

GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC
Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting held on 6th March 2025
at Guildford Leagues Club at 11.10am

PRESENT: As per the Attendance Sheet (35 Members, 2 Guests).

President Heather Schabel opened our AGM and welcomed members and guests.

Apologies: Edna Brett, Ann Ensor, Jill Keenan, Therese Hehir, Helen Reardon, Judy Forrest, Phyllis Hoole, Frank Spittle, Shemi Skinner, Norma Dickie, Gordon & Noelene Mitchell, Mayda Devlin, John Flood, Annette & Jim Gibbs, Robyn Corliss and Judy Matthew.

Confirming a quorum is present.

Confirmation of 22nd AGM Minutes of 7th March 2024. (Copies available on entry table).

Is there any business arising from last year's AGM? Nil response.

President's Annual Report: Heather conveyed a warm thank you to all members for supporting our Guildford Probus Club in whatever way they do.

Over the past 12 months we have had a variety of guest speakers for meetings and been kept busy with a good mixture of activities through the year. Thank you Gordon for organising our Speakers into 2025 and Sue and Tour Team for our outings.

Speakers topic included: Sinking and salvage of the Costa Concordia, Traumas from the 9/11 Twin Towers terrorist attack. The development of our language, a defibrillator demonstration (SED), The spy from Pine Gap, Advice and tips from a speaking coach; An explanation of cochlear implants; The origins and creation of Ginger Meggs and, finally, Genetics in medical research.

The tours included: Southern Highlands, New Sydney Airport, Annual Picnic in Central Gardens, Barefoot bowls; Lunches at the Coolibah; Christmas in July at the Wollondilly Heritage Centre; a 5-day coach trip to Dubbo and surrounds; Menangle trots and night markets; Zig-zag Railway; Brislington Medical and Nursing Museum; Christmas lunch; Watsons's Bay trip – 2025.

Thank you to all the committee members who have all worked diligently to enable our club to function well.

Sadly, Matthew Haydon and Gwenyth Hely passed away during the year. They were both long-term and active members.

Moved Maureen O'Donoghue and seconded Heather Hogan that President's Report be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer Peter Schabel confirmed **Audited Annual Financial Report** (copies available). Total funds available 31/12/24 - \$8,088.76.

Moved Coral Hughes and Seconded Jan O'Neill. Carried.

General Business:

Setting of **Annual Membership Fee - \$40.00** (2025-26). Moved Carol Kennedy & Seconded Fay Wade. Carried.

Setting of **New Member Joining Fee - \$20.00**. Moved Kay Hayes and Seconded John Collins. Carried.

Question asked by Robyn Boyle and Peter explained re Joining Fee.

Confirmation of Membership ceiling at 100 – Moved Coral Hughes & Seconded Merv Barnett.

Appointment of **Auditor** (2025-26) - Moved Peter McGann and Seconded by Sue Both to re-appoint Mr John Farfus. Carried.

Auditor **Fee** to remain at \$200. Moved Maureen O'Donoghue and Seconded Carol Kennedy. Carried.

Treasurer Peter explained fee was \$150 in 2016 and increased from that year to \$200.

President Heather introduced Peter Prants who is acting as Returning Officer for elections and handed over to him. He has worked and held management positions in Community Services with Holroyd Council, DOCS, and various other organisations in his career.

Standing Officer then declared all nominations for positions received and correct and all committee positions now vacant.

Committee Nominations:

Heather Schabel – President. Barry Hogan – Vice President. Gwenda Collins – Secretary.

Peter Schabel – Treasurer. Sue Both – Tours Co-Ordinator. Rhilma Bruce – Tours Assistant.

Sue Both – Welfare Officer. Margaret Ricketts - Membership Officer.

Carol Duane – Newsletter Editor. Guest Speaker Officer – Gordon Mitchell.

As Term of Office of President is one year (Constitution), Returning Officer asked if Vice President was willing to stand as President. Barry Hogan declined.

Nominations were then called from floor for President. No response was received.

Returning Officer then asked for *show of hands* to allow Heather Schabel to act as President for a further term. Carried.

Returning Officer declared all Committee as nominated on forms.

Heather thanked Returning Officer, Peter Prants, and presented him with a gift of appreciation.

Barry then asked Elizabeth Prants to draw Lucky Door Prizes.

Meeting closed at 11.40am.