



**BILGOLA PLATEAU PROBUS CLUB
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEWPORT BOWLING CLUB
10.00 AM, 4 OCTOBER 2024**

MINUTES

1 WELCOME/SAFETY/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES/BIRTHDAYS

President Mike Musgrave welcomed everyone to the 2nd birthday for the Bilgola Plateau Probud Club and gave a special welcome to the visitors and 'official' guests – Bruce Lakin from our sponsoring club, Upper Northern Beaches Rotary Club, and Carmen Meehan and Sonia representing Federal MP Sophie Scamps. Emergency locations and bathroom facilities were mentioned and Mike reminded members to sign the attendance sheet and early leavers sheets if applicable.

Mike mentioned the fact that it was 2 years since the 'magnificent seven' gathered at the Newport Bowling Club to form our Bilgola Plateau Probud Club. He reinforced that our BPPC today was successful mainly due to the wonderful volunteers and the effervescent Management Committee. He sincerely thanked them for their efforts. Mike commented on the blue and gold theme for today being a reminder October was officially Probud month. He thanked all members for their colourful outfits and for taking the time to dress in the Probud colours for today's meeting.

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

- *Shelley Barwick, Lou Bedelis, Graeme Bell, Joy Bell, Jennifer Bennett, Julie Bertoldo, Noelle Boaden-Griffin, Kris Bolton, Helen Clark, Eileen Cornielje, Richard Cornielje, Brian Cross, Carolyn Darmanin, Lesley Death, Laraine Dowsett, Cheryl Ewing, Cheryl Fullerton, Eric Gidney, Barb Glover, David Hall, Christine Herbert, Don Kelly, Jane Kelly, Chloris Latham, Kaye Mair, Wendy Marshall, Ian McEvoy, Marilyn Morling, Judy Newman, Kate O'Neill, Ferne Panambalana, Margaret Peach, John Perrott, Monica Perrott, Ray Pride, Robyn Pride, Sue Ross, Diane Tsoa-Lee, Gary Walker and Alan Wilson*

NB: Apologies for the November 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 4 October 2024 (72 members, 40 apologies, 3 visitors and 3 guests).

Birthdays

October birthday greetings were extended to the following members:

- *Linda Boge, Anne Brandt, Ray Brooks, Di Cross, Chris Elliott, Marilyn Gaffey, Steve Jones, Ethel Kelly, Kim Lee, Hilary Macorison, Astrid Rocca and Gerhard Zigmann*

Mike also extended Happy Belated Birthday to the September birthday members he had omitted to mention last month:

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

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the General Meeting held 6 September 2024 were moved by Rhonda Mortimer seconded Chris Elliott as a true and accurate record.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

4 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

- *From PSPL re:*
 - *Message from Probus Silver Partner Collette*
 - *Travel opportunities from Collette Travel*
 - *Probus Month (October)*
 - *Flyers highlighting Probus Partner offers*
 - *E-Newsletter, Mayfield Gardens*
 - *Active Retirees*
 - *Probus Management Committee Update re Probus Month, updates from Probus Partners Trade Travel and Collette as well as the PSPL August Board meeting summary.*
 - *Wine sales*

- *From Alura Coaches re:*
 - *Information Session - Alura Tours and Day Trips*

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's 2nd Birthday and Probus Month

- 4 October 2024 marked the celebration of the Club's 2nd Birthday. Our birthday was held in conjunction with Probus Month – hence the Probus colours blue and yellow.
- The 2024 Probus theme for this month is "Celebrating Community and Companionship" which resonates with so many members who have found a sense of belonging within the Bilgola Plateau Probus Club family.

Management Committee for 2025/26

- All positions on the Management Committee will become vacant for 2025/26
- New blood is required for a new Management Committee
- Members were invited to come and sit in on a Management Committee meeting to see how the committee works
- A new Management Committee will be elected at the AGM on 7 March 2025
- Nominations for membership of the Management Committee will open at the Club's General Meeting of 3 January 2025.
- If the club is unable to secure a full Management Committee it will need to cut back on activities or, more seriously, wind up altogether

Member Congratulations

- Congratulations to Christine Herbert, Tours/Activities Officer, who has recently become an Australian citizen. (Christine wasn't present to collect her little Aussie flag).

Completion of the document Registration Form For Tours/Outings

- Please see Mary Wearne if you have not yet completed this form

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 \$32 (which will include a \$2 tip to the staff)
- Please RSVP to Sue Walker by 8 November
- 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
- Donation of baked goods for the raffle should include an ingredients list
- Raffle tickets for the prizes will continue to be sold up to and including the date of the Christmas Party

Presentation by Bruce Lakin, Member of Upper Northern Beaches Rotary

Bruce mentioned the following to members:

- He has lived in the area for 40 years
- Twice President of Upper Northern Beaches Rotary
- In September 2022 Probus South Pacific Limited advised Upper Northern Beaches Rotary of the formation of a new Probus Club in the area, ie the Bilgola Plateau Probus Club
- Upper Northern Beaches Rotary was asked to sponsor the Bilgola Plateau Probus Club
- Bruce was unable to attend the club's 1st birthday celebrations
- He saw an article in Pittwater Life regarding the club's 2nd birthday celebrations and contacted Shelley Barwick for further details
- Bruce encouraged members to stand for positions on the Management Committee
- He congratulated the club on its 'vibrancy' and wished the club a very successful future

6 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.

The following activities which had been approved by the Management Committee were highlighted by Joyce Moody and Lyn Hope.

Date	Outing	Details
Friday 11 October 12 noon	Boys' Lunch at The Boat House, Patonga	Contact Eric Gidney, cegidney@gmail.com
Sunday 20 October 12 noon	Lunch at the Sandstone Café, Terrey Hills	RSVP by 6 October with your meal requirements to either Lesley Death, lesleyjanedearth@gmail.com, or Rhonda Mortimer, rhondamortimer@bigpond.com

Date	Outing	Details
Thursday 24 October 10.15 am	Lucy Osburn- Nightingale Museum Tour	Wait List only. Contact Lyn Hope, lynghope@gmail.com
Monday 4 November 10 am	Bahai Temple Tour	Wail List only. Contact Lyn Hope, lynghope@gmail.com
Friday 29 November 11.45 am	Sydney Jewish Museum	Wait List only. Contact Lyn Hope, lynghope@gmail.com
Friday 6 December 12 noon	Probus Christmas Party	Contact Sue Walker, sues0408@gmail.com by 8 November
Sunday 8 December 1 pm	Andre Rieu Christmas Spectacular	Contact Lesley Death, lesleyjanedeath@gmail.com by 31 October
18-24 January 2025	Australian Tennis Open And Melbourne	Contact Joyce Moody, joycemoody1@bigpond.com
Monday 27 January 2025 1.30 pm	Cirque du Soleil	Wail List only. Contact Christine Herbert, christine.herb77@gmail.com
16-22 March 2025	Lord Howe Island	Contact OnCourse Tours, Phone 9986 2400
Friday 4 April 2025 7.30 pm	Opera Australia - Guys And Dolls	Wait List only. Contact Patricia Ryan, tricia412065@gmail.com
Tuesday 8 April 2005 8 am – 5 pm	Western Sydney Airport and Penrith Whitewater Stadium	Contact Joyce Moody, joycemoody1@bigpond.com
Sunday 1 June 2025 9.30 am	Anniversary Cruise Japanese Midget Submarine Attack, Sydney Harbour	Wait List only. Contact Anne Kellick, anne.kellick@bigpond.com

Joyce also made mention of the following approved **REGULAR ACTIVITIES** for October. Please refer to the Calendar on the club's website for any additional information.

Date/Time	Activity	Where/Details
Tuesday 1 Oct, 1 – 4 pm	Mah-jong	Pittwater RSL, Mona Vale
Thursday 3 Oct, 7 pm	Trivia	Avalon Beach RSL Club
Tuesday 8 Oct, 10 am	Walk	Long Reef Headland Walk at Collaroy, followed by coffee at Long Reef Golf Club Cafe

Date/Time	Activity	Where/Details
Tuesday 8 Oct, 3 pm	Barefoot Bowls	Newport Bowling Club Palm Road, Newport
Thursday 10 Oct, 10 am	Coffee and Chat	Bayview Golf Club 1825 Pittwater Road Mona Vale
Thursday 10 Oct, 1-3.30 pm	Scrappy Tarts	Home of Di Cross
Friday 11 Oct, 12 noon	Heaven's Devils Men's Lunch	The Boathouse Patonga
Monday 14 Oct, 4 - 6 pm	Happy Hour Drinks and Catch Up	Newport Bowling Club Palm Road Newport
Tuesday 15 Oct, 1 – 4 pm	Mah-jong	Pittwater RSL Mona Vale
Wednesday 16 Oct, 2-4 pm	BP Yarners	Newport Bowling Club
Thursday 17 Oct, 7 pm	Trivia	Avalon Beach RSL Club
Friday 18 Oct, Time TBA	Movies	Movies and coffee at Warriewood Cinema
Monday 21 Oct 10.30 am	Heaven's Devils Boys' Coffee	Girder's Cafe 1/1-5 Hilltop Road, Avalon Beach
Tuesday 22 Oct, 3 pm	Barefoot Bowls	Newport Bowling Club Palm Road, Newport
Thursday 24 Oct, 10.30-3 pm	Mah-jong	Home of Di Cross
Friday 25 Oct, 10 am	Coffee and Chat	Charlie's Cafe 19 Robertson Road, Newport
Monday 28 Oct, 11 am	Book Club	The Mona Social, Mona Vale Golf Club Mona Vale
Tuesday 29 Oct, 10 am	Urban Walk	Manly Wharf to Queenscliff and Manly Lagoon - stopping for coffee at Queenscliff
Thursday 31 Oct, 7 pm	Trivia	Avalon Beach RSL Club

Joyce Moody advised a volunteer was required to organise an Opal outing on the new Sydney metro. Susan Blackmore volunteered to co-ordinate this activity. Mary Musgrave will liaise with Susan regarding the process.

7 TREASURER'S REPORT

Mary Musgrave presented the Treasurer's Report (as at 30 September 2024) on behalf of Ray Pride.

Cash at Bank 1 September 2024	\$ 10,541
Add Receipts for the month	
Xmas Function at Palm Beach	\$768
QVB Tour	\$225
Jewish Museum Tour	\$18
Sydney Opera - Guys and Dolls	\$1,092
Andre Rieu Movie	\$42
Sub Total	\$12,686
Less Payments for the month	
Rent - Newport Bowling Club	\$150
Birthday Party Costs (\$4, 100, 2, 15)	\$121
Monthly Meeting Costs - Guest Speakers	\$40
Tour Payments - QVB	\$225
Sub Total	\$536
Cash at Bank 30 September 2024	\$12,150

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

Members on Waiting Lists

Mike Musgrave advised that although Mary Wearne had emailed all prospective members on the club's waiting list to advise of vacancies at Palm Beach and Avalon Ladies Probus Clubs, the preference for the prospective members was to remain on the Bilgola Plateau Probus Club's waiting list.

9 MORNING TEA

Provided by the Bilgola Plateau Probus Club, organised by Patricia Ryan with the assistance of Jan Turnbull, and served by Carol Marcer, Peter Marcer, Lesley Death, Virginia More, Rhonda Mortimer, Diana Storey, Cathy Leech and other helpers.

10 BIRTHDAY TRIVIA

The birthday trivia, prepared by Patricia Ryan, was won by the group **PARTY PEOPLE** with a score of 31.5 out of 58. Congratulations!! The team comprised: Donna and Neal Arthur, Bruce Lakin (Upper Northern Beaches Rotary), Craig Baldock (visitor) and Marilyn Baldock (visitor).

11 BIRTHDAY PRIZES

The \$20 gift voucher birthday prizes were distributed by the official visitors as follows:

- Lucky Door Prize – Donna Arthur
- Lucky Volunteer of the Year – Lesley Death and Fay Stephanian
- Best Dressed – Susan Blackmore (female) and Ray Drury (male)
- Highly recommended best dressed included:
 - Robyn Elliot for her gutsy outfit from head to toe with an elderly addition of pants!
 - Steve Jones who bought an interesting, patterned duck shirt from Lowes
 - Dawn Moloney for the yellow arm sling that had been beautifully co-ordinated with her outfit
 - Jane Whittington for the exceptional effort she had made with her outfit
 - Bronwyn Brooks for her great headpiece
 - Joyce Moody for her originality in placing her job for the day on her hat

12 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

Mike thanked all members for attending today’s meeting and for participating in the Club’s Birthday Party. He advised the next General Meeting would be held on Friday, 1 November 2024.

13 CLOSE OF MEETING

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



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President

Date: 4 October 2024