



**BILGOLA PLATEAU PROBUS CLUB
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEWPORT BOWLING CLUB
10.00 AM, 5 MAY 2023**

MINUTES

1 WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES

In the absence of a new President, Bob Kellick chaired the meeting. He reminded members to collect their member cards, badges and certificates at morning tea and 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 5 May 2023.

Apologies

Linda Boge, Christine Herbert, Rick Holdsworth, Hilary Macorison, Maree McEvoy and Gary Wearne

NB: Apologies for future meetings should be forwarded to Mary Wearne, Membership Officer, at mary_wearne@hotmail.com.

Birthdays

May birthday greetings were extended to the following members:

- *Richard Holdsworth*
- *John Irving*
- *Peter Marcer*
- *Brian Penhall*
- *Monica Perrott*

The Easter *ice breaker* was won by Monica Perrott.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the General Meeting held 31 March 2023 were moved by Chris Elliott, seconded by Monica Perrott, as a true and accurate record.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

4 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

- *Email from Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) re Active Retirees Magazine*

- *Return to PSPL for the Club's Annual Report*
- *Email from PSPL re nominations for PSPL Board*
- *Email from PSPL re Trade Travel Partner Expos at Wentworthville and Kareela*
- *Newsletter email from Active Retirees*

5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Due to a President not yet elected for the Club, a President's report was not presented. The following however is a summary of what was read by Bob Kellick on behalf of Patricia Ryan, the Club's Immediate Past President:

On 31 March 2023, the Club held its AGM and elected a new management committee. Unfortunately, the positions of President and Vice President remain vacant. The Club's Constitution requires that all four executive positions be filled (ie President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer) in order for the Club to continue.

It was stressed that if these vacancies were not filled in the near future, the Club may run the risk of having to consider winding up. With such a positive start, this would be a very sad outcome.

Members were asked to please re-consider nominating for these positions. Other than these two positions, the Club has, for the first time, a full committee which means the work is shared across many roles and the load is lightened for whoever takes up the role(s). It was stressed that the new President and Vice President would be well supported by the rest of the Management Committee.

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan Monnock thanked all members for their prompt payment of annual fees. All members (84) are now financial for 2023/24.

She advised:

- *As per the Club's Income and Expenditure statement, the balance at 30th April was \$9,813.20. (It was noted that this balance did not include payment for one amount of member fees - which has since been paid).*
- *An amount of \$2,810.00 is money paid by members for tours to W.S.I. Airport and Xmas in July. Once paid to the various companies, this will leave a working balance of approx \$7,000.*

Jan reminded members to collect their receipts for fees paid, during the morning tea.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Tours and Activities Report – Bob and Anne Kellick

Bob and Anne Kellick mentioned the following tours and activities:

- *A three day tour with On Course Tours and Travel to Oberon and Mayfield Garden in September, Cost: \$840pp Twin Share – Single Supplement \$150. Final payment to be made one month prior to the commencement of the tour.*

- *Tour of the Fullerton Hotel (old GPO), Martin Place, Sydney, 18 August. There is no cost for this tour. Booking is limited to 8 members*
- *Sunshine Club Theatre outing, Glen Street Theatre, 10 August, 11 am, Cost: \$80*
- *Vivid Harbour Cruise, 6 June, 6.45 pm, Cost: \$75*

If interested, please advise asap - EOI sheet available for completion at morning tea. Details of these activities and others can be found on the Club's [website](#) under Calendar of Events and Activities/EOIs.

Other activities under consideration include:

- *Bear Island, La Perouse*
- *Tour of the Sydney Cricket Ground*
- *Tour of Victoria Barracks*
- *Trip to Daceyville followed by lunch*
- *Train trip to Longreach and Winton (Qld)*

b. Tours and Activities Report – Joyce Moody

Joyce Moody thanked Shelley Barwick for her achievements as the Club's previous Activities Officer. Joyce stressed the importance of regularly **checking the Club's [website](#)** in order to keep up to date with all the Club's activities and outings. She made particular mention of the following additional tours and activities:

- *Bowls, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, \$10, equipment provided*
- *High Tea at NSW Parliament House, 14 July, \$65 (or \$75-80 with a glass of wine) – a table has been booked for 12 people*
- *Hunter Valley Christmas Lights Spectacular, 5/6 December, \$585 (\$80 single supplement)*

Other activities under consideration include:

- *Mini Golf, Narrabeen Golf Course, 18 holes, \$13*

c. Suggested Activity – Alan Wilson

Alan suggested forming a group to play snooker and darts at the Pittwater RSL Club. If interested, please contact him at alan46wilson@bigpond.com.

In conclusion Bob Kellick reminded members that if they had a suggestion for an outing or activity, it was expected that the member would get involved in researching the activity/trip and assisting the tour organisers to get it up and running.

d. Donation of prizes

Di and Brian Cross provided a number of items as prizes for future raffles and ice breakers. These were gratefully accepted by the Club.

e. Club Newsletter

Bob Kellick reminded members to access the monthly newsletter from the Club's [website](#).

f. Welfare Officer

If any member is aware of a member who requires the assistance of the Club’s Welfare Officer, please contact Jan Turnbull on either jmtturnbull27@gmail.com or 0450 385 338.

8 MORNING TEA

Co-ordinated by Jan Turnbull and catered today by Jan Monnock and Jan Turnbull.

9 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Bob Kellick introduced Brendan Ryan (and Clare) from Later Life Advice who mentioned a number of important issues relating to the financial side of retirement, including superannuation and aspects of pensions availability.

10 VOTE OF THANKS TO GUEST SPEAKER

The vote of thanks was given by Bob Kellick.

11 NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT

A late nomination for the position of Vice President came from Di Cross. All members unanimously supported this nomination and Di Cross was due elected as the Club’s new Vice President.

12 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday 2 June commencing 10 am at the Newport Bowling Club.

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

Bob Kellick thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and supporting the Bilgola Plateau Probus Club. He reminded members that the minutes would be available on the Club’s website in the next few days.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 12.00 noon.

Vice President Date