



**BILGOLA PLATEAU PROBUS CLUB
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEWPORT BOWLING CLUB
10.00 AM, 7 JULY 2023**

MINUTES

1 WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES

Patricia Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly the visitors and new members. She reminded members to collect their member cards and badges and advised that new member payments could be made at morning tea with Jan Monnock and Mary Wearne, or via the Club's bank account.

A special 'welcome back' was given to Hilary Macorison who had been ill for an extended period of time.

Attendance – Member and Visitors

As per the attendance sheets of 7 July 2023.

Apologies

Lou Bedelis, Sandra Bedelis, Graeme Bell, Joy Bell, Noelle Boaden-Griffin, Jenny Brown, Barbara Glover, Brigitte Grover, Jan Hayes, Rick Holdsworth, Jane Kelly, Don Kelly, Kim Lee, Margaret Peach, Barbara Poss, Sue Patrick, Barbara Talbot-Sapsford, Murray Turnbull, Sue Walker, Gary Wearne, Carolyn Darmanian.

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

Birthdays

June birthday greetings were extended to the following members:

- *Ken Angus*
- *Graeme Bell*
- *Robyn Elliott*
- *Jim Holloway*
- *Bob Kellick*
- *Chloris Latham*
- *Janet McIntyre*
- *Jan Monnock*
- *Barbara Poss*
- *Pamela Tailby*

The ice breaker was won by Peter Marcer.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the General Meeting held 2 June 2023 were moved by Bob Kellick, seconded Chris Elliott, as a true and accurate record.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

4 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

- *Emails, various from PSPL re member amendment listings*
- *Member cards from PSPL*
- *Email from PSPL regarding new appointments to the PSPL Board*
- *Email providing link to Probus Active Retirees Magazine (June-July edition) – our club was mentioned on P4*
- *Emails Oncourse re XIJ*
- *Email National Trust re Lindesay House*
- *Email from NBC with tips for protecting yourself online (will add to newsletter)*
- *Email from PSP re insurance update*
- *Email from Trade Travel re Vietnam trip*

5 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Patricia Ryan advised that new Medical Cards had arrived for members and suggested these cards be completed and taken by members on all Probus outings and activities.

She reminded members of the vacancy for a Club President and urged members to seriously consider taking on the position. She invited anyone who was interested in the role to attend a Management Committee meeting or chair a General Meeting. She reminded members that the Club had, for the first time, a full committee which meant the work was shared across many roles. Consequently, the load would be lightened for whoever took up the position. It was stressed that the new President would be well supported by the Management Committee.

6 TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s report for the month was tabled as follows:

Income received for the month	\$7,948.99
Expenditure	\$10,600.87
Balance at the end of May 2023	\$9,799.06
Balance at the end of June 2023	\$7,147.18

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Visit by PSPL to the Meeting

Unfortunately the visit by a member from Head Office had been cancelled by PSPL.

b. Acceptance of Privacy and Risk Management Policies

In the absence of any feedback on these policies, it was moved by John Irving, seconded Rhonda Mortimer, that the policies be accepted and updated on the Club's website. Mary Musgrave will organise for the updated policies to be loaded onto the website.

c. Bilgola Plateau Probus Website – Joyce Moody

Joyce Moody advised members that all tours and activities were placed on the website. She reminded members that the website was updated two or three times weekly. Joyce highlighted the following:

- *Regular activities such as walks, book club, barefoot bowls, movies and trivia*
- *Christmas Lights, Hunter Valley, December 2023*
- *2024 Murray River Cruise, April 2024 (if interested in this cruise, members were asked to email Joyce - joycemoody1@bigpond.com - for all the relevant details)*

Bob Kellick stressed the need to reply to the EOIs as soon as possible to assist the Tours/Activities Officers with the organisation of the activity and reminded members of all the work that not only goes into organising the activities, but also in cancelling the activity when numbers fail to eventuate.

Patricia Ryan thanked the Tours/Activities Officers for the work they had done and urged members to support the activities and tours which had been organised.

d. Club's Birthday (October)

Patricia Ryan informed members that the Club's 1st Birthday party would be held at the October meeting. The activities were mentioned in the June newsletter and include:

- *Best dressed - one male, one female winner. Entrants are required to dress in both Probus colours of blue and yellow to be eligible.*
- *Limerick competition (limericks must be a five line poem with a rhyme scheme). Content must relate to either Probus, the BPPC or birthday as the theme. Multiple entries permitted. Entries on WORD document attached to your email to tricia412065@gmail.com by 28 July.*
- *Lucky door prize(s). Winners must be present at the draw.*
- *Bring a friend (a non-member) to the meeting and go in an "introduction" draw. You must RSVP for catering purposes to Jan Turnbull, (jmturnbull27@gmail.com) to advise of the visitor by 22 September.*
- *Trivia. Bring own paper and pen to enter. No pens/paper will be available for distribution.*

e. Completed Attendance Sheets

Completed Attendance Sheets should be given to Lesley Death for filing.

f. Change of General Meeting dates

Due to the Newport Bowling Club not being available in December, Patricia informed members that the December General meeting originally set for Friday, 1 December has been cancelled. The first General meeting for 2024 will be held on Friday, 5 January 2024. The 2023 Calendar has been updated on the website to reflect the 2023 changes. (NB: the Christmas Party will still take place on 1 December)

9 MORNING TEA

Co-ordinated by Jan Turnbull and catered today by Shelley Barwick and Jan Turnbull.

Patricia stated that more volunteers were needed to make or purchase baked items for future morning teas and asked members to consider helping before 'names were drawn from a hat'.

10 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Maree McEvoy introduced Mark Salmon whose talk was subtitled. 'A sailing ship saga from the Skagerrak to the South Pacific.' Mark told the story of the three men behind the creation of the Kathleen Gillett, its adventures along the Australian coast and around the world and how it became a treasured part of Sydney's Maritime Museum.

11 VOTE OF THANKS TO GUEST SPEAKER

The vote of thanks was given by Patricia Ryan.

12 CHRISTMAS IN JULY RAFFLE

Patricia Ryan thanked Jenny and Ken Angus, Brian and Di Cross, Lesley Death and Mary and Mike Musgrave for their raffle donations. The prizes were won by:

- *Susan Blackmore*
- *Connie Genna*
- *Barbara Glover*
- *Bob Kellick*
- *Chloris Latham*
- *Joyce Moody*
- *Virginia Moore*
- *Rhonda Mortimer*
- *Barbara Talbot-Sapsford*

13 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday 4 August commencing 10 am at the Newport Bowling Club.

14 CLOSE OF MEETING

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



Acting President Date 9 July 2023