



**BILGOLA PLATEAU PROBUS CLUB
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEWPORT BOWLING CLUB
10.00 AM, 4 AUGUST 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.

Attendance – Member and Visitors

As per the attendance sheets of 4 August 2023.

Apologies

- *Lou Bedelis, Sandra Bedelis, Graeme Bell, Eric Gidney, Christine Herbert, John Irving, Liz Irving, Steve Jones, Chris Mangioni, Julie Maryska, Sandra Ross, Fay Stepanian, Sue Walker, and Gary Wearne*

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

Birthdays

August birthday greetings were extended to the following members:

- *Sandra Bedelis, Brian Cross, Lesley Death, Ray Drury, Connie Genna, Jane Kniess, Julie Maryska, Murray Turnbull, Sue Walker and Mary Wearne*

The ice breaker was won by Bronwyn Brooks.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the General Meeting held 7 July 2023 were moved by Chris Elliott, seconded Rhonda Mortimer, as a true and accurate record.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The position of Club President is still vacant.

4 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

- *Email from Sydney Male Choir re concert on 19 August*
- *Emails from Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) re:*
 - *Importance of Aortic Stenosis Awareness in Seniors*

- *Active Retirees News and Magazine*
- *Publicity information to increase Club membership*
- *Financial results for the year ended 31 March 2023*
- *Emails from Blue Moose Productions re badges*
- *Email regarding The Northern Beaches Retirement Village and Resort Expo*

5 REPRESENTATIVE FROM ROTARY DISTRICT PROBUS – CLIFF GARRETT, CHAIRMAN

As the above speaker was unable to attend the meeting, Patricia Ryan 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. It was stressed that the new President would be well supported by the Management Committee. Patricia advised this was her final meeting as the Acting President.

6 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Patricia Ryan reminded members that Medical Cards were available and suggested these cards be completed and taken by members on all Probus outings and activities.

Patricia advised that the newly formed Mahjong group was now full and thanked Di Cross for hosting and teaching the group.

7 TREASURER’S REPORT

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

Carried forward Balance	\$7,147.18
Total Income	\$481.00
Total Outgoings	\$ 329.05
Balance	\$7,299.13

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Activities Overview

Patricia Ryan reminded members to access details of all activities from the Club’s [website](#) which was regularly updated. The following activities were highlighted by Joyce Moody, Anne Kellick, John Perrott and Patricia Ryan:

Date	Location	Details
Wednesday 20 September 7 pm	Avalon Bowling Club	Charlie Check (young singer with songs from Frank Sinatra)
Tuesday 26 September 11.45 am	Tour of Sydney Opera House followed by lunch	Sydney Opera House Official Guided Tour. Commences 11.45am for one hour. Private tour with easy access (escalators/lifts/minimal steps). Minimum of 12 participants. Cost \$33pp. RSVP by 22 August to Joyce Moody at joycemoody1@bigpond.com

Date	Location	Details
		On confirmation by Joyce, payment due to Club account by 6 September (Surname OHT).
Wednesday 4 October 8.40 am	Bus tour to Cabramatta	Bookings now closed. Please contact Anne Kellick at anne.kellick@bigpond.com for the waiting list
Tuesday 21 November 8.15 am	Riverboat Postman Cruise	Cost is \$110 per person. Need 20 people for the trip to be viable. RSVP to Anne Kellick, anne.kellick@bigpond.com by 31 October
Friday 1 December 12.30 pm	Christmas Party, Palm Beach RSL	\$30 per head, two course meal, payable by 15 October to the Club's account with code: "Surname initial XL" Buy own drinks from bar. Please advise dietary restrictions (vegan, vegetarian, dairy free, gluten free - no seafood is being served) by 15 October to tricia412065@gmail.com
Tues/Wed 5-6 December	2 day tour of Hunter Valley for the Christmas Lights	RSVP to Joyce Moody, joycemoody1@bigpond.com before 21 September with a \$100.00 deposit. Final payment due 22 October. Pay to club's account with code "Surname HVL". Total cost is \$570 pp. Single supplement \$80.
April 2024	7 Day Murray River Cruise and SA Highlights Tour	This is NOT a Probus organised tour. \$3,795 per person Twin Share. Further details are on the Club's website under Activities and EOIs

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.

b. Crafts and/or Cards Groups

If anyone is interested in joining a crafts group and/or a card group, please email Di Cross bd.cross@outlook.com.au for further information.

c. Club's Birthday (October)

Patricia Ryan reminded members of the Club's 1st Birthday party to 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 – now closed.*
- *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.*

Susan Blackmore and Carol Marcer will assist Di Cross with table decorations; balloon decorations will be co-ordinated by Joyce Moody in conjunction with Fay Stepanian and one other member.

d. Completed Attendance Sheets

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

e. Morning Tea Rosters

The following members volunteered to cater for morning tea:

February 2024 – Lesley Death and Rhonda Mortimer

March 2024 – Fay Stepanian and Julie Holst

April 2024 – Barbara Glover and Jennie Dickinson

Replacement volunteers, if needed were Cathy Leech and Kaye Mair.

9 MORNING TEA

Co-ordinated by Jan Turnbull and catered today by Jan Turnbull and Helen Ware with vote of thanks by Patricia Ryan.

10 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Patricia Ryan introduced David Rosenberg, who spoke about the intriguing goings-on behind the closed doors of the Pine Gap facility near Alice Springs.

11 VOTE OF THANKS TO GUEST SPEAKER

The vote of thanks was given by Maree McEvoy.

13 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday 1 September 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.



..... Date 5 August 2023

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