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 6th October 2026 at the Burleigh Heads & Mowbray Park Surf Life Saving Club, Burleigh Heads.

1.Meeting opened at 10am by Vice President Brodie Straughan. President Debbie is travelling overseas.
Brodie welcomed all members and visitors.
Visitor: Uta Sorsenen Bode
Lunch is at Club Burleigh.

2.Apologies: Debbie Dickson; David & Vicki Harries; Marilyn Culell; Robyn Zabawa; Lucy Bowland; Kathy Williamson; Ian Reeves; Karyn Ashton; Julie Hill; Alan Jurd; Arthur Lewis; Barrie Middleton; Noleen Brown.
Moved: Yvonne Jordan **Second:** Ingrid Millbourn **Agreed**.

Know Your Probus Friend: No one this meeting.

3.Confirmation of minutes of last meeting.
Motion: Minutes confirmed and accepted.
Moved: Brodie Straughan **Second:** Evelen Hunter **Agreed**

4.Business arising from previous minutes:
Brodie talked about nominations for the 2027 committee. He reiterated that the current committee members' positions were not set in stone and encouraged everyone to consider being part of next year's committee. If there is no one willing to take on these roles, then the club will fold. Our club cannot exist without a President, Treasurer and Secretary.
Suggestion was to have "buddies" for each committee member. Buddies can attend committee meetings to see how it works.
Members were asked to make their suggestions for dinners and events and that the proposer should be willing to organize. For Example, Evelen is organizing an extended bus trip to Dubbo in 2027 which we envisage will be a popular trip. It's a big task for the entertainment member to organize everything.
Virtual Walk has exceeded 700 klms. Great result. Thanks to all who participated.

5.Correspondence In:

GCNR:
31 Aug – Speakers' Book
13 Sep – AM Tourism – Hunter Valley
16 Sep – Bush Christmas Toowoomba
18 Sep – Tweed River photos – Carol Fox & Norma Herbertson
23 Sep – Active Retirees

PSPL:
31 Aug – What's your Probus story -- 50th celebrations
8 Sep - Incident Report - Lesley Layton
19 Sep - Management Committee Update - emailed to all members 18 Sep

General:
29 Aug – Graeme McIntosh – A combi named blue
Sep – Trade Travel x 4
2 Sep – Transit Care – day trips
2 Sep – Alora Coaches – 2027 group day trips
3 Sep – Division 12 – Hero Awards
10 Sep – Griffith Uni Researches – sleep & heart health study
24 Sep – Partnership, Historic Rivermill – *Wanted – a Cirque Heist*

6.Correspondence Out: Nil

7.Business arising from Correspondence: Nil

Motion: Inward and outward correspondence accepted
Moved: Neita Mason **Second:** Jan Graham **Agreed.**

8.Treasurer's Report: Kaye Camilleri.
Kaye stated from now on she would only read the bank balances for the beginning and the end of the month and asked members to ask questions about any other monies in and out.

TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2026		
Bank Balance as at 21.08.2026		$ 5,919.60
Meeting Fees	$ 540.00	
Northern Rivers Race Day	$ 720.00	$ 1,260.00
		$ 7,179.60
EXPENSES		
Burleigh Surf Club Hire	$ 345.00	
Raffle Tickets	$ 5.00	
Northern Rivers Race Day	$ 720.00	
Club Banner	$ 180.00	
Transaction Fees	$ 2.78	$ 1,252.48
Bank Balance as at 24.09.26		$ 5,927.12
Petty Cah/Float		$ 50.00
ACTUAL FUNDS HELD 24.09.26		$ 5,977.12
Known committed expenses		
Surf Club Approx	$ 350.00	
Refund to Members	$ 25.00	**$ 375.00**
		$602.12

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 46 members in attendance, 14 apologies and 1 visitor.
After 5 visits, Marian Crighton has been invited to join our Waiting List.

Welfare: Margaret Clarke in lieu of Robyn Zabawa who is unwell.
Welcome back Neita Mason and Lesley Layton who have been in hospital.
Graeme Clarke had a fall, is ok and here today.
Alan Jurd and Julie Hill were sick after their trip. Improving.
Karyn Ashton has vertigo. Will follow up with Karyn during the week.
October Birthday chocolates – Clare Badger 5 Oct & Marilyn Culell 29 Oct

Guest Speakers: Evelen Hunter
Today speaker is Trevor Hamley who will talk about his journey to the Antarctic and Armenia and his book, "Vodka in a Vegemite Jar".
3 November is Adam Russell, who will talk about fire ants. He will bring live ants as well.

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
Roma Street Gardens in September – 12 people attended. We roamed through the gardens followed by lunch at the Pavillion Café. A very enjoyable day.
20 Oct – Dinner at the CBD hotel, Varsity Parade, Varsity Lakes. 23 attending. Own cost.
18 Nov – Beenleigh Rum Distillery – Bus and Tour $45 plus lunch cost. Lunch to be pre-ordered and pre-paid. Bus departs Christine Ave Library at 9.45am returning at 2pm. All Payments by 3 November.

Newsletter/Webmaster: Graeme Clarke
Great Treasurer's report – short and sweet!
Some members not receiving the newsletters. Will fix.

Theatre: Ingrid Millbourn for Barrie Middleton who was away.
Spotlight Theatre have postponed their production of *THE BOY FROM OZ*. It is no longer included in the 2026 program.
No information is available at this stage about what might replace it.
Gold Coast Little Theatre – 22 November ***& Juliet*** - a musical. Contact Barrie if you wish to attend.

Reader's Group – Ralph Mayn.
Next meeting is 13 October at 10am at the Christine Avenue Sports Complex.

GCNR Delegate's Report. Brodie Straughan
For all outings it is important to: wear name badges, have a mobile phone, emergency contact and each club to be responsible for their attending members.
Bus front seats always reserved for mobility chair people.
Noted that their committee members each do a turn at organizing events. Maybe we could do the same.
Guest Speaker booklet is out. Clubs to update if they have a new, excellent speaker.

65 people attended the Xmas in July lunch at Helensvale bowls club.
45 attended Parliament House and Breakfast Creek Hotel lunch.
27 went on the Tweed River Cruise.
3 Oct - Race Day 3 October 112 attended including 9 from our club. Great day.
18 Nov – Bus trip to Toowoomba to the Bush Xmas Exhibition. $45 bus only – lunch at own cost.
GCNR website is excellent – encourage all to look at it. Graeme to add link to our newsletter.
Burleigh Waters men's club is now open to women. All spouses to be members.

11.General Business:
There is a general meeting on 1 December. No speaker. Trivia and maybe June Webber's choir.
Our visitor, Uta Sorsenen Bode will be our November **Know Your Probus Friend.**

12.Hospitality and Lucky Door Prize – Margaret Clarke
Winner was Anne Cincotta. Congratulations Anne

13.Morning Tea

Meeting Closed 11.50am

President **Secretary**