



**BILGOLA PLATEAU PROBUS CLUB
GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEWPORT BOWLING CLUB
10.00 AM, 5 SEPTEMBER 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 and sign the attendance/early leavers sheets, if applicable. He also mentioned the changed seating layout and separate tables for coffee/tea.

Apologies

- *Margaret Ashby, Jenny Beck, Kris Bolton, Anne Brandt, Vickie Busteed, Jill Castleton, Kerry Chad, Pat Chatwin, Eileen Cornielje, Jean Denley, Louise Fergus, Cheryl Fullerton, David Hall, Christine Herbert, Trene Holdsworth, Rick Holdsworth, Dawn Hurt, John Irving, Michael Jarvis, Chloris Latham, Kim Lee, Cathy Leech, Janeen Macfarlane, Heather Macorison, Jan McIntyre, Rob McIntyre, Marilyn Morling, Rhonda Mortimer, Sue Pagtrick, Margaret Peach, Robyn Pride, Deirdre Purcell, Chris Sekulic, Jan Turnbull and Murray Turnbull*

NB: Apologies for the October 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 5 September 2025 77 members, 35 apologies, 1 visitor).

Birthdays

September birthday greetings were extended to the following members:

- *Joy Bell, Des Chatwin, Tricia Clifton, Susan Duff, Brigitte Grover, Cathy Leech, Rob McIntyre, Fay Stepanian, Gary Walker, Lesley Whiteside, Al Wilson*

2 ICE BREAKER

Presented by Welfare Officer, Di Cross. The ice breaker was won by Robyn Elliott. Di also thanked the morning tea crew.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the General Meeting held 1 August 2025 were moved by Ray Brooks, seconded Maree McEvoy, as a true and accurate record.

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

5 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

From Probus Cluster 11 re August meeting.

From PSPL:

- *Emails re*
 - *Management Committee Update on Succession Planning, Guest Speaker Update, Trade Travel message and the establishment of new Probus clubs*
 - *Amended Constitution and Standing Resolutions*
 - *Northern Districts Golf Day*
 - *Guest Speaker List as at August 2025*
 - *Wine promotional sale*
 - *New Probus Partners*
 - *Probus Partner Levande's Spring Open Week*
 - *Active Retirees e-Newsletter (September)*
 - *Active Retirees Newsletter (September)*

From Fair Trading regarding registration of the Club's amended Constitution.

From Northern Beaches Council re Councillor Rowie Dillon representing the Mayor at the Bilgola Plateau Probus Club's 3rd birthday party.

From Heritage Café, Wisemans Ferry, re possible outing to their café.

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

6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Musgrave reported on the following:

Happy Father's Day

- Mike gave a Happy Father's Day to all the dads, granddads, uncles etc and hoped they had a great day on 7 September.

New Speed Limits

- Mike reminded members of the new speed limit (50 kph) from the top of Newport hill to Palm Beach.

Christmas Raffle

- Donations of **NEW** items for the Christmas Raffle should be given to Di Cross and can be made at the September, October and November General Meetings. **More items are still required.**
- Christmas Raffle tickets can be purchased from Robyn and Chris Elliott - 1 for \$2; 3 for \$5; 7 for \$10.00 and 15 for \$20.00.

Birthday Party

- The Bilgola Plateau Probus Club will celebrate its 3rd birthday in October. It will be held in conjunction with Probus Month.
- Members are asked to dress in the Probus colours of blue and gold for the October General Meeting.
- Lucky door prizes will be drawn and a birthday cake cut.

- Gary Walker, one of the Club’s members, will be the guest speaker and give a short address on Body Corporates.
- NBC Mayor Sue Heins was invited to attend on the day but is unable to attend. Councillor Rowie Dillon will deputise for Mayor Heins.

CPR Demonstration and First Aid Procedures

- This will be held on Tuesday 16 December (time TBC but possibly the afternoon) at the Newport Surf Life Saving Club (Level 1 – note will be approx 15-20 stairs to climb). If interested in attending, please email Mike Musgrave (refer the EOI for all the details).

Welfare Issues

- If you know of someone who is ill (or are ill yourself), please contact our Welfare Officer, Di Cross.

7 TREASURER’S REPORT

Ray presented the Treasurer’s Report (as at 31 August 2025):

Cash at Bank 30 July 2025		\$15,584
Add Receipts		
Tours and Activities	\$1,202	
Lucas Heights, Xmas Party, Jacaranda Cruise and Botanical Gardens		\$1,202
		\$16,786
Less Payments		
Rent Newport Bowling Club	\$150	
Guest Speaker Gift	\$12	
Dept of Fair Trading - Constitution	\$63	
Probus Birthday Party - Gift Vouchers	\$100	
OnCourse Tours - Lucas Heights	\$3,255	
		\$3,580
Cash at Bank 31 August 2025		\$13,206

Ray stated the Club is well and truly on track to achieve its budget surplus of \$9,000 for the year.

8 TOURS/ACTIVITIES UPDATE

EOIs and Activities Update

- The following EOIs and Activities which had been approved by the Management Committee were highlighted by Lyn Hope – refer the website for all the details.

EOIs

- ***COWRA, JAPANESE GARDENS and MAYFIELD GARDENS - 26-28 SEPTEMBER***
- ***CLUB’S 3RD BIRTHDAY – 3 OCTOBER***
- ***ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS TOUR - FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER (2 places remain)***

- **MARITIME MUSEUM WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR – FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER**
- **HEAVEN'S DEVILS FERRY AND LUNCH PATONGA – 27 OCTOBER (4 places remain)**
- **MELBOURNE CUP – 1-5 NOVEMBER**
- **JACARANDA CRUISE – TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER**
- **NSW PARLIAMENT HOUSE SITTING – THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER**
- **CHRISTMAS PARTY – FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER**
- **CPR DEMO/FIRST AID PROCEDURES – TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER**
- **PREMIER'S GALA CONCERT – THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2026 (12 places remain)**

ACTIVITIES for the remainder of **September**

Date/Time	Activity	Where/Details
Monday, 8 Sept, 4 – 6 pm	Drinks and Catchup	Newport Bowling Club
Tuesday, 9 Sept, 10 am	Walk	Long Reef Headland Walk at Collaroy, followed by coffee
Tuesday, 9 Sept, 11.30–4pm	Scrabble	Home of Di Cross
Tuesday, 9 Sept, 2 pm	Barefoot Bowls	Newport Bowling Club
Thursday, 11 Sept, 10 am	Coffee and Chat	Bayview Golf Club, 1825 Pittwater Rd, Mona Vale
Thursday, 11 Sept, 1 - 3.30 pm	Crafty Tarts Group	Home of Di Cross
Sunday, 14 Sept-Friday 19 Sept	6 day tour with Coach Holidays and Tours	Griffith and the Riverina
Monday, 15 Sept, 10.30 am	Heaven's Devils Boys' Coffee	Relish, 8/1 North Avalon Road, Avalon Beach
Monday, 15 Sept, 11 am	Book Club	Waterfront Cafe, Mona Vale Golf Club, Mona Vale
Tuesday, 16 Sept, 1 - 4pm	Mah-jong	Pittwater RSL Club Mona Vale
Wednesday, 17 Sept, 2 - 4 pm	Crafty Yarners	Newport Bowling Club
Thursday, 18 Sept, 6pm Early Dinner, 7pm Trivia	Trivia	Avalon Beach RSL Club
Friday, 19 Sept, Time: TBA	Movies and Coffee	Warriewood Cinema
Tuesday, 23 Sept, 2 pm	Barefoot Bowls	Newport Bowling Club
Thursday, 25 Sept, 10.30- 3 pm	Mah-jong	Di Cross's house
Friday, 26 - 28 Sept, time TBA	On Course 3 day tour	Cowra, Japanese Gardens and Mayfield Gardens
Friday, 26 Sept, 10 am	Coffee and Chat	4 Knots, 1/326 Barrenjoey Road Newport
Friday, 26 Sept, 10.30 am	9 holes Social Golf	Palm Beach Golf Club 2 Beach Rd, Palm Beach
Tuesday, 30 Sept, 1 - 4 pm	Mah-jong	Pittwater RSL Club Mona Vale
Tuesday, 30 Sept, 2pm-4pm	New Book Club	Contact Di Cross for venue address

- Lyn reminded members to access details of all approved activities and outings from the Club's website (regularly updated two or three times each week). **It is stressed that although the details below are current and correct as at the date of the meeting, members should always check the website for any changes.**

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Car-Pooling

- If anyone is willing to offer a car lift to another member, please let Di Cross know and then write your name on the list provided.

10 MORNING TEA

Provided by Jennifer Bennett, Robyn and Chris Elliott, Dawn Maloney and Dee Martin, co-ordinated by Di Cross and served by Carol Marcer and many helpers.

As the October meeting would be the Club's 3rd Birthday, Di Cross reminded members the morning tea items would be provided by the Club.

11 INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Brian Cross introduced Clare Pearson, CEO at Little Wings, based at Bankstown Aerodrome. Clare spoke on the work of Little Wings in providing free air and ground transport for seriously ill children from regional and rural NSW.

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 and asked members what they thought of the new morning tea arrangements. These were given a unanimous tick of approval. The next General Meeting will be held on Friday 3 October 2025.

14 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 12 noon.



President

Date: 5 September 2025