



**BILGOLA PLATEAU PROBUS CLUB
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEWPORT BOWLING CLUB
10.00 AM, 7 FEBRUARY 2025**

MINUTES

1 WELCOME/SAFETY/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES/BIRTHDAYS

Mike Musgrave welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked members to give a special welcome to the new members (Marg Ashby, Lyn De Klerk, Kaye Fairall Lee, Michael Jarvis, Heather Macorison and Anne Poole) and 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.

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*
- *complete the Registration Form for Outings, Tours and Activities to be completed once only*

Apologies

- *Ken Angus, Donna Arthur, Neal Arthur, Noelle Boaden-Griffin, Lou Bedilis, Linda Boge, Carolyn Darmanin, Cheryl Ewing, Louise Fergus, Eric Gidney, Jenny Goodwin, Dawn Hurt, Hilary Macorison, John Irving, Jan Malone, Kaye Mair, Dawn Moloney, Virginia Moore, Sue Patrick, Robyn Pride, Sue Ross, Chris Sekulic, Murray Turnbull, Sue Walker, Lesley Whiteside, and Alan Wilson*

NB: Apologies for the March 2025 meeting should be emailed to Mary Wearne, Membership Officer, at mary_wearne@hotmail.com.

Attendance – Member and Visitors

As per the attendance sheets of 7 February 2025 (93 members, 26 apologies, 9 visitors).

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*

2 ICE BREAKER

Presented by VP Di Cross. The ice breaker was won by Diana Storey, Jill Castleton and Kaye Fairall Lee.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the General Meeting held 3 January 2025 were moved by Barb Glover seconded Chris Elliott, as a true and accurate record.

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

5 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

- *From PSPL re:*
 - *Legacy Gift*
 - *Travel Insurance*
 - *Management Committee Update*
 - *Active Retirees Newsletter, January 2025*
 - *Bellburra Retirement Village, Allambie Heights*

- *From Blue Moose Productions*
 - *Name Badges*
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- *From Probus District 9685*
 - *Cluster meeting, 25 February*

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

6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Musgrave reported on the following:

Christmas Party Location

- Mike advised he had contacted several possible locations for the 2025 Christmas Party and whilst some were not available or proved to be too expensive, he was still waiting to hear back from Club Palm Beach and Limanis, Narrabeen.

Probus Cluster Meeting, 25 February, 10 am

- Mike asked that if anyone would like to attend the Cluster meeting with him, to please let him know asap.

Annual General Meeting

- Mike stated:
 - A Management Committee was essential for the running of the Club. He added that with 130 members and a long waiting list, everyone was expected to 'do their bit'. He added there would be plenty of help and assistance for anyone wishing to join the Committee in 2025/6.
 - Nomination for the Management Committee positions would still be taken at today's meeting.
 - Role Descriptions for the positions can be found under the "Management Committee and Role Descriptions" page on the Club's website. They have all been updated for 2025
 - At the AGM, members would be asked to vote on the following:
 - *A reduction in the Club's membership numbers from 139 to 130*
 - *Maintaining the Club's annual membership fee at \$60 pa*
 - *Maintaining the Club's joining fee at \$30*
 - John Perrott has been appointed as the Returning Officer for the elections.

Newport Bowling Club

- If you are a current member of the Newport Bowling Club, Membership fees are now due.
- If you are not a member and would like to join, Membership fees are \$10 pa.

Scam SMSs and emails

- Some members are still receiving scam messages and emails from Mike Musgrave. Mike advised the usual format for his emails and asked members to always check the email address if an email looked suspicious.

7 TREASURER'S REPORT

Ray Pride presented the Treasurer's Report (as at 31 January 2025).

Cash at Bank 31 December 2024\$9,870

Add Receipts

New Members Joining and part Membership Fees\$270

Tours/Events:

Pasadena Lunch \$210

Glen Street Theatre \$800

Airport Tour (39 paid)..... \$3,354

..... \$4,634

Sub Total\$14,504

Less Payments

Tours/Events:

Pasadena Lunch (20 attended)\$700

Glen Street Theatre (10 attending)\$800

Deposit – Naval Historical Society \$280

Operating Expenses \$257

Sub Total \$2,037

Cash at Bank 31 January 2025\$12,467

8 TOURS/ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Mike reminded members to access details of all approved activities and outings from the Club's website (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 EOIs and activities which had been approved by the Management Committee were highlighted by Joyce Moody, Lyn Hope and Christine Herbert.

Vacancies still exist for the following EOIs – refer the website for all the details

- FRIDAY, 14 FEBRUARY - GOVT HOUSE TOUR AND CALYX LUNCH
- TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY - DINNER AT SEA WAVE, AVALON

- FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY – BOYS’ LUNCH AT PATONGA
- WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY – AFTERNOON SOIREE AT PALM BEACH
- WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL - AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL TOUR
- SUNDAY, 27 APRIL - SATURDAY 3 MAY - BRIGHT AUTUMN FESTIVAL
- WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY - THEATRE ROYAL OUTING
- THURSDAY, 24 JULY - SUNDAY 27 JULY - YULEFEST AT BOWRAL
- FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST - ANNIVERSARY CRUISE – SYDNEY HARBOUR (Japanese submarines)
- SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER - WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER - MELBOURNE CUP TOUR

Joyce also encouraged members to attend the following approved **REGULAR ACTIVITIES** for the month of **February** – refer to the Calendar on the club’s website for any additional information.

Date/Time	Activity	Where/Details
Tuesday 4 February 1 - 4 pm	Mah-Jong	Pittwater RSL Mona Vale
Thursday 6 February 7 pm	Trivia	Avalon Beach RSL Club
Friday 7 February 10 am	Probus Monthly Meeting	Newport Bowling Club
Monday 10 February 11 am	Book Club	Mona Social, Mona Vale Golf Club Mona Vale
Monday 10 February 4 - 6 pm	Drinks and Catchup	Newport Bowling Club
Tuesday 11 February 10 am	Walk	Long Reef Headland Walk at Collaroy, followed by coffee at Long Reef Golf Club Cafe
Tuesday 11 February 3 pm	Barefoot Bowls	Newport Bowling Club
Thursday 13 February 10 am	Coffee and Chat	Bayview Golf Club, 1825 Pittwater Rd, Mona Vale
Thursday 13 February 1 - 3.30pm	Scrappy Tarts Quilting Group	Home of Di Cross
Monday 17 February 10.30 am	Heaven's Devils Boys' Coffee	Girder's Cafe 1/1-5 Hilltop Road Avalon Beach
Tuesday 18 February 1 - 4 pm	Mah-Jong	Pittwater RSL Mona Vale
Wednesday 19 February 2 - 4 pm	BP Yarners	Newport Bowling Club
Thursday 20 February 7 pm	Trivia	Avalon Beach RSL Club
Friday 21 February, Time TBA	Movies and Coffee	Warriewood Cinema

Date/Time	Activity	Where/Details
Tuesday 25 February 3 pm	Barefoot Bowls	Newport Bowling Club
Thursday 27 February 10.30 - 3pm	Mah-Jong	Di Cross's home
Friday 28 February 10 am	Coffee and Chat	4 Knots, 1/326 Barrenjoey Road Newport

Brian Cross reminded the male members to come along to the boys only monthly coffee at Girdlers Café, 1/1-5 Hilltop Road, Avalon Beach.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

10 MORNING TEA

Provided by Liz Irving, Di Wilton, Barbara Talbot-Sapsford and Marilyn Morling, co-ordinated by Jan Turnbull and served by Carol Marcer and helpers.

11 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Di Cross introduced Nicholas Cowdery who spoke on stories from his 16 years career as the NSW Director of Public Prosecutions, current crime statistics and voluntary assisted dying.

12 VOTE OF THANKS TO GUEST SPEAKER

The vote of thanks was given by Di Cross.

13 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

Mike thanked all members for attending today's meeting. The next General Meeting and AGM will be held on Friday, 7 March 2025.

14 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 12.15 pm.



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President

Date: 7 February 2025