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

MINUTES

1 WELCOME/SAFETY/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES/BIRTHDAYS

Mike Musgrave, President, welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. Mike asked members to make themselves known to the new members and visitors and to welcome them to the Club. Mike mentioned the emergency locations and bathroom facilities, reminded members to switch off mobile phones and to sign the attendance/early leavers sheets, if applicable.

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*

NB: Apologies for the 27 March 2026 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 March 2026 (79 members, 36 apologies, 0 visitors).

Birthdays
March birthday greetings were extended to the following members:

- *Margaret Ashby, Bronwyn Brooks, Jill Castleton, Yvonne Giddy, Suzanne Halas, Christine Herbert, Dawn Hurt, Tricia Nicholas, Deirdre Purcell, Christine Sekulia and Jan Turnbull*

2 ICE BREAKER

Presented by Mike Musgrave. The ice breaker was won by Monica Perrott.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the General Meeting held 6 February 2026 were moved by John Perrott, seconded Cathy Leech, as a true and accurate record.

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

5 CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

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

From PSPL re:

- *OnCourse Tours*
- *Lion King, Capitol Theatre*
- *Management Committee Update, February 2026*
- *Guardian Plan Probus Partner*
- *PSPL Website upgrade and 50th Anniversary Update Memorabilia*
- *Active Retirees Newsletter, February 2026*
- *Wendy Wu tours and discounted airfares*
- *Active Retirees Newsletter, March 2026*

From Guardian Plan

- *Guest Speaker request for pre-arranged funeral plans*

From Northern Beaches Council

- *Seniors Connect Expo, 6 March, Dee Why RSL Club*

From Member

- *Information on Revolutionize Sport software*

6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Musgrave reported on the following:

2026 Christmas Party

- A sub-committee is organising the Club's Christmas Party.
- Mike asked if a cost of $70 pp including a glass of wine would be too much to pay for the party. Almost everyone agreed to pay the $70 pp.

Attendance at Meetings

- In accordance with the Club's Resolutions (Clause 18), members are expected to attend **50%** of the Club's monthly meetings in any calendar year, subject to any leave of absence being granted by the Committee.
- Mike asked if members had friends who had not been attending to please ask them to do so.
- If members no longer wish to be a member of the Club, please advise the Membership Officer.

Change of Seating for General Meeting on 27 March

- A different seating arrangement will take place for the General Meeting on 27 March.
- Some members will be asked to sit at a different table to enable more members to get to know each other.

Morning Tea Helpers

- Additional assistance was required to serve morning tea. If able to assist, please see Lesley Death.

AGM

- The Club's 4th AGM will take place after morning tea.

Member Profile

- Mike Musgrave thanked Ferne Panambalana for participating in the Member Profile article in the February Newsletter. Another member will be interviewed for the next newsletter, pending the election of a Newsletter Officer.

General Issues

- Ninety-eight members and seven visitors attended the February General Meeting, making 105 present (a record for the Club).
- Mike reminded members that although our waiting list was almost closed, if they knew of anyone who would like to be placed on the list to remind them they should be able to do an EFT payment, be agile to attend functions and outings to avoid inconvenience to others and could be called upon to take an active role on the Management Committee at some stage.

7 TREASURER'S REPORT

Ray Pride presented the following Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance 1 February 2026			**$12,816**
Income			
Members Fees paid to date	$180		
		$180	
			$12,996
Payments			
Rent for February NBC	$175		
Rent Cluster Meeting NBC	$100		
Morning Teas	$5		
Gift Voucher - JG	$25		
Tour Payment - NET	$578		
		$883	
Closing Balance 28 February 2026			**$12,113**

8 TOURS/ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- Lyn Hope mentioned that Forestville Probus Club was looking for members from our club to combine with their club for a Central West Autumn Tour, 4-8 May 2026.
- Areas to be visited included: Mt Tomah, Bathurst, Cowra, Orange, Mayfield Gardens and Leura.
- The cost was in the vicinity of $2,000.
- If members are interested, please contact Lyn Hope, lynghope@gmail.com.

EOIs and Activities Update

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

- ***LUNCH AT MANLY SKIFF CLUB – 18 MARCH***
- ***DAY OUT TO THE NEW SYDNEY FISH MARKETS - 10 APRIL***
- ***GLEN ST MONDAY MORNING MUSIC - ANGEL OF MUSIC - 11 MAY***
- ***GLEN ST RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN MUSICAL - 20 MAY***
- ***THEATRE ROYAL HAIR THE MUSICAL – 1 JULY***
- ***TOUR OF GARVAN MEDICAL INSTITUTE – 8 JULY***

- ***MUSWELLBROOK YULEFEST - 3 DAY COACH TOUR - 22/24 JULY***
- ***PARRAMATTA CONVICT WOMEN'S TRAIL - 27 AUGUST***
- ***GLEN STREET "THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL" – 12 SEPTEMBER***
- ***ONCOURSE TOUR TO TOOWOOMBA – 16-23 SEPTEMBER***
- ***ONCOURSE TOUR TO KANGAROO ISLAND – 27 OCTOBER-4 NOVEMBER***
- ***AWAY WALKS – various dates***

The following approved Activities and Outings for the remainder of **March** are listed below:

Date/Time	Activity	Where/Details
Monday, 9 March, 11 am	*The Australian Army Band*	*Glen St Theatre, Belrose*
Monday, 9 March, 4 - 6 pm	*Drinks and Catchup*	*Newport Bowling Club*
Tuesday,10 March, 10 am	*Walk*	*Long Reef Headland Walk at Collaroy, and coffee*
Tuesday, 10 March, 11.30–4pm	*Scrabble*	*Home of Di Cross*
Tuesday, 10 March, 1.30 - 4 pm	*Mah-jong*	*Pittwater RSL Club Mona Vale*
Thursday, 12 March, 11 am	*Premier's Gala Concert*	*ICC Sydney Theatre, Darling Harbour*
Thursday, 12 March, 10 am	*Coffee and Chat*	*Bayview Golf Club, 1825 Pittwater Rd, Mona Vale*
Thursday, 12 March, 1 - 4 pm	*Crafty Tarts Group*	*Home of Di Cross*
Monday, 16 March, 10.30 am	*Heaven's Devils Boys' Coffee*	*Relish, 8/1 North Avalon Road, Avalon Beach*
Monday, 16 March, 11 am	*Book Club*	*Waterview Cafe, Mona Vale Golf Club, Mona Vale*
Tuesday, 17 March, 1.30 - 4 pm	*Mah-jong*	*Pittwater RSL Club Mona Vale*
Wednesday, 18 March, 12.30 pm	*Lunch*	*Manly Skiff Club*
Wednesday, 18 March, 2 - 4 pm	*Crafty Yarners*	*Newport Bowling Club*
Thursday, 19 March, *6 pm Early Dinner, 7 pm Trivia*	*Trivia*	*Avalon Beach RSL Club*
Friday, 20 March, Time: TBA	*Movies and Coffee*	*Warriewood Cinema*
Saturday-Thursday, 21 -26 March	*Bus Tour with return flights*	*Melbourne*
Sunday, 22 March, 2 pm Matinee	*Sounds of Simon and Garfunkel*	*Glen St Theatre, Belrose*
Tuesday, 24 March, 1.30 - 4 pm	*Mah-jong*	*Pittwater RSL Club Mona Vale*
Tuesday, 24 March 2pm-4pm	*New Book Club*	*Contact Di Cross for venue address*
Thursday, 26 March, 10.30- 4 pm	*Mah-jong*	*Di Cross's house*
Friday, 27 March, 10 am	*Probus Monthly Meeting*	*Newport Bowling Club*
Friday, 27 March, 10 am	*Coffee and Chat*	*4 Knots, 1/326 Barrenjoey Road Newport*
Friday, 27 March, 10.30 am	*9 holes Social Golf*	*Palm Beach Golf Club, 2 Beach Rd, Palm Beach*
Tuesday, 31 March, 1.30 - 4 pm	*Mah-jong*	*Pittwater RSL Club Mona Vale*

Members were reminded that although the details above are current and correct as at the date of the meeting, members should always check the website for any late changes.

9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Morning Tea Roster for 27 March 2026

- Shelley Barwick, Helen Ware, Jenny Angus and Chris Barnard

Presentation to Jenny Goodwin

- A small gift was presented to Jenny Goodwin for reviewing the Club's 2025 finances.

10 MORNING TEA

- Sincere thanks to Jennie Dickinson, Dee Martin, Barbara Glover and Vicki Busteed for providing morning tea treats coordinated and served by the morning tea crew of Lesley Death, Christine Herbert and other helpers. Thanks to the gentlemen who assisted with the hot water.

11 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

Mike thanked all members for attending today's meeting and advised the AGM would follow morning tea. The next General Meeting will be held on Friday 27 March 2026.

12 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 10.55 am.

President Date: 6 March 2026