



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

MINUTES

1 WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES

Patricia Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting including existing members, new members who had joined since the February meeting, and visitors. She reminded everyone of the importance of signing the attendance sheets (ie for insurance purposes in case of an accident) and requested members to collect their member cards, badges and certificates at morning tea. Patricia advised that payments from new members could be made at morning tea with Jan Monnock and Mary Wearne, or via the Club's bank account.

Attendance – Member and Visitors

As per the attendance sheets of 3 March 2023.

Apologies

Lou & Sandy Bedelis, Graeme Bell, Noelle Boaden-Griffin, Linda Boge, Jennifer Brown, Connie Genna, Eric Gidney, Cathy Leech, Chris Mangioni, Hilary Macorison, Rhonda Mortimer, John & Monica Perrott, Sandra Ross, Murray Turnbull and Gary Wearne.

Birthdays

Birthdays greetings were extended to the following members:

- *January – Barb Glover, Julie Holst, Joyce Moody*
- *February - Liz Irving, Patrick Kenny, Maree McEvoy, Sue Whisker, Sue Patrick, Jane Whittington, Pam Tailby, Helen Ware*
- *March – Lou B Chris Sekulic, Jan Turnbull*

The *ice breaker* was won by Gary Walker.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the General Meeting held 3 February 2023 were moved by Chris Elliott seconded by Sue Patrick, as a true and accurate record.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

4 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

- *Member badges*
- *Letter from Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) enclosing Probus Membership Cards*

- *Information for the preparation and submission of the Club's Annual Report to PSPL*
- *Emails, various from PSPL re member amendment listings*
- *Emails from Northern Beaches Council re Seniors Expo*
- *Emails from Oncourse re upcoming tours*
- *Correspondence from Fair Trading re Annual Financial Report lodgment*
- *Correspondence from Cluster President regarding cluster meeting on 28 February, and replies*

5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Patricia Ryan stated the Club's membership currently stood at 78 people and was growing weekly. She thanked Shelley Barwick, Mary Musgrave, Lesley Death, Ray Drury, Sandy Bedelis, Jan Moody, Joyce Monnock, Eric Gidney and Chris Barnard who had volunteered for the Club's stand at the Northern Beaches Seniors Expo held at the Newport Community Centre on Friday, 24 February. On the day, 21 application forms were handed to prospective members, some of whom had consequently joined.

Patricia advised the Club was still looking to fill 2 positions on the Management Committee, namely the Tours Officer and the Publicity Officer, and encouraged members to seriously consider standing for the positions, or to assist the Committee in a smaller capacity. She added if there were limited numbers on the 2023/2024 Management Committee, activities would need to be curtailed or possibly cancelled.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

Patricia Ryan listed the Club's financial position as at 3 March to be:

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| Carried Forward Balance | January 2023 | | \$2,513.64 |
| February total incomings | | \$1,184.00 | |
| February total outgoings | | \$370.11 | |
| Profit & Loss balance | | \$+813.8 | |
| Total surplus as per bank balance 28 February 2023 | | | \$3,327.53 |

NB: \$500 held as deposits for the Christmas in July trip is included in the above balance.

Patricia thanked Fay Stepanian for auditing the Clubs' financial records and advised all income and expenditure had been correctly accounted for. The report would be lodged with the Department of Fair Trading following the Club's AGM on 31 March 2023.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Fees for 2023/2024, due 8 April 2023

Patricia Ryan reminded members that Club fees for 2023/2024 needed to be paid by 8 April 2023. Whilst direct transfer was preferred, cash payments would still be accepted at the meeting of 31 March 2023. She expressed thanks to those who had already paid.

b. Date of AGM

The AGM will be held Friday, 31 March 2023, followed by a General Meeting. Alan Wilson has been appointed as the Returning Officer. A new Management Committee will be appointed at that meeting.

c. Refunds Policy

This has now been circulated to members. Patricia Ryan asked members to email any comments to her at tricia412065@gmail.com. If no comments were received, the policy would be accepted at the General Meeting on 31 March 2023 and placed onto the Club's website.

d. AvPals

Tricia Clifton encouraged members to consider attending the technology sessions conducted by the Avalon Computer Pals on Tuesday afternoons at the Newport Community Centre or the 1:1 training available at Avalon. Tricia explained one of the aims of the organisation was to make seniors become more comfortable with technology. She added that if any members were keen to become trainers with AvPals to please see her at morning tea. Further information about AvPals can be found at <https://www.avpals.com/>

e. Club Activities and Outings

Shelley Barwick reminded members of some of the upcoming activities and outings such as:

- *Trivia, Thursday, 9 March, Avalon RSL*
- *Lunch at Terrey Hills on Friday, 10 March*
- *Swimming, Bilgola Beach, each Tuesday*
- *Movies, 3rd Friday of the month*
- *Walking trips, generally twice per month*
- *Dinner, Dee Why RSL, Thursday, 23 March*
- *Dinner, Limani Seafood Restaurant, Friday, 21 April*
- *Archibald Exhibition, Tuesday, 31 May*
- *Mama Mia, Wednesday, 7 June*

Shelley stated the uptake on some of the activities had been less than anticipated. She asked members to please contact her if they were happy to assist with the planning of future outings.

Patricia Ryan thanked Shelley for her report and encouraged members to regularly check the [BILGOLA PLATEAU WEBSITE](#) in order to be kept informed of all events and outings, stating 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 asked members to adhere to the RSVP date when mentioned in an event/activities/EOI.

f. Barefoot Bowls

Joyce Moody asked members to consider attending barefoot bowling on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at the Newport Bowling Club. She advised there was no need to book – just turn up on the day. Bowling balls can be provided – members just needed to bring along a hat, water, and flat soled shoes (or bare feet!) As an added bonus, the cost had recently decreased to \$10.

g. Local Travel Agent

Patricia Ryan welcomed Megan Catterall, a local travel, who was in attendance and invited members to speak with her during morning tea if they had any travel questions.

8 MORNING TEA

Catered by Mary and Mike Musgrave; Shelley Barwick and Mary Wearne rostered for 31 March 2023.

9 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Maree McEvoy introduced Taylor Harrison from Active Seniors who spoke about seniors health and exercise.

10 VOTE OF THANKS TO GUEST SPEAKER

The vote of thanks was given by Peter Marcer.

11 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

The AGM will be held on Friday 31 March commencing 10 am at the Newport Bowling Club. The General Meeting will follow the AGM. There will be no April meeting.

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 12.00 noon.



3 March 2023

President

Date