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 July 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.
Visitors: Uta Sorrensen; Marion Crighton; Sue Ravening.
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 Surf Club confirmed.
D) Induction of Jenny Hammond. Welcome and Congratulations Jenny.

Know your Probus Friend – Robyn Arlow. Robyn spoke about her Olympic and Commonwealth Games achievements for Diving. We got to see her Gold and Silver Medals. Thank you Robyn.

Apologies:
Clare Badger; Lucy Boland; Marilyn Cullel; Roslyn Guye; Lesley Layton; Neita Mason; Dawn McDonald; Bill Murray; Shirley Murray; Colin Sharp; Helen Sweeney; Helen Tudroszen; Phil Warren; Lee Warren.

Moved: June Webber **Second:** Rosemary Hogan **Agreed**.

Confirmation of minutes of last meeting.
Motion: Minutes confirmed and accepted.
Moved: Yvonne Jordan **Second:** Jan Clarke **Agreed**

Business arising from previous minutes: Nil

Correspondence In:
GCNR:
Ian Wilson –
Paradise Point tour in September
AM Tourist Norfolk Island
Sanctuary Cove's Stanthorpe Trip
Agenda Delegates Meeting 26 June
Parliament House bus trip

Tweed River cruise
Minutes and Treasurers Reports as at 26 June 2026

PSPL:
Trade Travel x 3 – Australian, International Travel and Cruises
Free Live Webinair
Management Committee Update
POQ – Celebrating 50th
2026-2027 Certificate of Currency Australia
Virtual Walk for 50th celebrations

General:
Active Retirees 50th celebrations
Palm International Volunteering – Timor
Jim Focus Tours – Presentation on treking in Nepal
Maria Edwards – non interest in joining club because of other interests
Office of Fair Trading - New online incorporated association forms
Yvonne Jordan - Photos

Correspondence Out:
Acknowledgement of Marie Edwards' email

7.Business arising from Correspondence:
Send information to members re the Virtual Walk.

Motion: Inward and outward correspondence accepted
Moved: Brodie Straughan **Second:** Marilyn Bromley **Agreed.**

8.Treasurer's Report: Kaye Camilleri.

TREASURERS REPORT AS AT 29.06.26		
Opening Bank Balance 25.05.2026		$ 6,615.77
Meeting Fees	$ 520.00	
Xmas in July	$ 2,250.00	
Hopo Ferry	$ 174.00	
50th Anniversary Morning Tea	$ 725.00	
Total Income		$ 3,669.00
		$ 10,284.77
EXPENSES		

Surf Club	$ 705.00	
Hopo Ferry	$ 319.00	
Office of Fair Trading Rego	$ 64.25	
PSPL Chocolates 50th Anniv	$ 70.00	
Transaction Fees	$ 1.10	
Badges	$ 72.00	
Total Expenses		$ 1,231.35
		$ 9,053.42
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Petty Cash/Float		$ 50.00
TOTAL FUNDS HELD AS AT 29.06.26		$ 9,103.42
Committed Expenses		
Approx Surf Club	$ 335.00	
Approx 50th Anniv	$ 1,880.00	
Xmas in July	$ 3,030.00	
Refund to Members	$ 60.00	
Total		$ 5,305.00
Estimated Balance		$ 3,798.42

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted

Moved: Kaye Camilleri **Second:** Evelen Hunter **Agreed**

9.Business Arising from Treasurers Report: Nil

10.Committee & Sub Groups reports:

Membership: Doreen Graham
Present today: 48 members, 3 visitors. Received 14 apologies.

Welfare: Robyn Zabawa
Happy to see Margaret C, Pam, Wilma and Brodie, Karyn and Ian back and all doing well.
Jan Carke had a small op;
Lesley Layton – in GC University private hospital – can't go home until her daughter arrives on the 13 July.
Helen Sweeney in John Flynn Rehab after a stroke.

Guest Speakers: Evelen Hunter
Today's speaker is Sean Lawson. Sean talked about his work and journeys with News Ltd, Ch9, Ch7, FoxSports, ABC.
August – There is no speaker as we are celebrating 50 years of Probus and our 13th birthday.
September – Tim Baker, CEO of the Gold Coast Council. Tim has requested questions from us which he will answer on the 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
23 June – 2-hour HOPO Commentary Cruise and lunch was enjoyed by all. 10 attended.
15 July (Wednesday) – Xmas in July at the Fox and Hounds, Wongawallan. 37 people have booked. Bus departs Christine Avenue at 10.15am and departs for home at 2.30pm.
18 August – Lunch booked at Ari Tai at own cost.

Newsletter/Webmaster: Graeme Clarke
Nil to report.

Theatre: Barrie Middleton
2 July at the Gold Coast Little Theatre, La Cage Aux Folles was very entertaining and an excellent performance.
If anyone is interested in any of the following performances, please contact Barrie.
Upcoming SPOTLIGHT THEATRE performances are:
6th September 2026 - ***My Sunny Boy***. This play will be in the Basement Theatre.
29 November 2026 - ***The Boy from OZ***. This musical is in the Halpin Auditorium.
Upcoming GOLD COAST LITTLE THEATRE performances are:
13 September 2026 - ***Quartet***.
22 November 2026 - ***& Juliet*** - a musical.

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, share ideas and make things happen! Next meeting is Tuesday 14th July.

GCNR Delegate's Report. Brodie Straughan
Attended the GCNR meeting on Friday 26 June.
Ian Wilson, Secretary GCNR, sends out emails to everyone but has problems with Apple users so these often go into junk mail.

Bus Trips – badges must be worn. GCNR are going to purchase blank badges for the people who have not worn their own. Some people refuse to wear badges. These people could be excluded from trips. The wearing of badges is for insurance purposes and the "need to know" who is who in case of emergencies.
"Need to know" in advance if any club members have mobility issues so the bus front seats can be booked for them. Also food choices – eg. Gluten free etc.
The Robina delegate stated their club had 9 new members last month and 13 this month. Doing well with membership.
Guest Speakers book completed 29 June. Evelen stated she has been contributing and liaising with Barbara Healey with speakers' names.
The Buddhist Temple bus trip was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.
Upcoming Events/Trips:
31 July – Xmas in July at Club Helensvale
10 August – Winter Warmer – 4 days to Stanthorpe
26 August – Parliament House - 35 have booked and there are still seats available.
18 September – Tweed River Cruise
3 October (Saturday) – a proposed day at the Southport Turf Club. $80 pp in a dedicated room. Further details to be advised.
All flyers will be displayed at our 7 July meeting.
Explanations: POA - Probus Association of Queensland (covers Brisbane area).
GCNR – Gold Coast and Northern Rivers (covers Gold Coast and Tweed area); Proposing that "Northern Rivers" be dropped from the name as no clubs over the border have made contact over the years.

Update on our August celebrations - Lesley Mayn
Lesley thanked this sub-committee for their efforts. Everyone has received an invitation. Tea and Coffee available after the meeting whilst the room is set up for our event. Need final numbers for catering purposes. Cost is $25 due by 14th July. No refunds after this date.

11.General Business:

Walk for the 50th. Carol will send details to members.

12.Hospitality and Lucky Door Prize – Margaret Clarke
Our door prize was won by Judith Lever. Well done Judith and hope you enjoy your prize.



Meeting Closed 11.52 am.

President **Secretary**