



**BILGOLA PLATEAU PROBUS CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEWPORT BOWLING CLUB  
10.00 AM, 1 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**MINUTES**

**1 WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES**

Di Cross 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 Cathy Lech, or via the Club's bank account.

**Attendance – Member and Visitors**

As per the attendance sheets of 1 September 2023.

**Apologies**

- *Donna Arthur, Neal Arthur, Lou Bedelis, Graeme Bell, Noelle Boaden-Griffin, Lesley Death, Cheryl Ewing, Chris Herbert, Trene and Rick Holdsworth, Steve Jones, Don and Jane Kelly, Chris Mangioni, John and Monica Perrott, Patricia Ryan, Chris Sekulic, Jan and Murry Turnbull, Gary Walker, Gary and Mar Wearne, Alan Wilson*

**NB: Apologies for the October meeting should be forwarded to Mary Musgrave, A/Membership Officer, at [maryatnewport@gmail.com](mailto:maryatnewport@gmail.com).**

**Birthdays**

September birthday greetings (Virgo and Libra) were extended to the following members:

- *Joy Bell, Patricia Clifton, Anthony Jenkins, Cathy Leech, Fay Stepanian, Gary Walker, Alan Wilson*

The ice breaker was won by Shelley Barwick.

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the General Meeting held 4 August 2023 were moved by Eric Gidney, seconded Barb Glover, as a true and accurate record.

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Lesley Death's birthday had inadvertently been omitted from the August birthday list.

**4 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE**

- *Email from Patricia Ryan re Covid (this highlighted that some member email addresses are incorrect, or mailboxes are full. Members were asked to ensure they have a working email*

*addresses otherwise the Club could not guarantee members would receive email correspondence)*

- *Emails to/from Blue Moose Productions re name badges*
- *Emails to/from Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) re:*
  - *member amendments*
  - *Active Retirees magazine items*
  - *Norwegian Cruise Line holidays*
  - *Club Administration matters*
  - *Probus membership cards*
  - *package from PSPL re chocolates for 100 membership*

## **5 VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Di Cross reported on the following:

**1st Anniversary** – September marked the 1st anniversary for the Bilgola Plateau Probus Club. On behalf of the Management Committee, Di offered her congratulations and advised that celebratory chocolates from Probus head office had been received to mark this important milestone for the Club. The chocolates were made given to members at morning tea.

**100th Member** – a small gift had been organised for Donna and/or Neal Arthur as the Club's 100th member. In their absence, the gift will be presented at the October meeting. Di reminded members that the Club is still looking for more male members and asked everyone to encourage their male friends to join.

**Morning tea roster** - now completed until mid-2024. Di offered her sincere thanks to all who had volunteered.

**Birthday Celebrations and Probus Day** - these celebrations will be held at the Club's October meeting (6 October). Di advised there would be fun, food, games and prizes, ie

- *Best dressed – one male, one female winner. Entrants are required to dress in blue and yellow, the colours of Probus.*
- *A limerick competition – now closed. Prizes will be awarded at the meeting*
- *Lucky door prizes – winners must be present at the draw*
- *Bring a friend (a non-member) to the meeting and go in an Introduction award. If bringing a friend don't forget to RSVP for catering purposes, to Jan Turnbull (jmtturnbull27@gmail.com) to advise of the visitor by 22nd September.*
- *Anniversary trivia – please bring your own paper and pens to enter*

**New Website Officer** - Shelley Barwick has now taken on this role as part of the duties of the Publicity Officer. Shelly's contact details are on the Club's website. Di expressed her gratitude to Sue Walker, the previous website officer, for all her hard work.

**Club Survey** - the Club is undertaking a survey of its members to assist the Management Committee in the planning of the Club's future. Di asked all members to complete the survey before leaving the meeting. A copy of the survey can also be found on the Club's website under FORMS and emailed to Di Cross (bd.cross@outlook.com.au) or posted to 3 Wallumatta Rd, Newport 2106. The surveys need to be returned no later than Friday 15 September; results will be made available at the November meeting.

**Club Newsletter** – Di reminded members to read the newsletter (found on the Club’s website). She thanked Peter Mercer for his care and time in preparing the document each month.

**President Vacancy** – Di expressed her disappointment at the continued vacancy for the position of Club President. She explained that the Club’s Constitution required all Executive positions be filled and added that if the position was not filled during **THIS** meeting, the Club could run the risk of winding up after the October birthday celebrations.

Di stated the Club had had a remarkable initial President in Patricia Ryan but advised that the new President need not be as efficient as Patricia, or speak as well as Patricia, or have a dry sense of humour like Patricia. **They just have to be themselves.** Di concluded by asking all members to seriously think about standing for the position.

## 6 TREASURER’S REPORT

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

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| Carried forward Balance | \$7,299.13 |
| Income                  | \$2,224.80 |
| Expenditure             | \$ 919.64  |
| Balance                 | \$8,604.29 |

## 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

### a. Activities Overview

Di Cross reminded members to access details of all activities from the Club’s website which was regularly two or three times each week. The following activities were highlighted by Joyce Moody, Anne Kellick, and Shelley Barwick.

| Date                                | Location   | Details  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Saturday<br>9 September<br>6 pm     | Spanish Dinner<br>at Lola Cocina,<br>Narrabeen                           | BOOKINGS ARE NOW CLOSED<br>Spanish dinner with Flamenco Dancing. All details in<br>Activities and EOIs. to book email: <a href="mailto:sbarwick7@icloud.com">sbarwick7@icloud.com</a>        |
| Monday<br>25 Sept<br>10.30 am       | Pittwater RSL<br>Club, 82 Mona<br>Vale Road,<br>Mona Vale                | RSVP to Joyce Moody at <a href="mailto:joycemoody1@bigpond.com">joycemoody1@bigpond.com</a> asap   |
| Tuesday<br>26 September<br>11.45 am | Tour of Sydney<br>Opera House<br>followed by<br>lunch                    | Sydney Opera House Official Guided Tour. Although<br>bookings have now closed, refer Joyce Moody<br>at <a href="mailto:joycemoody1@bigpond.com">joycemoody1@bigpond.com</a> for all queries. |
| Wednesday<br>4 October<br>8.40 am   | Bus tour to<br>Cabramatta  | Bookings now closed. Please contact Anne Kellick at<br><a href="mailto:anne.kellick@bigpond.com">anne.kellick@bigpond.com</a> for the waiting list   |
| Saturday<br>21 Oct<br>6.30pm        | Han Court<br>Chinese<br>Restaurant, 54<br>Old Barrenjoey<br>Road, Avalon | Chinese Banquet, see EOI for details RSVP to Joyce Moody<br>by 13 Oct <a href="mailto:joycemoody1@bigpond.com">joycemoody1@bigpond.com</a>   |

| Date                              | Location  | Details  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Tuesday<br>21 November<br>8.15 am | Riverboat<br>Postman Cruise                                   | Cost is \$115 per person. RSVP to Anne Kellick, <a href="mailto:anne.kellick@bigpond.com">anne.kellick@bigpond.com</a> by 31 October   |
| Friday<br>1 December<br>12.30 pm  | Christmas Party,<br>Palm Beach RSL                            | \$30 per head, two course meal, payable by 15 October to the Club's account with code: "Surname initial XL"<br>Buy own drinks from bar. Please advise dietary restrictions (vegan, vegetarian, dairy free, gluten free - no seafood is being served) by 15 October to <a href="mailto:tricia412065@gmail.com">tricia412065@gmail.com</a> |
| Tues/Wed<br>5-6 December          | 2 day tour of<br>Hunter Valley<br>for the<br>Christmas Lights | RSVP to Joyce Moody, <a href="mailto:joycemoody1@bigpond.com">joycemoody1@bigpond.com</a> before 21 September with a \$100.00 deposit.<br>Final payment due 22 October. Pay to club's account with code "Surname HVL". Total cost is \$570 pp. Single supplement \$80.   |

#### b. Crafts and/or Cards Groups

If anyone is interested in co-ordinating a craft group and/or coffee club, please email Di Cross [bd.cross@outlook.com.au](mailto:bd.cross@outlook.com.au) for further information.

#### c. Club's Birthday (October)

Di reminded members of the Club's 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:jmturnbull27@gmail.com)) to advise of the visitor by 22 September.*
- *Trivia. Bring own paper and pen to enter.*

### 8 MORNING TEA

Co-ordinated by Jan Turnbull and catered today by Joyce Moody and Waveney Perman with vote of thanks by Di Cross.

### 9 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Bob Kellick introduced Deb Wallace, former detective superintendent of the NSW Police Force, who spoke about drugs and guns in society.

### 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, 6 October commencing 10 am at the Newport Bowling Club.

**12 CLOSE OF MEETING**

Before closing the meeting, Di Cross advised that a member, Mike Musgrave, had nominated to take on the role of Club President. It was moved by Di Cross, seconded by EVERYONE (show of hands) that Mike's nomination be accepted.

Di 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.



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Vice President

Date: 1 September 2023