

PROBUS CLUB OF AVOCA BEACH INC.
General Meeting Held on Monday 17 August 2026 at 10.15am
At Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club

- MINUTES -

1. Opening & Welcome

Peter Ayton (*President*)

The President opened the meeting at 10.18 am, welcoming members and visitors.

Peter made the Members aware that the Meeting is recorded to assist the Secretary with processing the Minutes and reminded everyone to please turn off phones and turn them on again after the Meeting; Peter also asked the Members to wear their name badges to help visitors and to carry their Health Cards around with them and also asked that everyone please stay in their current seats for lunch.
Welcome to Visitors.

Peter then announced the Members celebrating their birthdays in August and wished them all a happy birthday. Peter also wished Ruth Shepherd (OBN) a happy 90th Birthday.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting

Dorothy Harper (*Secretary*)

2.1 It was resolved that the Minutes, distributed by email, available on the Club Website, and tabled prior to the Meeting, be taken as read, and confirmed as a true and accurate record. The Secretary was authorised to put them in the Club Records.

(*Proposer: Dorothy Harper; Seconder: Ruth Birmingham*)

The Secretary asked if there were any changes required to the Minutes. Can I have a show of hands to vote on the motion to accept the Minutes. Motion carried.

2.2 Business arising from the Minutes (not included elsewhere on the agenda): Nil

3. President Report:

Peter Ayton (*President*)

3.1 Getting To Know You: Peter explained a new item for the monthly meeting of a member giving a 5 minute talk about their life.

4. Financial Report:

Joan Flynn (*Treasurer*)

Joan spoke about the Financial Report contained in this month's Club Newsletter.

Financial Statement from 17-06-26 to 21-07-26

Opening Balance	\$19,030.55
Plus Income	\$ 8,861.00
Less Expenditure	<u>\$ 807.46</u>
Cash Balance	\$27,084.09
Plus Deposits to Suppliers	\$ 5,500.00
Less membership Pre Payments	<u>\$23,400.00</u>
Available Funds	\$ 9,184.09

4.1 It was resolved that the Financial Report for the period from 17 June 2026 to 21 July 2026 be accepted.

(*Proposer: Joan Flynn; Seconder: Neville Kingham*)

Joan asked if there are any questions to the Financial Report. Can I have a show of hands to vote on the motion to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

4.2 Business arising from the Financial Report: Nil

5. Social Activities:

Paul McInnes (*Social Activities Coordinator*)

5.1 Update on upcoming events –

- ◆ The outing to The Sydney Aquarium and Madam Tussauds on the 21 August 2026 has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.
- ◆ Life of Riley Trip final payment of \$400 is due by the end of September.
- ◆ Day Trip on the Postman's Run is on the 18 September 2026. Cost \$60.

6. Fun Time:

6.1 Heads and Tails: Game introduced to brighten up the meeting. Winner Graham Field

6.2 Getting to know you: Jeannette Anderson spoke for 5 minutes.

7. Bistro Lunch:

Sue Roe (*Catering Coordinator*)

7.1 40 members attended The Erina Leagues Club on Monday 03 August 2026 and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Raffle Winners: Alexandra Blake, Jock Plimmer, Jenny Baker, Lorraine Kane.

7.2 Barbecue: will be on Monday 07 September 2026 at Kincumber Mountain Reserve, Island View Drive, Kincumber. Cost \$5. Pre-booking and cancellation advice essential.

Wet Weather Alternative: 12pm Elanora Hotel, East Gosford. Own cost.

8. Membership:

Sue Roe (*Membership Officer*)

8.1 Attendance:

Total Members: 101

Attending the meeting: Members: 71 Visitors: 4 Apologies: 19

Visitors (including number of meetings attended):

1st visit – Chris Pearsall, Marilyn Courts, Barbara Hanley, Jenny McLean

2nd visit – Ann Jones

3rd visit – Ni

8.2 Inductions: Nil

8.3 Application for membership - Nil

8.4 Waiting List: 0

9. Interest Groups:

Representatives from each group gave an update to the members. Walking Group (Jeannette Anderson), Golf Group (Jock Plimmer), Mexican Train (Barry Tobin) for the Monday Game, Thursday Game (Peter Vinson), Tenpin Bowling (Peter Mear), Book Exchange (Joe Panozzo).

Peter Vinson also spoke about the Thursday Mexican Train Group to say that there are four vacancies available and that if you wish to join please contact him or Yvonne Hollis.

10. Welfare Report:

Sue Elliott (*Welfare Officer*)

Jenny Lucas has had another operation on her foot, Stan Davison is not well, Paul McInnes is going into hospital for an operation and Dennis Elliott sliced his finger and had to go to emergency at Gosford Hospital.

11. General Business:

11.1 Probus Day: Peter Mear gave an update for the Probus Day to be held on Monday 12 October 2026.

12. Raffle:

Wendy Noonan (*Raffle Organiser*)

Winners: Josie Cundick, Heather Vinson, Jock Plimmer, Trish Kull, Sandy Ayton

13. Next Meetings:

General Meeting: Monday 21 September 2026, 10.15 am at ABBRC. (*Doors open at 10.00 am*)

Management Committee: Monday 24 August 2026, 10.15am at ABBRC.

Morning Tea Break

14. Guest Speaker:

Peter Mear (Co-ordinator)

Jenny Abounzk from Ronald McDonald House gave a very informative view of how Ronald McDonald House operates. The Members also donated \$247 into the Charity Box.

15. Meeting Close:

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 20 July 2026 were confirmed as an accurate record of the Meeting at a General Meeting held on 17 August 2026.

PRESIDENT: Peter Ayton

SECRETARY: Dorothy Harper