



**BILGOLA PLATEAU PROBUS CLUB
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEWPORT BOWLING CLUB
10.00 AM, 4 APRIL 2025**

MINUTES

1 WELCOME/SAFETY/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES/BIRTHDAYS

Mike Musgrave, President, welcomed members and visitors to the meeting and gave a special welcome to the 10 new members: *Jenny Beck, Vickie Busteed, Des Chatwin, Pat Chatwin, Kerry Chad, Doug Cohen, Sue Duff, Deirdre Purcell, Lyn Smith and Wendy Stainlay*. Mike sincerely thanked Mary Wearne, the Club's Membership Officer, for the tremendous work she had achieved in securing these new members.

Mike advised of the emergency locations and bathroom facilities. He reminded members to switch off mobile phones, and sign the attendance/early leavers sheets, if applicable.

Apologies

- *Linda Boge, Bronwyn Brooks, Ray Brooks, Jill Castleton, Lyn de Klerk, Yvonne Giddy, Eric Gidney, Jennifer Goodwin, John Irving, Kim Lee, Hilary Macorison, Jan McIntyre, Rob McIntyre, Marilyn Morling, Rhonda Mortimer, Sue Patrick, Margaret Peach, John Perrott, Monica Perrott, Sue Ross, Lyn Smith, Wendy Stainlay, Diana Storey and Diane Wilton*

NB: Apologies for the May 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 4 April 2025 (96 members, 22 apologies, 8 visitors).

Birthdays

April birthday greetings were extended to the following members:

- *Anne Kellick, Dee Martin, Marilyn Morling, Kate O'Neil, Waveney Perman and Peter Storey*

2 ICE BREAKER

Presented by Welfare Officer, Di Cross. The ice breaker was won by Gary Walker.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the General Meeting held 7 March 2025 were moved by Steve Jones, seconded Chris Elliott, as a true and accurate record.

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

5 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

- *From PSPL re:*
 - *Acknowledgement of receipt of Club's amended Standing Resolutions*
 - *Management Committee Update, including revised Constitution and Standing Resolutions for Clubs' consideration*
 - *Probus Survey*
 - *Invitation to Mgt Cmte members to attend a Probus Information & Partner Day*

- *Northern Beaches Council re:*
 - *Free Emergency Preparedness Workshop (see below for registration details)*

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

6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Musgrave reported on the following:

New Management Committee

- The new Management Committee was introduced to the meeting:
 - *Vice President, Brian Cross*
 - *Treasurer, Ray Pride*
 - *Secretary, Mary Musgrave*
 - *Guest Speakers, Maree McEvoy*
 - *Membership, Mary Wearne*
 - *Newsletter, Shelley Barwick*
 - *Publicity, Jenny Goodwin*
 - *Tours/Activities, Lyn Hope*
 - *Tours/Activities, Janeen Macfarlane*
 - *Welfare, Di Cross*

- Mike thanked them for taking their positions for 2025/26 – and sincerely thanked outgoing members of the previous Management Committee for their contribution to the Club.

Buddy System

- The Management Committee has decided to trial a buddy system for new members. Volunteers are being called to take a new member under their wing at our Club's meetings and activities.
- Mike sincerely thanked Fay Stephanian for assisting with the new members at today's meeting and asked if any other members would also like to assist, to please contact Shelley Barwick.
- New members will be asked to wear a coloured sticker temporarily so that they can be recognised by members. Existing members are encouraged to welcome the new members to ensure they feel a part of our Club.

Golf Group

- If anyone is interested in joining a Golf Group for our Club, please see Janeen Macfarlane.

Easter Prizes - Mary Wearne and Mary M

- The Easter raffle prizes, donated by the Club, were won by: Fay Stephanian, Vickie Busted, Patricia Ryan, Susan Blackmore, Carol Marcer and Steve Jones

Absence of Chairman and Secretary for May General Meeting

- Mike mentioned that as both he and Mary Musgrave would be absent from the May General Meeting, Brian Cross, the Club's Vice President, would chair the May General meeting. Sue Walker has kindly offered to take on the Secretary's duties.

Free Emergency Preparedness Workshop for seniors in Newport Fri 11th April

- The NB Council is holding an Emergency Preparedness Workshop for seniors at the Newport Community Centre on Friday, 11 April at 1 pm. Register at this web address if you wish to attend: https://events.humanitix.com/pcep_newport

Annual Fees

- Mike thanked everyone for paying their Annual Fees for 2025/26. The Club will now pay the capitation fees and submit the Annual Report to Probus South Pacific Limited.

7 TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Cash at Bank 28 February 2025	\$12,457
Add Receipts	
Member Fees 2025 (122 members have paid)	\$7,200
New Members Joining Fee (7 of)	\$210
Tours and Activities	\$1,566
Sub Total	\$8,976
Less Payments	
Rent	\$150
Dee Why RSL (High Tea)	\$390
Operating Expenses	\$227
Cash at Bank 31 March 2025	\$20,666

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). **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 Lyn Hope and Janeen Macfarlane – refer the website for all the details.

EOIs

- **BREAKFAST AT WATERVIEW CAFÉ, MONA VALE GOLF CLUB, FRIDAY, 11 APRIL**
- **ANZAC WAR MEMORIAL, WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL**
- **LUNCH, COLLAROY BEACH CLUB, WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL**
- **NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE TOUR AND LUNCH, FRIDAY 9 MAY**

- **CANBERRA NATIONAL GALLERY TOUR, WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY, 4-5 JUNE**
- **COCHLEAR IMPLANT CENTRE, WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE**
- **GRIFFITH AND THE RIVERINA, SUNDAY/FRIDAY, 14-19 SEPTEMBER**
- **ON COURSE THREE DAY TRIP TO COWRA, FRIDAY/SUNDAY, 26-28 SEPTEMBER**
- **MELBOURNE CUP TOUR, SATURDAY/WEDNESDAY, 1-5 NOVEMBER**
- **GOLF – DATES/TIMES TBC**

Lyn and Janeen also encouraged members to attend the following approved **ACTIVITIES** for the remainder of **April** – refer to the Calendar on the Club’s website for any additional information.

Date/Time	Activity	Where/Details
Tuesday, 8 April, 10 am	Walk	Long Reef Headland Walk at Collaroy, followed by coffee at Long Reef Golf Club Cafe
Tuesday, 8 April, 2 pm	Barefoot Bowls	Newport Bowling Club
Thursday, 10 April, 10 am	Coffee and Chat	Bayview Golf Club, 1825 Pittwater Road Mona Vale
Thursday, 10 April, 1 - 3.30pm	Scrappy Tarts Quilting	Home of Di Cross
Monday, 14 April, 4 - 6 pm	Drinks and Catchup	Newport Bowling Club
Tuesday, 15 April, 1 - 4 pm	Mah-jong	Pittwater RSL Mona Vale
Wednesday, 16 April, 2 - 4 pm	Bilgola Plateau Yarners	Newport Bowling Club
Thursday, 17 April, 7 pm	Trivia	Avalon Beach RSL Club
Friday, 18 April, Time TBA	Movies and Coffee	Warriewood Cinema
Monday, 21 April, 10.30 am	Heaven's Devils Boys' Coffee	Girder's Café, 1/1-5 Hilltop Road, Avalon Beach
Tuesday, 22 April, 2 pm	Barefoot Bowls	Newport Bowling Club
Thursday, 24 April, 10.30 – 3 pm	Mah-Jong	Di Cross's house
Friday, 25 April, 10 am	Coffee and Chat	4 Knots, 1/326 Barrenjoey Road Newport
Monday, 28 April, 11 am	Book Club	Mona Social, Mona Vale Golf Club Mona Vale
Tuesday, 29 April, 1 - 4 pm	Mah-Jong	Pittwater RSL Mona Vale

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Morning Tea Issues

Di Cross spoke on the following:

- Members were asked to add their name to the morning tea food roster if they did not already have their name on the roster
- Some gluten free food would always be available (eg biscuits or fruit cake) and would be labelled accordingly
- For other allergies, if members would like to contribute such food items, they were asked to label the food and pass it to Carol Marcer for placement on the morning tea table
- It was stressed that although food would be labelled for specific food allergies, the Club could not absolutely guarantee the food provided and if in any doubt, members with food allergies might like to provide their own food and perhaps share it with other member
- A volunteer was requested to assist co-ordinate with serving the May morning tea due to the absence of Carol Marcer. Fay Stepanian volunteered to assist. If anyone else would like to assist, please contact Di Cross, Welfare Officer at bd.cross@outlook.com.au

10 MORNING TEA

Provided by Sue Walker, Lyn Holt, Helen Ware and Julie Marayska, co-ordinated by Di Cross and served by Carol Marcer and helpers.

11 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Brian Cross introduced *Tom Sweeney OAM* - who gave an extremely interesting and enjoyable presentation on *How to put on a Stage Show*.

12 VOTE OF THANKS TO GUEST SPEAKER

The vote of thanks was given by Brian Cross.

13 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

Mike thanked all members for attending today's meeting. The next General Meeting will be held on Friday, 2 May 2025.

14 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 12.10 am.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Musgrave". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

President

Date: 4 April 2025