Miami Combined Probus Club Inc.

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Minutes of the GENERAL Meeting held on Tuesday 1st September 2026 at the Burleigh Heads & Mowbray Park Surf Life Saving Club, Burleigh Heads.
Meeting opened at 10am by President Debbie Dickson.
Debbie welcomed all members and visitors.
Visitor: Uta Sorsenen Bode
Debbie asked all what we would like to do as a club. That is, trips, focused groups. Would appreciate feedback so the club can plan for 2027.
8 birthdays this month. Ingrid is celebrating a milestone. Happy Birthday sung to Ingrid.

Apologies: Marilyn Bromley; Clare Badger; Vicki Harries; Helen Tudroszen; Lucy Bowland; Bill Murray; Shirley Murray; Robyn Arlow; Marilyn Culell; Ros Guy; Kathy Williamson; Phil Warren;
Moved: Lee Warren **Second:** Ingrid Millbourn **Agreed**.

Know Your Probus Friend: Evelen spoke about the Masi Mara womens' culture on her recent trip to Kenya and Tanzania. Evelen showed us beaded necklaces and braclets which are made by the women of this area. Thankyou Evelen.

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

Business arising from previous minutes: Nil

Correspondence In:
Parliament House Tour 26 August
A day at the Races 3 October
Update Tweed River Cruise times

PSPL:
What's your Probus Story

General:
Nick Marshall – Discretionary Grants
Nick Marshall – Division 12 Hero Awards

Palm International Volunteering – volunteering abroad
PAQ – Virtual Information Session via ZOOM
Trade Travel x 3
Blue Moose – our Banner
Hello Today – alert app for people who live alone
Soft trekking in Nepal – Jim Smith speaker
Emergency Medical Services – Personal alarms
Thank you email to Chris at Burleigh Surf Club re 50th.

Correspondence Out:
Carol – Virtual Information Session via ZOOM.

7.Business arising from Correspondence:
Lesley Mayn thanked Carol for all the emails she forwards on for our interest.

Motion: Inward and outward correspondence accepted
Moved: Al Larter **Second:** Alan Jurd **Agreed.**

8.Treasurer's Report: Kaye Camilleri.

TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST 2026		
Opening Bank Balance 26.07.2026		$ 7,775.74
Meeting Fees	$ 100.00	
Northern River Outings	$ 176.00	
50th Anniversary Morning Tea	$ 75.00	
Total Income		$ 351.00
		$ 8,126.74
EXPENSES		
Surf Club	$ 350.00	
Chocolates	$ 8.50	
Northern River Outing	$ 176.00	
Lucky Door Prize	$ 57.00	
50th Anniversary	$ 1,613.99	
Transaction Fees	$ 1.65	
Total Expenses		$ 2,207.14
		$ 5,919.60
Bank Balance 23.08.26		$ 5,919.60
Petty Cash/Float		$ 50.00
TOTAL FUNDS HELD 21.08.26		$ 5,969.60

Committed Expenses		
Refund to Members	$ 25.00	
Estimate Surf Club	$ 350.00	
Estimated Balance		$ 5,594.80

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted

Moved: Kaye Camilleri **Second:** Brodie Straughan **Agreed**

9.Business Arising from Treasurers Report: Nil

10.Committee & Sub Groups reports:

Membership: Doreen Graham
There were 47 members in attendance, 14 apologies and 1 visitor.

Welfare: Robyn Zabawa
Neita Mason – is at the meeting today and looking well
Lesley Layton – is at the meeting today after a steady recovery
Welcome back to both Neita and Lesley L.
Lesley Mayn – hurt her back earlier this month and is at the meeting today.
John Graham – short stay in hospital earlier this month. Doing well with new meds. Is at the meeting today.

Guest Speakers: Evelen Hunter

- Today speaker is Leanne Muldoon, Coordinator from the Australian Institute of Ultrasound. Leanne gave a very informative talk on the benefits of ultrasound. She also said they are always looking for "volunteers" for their training staff. Presently there are 5 members from our club who are volunteers. A Volunteer Registration Form was given to everyone.
- Tim Baker, x CEO Gold Coast Council has resigned. His replacement will be asked to speak at one of our meetings in 2027.
- GCNR Speakers' Booklet has arrived.

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

- 33 people attended lunch at Ari Tai. Good feedback. Enjoyed by all.
- 15 September – Train journey to the Roma Street Gardens, followed by lunch at the Gardens Tea Rooms.
- 20 October –CBD dinner in Varsity Parade. This is the first of our dinners for this coming summer.
- For November, Jill asked for a show of hands for a bus trip to the Beenleigh Rum Distillery and lunch. Need 27 people to get the bus.

Debbie mentioned that the Burleigh Surf Club will be having their normal lunch on Melbourne Cup day which is our November meeting.

Newsletter/Webmaster: Graeme Clarke
Nil

Theatre: Barrie Middleton
Spotlight Theatre
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.
Barrie would like a report back from one of the attendees.

Reader's Group – Ralph Mayn.
Meeting is 10am second Tuesday of the month at the Christine Avenue Sports Complex.
8 readers last month. Each month starts with a game – someone starts a sentence which is then added to by everyone. Ingrid will run the next meeting as Ralph will be away.
welcome. 10am

GCNR Delegate's Report. Brodie Straughan
Speakers Book has arrived.
The Race meeting 3 October has a dress code which can be accessed on line. Parking is available at the course. This is a TAB meeting.

11.General Business:

Virtual Walk - to date 708 Klms (July and August) has been achieved. There are 15 walkers. Anyone can join. Just send your weekly kilometers to Carol.

Interactive Groups – What would you like / open to the floor / need members' input. Eg. a) bus trip, b) focused group such as yoga, walking.

Positions on the management committee – need a buddy, doesn't have to be done by one person. Need to think about it now before the AGM next year.

Uta (Visitor) thanked everyone for allowing her to attend and would like to be our "Know your Probus Friend" next month.

Yvonne remembered the "Rondavous Girls" which was a group back when Probus first started. Would love to see it reinstated. This would be a PSPL initiative.

Ralph talked about a scam – asking for money or gift vouchers. Whenever these come into your email, always check where these emails come from. Never click on a link that says "You have a virus".

Carol will organize a group for this year's Swell Sculpture Festival at Currumbin followed by dinner at the Currumbin Vikings Surf Club – date 11 September.

12.Hospitality and Lucky Door Prize – Margaret Clarke
Ingrid drew the winning ticket which belonged to John Gallant. Congratulations John.

Meeting Closed 11.50am

President **Secretary**