



**BILGOLA PLATEAU PROBUS CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEWPORT BOWLING CLUB  
10.00 AM, 2 MAY 2025**

**MINUTES**

**1 WELCOME/SAFETY/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES/BIRTHDAYS**

Brian Cross, Vice President, welcomed members and visitors to the meeting in Mike Musgrave's absence, and let the new members know that some member badges and membership cards have arrived and are available for pick up near the front door.

Brian 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**

*Mike Musgrave, Mary Musgrave, Carol Marcer, Peter Marcer, Cathy Leech, Diane Tso-Lee, Margaret Ashby, Joyce Moody, Maree McEvoy, Fay Stepanian, Dee Martin, Jan Malone, Lesley Whiteside, David Hall, Chloris Latham, Linda Boge, Julie Bertoldo, Diane Wilton, Gary Walker, Barbara Talbot- Sapsford, Marlene Melrose, Dawn Maloney, Lesley Death, Rhonda Mortimer, Louis Fergus, Lee Sweet, Christine Sekulic, Christine Herbert, John Irving, Patricia Ryan.*

**NB: Apologies for the June 2025 meeting should be emailed to Mary Wearne, Membership Officer, at [mary\\_wearne@hotmail.com](mailto:mary_wearne@hotmail.com).**

**Attendance – Member and Visitors**

As per the attendance sheets of 2 May 2025 (81 members, 30 apologies, 5 visitors).

**Birthdays**

May birthday greetings were extended to the following members:

*Vickie Busted, Laraine Dowsett, Richard Holdsworth, John Irving, George Kostyrka, Janeen Macfarlane, Jan Malong, Peter Marcer, Dawn Moloney, Monica Perrott, Sue Ross, Wendy Stainlay and Barbara Talbot-Sapsford.*

**2 ICE BREAKER**

Presented by Welfare Officer, Di Cross. The ice breaker was won by Sue Walker and Judy Farr.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the General Meeting held 4 April 2025 were moved by *Bob Kellick*, seconded *Lyn Hope*, as a true and accurate record.

**4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil.

## 5 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

Received From PSPL re:

- *Updates for the Management Committee*
- *Group Tour Offers from Trade Travel*
- *Active Retirees Newsletter April 2025*

From Blue Moose Productions

- *Name Badges*

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

## 6 VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brian Cross reported on the following:

### **Constitutional Review Committee**

- We have appointed a constitutional review committee, which will be meeting in June to decide on a few minor adjustments to our Club's constitution as per PSPL's suggestions

### **CPR Training**

- Other Probus Clubs have instigated CPR group training for volunteer members. If we do decide to have a group of our members volunteer for CPR training we will need a liaison coordinator to approach St. John's Ambulance to arrange a training session on dates suitable for the CPR group volunteers. The training session will no doubt include a practice dummy, an EpiPen demonstration and lessons in how to use a defibrillator. (NB: Our BPPC will NOT be purchasing a defibrillator due to liability insurance issues). It was noted that the Bowling Club has defibrillator in the room.

### **Garden Group**

- It has been suggested that we may have members interested in setting up a garden group for the purpose of organising trips to various gardens around the Sydney environs, or even overnight trips to Toowoomba Carnival of flowers, Floriade in Canberra or the Jacaranda festival at Grafton. We will need a dedicated Garden Group Officer to coordinate events or perhaps pot-plant-swap meets. Brian Cross asked that those interested contact a member of the committee.

### **December Raffle Donations**

- If any members would like to start bringing in donations for the raffle at the December Christmas Party please bring them to the meetings from June thru to November. New items only, *new items only* and no second-hand donations please.

### **Second Hand Health Aids**

- One idea members may like to consider for the future is to bring along any second-hand health aids that you no longer require, such as walkers, moon boots, slings, walking sticks,

eye patches etc. So long as they have been sanitised at home you may like to bring them to the meetings to see if anyone wants them, if not, you would have to take them back home with you.

## 7 TREASURER'S REPORT

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

<b>Bilgola Plateau Probus Club</b>			
<b>TREASURER'S REPORT - FOR APRIL 2025</b>			
<b>(Presented at May General Meeting)</b>			
<b>Cash at Bank, 31 March 2025</b>			<b>\$20,666</b>
<b>Add Receipts</b>			
Member Fees 2025 (YTD 130 Members)		\$480	
New Members Joining Fee (YTD 13 New Members)		\$90	
Tours and Activities (9 Activities)		\$3,341	
			\$3,911
			<b>\$24,577</b>
<b>Less Payments</b>			
Tours & Activities		\$5,013	
Capitation Fee \$20 per member		\$2,600	
Newport Bowling Club (March & April Rent)		\$300	
Name Tags / Morning Tea		\$182	
ASIC - Annual Report		\$56	
			\$8,151
<b>Cash at Bank 29 April 2025</b>			<b>\$16,426</b>

## 8 TOURS/ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Brian 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, Brian 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

- **SALON DE REFUSES EXHIBITION TOUR - FRIDAY 11 JULY**
- **MUSICAL -CAROUSEL, GLEN ST THEATRE - WEDNESDAY 2 JULY**
- **TITANIC - THE HUMAN STORY EXHIBITION (OPTIONAL LUNCH) - 13 JUNE**
- **EAGLES GREATEST HITS CONCERT GLEN ST THEATRE - THURSDAY 17 JULY**
- **ON COURSE LUCAS HEIGHTS DAY TOUR - FRIDAY 22 AUGUST**
- **COCHLEAR IMPLANT CENTRE - WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE**
- **GRIFFITH AND THE RIVERINA - SUNDAY/FRIDAY, 14-19 SEPTEMBER**
- **NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE TOUR AND LUNCH - FRIDAY 9 MAY**
- **CANBERRA NATIONAL GALLERY 'CEZANNE TO GIACOMETTI' TOUR, WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY, 4-5 JUNE**
- **ON COURSE THREE DAY TRIP TO COWRA - FRIDAY/SUNDAY, 26-28 SEPTEMBER**
- **GOLF – DATES/TIMES TBC**

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

Date/Time	Activity	Where/Details
Tuesday, 6 May, 2 pm	Barefoot Bowls	Newport Bowling Club
Thursday, 8 May, 10 am	Coffee and Chat	Bayview Golf Club, 1825 Pittwater Rd, Mona Vale
Thursday, 8 May, 1 - 3.30pm	Crafty Tarts Group	Home of Di Cross
Monday, 12 May, 1 - 4 pm	Drinks and Catchup	Newport Bowling Club
Tuesday, 13 May, 10 am	Walk	Long Reef Headland Walk at Collaroy, followed by coffee
Tuesday, 13 May, 1 - 4 pm	Mah-Jong	Pittwater RSL Mona Vale
Wednesday, 14 May, 1 - 4 pm	BP Yarners	Newport Bowling Club
Thursday, 15 May, 7 pm	Trivia	Avalon Beach RSL Club
Friday, 16 May, Time TBA	Movies and Coffee	Warriewood Cinema
Monday, 19 May, 10.30 am	Heaven's Devils Boys' Coffee	Girder's Café 1/1-5 Hilltop Road Avalon Beach
Tuesday, 20 May, 2 pm	Barefoot Bowls	Newport Bowling Club
Wednesday, 21 May, 2 - 4 pm	BP Yarners	Newport Bowling Club
Thurs, 22 May, 10.30 – 3 pm	Mah-Jong	Di Cross's house
Friday, 23 May, 10 am	Coffee and Chat	4 Knots, 1/326 Barrenjoey Road Newport
Tuesday, 27 May, 1 - 4 pm	Mah-jong	Pittwater RSL Mona Vale
Thursday, 29 May, 7 pm	Trivia	Avalon Beach RSL Club

## **9 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Morning Tea**

Di Cross spoke about the morning tea roster, thanking all members who voluntarily filled out the Morning Tea roster form for this year. So many have written down their names, she has asked them to help in the first part of the year.

Thank you to Jane and Don Kelly, Pam Tailby, Brian and myself for supplying Morning Tea today.

A special thank you to Robyn and Chris Elliot, Monica Perriott, Robyn Pride and Lyn de Klerk for volunteering behind the scenes to help members during MT.

She was pleasantly surprised and very grateful to all those members who put their hands up to help. Hopefully we can call on them all in the future.

Next month Cheryl Ewing, Wendy Bailey, Chris Bolton and Cathy Leech have volunteered to bring MT. Please contact Di if you have a problem and cannot do it.

### **Quilting Group Name change**

The name of our quilting group has changed to "Crafty Tarts" to include any member who loves any type of handicraft. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 1.00 pm in Di's home. Please let her know if you are interested.

### **Computer Pals New Program**

Tricia Clifton spoke to the group about a new term for Computer Pals starting Tues 6 May at the Newport Community Hall. There is a new program running called "Out Smart the Hackers". It teaches how to keep your online transactions safe. Helping seniors to become familiar with technology. There are more courses at Avalon. Brochures are at the front door and please put your email address down on the list for a regular newsletter.

## **10 MORNING TEA**

Please refer to Di Cross's comments in General Business.

## **11 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER**

Brian Cross introduced The Guest Speaker for the May meeting. Mike Munro, gave an entertaining talk with stories of his difficult upbringing and how he found out about his two uncles, who were the Last Bushrangers. It was a fascinating talk and members ask several questions and gave an impromptu thanks for his work on 60 Minutes. Several had a chat later and asked about where to get his books.

## **12 VOTE OF THANKS TO GUEST SPEAKER**

The vote of thanks was given by Brian Cross.

## **13 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING**

Brian thanked all members for attending today's meeting. The next General Meeting will be held on **Friday, 6 June 2025**.

## **14 CLOSE OF MEETING**

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

*Brian Cross*

Vice President

Date: 2 May 2025