



**BILGOLA PLATEAU PROBUS CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT NEWPORT BOWLING CLUB
10.00 AM, 6 MARCH 2026**

MINUTES

1 WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES

Mike Musgrave, President, welcomed everyone to the Club's 4th Annual General Meeting.

Attendance – Member and Visitors

As per the attendance sheets of 6 March 2026 (79 members, 36 apologies, 0 visitors).

Apologies

- *Chris Barnard, Jennifer Bennett, Linda Boge, Jill Castleton, Kerryn Chad, Eileen Cornielje, Laraine Dowsett, Susan Duff, Chris Elliott, Robyn Elliott, Louise Fergus, Yvonne Giddy, Suzanne Halas, David Hall, Peter Honan, Dawn Hurt, John Irving, Liz Irving, Don Kelly, Jane Kelly, Chloris Latham, Kaye Mair, Carol Marcer, Peter Marcer, Dee Martin, Virginia Moore, Dawn Moloney, Rhonda Mortimer, Kate O'Neill, Sue Patrick, Margaret Peach, Patricia Ryan, Lyn Smith, Di Tsoa-Lee, Gary Walker and Sue Walker*

Quorum

Mike Musgrave confirmed a quorum of members (25%) was present for the meeting.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM HELD 7 MARCH 2025

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 7 March 2025 were moved by Di Cross, seconded Barb Glover as a true and accurate record.

3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

4 CORRESPONDENCE FOR AGM

Nil

5 PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Treasurer)

Ray Pride highlighted the following in his report:

- The 2025 accounts and 2026/27 budget had been reviewed and approved by the Management Committee

- The 2025 accounts had been checked and a statement provided by the reviewer, Jenny Goodwin
- Income during 2025 was derived from joining fees, membership fees, and raffles
- Expenses included such items as capitation fees to Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL), meeting venue fees to the Newport Bowling Club, bank charges, birthday and Christmas party expenses, morning teas, Services NSW fees, capital equipment, donations, Membership for Glen Street Theatre, operational expenses, new member lanyards and badges, Guest Speakers, welfare, raffle prizes and other incidental items required to run the Club
- The Club's budget for 2026 had previously been distributed to members and showed:
 - A decrease in income of \$699 based on 2025 figures
 - An increase in expenditure of \$1693 based on 2025 figures
 - Allowance for capital expenditure items if needed
 - One raffle only in 2025, ie a Christmas raffle
 - An increase in the cost for hiring the Newport Bowling Club from \$150 to \$175 per meeting
 - A small budget surplus of \$280
 - A projected cash book balance as at 31 December 2026 was anticipated to be similar to 2025 figures

Mike expressed his sincere thanks to Ray for all the work he had undertaken throughout the previous 12 months as the Club's Treasurer.

6 PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT (President)

In his report, Mike Musgrave:

- Highlighted how very proud he was to have been President of the Bilgola Plateau Probus Club for the past 2.5 years.
- Advised the current membership stood at 130 with 129 paying members and Patricia Ryan as the Club's Life Member.
- Stated that successful leadership was never a solo effort – it always required a united team working by consensus. He added he was proud to have led a resilient and popular club which had taught him that through Probus, members could become close acquaintances and friends
- Extended his deepest thanks to the:
 - **Various Management Committees** - for their tireless efforts, assistance and friendship, and for keeping members informed with the calendar and newsletters. He particularly acknowledged the Committee's willingness in taking on extra tasks. Special note was made of the assistance given by the Club's Secretary, Mary Musgrave.
 - **Activity Leaders and Convenors** - for keeping members engaged through the many walks, mahjong, outings, bus tours, trips away, quilting, crocheting, book clubs, live shows, theatre, picnics, trivia, parties and gift wrapping.
 - **Volunteers** - for their invaluable assistance with morning tea and welcoming members at the door, selling raffle tickets, etc.
 - **Welfare Officer Di and Vice President Brian Cross** - for their outstanding generosity in opening up their home for Club's activities.
- Stated he would miss the perspective and wisdom shared via the Club's Management Committee's service but was equally relaxed about returning to the 'other side' of the room to the kitchen and simply enjoying being a member again.
- Wished the incoming President and new Management Committee every success and encouraged members who had not yet served on the Management Committee to consider it.

- Reminded members to continue to embody the spirit of Probus—**friendship, fellowship, companionship and fun.**

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

Membership Fees

The following motions were passed by a majority of members:

- The annual membership fee for the Club will remain at \$60 for 2026/27
- The joining fee for new members will remain at \$30 for 2026/27

8 APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE ELECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Gary Wearne was appointed as the Returning Officer. Gary sincerely thanked the outgoing Management Committee for their dedication and hard work in creating a most professional yet happy environment within a club atmosphere.

9 ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

All Management Committee positions were declared vacant.

As at the closing date for nominations, Gary Wearne advised nominations had been received for the following positions on the Management Committee:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Guest Speakers Officer, Membership Officer, Publicity Officer, Tours/Activities Officer (Position No 1), Tours/Activities Officer (Position No 2) and Welfare Officer.

As nominations had been received from the following members they were elected, unopposed, to these positions ie

- President – John Perrott
- Vice President – Brian Cross
- Treasurer – Ray Pride
- Secretary – Mary Musgrave
- Guest Speakers Officer – Maree McEvoy
- Membership Officer – Mary Wearne
- Publicity Officer – Jenny Goodwin
- Tours/Activities Officer (Position No 1) – Lyn Hope
- Tours/Activities Officer (Position No 2) – Janeen Mafarlane
- Welfare Officer – Di Cross

Nominations were then called from the floor for the position of Newsletter Officer.

No nominations were received for the position of Newsletter Officer. The position remained vacant.

As the outgoing President, Mike Musgrave

- Thanked Gary Wearne for his role as Returning Officer
- Congratulated John Perrottt as the Club's new President
- Congratulated all members of the 2026/27 Management Committee
- Thanked members of the 2025/26 Management Committee and gave special thanks to Shelley Barwick, Newsletter Officer, as the outgoing member of the Management Committee.

John Perrott thanked everyone for accepting his nomination as President, adding he was looking forward to the role.

John reminded members their Annual Membership Fees were due to be paid by 31 March 2026.

8 CLOSE OF AGM

The AGM closed at 11.40 am.

9 NEXT AGM

The next AGM will be held in March 2027 – date to be advised.

President

Date: 6 March 2026