Miami Combined Probus Club Inc.

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Minutes of the GENERAL Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at the Burleigh Heads & Mowbray Park Surf Life Saving Club, Burleigh Heads.

1.Meeting opened at 10am by President Debbie Dickson

- **a)** Welcome members, waitlist and visitors.
- **b)** Housekeeping
- **c)** Lunch is at Burleigh Surf Club following the meeting
- **d)** Know Your Probus Friend**:** Uta was to introduce herself but was not available. Marilyn Bromley talked about the trip to Egypt with 2 other probus friends. Thank you Marilyn.

2.Apologies: Lee Warren; Phil Warren; Jan Clarke; Lesley Mayn; Ralph Mayn, Lesley Layton; Ros Guye; Helen Hollingsworth; Dawn McKinnon; Anne Cincotta; John Gallant; Gloria Gergley; Yvonne Jordan; Al Larter; John Larter; Ros Lever; Judith Lever; Arthur Lewis; Kathy Williamson; Stephen Dyte

Moved: Ingrid Millbourn **Second:** Juanita Barber **Agreed**.

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:
Graham's newsletter now received by everyone.

5.Correspondence In:

GCNR:
Arundal Winter Warmer bus trip
Bush Christmas Toowoomba fully booked

PSPL:
Club Website
Happy Probus Month
AGM information – start planning for 2027
Management Committee Update (Viking Travel newest partner)
Active Retirees 28 Oct 26
Management Committee - Probus Month
Anzac Square Memorial Galleries

General:
John Curtain –Comments re Club Burleigh lunch after general meeting 6 October
City of Gold Coast Household Resilience Ratings program
Trade Travel x 2

6.Correspondence Out:
Response to John Curtain

7.Business arising from Correspondence: Nil

Motion: Inward and outward correspondence accepted
Moved: June Webber **Second:** Colin Sharpe **Agreed.**

8.Treasurer's Report: Kaye Camilleri.

TREASURERS EPORT OCTOBER 2026		
Opening Bank Balance as at 24.09.26		$ 5,927.12
Meeting Fees	$ 350.00	
Beenleigh Rum Distillary	$ 1,307.00	$ 1,657.00
		$ 7,584.12
EXPENSES		
Bank Fees	$ 0.83	
		$ 0.83
Bank Balance as at 26.10.26		$ 7,583.29
Petty Cah/Float	-	$ 50.00
ACTUAL FUNDS ELD AS AT 26.10.26		**$ 7,633.29**
Known committed expenses		
Surf Club Approx	$ 350.00	-
Refund to Members	$ 25.00	
Beenleigh Rum Distillery	$ 1,100.00	
Meals for Beenleigh Trip Appr	$ 400.00	$ 1,875.00
		$ 5,758.29

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted

Moved: Kaye Camilleri **Second:** Marilyn Bromley **Agreed**

9.Business Arising from Treasurers Report: Nil

10.Committee & Sub Groups reports:

Membership: Doreen Graham
There were 37 members and 1 visitor in attendance, and 20 apologies.
Jenny Hamond was given her Probus card and passport.

Welfare: Robyn Zabawa
Arthur Lewis has had a hip replacement and is recovering.
Welcome back to Julie Hill, Alan Jurd and Neita Mason, all who have not been too well of late.
Ian Reeves had a foot operation and is doing well.
Dawn McKinnon has a virus.
Yvonne Jordan had a fall and was in Robina Hospital. Is home now and her family is helping out.

Welcome Birthday Chocolates to Neita Mason and Vicki Harries. Anne Cincotta celebrated a milestone but not in attendance today.

Guest Speakers: Evelen Hunter
Today's speaker was to be Adam Russell, to talk about fire ants. Unfortunately he was unable to attend.
1 December – June's choir to sing and/or trivia.
2 February 2027 Speaker - Pip Carter.
Operates a business called Advanced Age Care Solutions
She is a consultant who helps people navigate their way through the Aged Care System + Involving Centre Link, Assessments, Support Home and Residential Care etc
Evelen has a list of speakers up to June 2027 for all to view.

The organization of the bus trip to Dubbo from 5-12 April 2027 is underway.
Proposed Itinerary is to stay overnight at the Moree Artesian Motel, then 2 nights in Dubbo visiting the Observatory and the Open Plains Zoo. On to Parks to view the dish plus a 3D video, Elvis Presley and Vintage Museums. Finally, to Armadale to see Autumn leaves on the way home. Evelen will confirm pricing and details at our December meeting.

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
20 Oct – Dinner at the CBD hotel in Varsity Lakes well attended and enjoyed by all.
17 Nov – Beenleigh Rum Distillery – Bus and Tour $45 plus lunch cost. Lunch is pre-ordered and pre-paid. Travellers to be at Christine Ave Library by 9.30am for departure at 9.45am sharp. Depart Beenleigh at 2pm for home. Final payments now due.
8 December break-up will be a Christmas lunch at Club Robina, 263 Ron Penhaligon Way, Robina. The club will subsidise $20 towards the costs. Members, waitlist people and interested people will pay $20 each.
As this is also a bowling day and parking is limited it is recommended that you arrive early. Could also car pool. Bus 753 departs from Broadbeach South bus terminal and stops at the club. Don't forget to wear your Christmas gear.

Newsletter/Webmaster: Graeme Clarke
Newsletter and Web page as read.

Theatre: Barrie Middleton
Contact Barrie Middleton on 0412 391 089 or barriemiddleton@yahoo.com if you wish to attend

Spotlight Theatre's *The Other Boy from Oz RELOADED* - by Jonathan Whitlow is available for 2 shows only - 7.30 pm on SATURDAY 21st and the Matinee on SUNDAY 22nd of November.
Please note this is a one-man show - not the full musical.
.4-6 December – Gold Tones is a cabaret style musical.
Gold Coast Little Theatre – 22 November ***& Juliet*** - a musical. 3 members attending.
29 January to 20 February Jesus Christ Super Star is the first show in 2027.

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

GCNR Delegate's Report. Brodie Straughan
No recent meeting.
Brodie spoke about his "Live Life Alarm" and described its workings. This alarm is worn around the neck and notifies a sequence of people whenever the wearer has a fall.

11.General Business:
There is no January meeting. Welcome Back lunch 19 January 2027, venue to be advised.
2nd February is the first general meeting for 2027.
President Debbie presented a Questionnaire asking what members want for their club and planning for 2027. See Attached below.
John Curtain asked why people don't go to lunch at Club Burleigh. Members voted on 2 lunch venues, Burleigh Surf Club and Burleigh Bowls Club.
Activities – do members want monthly lunch and events, lunch only, or events only. Out of 60 members approximately 20 attend these functions. Suggested one month, 1 activity and the second month 2 activities. Need 2 organisers for this role in 2027. Get on the committee.
Suggestion Box for entertainment and eating out. If not enough members attend, we could join in with other clubs. Persons suggesting outings could help organize. Have a brief "open forum" at meetings.
GCNR functions are well attended and they have many activities.

12.Hospitality and Lucky Door Prize – Margaret Clarke
Winner was Kaye Camilleri. Congratulations Kaye.

13.Morning Tea

Next meeting 1 December.

Meeting Closed 11.50 am

President **Secretary**

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11. General Business:

***Would anyone like to share their story, next meeting as " know your Probus friend"**

***Has anyone considered becoming a committee member in 2027 - show of hands ???**

Comments .....

The committee work hard to provide you with fun & friendship activities however I'm hearing grumblings of discontent behind the scenes, I want to get an idea of what you want so .....

Planning for 2027 – let's play a game where you join in!

Our Monthly meetings – are you happy with the current format? Yes

Would you like to make any changes to the Meetings Agenda ?

Yes – comments: .....

Lunch after our meeting

Do you wish to have different venues on a rotation, as it is now? Yes - What venues?

Burleigh Bowls ? Yes / No - comments .....

Club Burleigh ? Yes / No - comments .....

Mowbray Surf Club Yes / No - comments .....

OR would you prefer to have lunch at same venue each month Yes - where .....

Lunches/ Dinners / Outings

Do you wish to return to having one lunch / dinner, as well as an outing once a month? Yes .....

Do you wish to have only one event a month - either a lunch/dinner or an outing ?

Yes .....

Would you prefer to have one outing, that includes a lunch once a month ?

Yes .....

GCNR – boasted a great list of varied activies which were all well attended

- **In 2027, I would like to introduce a "Suggestion" box for you to have input into future outings / activities / Places to go & Eateries**

Any comments .....

- **I would also like to introduce a brief "Open forum" in General Business, for members to have their say, offer ideas, share experiences / travel / start new groups**

Any comments .....

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