



**BILGOLA PLATEAU PROBUS CLUB
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEWPORT BOWLING CLUB
10.00 AM, 6 SEPTEMBER 2024**

MINUTES

1 WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES/BIRTHDAYS/ICE BREAKER

Mike Musgrave welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to the visitors. He advised of the emergency locations and bathroom facilities and reminded members to sign the attendance sheet and early leavers sheets if applicable.

Mike mentioned that it was two years since the Club was formed from the initial 'magnificent seven' group of seven members. He thanked everyone for making the Club what it is today and gave special thanks to all those who were able to volunteer in various roles, including those on the Management Committee. He made particular mention of the recent Trivia score (43 out of 60) and the prize money of \$25 – a great effort for the team.

Mike stated the Guest Speaker for today, Jill Bruce, was ill in hospital and unable to attend. He called for volunteers from members who might be prepared to address today's meeting. Julie Bertoldo accepted the challenge and Mike said he would do a skit of 'Truth or Fiction'.

New Member Badges and Cards

Mary Wearne read the apologies (refer below) and reminded members to:

- *collect lanyards, name badges and member cards*
- *turn off mobile phones for the duration of the meeting*

Apologies

- *Chris Barnard, Lou Bedelis, Noelle Boaden-Griffin, Kristine Bolton, Jill Castleton, Eileen Cornielje, Richard Cornielje, Anne Crick, Eric Gidney, Dawn Hurt, John Irving, Don Kelly, Jane Kelly, Hilary Macorison, Julie Maryska, Marlene Melrose, Sue Patrick, Barbara Poss, Sue Ross, Barbara Talbot-Sapsford, Jan Turnbull, Murray Turnbull, Lesley Whiteside Alan Wilson, and Di Wilton*

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

Attendance – Member and Visitors

As per the attendance sheets of 6 September 2024 (89 members; 26 apologies; 2 visitors).

Birthdays

September birthday greetings were not read out but should have been extended to the following members. Mike wishes to apologize for this omission:

- *Joy Bell, Helen Clark, Tricia Clifton, Brigitte Grover, Cathy Leech, Robin McIntyre, Fay Stepanian, Gary Walker, Lesley Whiteside, Alan Wilson*

Welfare Issues

In the absence of Jan Turnbull from the meeting, there was no welfare report. Mike did, however, wish anyone who was currently ill, a speedy recovery.

Ice Breaker

The ice breaker was given by Di Cross and won by Donna Arthur. Congratulations Donna!

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the General Meeting held 2 August 2024 were moved by Gary Walker, seconded Barb Glover as a true and accurate record.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

REPORT BY PETER MARCER, NEWSLETTER OFFICER

Peter reported on the following:

- The newsletter is prepared on a monthly basis
- Items for the newsletter are ALWAYS welcomed and need to be submitted to Peter by the 20th of the month
- Contributions for the newsletter should be in MS Word format
- The newsletter is emailed to members by the Publicity Officer, Shelley Barwick, approx the 25th of the month
- Peter would not be standing for the Newsletter Officer position in 2025/26 and would be passing the role to another member. If you'd like more information about the position, please contact Peter.

REPORT BY PATRICIA RYAN ON PROBUS INSURANCE

Patricia reported on the following:

- Part of the fees paid by members (approx one-third) goes to Probus South Pacific Limited
- This money covers, amongst other things, a Personal Injury Insurance Policy and a Public Liability Policy
- The policies cover members when they are at Probus functions/outings which have been approved by the Management Committee
- If members have a serious injury whilst at Probus functions/outings, they may be covered by these policies
- The policies cover all members, visitors and guests
- The Probus policies are not travel insurance (and do not cover the usual things covered by travel insurance such as cancellation, illness, lost luggage, medical expenses, repatriation home etc) . If members are going on extended Probus trips they should consider purchasing travel insurance.

4 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

- From PSPL re:
 - Choose Your Cruise details
 - PSPL re' Riverside Théâtre Parramatta
 - 2024-2025 Australian National Insurance Program Summary
 - Wine sale
 - New Day Tours

- Updated member listing and Member Benefits
- PSPL Board Appointments
- Seniors Living Magazine
- An invitation to attend Allura Coaches info' session
- An invitation to attend On Course Tours info' session

- From Probus Cluster 11 Group re:
 - Notification of meeting on 27 August – attended by Mike Musgrave

- From OnCourse Tours re:
 - Email of thanks for tour guide on Hamilton Island/Airlie Beach trip
 - Tours for the spring season

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

5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Musgrave reported on the following:

Attendance at Probus Cluster Meeting

- Attended a recent Probus Cluster Meeting
- Spoke with other Probus Clubs on the Northern Beaches re' their speakers and outings
- A report will be given to the Management Committee

Registration Form for Outings

- This form had been raised at the recent Probus Cluster Meeting attend by Mike Musgrave
- The form acknowledges members are aware that any Probus outing/trip always involves some kind of risk/s and that for some outings, a reasonable level of fitness may be required
- Members were asked to complete the form and return it to one of the Management Committee Members
- The form only needs to be completed once and will be kept locally by the Secretary with members' application forms

Club's Birthday Celebrations

- Will be held 4 October at the Newport Bowling Club
- Invitations had been extended to our local State and Federal Members and to the Mayor. At this stage it is not expected that Rory Amon will be attending
- At this stage, two representatives from Sophie Scamps office will be attending, Carmen and Donna.
- As Mayor elections will not be held until approx 10 October, it is not expected that the current Mayor will attend
- There will be **NO** guest speaker at that meeting
- Birthday celebrations will coincide with Probus Month
- Members are asked to wear the Probus **blue** and **yellow** colours on the day
- Prizes will be awarded for: best dressed, lucky door and lucky volunteer.
- There will be a trivia competition with prizes

Christmas Party

- To be held Friday, 6 December 2024 (there will be **NO** General Meeting on that day)
- Venue will be the Palm Beach RSL
- Cost has been reduced to \$32 (which will include a \$2 tip to the staff)

- There will be a Christmas Raffle with prizes drawn at the Party
- Donations for the raffle of new items including wine or food would be appreciated
- Members need to advise Di Cross as soon as possible of any baked items they are able to make for raffle prizes
- Di Cross advised members on the procedures for supplying their baked goodies with recipes
- Raffle tickets for the prizes will continue to be sold up to and including the date of the Christmas Party

Probos Name Badges

- Please advise Mary Wearne if you require a replacement name badge

Happy Belated Father's Day

- Mike gave a belated Father's Day message for all dads, granddads, uncles and part-time dads

Scam Emails

- **Note:** Some members were continuing to receive scam mails under the name of Mike Musgrave. Please delete them or send them to your junk box and advise your email provider. The email address/es they are being sent under are definitely NOT those for Mike Musgrave

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Ray Pride, tabled the following financial report for August 2024

Cash at Bank 1 August 2024	\$14,583
Add receipts for the month	
Xmas Function at Palm Beach	
(17 paid to date)	\$386
Sub Total	\$14,969
Less payments for the month	
Tour payments	
Zig Zag Railway	\$4,392
Monthly Meeting Costs	\$21
Administration Secretarial Costs	\$15
Sub Total	\$4,428
Cash at Bank 31 August 2024	\$10,541

Ray advised for next month's report he would exclude tour receipts/payments to give a more accurate picture of the Club's finances.

7 TOURS/ACTIVITIES UPDATE

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

NB: 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.

Joyce Moody briefly spoke about OnCourse Tours and advised the following:

Mini, medium and large buses are available depending on the numbers attending the tour

For days tours:

- *Members need to RSVP to the relevant Probus Activity Officer*
- *Payment for the outing is made to the Club's Probus bank account*
- *Day tours generally leave from the carpark outside the Newport Surf Life Saving Club*

For overnight and extended tours:

- *Members need to RSVP to the relevant Probus Activity Officer*
- *That officer will then advise OnCourse Tours*
- *OnCourse Tours liaises directly with the member re payment and other relevant information*
- *OnCourseTours collects members from their home address and delivers them to the next departure point.*
- *At the end of the tour On Course Tours will drive members back to their home address*

The following approved activities were highlighted by Joyce Moody and Lyn Hope.

Date	Outing	Details
Friday 6 September 6 pm	Dinner, Lucky & Pep's, Newport	Contact Robyn Elliott, robynann@hotmail.com
Friday 13 September 10 am	Audio Tour of Hyde Park Barracks	Contact Joyce Moody, joycemoody1@bigpond.com
23-26 Sept	On-Course tour to Floriade, Canberra	Wait List only Contact Joyce Moody, joycemoody1@bigpond.com
Friday 2 October 10 am	Club's 2 nd Birthday Party	Held during the Club's October General Meeting
Friday 11 October 12 noon	Boys' Lunch at The Boat House, Patonga	Contact Eric Gidney, cegidney@gmail.com
Thursday 24 October 10.15 am	Lucy Osburn-Nightingale Museum Tour	Contact Lyn Hope, lynghope@gmail.com
Monday 4 November 10 am	Bahai Temple Tour	Contact Lyn Hope, lynghope@gmail.com
Friday 6 December 12 noon	Probus Christmas Party	Contact Sue Walker, sues0408@gmail.com by 8 November
Monday 27 January 1.30 pm	Cirque du Soleil	Wail List only Contact Christine Herbert: christine.herb77@gmail.com

Date	Outing	Details
18-24 January 2025	Australian Tennis Open And Melbourne	Contact Joyce Moody, joycemoody1@bigpond.com
16-22 March 2025	Lord Howe Island	Contact Joyce Moody, by 5 September joycemoody1@bigpond.com
Friday 4 April 7.30 pm	Opera Australia Guys and Dolls	Contact Patricia Ryan by 30 September tricia412065@gmail.com
Tuesday 8 April 8 am	Western Sydney Airport and Penrith Whitewater Stadium	Contact Joyce Moody, joycemoody1@bigpond.com
Sunday 1 June 9.30 am	Japanese Midget Submarine Attack, Sydney Harbour	Contact Anne Kellick, anne.kellick@bigpond.com
REGULAR EVENTS		
Held twice monthly on Tuesday afternoons, 2 pm	Barefoot Bowls Newport Bowling Club	Check the website for the dates. No need to RSVP, just turn up. Contact Joyce Moody, joycemoody1@bigpond.com
Held approx every 5 weeks	Book Club	Contact Noelle Boaden-Griffin, noellebg@hotmail.com
3rd Monday of the month 10.30 am	Boys' Coffee	Held 3rd Monday of the month, 10.30 am, Girdler's Café, 1-5 Hilltop Road, Avalon Contact Murray Turnbull, murrayt37@outlook.com
Held twice monthly	Coffee and Chat	Held twice monthly, 10 am, Mona Vale and Newport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Contact Mary Musgrave, maryatnewport@gmail.com
2 nd Monday of the month 4-6 pm	Drinks and Catch-Up	Newport Bowling Club Contact Mary Musgrave, maryatnewport@gmail.com
3rd Wednesday of the month 2-4 pm	Knitting and Crocheting	Newport Bowling Club For lovers of knitting and crocheting Contact Mary Musgrave, maryatnewport@gmail.com
1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 1-4 pm	Mahjong	Pittwater RSL. Teaching provided. Contact Janeen MacFarlane, janeen.macfarlane@gmail.com
3rd Tuesday of the month 10.30 am – 3 pm	Mahjong	No Mahjong experience necessary Morning tea provided but bring your own lunch Contact Di Cross, bd.cross@outlook.com.au asap

Date	Outing	Details
3rd Friday of the month	Movies, Warriewood	No need to book, just meet in the foyer about 15 mins before the movie commences. Contact Lesley Death, lesleyjanedeath@gmail.com
First meeting: Thursday, 8 August, 1-3.30 pm	Scrappy Tarts	Contact Di Cross, bd.cross@outlook.com.au
Every 2 nd Thursday, 7.30 pm	Trivia, Avalon RSL	No need to book, just turn up between 6:30 & 7.00 pm to secure your place. Contact Shelley Barwick, sbarwick7@icloud.com
2 nd Tuesday of the month	Walking at Long Reef Headland	Long Reef circuit followed by coffee. No need to RSVP, just turn up. Contact Shelley Barwick, sbarwick7@icloud.com

Di Cross encouraged interested members to come along to the quilting group held at her home on the second Thursday of the month.

Mike Musgrave stated that if anyone had difficulty in organising transport to events/functions, to please contact him at mmusgrave@ihug.com.au. Whilst he could not guarantee the transport, he would endeavour to organise it for those members.

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

LUNCH FOLLOWING THE GENERAL MEETING

- Mike Musgrave advised Susan Blackmore had suggested members might like to stay for lunch on the veranda of the Newport Bowling Club following the General Meeting. The food would be obtained from a local restaurant. The Management Committee, however, would still hold their meeting (to which any member was most welcome to attend).
- Approximately 12-15 members expressed an interest in staying for lunch.
- Susan Blackmore will investigate further.

SUCCESS FOR MEMBER

- A special congratulations was mentioned for the achievement of club member Diana Storey. In recent Whitsunday sailing events Diana was part of the crew on the winning yacht in the Hamilton Island Yacht Race with the same crew coming in third position for the Airlie Beach Yacht Race. Well done Diana! A reminder to all that age is no barrier!

SUGGESTION BOX

- Di Cross and Joyce Moody encouraged members to place suggestions for new activities and outings into the box which was located near the front door.

9 MORNING TEA

Provided by Cheryl Ewing, Kris Bolton, Laraine Dowsett and Robyn Pride, co-ordinated by Jan Turnbull and served by Carol Marcer, Lesley Death, Virginia More, Peter Marcer, Rhonda Mortimer, Linda Boge and other helpers.

10 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

In the absence of a Guest Speaker, Di Cross introduced Julie Bertoldo who, at very short notice, spoke on her amazing career in the Police force.

11 VOTE OF THANKS TO GUEST SPEAKER

Sincere thanks to Julie were given by Mike Musgrave.

12 PRESENTATION BY MIKE MUSGRAVE

Again in the absence of a Guest Speaker, Mike Musgrave presented a Truth or Fiction segment. The presentation had a question at the end with a \$20 prize, donated by Mike and Mary. The prize was one by Lyn Hope. Congratulations Lyn!

13 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

Mike thanked all members for attending today’s meeting and reminded them that the next General Meeting and Club’s 2nd Birthday Party would be held on Friday, 4 October 2024.

14 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 11.40 pm.



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President

Date: 6 September 2024