Miami Combined Probus Club Inc.

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President: Debbie Dickson **Secretary:** Carol Straughan
Please direct all correspondence to the President and the Secretary via the Club's email address.

Minutes of the GENERAL Meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 2026 at the Burleigh Heads & Mowbray Park Surf Life Saving Club, Burleigh Heads.

Meeting opened at 10am by President Debbie Dickson
A] Welcomed members and introduced visitors to the meeting: *Jenett Cottrill*
B] General housekeeping. Reminded members to please wear name badges and if leaving the meeting early to inform a committee member.
C] Induction of new members: *Robyn Arlow, Noleen Brown, Carol Fox, Norma Herbertson.*
President Debbie welcomed our new members and spoke about our Probus values, fun, friendship and fellowship.
D] Optional lunch following the AGM at Burleigh Heads Surf Club confirmed.

Apologies: Helen Doherty, Bill & Shirley Murray, Pam & Arthur Lewis, Ros & Judith Lever, John Curtain, Colin Sharp, Helen Tudroszen, Marilyn Bromley
Moved: June Webber **Second:** Brodie Straughan **Agreed**.

Confirmation of minutes of last meeting.
Motion: Minutes confirmed and accepted.
Moved: Vickie Harries **Second:** Margaret Clarke **Agreed**
Business arising from previous minutes:
a) Members asked if they were receiving emails from Trade Travel. As most were not, it was agreed that these emails be forwarded to our members by Secretary Carol.

Correspondence In:
GCNR
28 Feb – Scenic Rim Food and Wine trail & booking sheet
2 Mar – Tommerups Farm Tour at Kerry & booking sheet
2 Mar – AGM notice and committee applications
2 Mar – Probus Day information & booking sheet

PSPL
1 Mar – Wendy Woo tours
9 Mar – Amplifon Hearing month
11 Mar – Information and Partner Days 15 April
17 Mar – Incident Report – Colin Sharp
19 Mar – Wines for sale
19 Mar – Management Committee Update
30 Mar – Active Retiree

GENERAL
2 Mar – Alan Brock - Resignation
4 Mar - Allura Coaches Bus trips
17 Mar – Australia Post invoice for PO 705
4,13,19 Mar – Trade Travel Tours
19 Mar – HOTA – Music of the Night brochures
23 Mar – Allora Coaches Xmas in July tour NSW
23 Mar – Australian Escape Tours – Tasmanian Wilderness
6 April – Evelen Hunter – Surf Club microphone issues

6.Correspondence Out.
2 Apr – Email to Alan Jurd thanking him for auditing our books for our AGM

Business arising from Correspondence:
Email sent to Alan Brock thanking him for his contribution to our club. Alan joined our club in July 2018.
Motion: Inward and outward correspondence accepted
Moved: Carol Straughan **Second:** Debbie Dickson **Agreed.**

Treasurer's Report: Kaye Camilleri.

CBA Balance as at 23.02.2026		$6,863.93
Petty Cash	$200.00	
Meeting Fees	$574.00	
Byron Train Trip	$2,940.00	
Skypoint 2`	$528.00	
Membership Fees	$673.75	
Joining Fee	$-	
Interest		
Total Income		$4,915.75
		$11,779.68
EXPENSES		
Refund Noelene Brown	$52.00	
Barefoot Bowls	$80.00	
Burleigh Surf Club	$735.00	
Transaction Fee	$2.75	
Skypoint	$800.00	
Badges	$64.00	
Total Expenses		$1,733.75
		$10,045.93
CBA Balance as at 30.03.2026		$10,045.93
Change Float		$50.00
TOTAL FUNDS HELD AS AT 30.03.26		$10,095.93

Committed Expenses	
PSPL (appr)	$1,527.50
Byron Train	$3,320.00
Approx Surf Club	$360.00
Office of Fair Trading	$64.20
Total	$5,271.70

Business Arising from Treasurers Report:

a) Outward payments paid to PSPL, Byron Solar Train bus trip, Office of Fair Trading (OFT).
b) OFT report has been lodged on line and also by mail.
c) Most membership has been paid.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted
Moved: Kaye Camilleri **Second:** Debbie Dickson **Agreed**

Committee & Sub Groups reports:

Membership: Doreen Graham

1. 50 in attendance, including 1 visitor.
2. We have farewelled Maryanne Johnstone, Joy and John Vincent, Alan Brock and Barbara Jenkins. Barbara has been placed on the Non-Active list.
3. We welcome our 4 new members who were inducted today.
4. Emergency contact list – still some outstanding for 2 contacts.

Welfare: Robyn Zabawa

1. Had a good 3 months and no major problems. Karyn Ashton and Ian Reeves have been having many doctor's appointments, but are here today.
2. Happy birthdays to: Wilma Hookway, Kaye Camilleri, Carol Straughan, Ros Guy and Stephen Dyte. Stephen is celebrating a milestone this year.

Guest Speakers: Evelen Hunter

1. Our speaker today is Michelle Ryan, Using Niagara Therapy to control pain, circulation and mobility.
2. Evelen displayed the list of speakers organized for 2026:
    a. May – Qld Rail
    b. June – Tiffany Hearing
    c. July – Channel 10 Sport Person
    d. August – No Guest Speaker as it is our celebration for Probus 50th years, our 13th birthday, members' 80th birthdays and a recognition of a 10-year membership
    e. September – CEO Gold Coast City Council
    f. October – Vodka in a Vegemite Jar
3. November – To be advised.
4. December – Christmas Trivia

Regarding November, Evelen has requested that at our next meeting a vote will be taken to see if we have the numbers for a speaker as this is Melbourne Cup Day.

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

Entertainment: Jill Lovett
All members needed to be financial (for Insurance reasons) to attend our events.

All events are subject to change because of current world conditions.

1. Sogno Italian – In March, 7 members enjoyed an Italian meal.
2. 19 May – Picnic in the Park at Paradies Point. Transport is by car-pooling. Passengers are asked to pay $5 each to the driver.
3. 24 June – Brisbane River cruise with RedBalloon River Cruise, Southbank. Hopefully the Gold Coast trains will be fully operational by then.

4. 22 July – Xmas in July at the Fox & Hounds at Wongawallan. This will be a true Xmas lunch, with alternate drops. Will check the costs for a bus, otherwise it will be car-pooling. Booking made for 35 people. Need numbers asap.
5. Jill needs people to advise her if they wish to attend an event, because she needs to know the numbers attending, to make the booking, whether it is a paid event or not.
6. All trips by bus will pick-up and drop-off at the Community Centre, Christine Avenue, Burleigh Waters.
7. Car-pooling – it is asked that all passengers ensure that they get themselves to the driver's pick-up point. The driver is not expected to pick up passengers at their homes.

Past Events/Activities/Outings Officer: Lesley Layton
Lesley organized the Byron Solar Train bus trip and will act as coordinator for this event on 17th April. The bus is full – 52 attendees. Bus company will not charge extra for the increase in petrol which they are experiencing at present. Menu is set and cannot be changed. No refunds after 14 April. Christing Avenue pickup and drop off. Membership must be paid or you are not covered by insurance.

Newsletter/Webmaster: Graeme Clarke
1. Newsletter, web page, flyers all completed.

Theatre: Barrie Middleton
1. No report. All theatre events are in the Newsletter.

Reader's Group – Ralph Mayn. This group meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at Burleigh Sports Club, Christine Ave at 10am. Bring a book, to discuss/share. Have a coffee and a chat. Next meeting is Tuesday 14th April. Ralph also mentioned that at our last Coffee morning at Lake View Park, we had an Easter Bonnet parade and lunch. 22 people attended.
Coffee morning is every Saturday at 11am at Lake View Park, Burleigh Street & Jabiru Avenue, Burleigh Waters. Everyone is welcome to attend.

GCNR Delegate's Report. Brodie Straughan
1. Brodie and Jill Lovett attended the AGM on 27th March at Labrador. Thank you Jill.
2. The new committee of 8 members is the same people who have been on this management committee for years. They want new members to take over in 2027.
3. Their event flyers are displayed on the front table with our event flyers.
4. Expansion of clubs – Nerang has gone; Mermaid Waters off the agenda; Labrador is up and running.
5. GCNR will give promotional help to all clubs and even help with recruitment.
6. Mystery bus tour was to Mt Coo-tha followed by lunch at the RSL. Because of its popularity, there may be another.
7. Future visit to Parliament House followed by lunch at the Breakfast Creek Hotel – no fixed date as yet. Cost $65 pp.
8. September – Tweed River Cruise
9. Request for Clubs to make suggestions for future GCNR trips/activities. Clubs to advise members to wear name badges for all trips.
10. Website gcandnrprobusassoc.com is also displayed in our Newsletter heading.

General Business:
1. Lesley Mayn 50th Sub Committee. This will be a morning tea like our 10th birthday in 2023. This will be held at our August meeting at the Burleigh Surf Club.
2. Will also celebrate Probus 50th year, our Club's 13th birthday, 80th birthdays and a 10 year membership.

3. Lesley stated she now has Tina's mobile number. Tina is the coordinator for events at the Burleigh Surf Club.
4. Carol stated that there are many non-official-probus sub groups, eg. Swimming, Saturday morning Coffee. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can ask the appropriate person for details.

Hospitality/ Lucky Door Prize- Margaret Clarke.



This month's lucky winner is Doreen Graham. Another wine prize Doreen?? Congratulations.

MORNING TEA
Followed by our
Guest Speaker Michelle Ryan

After Morning Tea – Because we had a spare half hour, President Debbie decided to have *"A" Word"* competition. Questions had to be answered with the letter *A.* After much noise and laughter the winners were Ingrid and Noleen. They were presented with a chocolate. At our next meeting, we will introduce "Shared Experience" i.e. a member's life, travel etc etc. Speaker has a maximum of 3 minutes. We are asking for volunteers.

Meeting Closed: 11.45

Minutes verified as a true and accurate account:

President: **Secretary:** **5/ 05/2020**