- Miami Combined Probus Club Inc.

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President: June Webber **Secretary:** Lesley Mayn
Please direct all correspondence to the President and the Secretary via the Club's email address.

Minutes of the GENERAL Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at the Burleigh Heads & Mowbray Park Surf Life Saving Club, Burleigh Heads.

Meeting opened at 10am by President June Webber
a] Welcomed members and visitors back to the first meeting of the year. 7 visitors attending. Informed members of the closure of the BOQ account. Members asked to use the CBA account only.
b] Rendition of Probus Song: June advised members of the positives of singing i.e. Reduces stress, Brightens the day, brings everyone together.
c] Confirmation of lunch at the Burleigh Bowls Club following the meeting.
d] Advised members that February 3rd marks the day the first Probus Club was established in Hunters Hill in Sydney Australia 50yrs ago.

Apologies: Lucy Boland, Alan Brock, Kaye Camilleri, Margaret Clarke. Marilyn Culell, John Curtain, David & Vicki Harries, Roz Guye, Jullie Hill, Rosemary Hogan, Yvonne Jordan, Alan Jurd, Bill & Shirley Murray. Colin Sharp, John & Joy Vinent.
Moved: Lesley Mayn **Second:** Brodie Straughan **Agreed**.

Induction of new members: Helen Sweeny and Ingrid Milbourn were presented with their Probus badge and New Member kit. *Congratulations Helen and Ingrid*. *Welcome to our club.*

Confirmation of minutes of last meeting.
Motion: Minutes confirmed and accepted.
Moved: June Webber **Second:** Carol Straughan **Agreed**
Business arising from previous Minutes: No Business arising from previous minutes.

Know Your Probus Friend: Brodie Straughan
Brodie was born in 1944 in Chinchilla, Queensland before moving to Atherton, Cairns with his family. His first job at 15 yrs. old was as a projectionist followed by some time with the Commonwealth Bank. He joined the R.A.A.F *and moved to Wagga Wagga. Brodie spent 25 years in the Airforce, spending time in Melbourne and Malaysia before returning to Queensland to retire on the Gold Coast.*
Thank you, Brodie, we look forward to Part 2 of your life story.
Correspondence In:
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Jan 23rd – Active Retirees – Coach Holidays and Tours.
Jan 20th – 50th Anniversary of Probus – Club Promotion and Activities Kit.
Jan 13th – Prospective member enquiry. Sam Heathwood. [Forwarded to Doreen]
Dec 18th – Message from Probus – Club pages on new website in 2026

Dec 5th, 2025- New Tours available for 2026 from Wendy Wu Tours.

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Jan 24th Information for Mystery Tour bus trip on 20th March 2026

Jan 24th – Gold Coast Senior Expo 26th February- Interest from clubs to attend**.**

Jan 9th. Coach trip to Nambucca organized by Morth Gold Coast Probus has been cancelled.

Dec 16th – Minutes of November 28th Delegates Meeting.

General:

Jan. 23rd **–** Div. 13 Councillor Josh Martin – Offer to support any celebrations for 50th Anniversary.

Dec 10th, 2025 – Email from a member thanking committee members for the time and effort put into organizing events for the club

Correspondence Out.

1. Reply to Josh Martin
2. Reply to email from a member thanking for their comments**.**
3. Reply to GCNR re-attendance at the Gold Coast Expo.

Business arising from Correspondence:

Motion: Inward and outward correspondence accepted
Moved: Lesley Mayn **Second:** Ross Lever **Agreed.**

Treasurer's Report: Report presented by Ralph Mayn in Kaye's Absence.

TREASURERS REPORT JANUARY 2026		
BOQ Bak Balance as at 16.10.25		$ 988.59
CBA Bank Balance as at 27.10.25		$ 3,794.35
Meeting Fees	$ 566.00	
Badges	$ 24.00	
Xmas Party	$ 10.00	
Interest	$ 0.36	
Total Income		$ 600.36
		$ 5,383.30
EXPENSES		
Burleigh Surf Club	$ 595.00	
Badges	$ 48.00	
Office of Fair Trading	$ 24.20	
Xmas Breakup	$ 533.35	
Bank Fee	$ 7.43	
Total Expenses		$ 1,207.98
Bank of Qld Balance as at 31.12.25		$ 1,140.95
Bank Balance CBA as at 25.01.26		$ 3,034.37
Total Combined Bank Balance		$ 4,175.32
Change Float		$ 250.00
TOTAL FUNDS AS AT 25.01.26		$ 4,425.32

Business Arising from Treasurers Report:

1. As from the February meeting the fees are now $10.00 as was advised at the September 2025 meeting**.** The increase was necessary as the cost of the monthly meetings was not being met.
2. It would be appreciated if any members who have paid in advance at the $8.00 cost make the necessary adjustments for the next meeting.
3. **Do not use the Bank of QLD account**, this is in the process of being closed.
4. Kaye is presently organizing the accounts ready for auditing as required by the Office of Fair Trading for the AGM in March.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Ralph Mayn **Second: Anne** Cincotta **Agreed**

<u>Committee & Sub Groups reports:</u>

Membership: Doreen Graham

1. 57 in attendance, 49 members including waitlist and visitors.
2. 17 apologies received.
3. Welcome to visitors: *Rob Hunter, Maria Edwards, Marian Crichton, Jenny Hammond, Teena Jones, Rae Keen, Dawn McKinnon*.

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Welfare: Robyn Zabawa

1. Welcome back to Arthur and Phil.
2. Happy January [Judith *Lever, Debbie Dickson, Dawn McDonald, Jill Lovett, Julie Hill]* and February [*Helen Hollingsworth, Brodie Straughan, Margaret Clarke, Phil Warren, Helen Sweeney]* Birthdays. *Special Milestone birthday to John Graeme. An O.B.E. medal on the way John.*

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Guest Speakers: Evelen Hunter

1. Today's Guest Speaker is Alison Peterson. Researcher and author.

Members are reminded to please refer to the flyers and newsletters for full information regarding all events and dinners/lunches. Bookings are essential for most events. The success of each event/activity relies on member's support.

Events/Activities/Outings Officers: Lesley Layton

1. Lesley outlined the events organized for February, March and April.
2. April – Bus Trip - Byron Bay Solar Train/Lunch event. Bookings are essential for this event as it will be opened to other clubs.

Themed Dinners: Jill Lovett

1. 28 members attended the welcome back dinner at the Dog and Parrot.
2. The Themed dinner at Tallebudgera SLSC will now be changed to a lunch event.

Newsletter/Webmaster: Graeme Clarke

1. All information is emailed directly to members and is available on the website**.**

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Theatre: Barrie Middleton

1. Barrie presented a synopsis of the next productions at Spotlight Theatre and Gold Coast Little Theatre.
2. All bookings have been made. All interested members will be notified of the dates and details via email.

GCNR Delegate's Report. Brodie Straughan

1. Check the GCNR website for details of trips organized for members.

General Business:

1. Celebrating 50yrs of Probus in Australia in 2026 – The Committee suggested this milestone be celebrated in August alongside our birthday. Any suggestions from members are welcome.
2. A small committee will be put together to organize this celebration. Any members interested in helping please inform the secretary.
3. All management committee positions are vacated in March. Members asked to consider nominating for a position before the AGM. Nomination forms are available.

13. Hospitality/ Lucky Door Prize- Carol Straughan in Margaret's absence.
Congratulations Robyn Arlow. This month's luck winner.

MORNING TEA

Guest Speaker: Alison Marlow Peterson introduced by Evelen Hunter**.**
Alison gave a very informative talk on her journey to publishing her historical novel "Anzac Sons" a heartbreaking account of five brothers torn apart by war. Alison composed her story from a collection of over five hundred letters and postcards written by the brothers who served in WW1.

Confirmation of the next Management Meeting. March 3rd, 2026, followed by the AGM

Meeting Closed: 11.45am