$10 discount on adult ticket price if use PROBIAN in code box. www.sydneymalechoir.com supporting Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

New Book by Allison Tyra. The View from the Hill, Women who made their mark after age 40.

Cherry Blossom Festival at Auburn Botanical Gardens. 22-30 August. Cumberland Council.

Moved Heather Hogan and **Seconded** Jill Keenan that **Secretary's** Report be accepted. **Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Peter said not sunburnt but using anti-cancer cream on face. Finances stable. No debts. Funds available at 30/6/26 - \$7,290.31. Read "Seven Wonders of World".

Moved Sue Both and **Seconded** Noelene Mitchell that **Treasurer's** Report be accepted. **Carried.**

Tour Officer's Report: (Heather as Tour Team Officer):

July 16 - Coolibah (Xmas in July) – choose from lunch menu.

August 20 – Berry Coach Trip. Looking okay to go if numbers stay firm.

September 17 - Lunch at Fairfield RSL – note date change

Extended tour (now October). In contact with Desha who is unwell (bus co). Desha will contact Heather in one week. Other options.

November 16 (note is Monday) – *City and Coastal Secrets.* \$81 over 30 persons. Over 40 persons lower again. Lunch included at Dee Why. Different coach company. Very reputable.

Interjection from member re date of December meeting in Bulletin. Heather checked and said date is 3rd and always is Thursday.

Please change November date in Bulletin as tentative re late change with coach company.

Please make sure names are on lists for tours.

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

Message from Peter McGann that he may go home today from hospital.

General Business: *Dorothy Warwick (Probus member) from Friends of Linnwood Committee* spoke of Aboriginal Land Council claims on Linnwood House and grounds. Several years ago ALC claimed dwelling and one hectare of land at front of grounds. ALC can claim if not being used *but area is being used* by Disability Support groups and others. Cumberland Council is Trustee of Linnwood House and grounds and not supportive. 2-6 months for court to make decision. Linnwood House will be reduced to small area with just driveway up to house buildings. No parking so will be unable to have Open Days, etc. Friends of Linnwood were *not permitted to publicise claim* and have been so busy trying to fight claim. Please support Friends of Linnwood any way you can.

Guest Speaker: A very welcome Paul Kearney (Rock Historian) with his informative and musical presentation of "The History of Rock and Roll ... The 60's. Very entertaining – nostalgic younger days memories. Lots of toe tapping and silent singing along and maybe some "twisting again" in seats - not standing. Treasurer Peter asked if he had more presentations available and Paul replied about 44. So hope Tony can book him again in the future.

Lucky Door Prizes: Barry did a quick draw of prizes.

Winners: Annette Gibbs, Heather Hogan, Rodney Skinner, Val Newham, Muriel Comber and Brien Duane.

Late notification of apology from Pauline McAndrew who is unwell.

Meeting concluded approx. 12.05pm.

Next meeting will be held at 10.30am on Thursday 6th August 2026.