



**BILGOLA PLATEAU PROBUS CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEWPORT BOWLING CLUB  
10.00 AM, 5 JANUARY 2024**

**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 and bathroom facilities, 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 visitors could become members today with payments taken at morning tea under the assistance of Mary Wearne and Jan Monnock. Mike also asked if members would consider changing their seats to meet and talk to new members.

On behalf of the Management Committee, Mike thanked members who had volunteered to help with the various jobs at today's meeting.

**Attendance – Member and Visitors**

As per the attendance sheets of 5 January 2024.

**Apologies**

- Neal and Donna Arthur, Sandra and Lou Bedelis, Graeme Bell, Susan Blackmore, Dianne Bonner, Jill Castleton, Jennis Dickinson, Yvonne Giddy, Barbara Glover, Christine Herbert, Julie Holst, John and Liz Irving, Hilary Macorison, Sue Patrick, Margaret Peach, Robyn Pride, Diane Tsoa-Lee, Kay Mair, Sue and Gary Walker, Gary Wearne and Jane Whittington

**NB: Apologies for the February 2024 meeting should be emailed to Mary Wearne, Membership Officer, at [mary\\_wearne@hotmail.com](mailto:mary_wearne@hotmail.com).**

**Birthdays**

January birthday greetings were extended to the following members:

- Barbara Glover, Julie Holst, Joyce Moody and Diane Tsoa-Lee

**Ice Breaker**

Di Cross gave this month's ice breaker, which was won by Cheryl Ewing.

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the General Meeting held 3 November 2023 were moved by Patricia Ryan, seconded Bob Kellick as a true and accurate record.

**3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

#### 4 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you email to OnCourse Tours for attendance at their company's tour promotion in November 2023
- Thank you email from a member for the get well messages and phone calls during their recent illness
- Thank you to Club Palm Beach RSL for a fabulous Christmas Party
- Invitation from Mayor Sue Heins, Northern Beaches Council, for a representative of our Club to attend the Mayor's End of Year Reception
- Email from Northern Beaches Council asking for community groups, organisations and businesses to be part of the annual Seniors Festival events and activities program for the over 60
- Letter/emails from Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) re:
  - Membership cards
  - Increase in capitation fees for 2024/25 to \$19 per year, per member (an increase of \$2.25 per member)
  - Probus Community News
  - Emails to and from PSP and Mike re' the capitation fee increase. It was noted that no meaningful response had been received.

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

#### 5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Musgrave reported on the following:

- **Club Christmas Party** – Mike thanked everyone who attended the Club's Christmas Party and helped make it such a great get-together. Special thanks were given to Alan Wilson for taking the photos and to Shelley Barwick for uploading them to the website. The Christmas raffle saw a net profit of \$343.80 – a big thank you was extended to the principal raffle sellers Chris and Robyn Elliott. Thanks were also given to Brain and Di Cross and lady helpers for the extra Christmas decorations, and to everyone who had donated prizes.
- **Computer Hardware Assistance** – Special thanks was given to Sue Walker for sorting out some hardware issues with the Club's laptop. A small thank you gift was organised for her.
- **Volunteers** – Members who had 'volunteered' as a result of the survey last year would be contacted by Di Cross or another member of the Management Committee very shortly.
- **Membership Ceiling** – A reduction in the Club's membership numbers from 150 to 120 is being considered and will be presented for a vote at the AGM.
- **AGM, 1 March 2024**
  - At the AGM all positions on the Management Committee will be declared vacant. One nomination has so far been received from Di Cross for the Vice Presidency. Other nominations would be very much appreciated. Many hands make light work!
  - Nominations are sought for the positions of:
    - *President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Officer, Activities Officers (2), Membership Officer, Guest Speakers Officer, Welfare Officer and Publicity Officer*
  - Nomination forms were made available at the meeting or can be downloaded from the Probus website under the heading 'AGM 2024-25'.

- Nomination Forms require a proposer and a seconder, both of whom must be financial members of the club. The forms need to be lodged with the Secretary, Mary Musgrave (maryatnewport@gmail.com), **BEFORE** the General Meeting on 2 February 2024.
- Voting for the Management Committee positions will take place by a show of hands at the AGM on 1 March 2024. Nominations may be called from the floor at the AGM if no nominations have been received prior to 1 March 2024.
- All other information relating to the AGM can be found on the Club's website

## 6 TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Carried forward balance as at 1/12/23	\$7,837.71
Income received during December was	\$863.00
Expenditure during December was	\$2,451.30
Giving a balance as per Bank Statement at 31/12/23	<b>\$6,249.41</b>

Mike expressed his sincere thanks to Jan Monnock, Treasurer for the preparation of this information and for maintaining the club's finances.

## 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. He added that they are also included in the monthly newsletter prepared by Peter Marcer.

**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.**

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

Date	Outing	Details
Thursday 11 Jan From 6.11 am	Elvis Express	Join in the fun and wave the Elvis impersonators goodbye at Central Railway Station Country Platform. 190X bus departs Avalon at 6.11 am and Newport approx 6.15 am. Train leaves Central approx 8.30 am. Breakfast afterwards close by to Central. All details are included in the email forwarded by Mike Musgrave on 2 January.
Wednesday 7 Feb 6 pm	Dinner at Alma Restaurant	47 Old Barrenjoey Road, Avalon Pay on the night. Bring CASH and small notes RSVP to Patricia Ryan, <a href="mailto:tricia412065@gmail.com">tricia412065@gmail.com</a> , by 28 January or miss out!
Monday 12 Feb 10 am	Tour of State Theatre	Proposed cost \$17 pp for 10+ Definite numbers and payment <b>MUST</b> be obtained before a booking will proceed. Possible lunch at the Spiral Staircase Restaurant, Fullerton Hotel To express your interest in attending, please email Joyce Moody at <a href="mailto:joycemoody1@bigpond.com">joycemoody1@bigpond.com</a>

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Wednesday 6 Mar 6 pm	Dinner	Bangkok Avalon 21-23 Old Barrenjoey Rd Avalon Banquet, \$40pp. Please bring CASH and correct money. Buy own drinks at bar. Parking opposite restaurant RSVP to Patricia Ryan, <a href="mailto:tricia412065@gmail.com">tricia412065@gmail.com</a> by 28 February
13 or 14 March (TBC)	Premier's Gala Concert	Free annual event held at the ICC Aware Super Theatre, Darling Harbour. The Club is hoping to secure tickets to this event on either 13 or 14 March. Information on obtaining tickets will be distributed to members if the Club's application has been successful
Thursday 21 March 8.30 am	Bilpin Fruit Picking and Hillbilly Cider Tasting	This trip is being organised by Newport Probus. Payment of \$100 is due 12 January. All enquiries should be directed to <a href="mailto:amollema1@gmail.com">amollema1@gmail.com</a>
20-24 May	5 Day OnCourse Coach Tour Dubbo Zoofari and Orange	\$1,880 pp (includes all meals and admissions); single supplement is \$415 Non-refundable deposit of \$200 pp is payable by 19 February; final payment due 8 April RSVP to Joyce Moody asap at <a href="mailto:joycemoody1@bigpond.com">joycemoody1@bigpond.com</a>
9-15 August	7 day Tour in paradise Hamilton Island, The Whitsundays and Airlie Beach	3 nights Reef View Hotel, Hamilton Island 3 nights Coral Reef Resort, Airlie Beach \$3,480 pp– single supplement \$1,650 Flights included RSVP to Joyce Moody asap at <a href="mailto:joycemoody1@bigpond.com">joycemoody1@bigpond.com</a>
Wednesday 21 Aug	Live Theatre The Mousetrap	Glen Street Theatre Tickets \$100 RSVP to Anne Kellick asap at <a href="mailto:anne.kellick@bigpond.com">anne.kellick@bigpond.com</a>
19 Oct –1 Nov	Overseas Trip to Vietnam and Cambodia	14 days/13 nights including 7-night Mekong River Cruise Total Cost \$8498 per person twin share Final call - email Patricia Ryan NOW to secure your place, <a href="mailto:tricia412065@gmail.com">tricia412065@gmail.com</a>
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>		
Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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, <a href="mailto:sbarwick7@icloud.com">sbarwick7@icloud.com</a>
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, <a href="mailto:lesleyjanedeath@gmail.com">lesleyjanedeath@gmail.com</a>
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, <a href="mailto:joycemoody1@bigpond.com">joycemoody1@bigpond.com</a>
Every 2nd Tuesday of the month	Long Reef	Long Reef circuit followed by coffee. No need to RSVP, just turn up. Enquiries to Shelley Barwick, <a href="mailto:sbarwick7@icloud.com">sbarwick7@icloud.com</a>
Various	Opal Outings	Check the club's website on a regular basis for all the details. Enquiries should be directed to Anne Kellick at <a href="mailto:anne.kellick@bigpond.com">anne.kellick@bigpond.com</a>

**8 MORNING TEA**

Provided by Jan McIntyre and Chris Barnard, co-ordinated by Jan Turnbull and served by Carol Marcer, Linda Boge, Lesley Death, Rhonda Mortimer and other helpers.

Mike stressed that more members were always required to put their name on the list to provide morning tea. It doesn't have to be home-made; shop bought would also be very much appreciated. Men, don't be shy; please contact Jan Turnbull at [jmturnbull27@gmail.com](mailto:jmturnbull27@gmail.com) to add your name to the list. If everyone volunteers, you will only be called upon every 4 or 5 years to assist.

**9 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER**

Di Cross introduced Hette Mollema who spoke on Toiletology.

Hette also invited our club to attend a Newport Probus outing to the Bilpin area on Thursday, 21 March, departing at 8.30 am – cost is \$100 pp, due 12 January. All enquiries should be directed to the Newport Probus Club at [amollema1@gmail.com](mailto:amollema1@gmail.com).

**10 VOTE OF THANKS TO GUEST SPEAKER**

The vote of thanks was given by Bob Kellick for Hette's very humorous presentation of the basics - it left nothing to the imagination!

**12 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING**

Mike thanked all members for attending today's meeting and stated the next General Meeting will be held on Friday, 2 February 2024.

**13 CLOSE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 11.50 am.



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President

Date: 5 January 2024