



**BILGOLA PLATEAU PROBUS CLUB
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEWPORT BOWLING CLUB
10.00 AM, 6 JUNE 2025**

MINUTES

1 WELCOME/SAFETY/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES/BIRTHDAYS

Mike Musgrave, President, welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. Mike advised of the emergency locations and bathroom facilities. He reminded members to switch off mobile phones, collect new badges/cards, and sign the attendance/early leavers sheets, if applicable.

Apologies

- *Jenny Angus, Margaret Ashby, Wendie Bailey, Julie Bertoldo, Linda Boge, Vickie Busteed, Eileen Cornielje, Lyn de Klerk, Jennie Dickinson, Chris Elliott, Robyn Elliott, Kaye Fairall Lee, Louise Fergus, Cheryl Fullerton, Yvonne Giddy, Eric Gidney, Barbara Glover, Brigitte Grover, Christine Herbert, Dawn Hurt, John Irving, Kaye Mair, Wendy Marshall, Deirdre Purcell, Sue Ross, Chris Sekulic, Peter Storey, Lee Sweet and Sue Trembath*

NB: Apologies for the July 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 6 June 2025 (88 members, 30 apologies, 2 visitors).

Birthdays

June birthday greetings were extended to the following members:

- *Wendie Bailey, Chris Barnard, Doug Cohen, Cheryl Ewing, Louise Fergus, Heather Macorison, Carol Marcer, Marlene Melrose, Mary Musgrave, Ferne Panambalana, Margaret Peach, Ray Price and Gary Wearne.*

2 ICE BREAKER

Presented by Welfare Officer, Di Cross. The ice breaker was won by Diane Tosa-Lee and Susan Duff.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the General Meeting held 2 May 2025 were moved by John Perrott, seconded Monica Perrott, as a true and accurate record.

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

5 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

- *Probus member cards*
- *Emails from PSPL re:*

- *Probus Information and Partner Day*
- *May 2025 Active Retirees Magazine*
- *May 2025 Special Issue of the Active Retirees Magazine*
- *Free flights to Tasmania with Coach Holidays and Tours*
- *Waterfront residences, Sutherland Shire*
- *Information re PSPL Board Appointment*
- *Reminder for Information and Partner Days*
- *Management Committee matters*

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

6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Musgrave reported on the following:

Thanks to everyone

- Mike sincerely thanked all members and particularly the Management Committee for taking over the running of the Club during his recent absence in Canada.

Constitutional and Standing Resolutions Review

- Mike advised the Club's Constitutional Review Committee will meet on 17 June to decide on a few minor adjustments to the Club's Constitution and Standing Resolutions as per PSPL's suggestions.

Christmas in July

- Mike advised he had investigated a possible Christmas in July luncheon, however with the price being \$55+ for a basic 2-course meal, he suggested the price was excessive. Members concurred.
- In lieu of a luncheon, members are asked to wear something Christmassy to the July General Meeting.

Second Hand Mobility Aids

- No members showed any interest in exchanging sanitised second hand health aids such as wheelchairs, walking frames or walking sticks from other members.

CPR Training

- Mike expressed his sincere gratitude to Trene Holdsworth for researching CPR training and other emergency health items through St John's Ambulance, the Red Cross and the Newport Surf Club. He suggested there was a lot to be considered apart from CPR; not the least being osteoporosis, diabetes, patient medications, etc. Trene is awaiting further advice from the Newport SLSC re the viability of a short presentation at one of our meetings. Mike will update members on this matter as more information comes to hand.
- Mike reminded members that if someone becomes ill at a Probus General Meeting, the recommended procedure is to phone an ambulance and make the patient as comfortable as possible. Members concurred with this suggestion.

7 TREASURER'S REPORT

Ray Pride presented the Treasurer's Report (as at 31 May 2025):

Cash at Bank 29 April 2025\$16,426

Add Receipts

Tours and Activities
(Cochlear, Eagles, Lucas Heights, Carousel & Titanic)\$2,256

Sub Total \$18,682

Less Payments

Rent\$150
Di Cross - Stamps and I/B Prizes\$73
Tours and Activities
(Navel Society (20), Eagles (7), Carousel (11) \$2,209

Cash at Bank 31 May 2025\$16,250

Ray advised he would present an update to the budget at the July General Meeting.

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, It should be 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

- **LUCKY AND PEPS DINNER - FRIDAY 20 JUNE**
- **COCHLEAR IMPLANT CENTRE, WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE**
- **SALON DE REFUSES EXHIBITION TOUR - FRIDAY 11 JULY**
- **LITTLE SNAIL LUNCH - FRIDAY 8 AUGUST**
- **LUCAS HEIGHTS – FRIDAY 22 AUGUST**
- **JONAH'S WINTER LUNCH - THURSDAY 28 AUGUST**
- **ON COURSE THREE DAY TRIP TO COWRA, FRIDAY/SUNDAY, 26-28 SEPTEMBER**
- **MELBOURNE CUP TOUR, SATURDAY/WEDNESDAY 1-5 NOVEMBER**

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

Date/Time	Activity	Where/Details
Monday, 9 June, 4 - 6 pm	Drinks and Catchup	Newport Bowling Club
Tuesday, 10 June, 10 am	Walk	Long Reef Headland Walk at Collaroy, followed by coffee
Tuesday, 10 June, 1 - 4 pm	Mah-Jong	Pittwater RSL Mona Vale
Tuesday, 10 June, 2 pm	Barefoot Bowls	Newport Bowling Club
Thursday, 12 June, 10 am	Coffee and Chat	Bayview Golf Club, 1825 Pittwater Rd, Mona Vale
Thursday, 12 June, 1 - 3.30pm	Crafty Tarts Group	Home of Di Cross
Thursday, 12 June, 7 pm	Trivia	Avalon Beach RSL Club
Monday, 16 June, 10.30 am	Heaven's Devils Boys' Coffee	Girdler's Café, 1/1-5 Hilltop Road, Avalon Beach
Wednesday, 18 June, 2 - 4 pm	BP Yarners	Newport Bowling Club
Friday, 20 June, Time TBA	Movies and Coffee	Warriewood Cinema
Tuesday, 24 June, 1 - 4 pm	Mah-Jong	Pittwater RSL, Mona Vale

Date/Time	Activity	Where/Details
Tuesday, 24 June, 2 pm	Barefoot Bowls	Newport Bowling Club
Thursday, 26 June, 10.30 - 3pm	Mah-Jong	Di Cross's house
Thursday, 26 June, 7 pm	Trivia	Avalon Beach RSL Club
Friday, 27 June, 10 am	Coffee and Chat	4 Knots, 1/326 Barrenjoey Road Newport
Friday, 27 June, 10.30 am	9 holes Social Golf	Palm Beach Golf Club, 2 Beach Rd, Palm Beach

Brainstorming

- Lyn Hope asked members to think of three outings they would be interested in attending and to bring them to the July General Meeting for a 'brainstorming session'.

NON Probus Outing

- Although the following is NOT a Probus event, Janeen Macfarlane thought some members might be interested in attending. The function is being organised by Bookoccino, Avalon.
 - *Interview by Richard Fidler with Gill Hicks (survivor of the London 2005 train bombings)*
 - *Avalon Surf Life Saving Club*
 - *Wednesday, 18 June, 6-8 pm*
 - *Cost: \$55 (includes a glass of wine)*
 - *Contact Bookoccino direct if interested in attending*

Travel Insurance

- Lyn Hope mentioned that Probus South Pacific Limited partners with Allianz Global Assistance to provide travel insurance products. Lyn advised details can be found on the PSPL website at: https://www.probusouthpacific.org/pages/travel_insurance_landing_au

Replacement Tours/Activities Officers

- As both Lyn Hope and Janene Macfarlane will be absent in September, replacement officers were required. If interested, please contact Lyn or Janeen direct. It will not be a difficult job as the replacement officers will only be expected to co-ordinate one or two activities for the month.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Anniversary Cruise, Japanese Invasion, Friday 15 August

- Anne Kellick advised she had five more tickets for the above outing. If anyone is interested, please contact her asap at anne.kellick@bigpond.com

Photos for the Website

- Mary Musgrave asked member to consider taking photos of outings and forwarding them to Jenny Goodwin, Publicity Officer, for placement on the Photo Gallery of the Club's website. Jenny can be contacted at jgoodwin2106@icloud.com
- Mary also mentioned that articles written for the newsletter should be forwarded to the Newsletter Officer, Shelley Barwick, no later than the 20th of each month. Shelley can be contacted at sbarwick7@icloud.com

Gardening Group

- If anyone is interested in co-ordinating a Gardening Group, please contact one of the Management Committee members.

New Book Club Suggestion

- Di cross advised a different format for a book club had been mentioned to her which involved members discussing details of a favourite book with other members, rather than all members reading one book and then discussing it.
- If anyone is interested in this concept, please contact Di Cross at bd.cross@outlook.com.au.

Morning Tea Volunteers for July

- Bronwyn Brooks, Wendy Marshall, Steve Jones and Mary Musgrave.

10 MORNING TEA

Provided by Cheryl Ewing, Laraine Dowsett, Kris Bolton and Cathy Leech, co-ordinated by Di Cross and served by Carol Mercer and helpers. Special thanks were given to Laraine who stepped in to assist at very short notice.

11 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Brian Cross introduced *Jill Bruce* who spoke about her life, from childhood poverty to being an author of 100 non-fiction books about Australia. It was a very entertaining presentation.

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 4 July 2025. **DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR CHRISTMASSY OUTFITS PLEASE.**

14 CLOSE OF MEETING

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



President

Date: 6 June 2025