Miami Combined Probus Club Inc.

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President: Debbie Dickson **Secretary:** Carol Straughan
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Minutes of the GENERAL Meeting held on Tuesday 5th May 2026 at the Burleigh Heads & Mowbray Park Surf Life Saving Club, Burleigh Heads.

Meeting opened at 10am by Vice President Brodie Straughan
Brodie stood in for President Debbie as she was not well.

A] Welcomed members and introduced visitors to the meeting: Dawn McKinnon, Jenny Hammond.
B] General housekeeping. Reminded members to please wear name badges and if leaving the meeting early to inform a committee member.
C] Optional lunch following the meeting at Burleigh Heads Bowls Club confirmed.

Know your Probus Friend – Ingrid Millbourn gave us an insight into her life and travels. Thank you Ingrid.

Apologies: Debbe Dickson, Anne Cincotta, John Gallant, Graeme & Jan Clarke, Clare Badger; June Webber, Bill & Shirley Murray, Marilyn Bromley, Lyn Clark, Vicki & David Harries, John Graham, Karyn Ashton, Ian Reeves, Wilma Hookway
Moved: Lee Warren **Second:** Jill Lovett **Agreed**.

Confirmation of minutes of last meeting.
Motion: Minutes confirmed and accepted.
Moved: Yvonne Jordan **Second:** Margaret Clarke **Agreed**
Business arising from previous minutes: Nil

Correspondence In:
GCNR
Ian Wilson: –

1. Delegate meeting minutes;
2. Buddhist Temple Tour;
3. K'Gari Tour;
4. Runnaway Bay Cunnamulla Bus Trip;
5. Guest Speaker Book;
6. Buddhist tour full.

PSPL

1. Membership cards and passports for 4 new members
2. Active Retirees – Western Japan Autumn 26 Special; Aussie Trains (Ghan); AI deep fakes etc.

GENERAL

1. Trade Travel:-
    - Cunnamulla, Hervey Bay/Fraser Island, Cook Islands, Cruise South Pacific, Singapore/Penang
    - Melb Cup at Sea, Vintage Railways, Cruise Lisbon to Capetown
    - Victoria, Norfolk Is, Vietnam, Cruises Qld & Polynesia
    - Qld, Canberra; Murray River; Great Vic Explorer
    - Qld outback garden trail; Cunnamulla, Winton, Longreach; Tasmania; Mekong
2. Australian Escape – 9 day tropical north and Vanuatu
3. Geoffrey Maclean, BACCI – Arts and Crafts Day Balina
4. Barrie Middleton – Theatre info
5. Helen Docherty – Resignation
6. Lesley Mayn – 50th invitation details

6.Correspondence Out.

Graeme Clarke – March meeting newsletter
Doreen Graham – Alan Brock's resignation sent to PSPL
Carol Straughan – Acknowledgement of Helen Docherty's resignation

7.Business arising from Correspondence:

Motion: Inward and outward correspondence accepted
Moved: Phil Warren **Second:** Robyn Zabawa **Agreed.**

8.Treasurer's Report: Kaye Camilleri.

CBA Balance as at 30.03.2026		$ 10,045.93
Meeting Fees	$ 268.00	
Byron Train Trip		
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Membership Fees	$ 700.00	
Joining Fee	$ 100.00	
Interest		
Total Income		$ 1,068.00
		$ 11,113.93
EXPENSES		
Lucky Door Prize	$ 44.90	
Burleigh Surf Club	$ 360.00	
Transaction Fee	$ 0.83	
Imperial Coaches	$ 1,500.00	
Birthday Chocolates	$ 17.00	
PO Box Rental	$ 82.00	
PSPL Membership	$ 1,397.50	
Byron Bay Railroad	$ 1,820.00	
Total Expenses		$ 5,222.23
		$ 5,891.70
CBA Balance as at 25.04.2026		$ 5,891.70
Petty Cash/Float		$ 50.00
TOTAL FUNDS HELD AS AT 25.04.2026		$ 5,941.70
Committed Expenses		
Approx Surf Club	$ 360.00	
Office of Fair Trading	$ 64.20	
Total	$ 424.20	
Estimated balance		$5,517.50

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

9.Business Arising from Treasurers Report:
Kaye thanked everyone for doing internet banking. All membership has been paid.

10.Committee & Sub Groups reports:

Membership: Doreen Graham
Present today: 44 members, 2 visitors. Received 17 apologies.
Dawn McKinnon has been invited to become a member of our club. Dawn has completed 5 meetings/functions and will be inducted at our June meeting.
Jenny Hammond will complete her 5 visits at our June meeting.
Received resignation from Helen Docherty.

Welfare: Robyn Zabawa
Ian Reeves in hospital and undergoing tests. Karyn Ashton not well.
Margaret Clarke undergoing shoulder operation next week.
Wilma Hookway fell and has 4 cracked ribs.
3 birthdays this month – Happy birthday to Robyn Arlow, Kathy Williamson, Bill Murray.

Guest Speakers: Evelen Hunter

1. Our speaker today is Maris Stanley from Queensland Rail.
2. Upcoming List of speakers:-
    a) June – Tiffany Hearing Power of sound; hearing loss
    b) July – Channel 10 Sport Person
    c) 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
    d) September – CEO Gold Coast City Council
    e) October – Vodka in a Vegemite Jar
    f) November – Fire Ants
    g) December – Christmas Trivia

There was vote by a show of hands today for attendance at our upcoming November meeting which is Melbourne Cup day. As many indicated they would be attending, Evelen will go ahead and organize a speaker on Fire Ants.
Guest Speaker Book: Received an email from Beverley Harvey, Ashmore Probus, saying she is working on the BOOK and is just checking all details. Book should be ready in a couple of months. Beverley sent a list of speakers and requested our list.

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
Jill thanked Lesley Layton for organizing the Byron Bay Solar Train bus trip. This was Lesley's last Hurrah! Lesley did an amazing job and this trip was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you Lesley. All applauded!

All events are subject to change due to current world conditions.

1. 19 May – Picnic in the Park at Paradise Point. We will car pool and need final numbers for insurance purposes. $5 per passenger. Car pooling will leave from the Christine Avenue Community Centre.
2. 23 June – HOPO 2-hour Sight Seeing Cruise with full commentary followed by lunch at the Eden Café, Caville Avenue, Surfers Paradise. $29 pp concession to be prepaid to the Miami Combined Probus bank account.

3. 15 July (Wednesday) – Xmas in July at the Fox & Hounds at Wongawallan. $45 pp with own transport, or $67 pp by bus (bus cost extra $22 pp). Jill will reconfirm the journey by bus at the next meeting. Booking made for 35 people. This is the maximum number the venue can hold.
4. All trips by bus will pick-up and drop-off at the Community Centre, Christine Avenue, Burleigh Waters.
5. 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.

Newsletter/Webmaster: Graeme Clarke
No report. Graeme is travelling. Evelen collected the flyers and newsletters from Councillor Nick Marshall's office. Thank you Evelen.

Theatre: Barrie Middleton
1. Sunday 17th May – Spotlight Theatre – "Come From Away"
2. Sunday 5th July at 2pm - Gold Coast Little Theatre - "La Cage aux Folles". This is an old play and a musical, about a drag-cabaret club of glitz, feathers and fabulous high-camp delights.
3. Sunday 2nd August - Spotlight Theatre – the musical "Big Fish"

Barrie talked about Melbourne Cup day at the Palm Beach Surf Club. This club do not do anything special, but is open as usual for lunch. Book your own table.

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. There are 13 members, and membership is full. Next meeting is Tuesday 14th May.

GCNR Delegate's Report. Brodie Straughan
No GCNR meeting since our last meeting. The next meeting is 28th June.
Buddhist trip is full and there are 2 members going from our club.
Bus trip to Margaret Olle Gallery with lunch in Murwillumbah.
Note: Jill has indicated that she will organizing our own bus trip to the Margaret Olle Gallery, possibly in November.

50th Probus Birthday Celebration – Lesley Mayn
It is also our club's 13th birthday, a 10-year membership celebration and 4 x 80th birthdays. We will recognize the above after our August general meeting. Lunch will be hot and cold Finger food, sandwiches, and birthday cake.
Have extended invitations to all our members and waitlist people. VIP invitations sent to Broadbeach Rotary President, Councillor Josh Martin, Councillor Nick Marshall and Herman Vorster (State Member for Burleigh).
Lesley noted that there are 90,000 Probus members throughout Australia. A big organization.
Some of our members have been involved in Probus for many years.
Colin Sharpe was a member for 18 years in Diamond Creek, Victoria and 10 years with us. Yvonne Jordan over 25 years; Helen Hollingsworth was with Chelsea (Victoria) Rotary and remembers when Probus was formed under the Rotary "umbrella", 50 years ago. Helen is a foundation member of our club.

11.General Business:
Agreed that we would have a speaker for our Melbourne Cup day meeting.

12.Hospitality and Lucky Door Prize – Margaret Clarke



Our door prize was won by Ralph Mayn with ticket number 69.

Prizes from Queensland Rail were won by Lyn Norris, Ross Lever, Robyn Arlow, Carol Fox. Well done for the correct answers.

Rosemary will be our **Know Your Probus Friend** at our June meeting.

Meeting Closed 11.55 am