

PROBUS CLUB OF AVOCA BEACH INC.
General Meeting Held on Monday 21 September 2026 at 10.15am
At Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club

- MINUTES -

1. Opening & Welcome

Peter Ayton (*President*)

The President opened the meeting at 10.23 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 welcomed Barbara Chalmers (Assistant Secretary) who was having a training session as the Secretary.

Peter asked the Members for a minutes silence in memory of Heather Riley, a member since March 2021, who passed away on the 16 September 2026 at the age of 99.

Peter then announced the Members celebrating their birthdays in September and wished them all a happy birthday.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting Barbara Chalmers (*Assistant 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: Barbara Chalmers; Seconder: Barbara Dettmann)

The Assistant 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: Nil

Peter Ayton (*President*)

4. Financial Report:

Joan Flynn (*Treasurer*)

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

Financial Statement from 22-07-26 to 19-08-26

Opening Balance	\$27,084.09
Plus Income	\$ 3,734.00
Less Expenditure	<u>\$ 471.77</u>
Cash Balance	\$30,346.32
Plus Deposits to Suppliers	\$ 1,300.00
Less membership Pre Payments	<u>\$22,660.00</u>
Available Funds	\$ 8,986.32

4.1 It was resolved that the Financial Report for the period from 22 July 2026 to 19 August 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: Jenny Lucas in the absence of Paul McInnes (*Social Activities Coordinator*)

5.1 Update on upcoming events –

- ◆ 24 Members attended the Postman's Run Trip and had an enjoyable time on a nice sunny day.
- ◆ Life of Riley Trip final payment of \$400 is due by the end of September.

- ◆ 23 October 2026 is the trip to Madam Taussauds and the Sydney Aquarium. Cost \$49. Train from Gosford at 9.34am and from Woy Woy 9.42am in the 3rd carriage.
- ◆ 07 December 2026 is the Christmas Party at The Diggers RSL, The Entrance. Cost \$60

6. Fun Time:

6.1 Heads and Tails: Game introduced to brighten up the Meeting. Winner Peter Mear.

6.2 Getting to know you: Jock Plimmer spoke for 5 minutes.

7. Barbecue: Sue Roe (*Catering Coordinator*)

7.1 . Barbecue: on Monday 07 September 2026 at Kincumber Mountain Reserve, 22 members attended and had an enjoyable time on a nice sunny day.

Raffle Winners: Pat Taylor, Heather Vinson, Sue Elliott

7.2 Vote: Discussion was held with the Members as to cancelling the Barbecues as not many were attending, cancellations due to wet weather and also the time and effort the Catering Co-ordinator has to put in.

It was decided by the Members to replace the Barbecues with Picnics.

8. Membership: Sue Roe (*Membership Officer*)

8.1 Attendance:

Total Members: 101

Attending the meeting: Members: 73 Visitors: 5 Apologies: 20

Visitors (including number of meetings attended):

1st visit – Chris Pearsall, Marilyn Courts, Pam Rae, Andrew Quigley, Maryanne Quigley, Paul Higgins, Annemarie Higgins

2nd visit – Jenny Mclean and Barbara Hanley

3rd visit – Ann Jones

8.2 Inductions: Nil

8.3 Application for membership - Nil

8.4 Waiting List: Nil

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 (Barry Tobin in the absence of Joe Panozzo).

10. Welfare Report: Heather Vinson in the absence of Sue Elliott (*Welfare Officer*)

Julie Sposito has had a Hip Replacement. Heather McGhie has had a heart operation, Barry Porter has had an Knee Replacement.

11. General Business:

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

11.2 Merrilyn Self: Spoke about the Bags of Dignity, so far she has given out 26 bags. Everyone who has a bag could they please put their name in the bag when they return them.

12. Raffle: Wendy Noonan (*Raffle Organiser*)

Winners: Val Allen, Jock Plimmer, Joy Kuiters, Lorraine Kane, Merrilyn Self

13. Next Meetings:

General Meeting: Monday 19 October 2026, 10.15 am at ABBRC. (*Doors open at 10.00 am*)

Management Committee: Monday 28 September 2026, 10.15am at ABBRC.

Morning Tea Break

14. Guest Speaker: Peter Mear (Co-ordinator)

Peter Rae-Brisbane Waters History.

15. Meeting Close: The Meeting closed at 12.35pm.

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 17 August 2026 were confirmed as an accurate record of the Meeting at a General Meeting held on 21 September 2026.

PRESIDENT: Peter Ayton

SECRETARY: Dorothy Harper