



**BILGOLA PLATEAU PROBUS CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEWPORT BOWLING CLUB  
10.00 AM, 2 FEBRUARY 2024**

**MINUTES**

**1 WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES**

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

Mike advised 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 2 February 2024.

**Apologies**

- Lou Bedelis, Graeme Bell, Dianne Bonner, Bronwyn Brooks, Ray Brooks, Carolyn Darmanin, Jenni Dickinson, Eric Gidney, Jan Hayes, John Irving, Kaye Mair, Joy Maloney, Chris Mangioni, Julie Maryska, Sue Patrick, Barbara Poss, Barbara Talbot-Sapsford, Diana Storey, Gary Walker, Gary Wearne

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

**Birthdays**

February birthday greetings were extended to the following members:

- Julie Bertoldo, Jan Hayes, Liz Irving, Maree McEvoy, Sue Patrick, Helen Ware, Sue Whisker, Jane Whittington (and to Jan Malone, our newest member, who celebrated her birthday in January)

**Ice Breaker**

Di Cross gave this month's ice breaker, which was won by Di Wilton

**2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the General Meeting held 5 January 2024 were moved by Patricia Ryan, seconded Bob Kellick as a true and accurate record.

### 3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

### 4 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

- Name badges
- Letter/emails from Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) re:
  - Notification that the tour company Collette has joined the Probus Partnership Program as a Silver Probus Partner
  - Active Retiree Newsletter

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

### 5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Musgrave reported on the following:

- **Scam** – Mike advised a scam email using his name, but **NOT** his email address, had been sent to members of the Management Committee (this has been reported to Google and Scamwatch). The email asked for cash donations or Amazon gift cards to be forwarded to the sender of the email. Mike advised that if anyone received an email from any member of the Mgt Cmte asking for money, they should definitely ignore the email.
- **AGM, 1 March 2024**
  - Membership Ceiling – A reduction in the Club's membership numbers from 150 to 120 will be presented for a vote at the AGM.
  - A suggestion had been made to reduce the Club's annual membership fee from \$60 to \$55 and would be voted on at today's Management Committee meeting. If it was not accepted by the Management Committee, the Club's annual membership fee would remain at \$60 and be voted upon by members at the AGM.
  - Following the AGM, members will be asked to pay their annual membership fees. The preferred method of payment is by direct debit. However, if members wish to pay by cash, the cash should be brought to the March/April meetings. Fees are due early in April.
  - Nominations for all places on the Management Committee can still be lodged today. The Role Descriptions for each of these Management Committee positions are shown on the Club's website. Queries on any of the Management Committee positions should be referred to Mike Musgrave or one of the current Management Committee members. 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 for one or more of the positions have been received prior to 1 March 2024.
  - Alan Wilson has been appointed as the Returning Officer for the elections.
- **New Treasurer** - Mike advised that Jan Monnock, the Club's Treasurer, would not be standing again due to other commitments and implored all members, particularly those with some accounting skills, to consider nominating for this essential position. Assistance can be provided

for the new Treasurer. Mike added that the club will **NOT** be able to continue operating without a Treasurer.

- **Raffles** – Mike advised the Club would be holding two raffles in 2024. The first will be an Easter raffle with tickets being sold today and at the March/April meetings. The raffle will be drawn at the April meeting, ie, just after Easter. Prizes for the Easter raffle will be:
  - 5 club ‘vouchers’ valued at \$20 each (ie \$100 in total)
  - 5 gift cards valued at \$20 each

The total value of the prizes will be \$200

## 6 TREASURER’S REPORT

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

Carried forward balance as at 1 January 2024	<b>\$6,249.41</b>
Income received during January	\$1,035.60
Expenditure during January	\$1,786.43
Balance as per Bank Statement at 31 January 2024	<b>\$5,498.58</b>

Jan also presented the following budget for 2024 and advised members they will be asked to vote on it at the AGM. Any queries can be emailed to Jan at [janmonnock@bigpond.com](mailto:janmonnock@bigpond.com).

*As at today’s date, the membership stands at 113 and is anticipated to reach 120 by December 2024. The figures below are based on 120 members:*

<u>Income</u>	
Members Annual Fee \$60.00	\$7,200.00
Joining Fee \$30.00 (7 new members)	\$210.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$7,410.00</b>
<u>Expenditure</u>	
Capitation Fees @ \$19.00 for 120 members	\$2,280.00
Pins	\$15.00
Badges (7 new members)	\$72.00
Hall Hire	\$1,500.00
Morning Tea	\$350.00
Printing, Photocopying, Postage	\$50.00
Bank Fees	\$60.00
Stationery	\$80.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00
Fair Trading	\$50.00
Club Parties	\$500.00
Guest Speakers	\$400.00
<b>Total Estimated Expenditure</b>	<b>\$5,557.00</b>
<b>Estimated surplus</b>	<b>\$1,853.00</b>

*Combined with the above carried forward balance from December 2023 of \$6,249.41, this budget should allow for an estimated balance at 31 December 2024 of \$8,102.41*

*It should be noted that at the time of writing there are funds for some tour or outings to be paid from the above figure of \$6,249.41. These accounts will be audited prior to the AGM.*

Mike expressed his sincere thanks to Jan Monnock, Treasurer, for the preparation of this information and for maintaining the Club's finances since close to its inception, adding that she will be sorely missed in her role of Treasurer by members and especially by the Management Committee.

## 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

### a. Activities Overview

Mike Musgrave advised members that Opal trips were regularly organised by Anne Kellick and Joyce Moody and he encouraged members to support these outings.

Anne Kellick advised that if anyone was interested in the following outings to please write their interest down and/or contact her asap at [anne.kellick@bigpond.com](mailto:anne.kellick@bigpond.com).

- Tours to the Fullerton Hotel (free tours on Fridays for groups of 8 people)
- Ramses and the Golf of the Pharaohs at the Australian Museum (a ticketed event)

Mike reminded members to access details of all activities and outings from the Club's website which was regularly updated two or three times each week. He added that the activities are also included in the monthly newsletter prepared by Peter Marcer. Mike also mentioned how to access the website and the meaning of an EOI.

**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
Friday 9 February 4.30 pm	Drinks and nibbles	Governor Philip Park, Beach Road, Palm Beach Opposite golf course; plenty of parking, Bus route 199 Trees for shade, there are tables and chairs but suggest you bring your own. Alcohol allowed. BYO nibbles and drinks Contact Robyn Elliot <a href="mailto:robynann@hotmail.com">robynann@hotmail.com</a>
Wednesday 6 March 6.00 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> <b>by 28 February</b>
20-24 May	5 Day OnCourse Coach Tour, Dubbo Zoofari and Orange	\$1,880 pp (includes all meals and admissions); single supplement is \$415 RSVP to Joyce Moody asap at <a href="mailto:joycemoody1@bigpond.com">joycemoody1@bigpond.com</a>
Tuesday 11 June 8.30 am - 4.30 pm	Bus trip to The Children's Medical Research Institute	Heritage tour of the Parramatta District also included Morning Tea and Lunch provided Cost \$72 Contact <a href="mailto:joycemoody1@bigpond.com">joycemoody1@bigpond.com</a>

Date	Outing	Details
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>
Friday 30 August 7.30 am	On-Course DAY TRIP Zig Zag Railway and Leura Tour	The Zig Zag Railway is open again! \$127 pp - see EOI for further details. <b>RSVP: Friday 22 March</b> Enquiries: <a href="mailto:joycemoody1@bigpond.com">joycemoody1@bigpond.com</a>
Monday 23 Sept to Friday 26 Sept	On-Course tour to Canberra	Enjoy a four-day trip to the nation's capital from 23 - 26 September 2024 with On Course Travel.  The tour includes all meals, accommodation at the Four Star Alpha Hotel in Canberra, admissions and transport in luxury coach. Cost per person is \$1,220 twin share. Single supplement \$260. See the EOI on the website for more detailed information.  RSVP to Joyce Moody, <a href="mailto:joycemoody1@bigpond.com">joycemoody1@bigpond.com</a> <b>by Friday 22 March 2024</b>
19 Oct – 1 Nov	Overseas Trip to Vietnam and Cambodia	This has been deleted from the calendar and will <b>NOT</b> now be a Probus trip.
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>		
Wednesdays during February 9.00 am	Swimming	North Narrabeen Rock Pool, Narrabeen Park Parade, Narrabeen Followed by coffee at Nourished No need to book, just turn up (weather permitting) Enquiries Shelley Barwick, <a href="mailto:sbarwick7@icloud.com">sbarwick7@icloud.com</a>
Held twice monthly	Coffee and Chat	Held twice monthly, 10 am, Mona Vale and Newport Flying Fox Café, 2 Mona Street, Mona Vale, on the 2nd Thursday of the month Charli's Café, 19 Robertson Road, Newport, on the 4th Friday of the month <b>Starting 8th February at Mona Vale</b> Refer our calendar for more details Enquiries : Mary Musgrave, <a href="mailto:maryatnewport@gmail.com">maryatnewport@gmail.com</a>
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>

Date	Outing	Details
<b>New Group</b>	Mahjong	3rd Tuesday of the month 10.30 am – 3.00 pm No Mahjong experience necessary Morning tea provided but bring your own lunch Starting 20 February, Bilgola Plateau RSVP to Di Cross, <a href="mailto:bd.cross@outlook.com.au">bd.cross@outlook.com.au</a> asap
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>

Others outings/suggestions included:

- A suggestion for coffee at Good Folk. Mike indicated that a 3<sup>rd</sup> opportunity for coffee during the month would be most welcomed and could be co-ordinated by anyone at any time after checking with the Tours/Outings Officer.
- A craft group. More information will be forthcoming on this shortly.
- Depending on interest for the second Mahjong group, any 'overflow' could be accommodated by another member who was interested in more intensive training, in lieu or meeting once a month.

Mary Musgrave provided a short demonstration of the Club's website, including the Probus South Pacific website.

## 8 MORNING TEA

Provided by Lesley Death and Rhonda Mortimer, co-ordinated by Jan Turnbull and served by Carol Marcer, Virginia Moore, 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. Mike encouraged male members not to 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 Paul Kearney who presented the history of Rock 'n' Roll from the 1950s.

**10 VOTE OF THANKS TO GUEST SPEAKER**

The vote of thanks was given by Bob Kellick for Paul's musical trip down memory lane which had lots of members singing and jiving in their seats.

**12 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING**

Mike thanked all members for attending today's meeting and stated the next General Meeting (including the Annual General Meeting) would be held on Friday, 1 March 2024.

**13 CLOSE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 11.55 am.



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President

Date: 2 February 2024