

PORT DOUGLAS & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

**Members Meeting 21
24/08/2026 at 9.30 am**

**Douglas Community & Sports Club Inc. (Tin Shed)
In attendance 26**

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1. WELCOME / HOUSE KEEPING/ APOLOGIES

9:30 am

Our President Susan welcomed all to the meeting and gave the acknowledgement of country.

Apologies: Chris Haumeister, Lorraine Potter, Mirjana Bece, Neville Speakman & Chris Eyre Holmes.

Guest: Roger Hill

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no changes to the draft minutes. Proposed for acceptance by Chris Saint and seconded by Kate Green.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The main business for conclusion from the last meeting was finalization of the Presidents Annual Report. This will be dealt with as a later item under item 7.1.

4. CLUB CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing significant to report.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

5.1 Update on current financial status

Wendy gave a brief report on the Club’s finances. We currently have a bank balance of \$2974.73

5.2 Annual report for the last year

The finances for the last year of operation are summarized in the annual report which is to be presented to members under item 7.1.

6. COMMITTEE MEETING OUTCOMES

A summary of outcomes from our last committee meeting was presented. Apologies received from Catherine Rosenbrauer. There was some discussion around social media and specifically the redundant Facebook site, Wendy Crossman has offered to “revamp” it with support from Dusty Howman. Dusty has also ordered Probus Club “flyers” for distribution to promote and encourage new membership.

The possibility of our presence on a float for next year’s 150-year Port Douglas celebrations was discussed, possibly a joint venture with Rotary. There was discussion on a possible theme for our float.

There was some discussion on upcoming speakers and a request for further suggestions.

Julie and Susan have been talking to lapsed members about rejoining and Chris asked about whether they had got any feedback on the reasons for not re-joining. No clear trend was obvious, although the cost of excursions was one factor. Some previous members have also cited the timing of our monthly meetings as being a clash for them.

There was discussion on up and coming and proposed activities, these are outlined further in section 7.3. Em Morgan talked to the possibility of us initiating a “buddy” scheme. The issue of club member profiles for our newsletter was raised by Chris, who said a list of potential standard questions we could ask people to respond to for their profiles had been sent out to committee members for comment.

The risk and privacy policy is undergoing final review for acceptance by members. It will be sent out by email when ready for recommendation and voted on at the following Members Meeting.

We will hold Tin Shed morning tea at next Members Meeting - \$5 per head. The next committee meeting will be re-set for Tuesday, 6th October.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Presidents Annual Report

Susan presented a summary of the Annual Report and informed members that if they would like a hard copy a few were available, but the document will also be mailed out to all members in the next few days.

7.2 Risk Management & Privacy Policy

The draft documents have been finalized by Susan, Toni & Chris and put out to the other committee members for their feedback. The policies will be emailed to members for their information and any additional feedback, before adopting them by membership vote at the September Members Meeting.

7.3 Club Activities

Probus 50th anniversary walk – virtual walk, each club walks 11.6 km, further information to be made available. Shannonvale chocolates – September 17th, we will have 2 options, tour and lunch or just lunch, this will be a self-transport event. The cost of the tour is \$70 per person, which includes chocolate samples. Please let Lorraine know if intending to come along as you will need to pre-select your lunch items. Payment can be made on the day. Final information and an invitation to register for our November masked party event will be sent out in early September.

8. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Birthdays – Dusty Howman, Stephen Helson & Jenny Johnson – Happy Birthday to all of you!

9. AOB

David Campbell asked about the availability of Membership flyers, and these have been sourced and are available to collect at the conclusion of the meeting.

10. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will take place on **Monday, 28th September at 9:30am.**

11. GUEST SPEAKER

10:05 am

Tony Brady – Tony gave an enlightening presentation on dairy industry products and how they are marketed. He also covered the sustainability aspects of dairy farming and the efforts to reduce its carbon footprint, through activities such as the use of dairy waste to produce bioenergy and biofertilizer.

12. MORNING TEA

10:50 am

Meeting closed at 11:20 am



Secretary:

(Date) 28/08/26



President:

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