



**BILGOLA PLATEAU PROBUS CLUB
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEWPORT BOWLING CLUB
10.00 AM, 3 NOVEMBER 2023**

MINUTES

1 WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES

Mike Musgrave welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to new members and visitors.

Mike advised members of the emergency locations, reminded members to sign the attendance sheets and early leavers sheets if applicable and asked new members to collect their member cards and badges. He added that new member payments could be made at morning tea with the assistance of Mary Wearne and Jan Monnock. Mike also asked if members would consider changing their seats to meet new members.

Attendance – Member and Visitors

As per the attendance sheets of 3 November 2023.

Apologies

- Donna, Arthur, Neil Arthur, Graeme Bell, Jennifer Bennett, Christine Herbert, Cathy Leech, Chris Mangioni, Carol Marcer, Julie Maryska, Sue Patrick, Margaret Peach, Rhonda Mortimer, Patricia Ryan, Barbara Talbot-Sapsford, Jan Turnbull, Murray Turnbull, Helen Ware, Gary Wearne and Jane Whittington

NB: Apologies for the January 2024 meeting should be emailed to Mary Wearne, Membership Officer, at mary_wearne@hotmail.com.

Birthdays

November birthday greetings were extended to the following members:

- Donna Arthur, Neal Arthur, Karen Conlay, Jennis Dickinson, David Hall, Trene Holdsworth, Don Kelly, Kaye Mair, Rhonda Mortimer, Mike Musgrave, Diane Sheppard and Ann Vogelmann

Ice Breaker

This month's ice breaker took the form of Christmas trivia and was won by Shelley Barwick.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the General Meeting held 6 October 2023 were moved by Chris Elliott, seconded Bob Kellick, as a true and accurate record.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

4 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you email from Mayor Heins, Northern Beaches Council, for the invitation to the Club's birthday party
- Letter enclosing member badges from Blue Moose Productions
- Letter enclosing member cards from Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL)
- Emails to/from Pittwater Online News for the article on the Club's 1st birthday party
- Emails to/from PSPL re:
 - Member listings
 - Probus TV Commercial and the use of Gledswood Homestead and Winery for that commercial
 - Active Retirees Newsletter, October 2023
 - Update from Chairman re membership growth, 50th anniversary planning and club constitution review
 - Partaking in a survey for suitable ideas to celebrate New Zealand's 50 year anniversary

Please refer to the website's *Correspondence* page for a number of the above items.

5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Musgrave reported on the following:

- **Last General meeting for 2023** – many thanks to all members for helping to make 2023 such a successful year for the Bilgola Plateau Probus Club, and particularly to those who made last month's birthday celebrations so very special.
- **Male Members** - please encourage your husbands, partners and male friends to join the Club; ladies please encourage your husbands, partners and male friends to join.
- **BYO Cup/Mug** - a reminder to bring your own mug to meetings for morning tea.
- **Morning Tea** - more volunteers for morning are required for January and May onwards. If we don't receive enough volunteers it will be just a cuppa. Please let Jan Turnbull know if you can assist - jturnbull27@gmail.com.
- **Christmas Raffle Tickets** – please purchase your raffle tickets today for the Christmas raffle. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Party. A list of all the prizes is held by Di Cross.
- **Member Guest Speakers** – if any member is interested in presenting an interesting short talk (max' 20 mins) in the event that there is no guest speaker available, please contact Maree McEvoy (ianmaree10@gmail.com).
- **AGM**
 - The Club is in the process of preparing for its 2024 Annual General Meeting which will be held 1 March 2024. At the AGM, an election of Management Committee members for 2024/2025 will take place.
 - Nominations for the Management Committee will open at the General Meeting on 5 January 2024. Members wishing to seek a position on the Management Committee should complete the Management Committee Nomination Form on the Club's website. Nominations require a proposer and a seconder, both of whom must be financial members of the club.
 - Nominations are sought for the following positions:

- *President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Officer, Activities Officers (2), Membership Officer, Guest Speakers Officer, Welfare Officer and Publicity Officer*
- All other information relating to the AGM can be found on the Club's website, under the tab *AGM 2024-2025*
- **Auditor to check financial records as at the end of December 2023** – sincere thanks to Fay Stepanian for accepting this role.
- **Payment codes on banking documentation** – please check the EOI or relevant email and place the appropriate reference code when paying into the Club's bank account.
- **Dinner Convenor** – if interested in this position, please contact Mike Musgrave for further information (mmusgrave@ihug.com.au).
- **Computer Hardware Expert** – if you are able to assist with some hardware issues on the Club's new laptop, please contact Mary Musgrave (maryatnewport@gmail.com).

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Balance from 30/9/23	\$9,768.36
Income received during October	\$9,215.07
Expenditure during October	\$2,827.32
Bank Statement at 31/10/23	\$16,156.11

The moneys held for the Hunter Valley Lights tour, Hawkesbury River Cruise and the Club's Christmas Party amount to approx \$10,000.00. Mike expressed his thanks to Jan Monnock, Treasurer for the preparation of this information

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

a. Activities Overview

Mike Musgrave reminded members to access details of all activities and outings from the Club's website which is regularly updated two or three times each week. **Although the details below are current and correct as at the date of the meeting, Mike stressed that members should always check the website for any changes.**

Bob Kellick reminded members to please RSVP well in advance of the RSVP date in order to assist the Activities Officers in co-ordinating the outings/events.

The following activities were highlighted by Joyce Moody and Anne Kellick.

Date	Outing	Details
Friday 1 December 12.30 pm	Christmas Party, Palm Beach RSL	Bookings now closed. Please contact Patricia Ryan tricia412065@gmail.com for further information
Tuesday 16 Jan 2024 11 am	Cockatoo Island Walking Tour	1-hour private walking tour with optional lunch. Cost: \$16 Payment to the Club's account by 8 January with the code Surname, Initial, CI

Date	Outing	Details
		RSVP to Joyce Moody joycemoody1@bigpond.com by 8 December
Thursday 18 January 6.30 pm	Dinner	RMYC, Newport Cost: \$35 per person for a 2-course meal. Drinks extra RSVP by 30 December to Patricia Ryan
Various	Glen Street Theatre	Sunday, 28 January, 3 pm - The Beatles 60th Anniversary Tour Sunday, 18 February, 2 pm – Forever Diamond Wharf Revue - TBA Please contact Anne Kellick anne.kellick@bigpond.com if you wish to attend all or any of the above
Wednesday 7 February Time TBC	Dinner	Alma Restaurant, Avalon. Watch the website for more details. Contact Patricia Ryan, tricia412065@gmail.com for further information
Tuesday 11 June 2024 8.30am-4.30pm	Children’s Medical Research Institute and Heritage Tour of Parramatta	Cost: \$72 per person Morning tea and lunch provided RSVP to Joyce Moody at joycemoody1@bigpond.com by 9 April
19 October – 1 November 2024	Trip to Vietnam and Cambodia	RSVP to Patricia Ryan, tricia412065@gmail.com by 15 November
Every 2 nd Thursday, 7.30 pm	Trivia, Avalon RSL	No need to book, just turn up about 7.00 pm to secure your place. Enquiries to Shelley Barwick, sbarwick7@icloud.com
3rd Friday of the month	Movies, Warriewood	No need to book, just meet in the foyer about 15 mins before the movie commences. Enquiries to Lesley Death, lesleyjanedeath@gmail.com
Bi-monthly on Tuesday afternoons	Barefoot Bowls Newport Bowling Club	Check the website for the dates. No need to RSVP, just turn up. For more information contact Joyce Moody, joycemoody1@bigpond.com
Every second Tuesday of the month	Long Reef	Long Reef circuit followed by coffee. No need to RSVP, just turn up. Enquiries to Shelley Barwick, sbarwick7@icloud.com
Proposed New Outings		Watch the website for more details on a tour of the State Theatre and a trip to Airlie Beach/Hamilton Island

b. Survey Results

Di Cross thanked members for participating in the Club’s recent survey and summarised the findings as follows:

- 56 members completed the survey
- The overall satisfaction with the Club was excellent with the majority giving 10/10
- The survey showed quite a few members wanting to volunteer their time to help keep the club functioning. Those who kindly left their names will be contacted by the Management Committee asap
- Main reasons for joining: meet new members (66%), participate in Club activities (35%), social life (14%), already have friends in the Club (5%)
- Popular existing activities: dinners (46%), walks (41%), lunches (39%), live shows, trivia, cinema, coach tours (1/2 day or overnight) and opal day trips all scored between 21% to 29%.
- Suggestions for new activities included: coffee mornings, garden visits, lunches outside our local area, golf days, knitting/crochet, flower arranging, additional mahjong, wine appreciation and fashion parades
- Members used the Club’s Website for the following reasons: calendar of events (95%), EOIs (64%), newsletter (77%), minutes (39%) agenda (32%) photos, (50%), forms (32%)
- Members found the guest speakers to be enjoyable, interesting and informative (57%) and provide a good variety of speakers / topics (57%)

- Over the next year, the Management Committee will attempt to implement many of the suggestions that had been made
- A special thanks should be given to Di Cross for organizing and analyzing the survey results

c. Christmas Party Updates

- 70 people will be attending the Christmas Party on Friday, 1 December, 12.30 pm
- There will be no General Meeting on that day

d. New Probus Brochures

- Now in stock. Please see Shelley Barwick or Mike Musgrave if you are able to letter box drop any of the brochures

e. Bookoccino Event Tickets – please collect from Mary Musgrave today

8 MORNING TEA

Provided by Noelle Boaden-Griffin and Carolyn Darmani, co-ordinated by Jan Turnbull and served by Linda Boge, Lesley Death, Sandy Bedelis, Peter Marcer and other helpers

9 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Di Cross introduced Noel Phelan who spoke about the Costa Concordia and salvaging of ship wrecks.

10 VOTE OF THANKS TO GUEST SPEAKER

The vote of thanks was given by Maree McEvoy for his very interesting presentation. He kindly provided a family pass to the Australian National Maritime Museum, which was given as a lucky door prize, won by Debbie Latham.

12 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on Friday, 5 January 2024. Mike reminded members that the December General meeting will be replaced with the Club’s Christmas Party.

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

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



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President

Date: 3 November 2023