



**Bilgola Plateau Probus Club
General Meeting held at Newport Bowling Club
10.00 am, 3 February 2023**

MINUTES

1 WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES

Patricia Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting including existing members, new members who had joined since the December meeting, and visitors. She particularly thanked members who had been instrumental in referring new members to the Club. Patricia reminded everyone of the importance of signing the attendance sheets (ie for insurance purposes in case of an accident). She requested members to collect member cards, badges and to make payments if necessary; and for visitors to consider completing an application form.

Attendance – Member and Visitors

As per the attendance sheets of 3 February 2022.

Apologies

Alan Wilson, Carol Marcer, Barbara Poss, Eric Gidney, Hilary Macorison, Patrick Kenny, Dianne Bonner, Sue Patrick, Chris Mangioni, Brian Cross and Diana Cross

The *ice breaker* was won by Sandra Bedelis.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the General Meeting held 2 December 2022 were moved by Barbara Glover seconded by Monica Perrott, as a true and accurate record.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

4 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

- *Letter from NSW Premier's Gala Concert confirming registration as a group*
- *Letter from Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) enclosing Probus Membership Cards*
- *Emails, various, regarding incorporation of Bilgola Plateau Probus*
- *Member badges*
- *Emails, various from PSPL re member amendment listings*
- *Email from PSPL re featuring in Active Retirees Magazine*
- *Emails from Pittwater Life for monthly item under 'News'*
- *Email correspondence with Oncourse Travel regarding day tours, Xmas in July.*
- *Email correspondence with Oncourse Travel regarding Norfolk Isle tour*

- *Emails with Pittwater online news magazine submitting article on Xmas party*
- *Emails with Northern Beaches Council re Seniors Expo*
- *Emails with NSW Fair Trading re incorporation and Incorporation Certificate*

5 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Patricia stated the Club’s membership currently stood at 68 people and was growing weekly. She mentioned the Club would have a stall at the forthcoming Northern Beaches Seniors Expo to be held at the Newport Community Centre on Friday, 24 February, 1-4 pm. The Club would be using this Expo as an invaluable way to increase its membership. She asked that if any member would like to assist on the stall for 30 minutes, to please email her as soon as possible (tricia412065@gmail.com). No experience was necessary but any assistance that could be given would be so very much appreciated.

Patricia reminded members that as the Club grew, it was important to always read the minutes, check the newsletter and to REGULARLY LOOK AT THE [BILGOLA PLATEAU WEBSITE](#) in order to be kept informed of events and outings. She reminded members that the website was updated 3-4 times each week including:

- outings and events under [Calendar of Events](#)
- EOIs for new interest groups under [Activities](#)

Patricia stressed the importance of the RSVP when mentioned in an event/activities/EOI.

6 TREASURER’S REPORT

Patricia listed the Club’s financial position as at 3 February to be:

Carried forward balance from December 2022		\$2584.25
January total incomings	\$270.00	
January total outgoings	\$340.61	
Profit and Loss January	\$-70.61	
Total surplus as per bank statement 31 January 2023		\$2513.64

Thanks to Jan Monnock for preparation of the Treasurer’s report. Patricia advised the loss for January related to outstanding hall hire fees to Newport Bowling Club. Patricia mentioned the Clubs’ financial records needed to be checked/audited and asked that if anyone could undertake this task to please contact her as soon as possible.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Fees for 2023/2024, due 1 April 2023

Patricia advised members of the following:

- *To date, members had paid differing Probus fees depending on when they joined – ie, the fees were pro-rated across the year in accordance with the Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) financial year (1 April to 31 March each year).*

- Fees (\$60) for the next Probus financial year would be due 1 April 2023. An email will be sent in March to members advising how and when to pay.
- All Probus Clubs pay capitation fees each year to PSPL (increased from \$15.00 per member to \$16.75 per member). Our Club will absorb the increase for the next Probus financial year.

b. Filling of vacancies on current Management Committee

Patricia Ryan informed members that the current Management Committee consisted of 9 filled positions with 2 more to be filled (Publicity Officer and Tours Officer). She explained the current tenure for the positions would be until the AGM which will be held on 31 March 2023.

Although 6 of the current Management Committee members would be renominating for their positions, Patricia implored members to please consider nominating for any of the positions. She added that those wishing to seek office should complete the Management Committee Nomination Form on the [website](#) with nominations requiring a proposer and a seconder, both of whom must be financial members. The roles were not onerous and if anyone was interested, please talk to Patricia or any other Management Committee member for further information. It was stressed that without a Management Committee, the Club would not operate at full capacity.

c. Date of Annual General Meeting

Patricia informed members the AGM would be held on 31 March 2023. All relevant information regarding the AGM can be found on the Club's website under [AGM Matters](#).

d. Club Activities

Patricia advised members that all outings and activities were listed on the [Club's website](#) and reminded them to regularly check the site for updates. Activities and outings were also mentioned in the monthly minutes and newsletters.

Patricia asked members to each consider co-ordinating one outing to provide variety for the Club and assistance to the Management Committee.

Special mention was made of the following:

Christmas in July

This will now be held on 2/3 August as an overnight trip to the Southern Highlands. Currently 12 members have expressed an interest in attending. Patricia asked that for those who had already expressed an interest, to please let her know if the new dates were not suitable and if travelling on their own would they be prepared to share a room. If anyone else would like to attend, please advise Patricia Ryan (tricia412065@gmail.com)hose by Friday, 10 February.

Norfolk Island

This will be an 8 days/7 nights tour in early November. If anyone would like to go on this trip, please advise Patricia Ryan (tricia412065@gmail.com) by Friday, 10 February.

Patricia informed members that payments for the above trip would be with OnCourse Tours, NOT Bilgola Platea Probus Club. Members therefore wishing to commit to the trip should read the Terms and Conditions set out in the company's tour brochure.

Day Tours

Patricia asked for a show of hands for interest in a day tour by coach as a concept. At this stage, it was contemplated such tours could be held every 2-3 months, numbers permitting. Details will be published on the Club's website when available.

The following members reported on their attendance at previous outings, indicating how much they enjoyed the events. They all encouraged members to attend, particularly new members.

- Rhonda Mortimer – Lunch at Planar followed by the NSW Premier's Gala Concert for Seniors
- Robyn Elliott – Beatlemania and dinner
- Joyce Moody – Barefoot Bowls
- Sue Whisker – Walk around Neutral Bay/Milsons Point and lunch at the Kirribilli Club
- Catherine Kenny – Book Club

8 MORNING TEA

9 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Linda Boge introduced Marie Palmer, who spoke about the Sydney Harbour Trust properties

10 VOTE OF THANKS TO GUEST SPEAKER

The vote of thanks was given by Maree McEvoy.

11 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, 3 March 2023 commencing 10 am at the Newport Bowling Club. The AGM will be held on Friday 31 March. There will be no April meeting (Good Friday).

12 CLOSE OF MEETING

Patricia Ryan thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and supporting the Bilgola Plateau Probus Club.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 12.10 pm.



President

4 February 2023

Date