COMBINED PROBUS CLUB CASTLE HILL INC.

 GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 15 MAY 20121.

 MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

Meeting Opened:- 10:00 am

!. Welcome:- Chairperson John Perry.

 Welcome to all our members and a special welcome to today’s guests. I hope you remember and enjoy our General Meeting hoping it may inspire you to join our friendly, active club. To help you get to know members and direct you to appropriate activity coordinators there are several people here with badges labelled MEET and GREET. So please seek them out during morning tea.

2. House Keeping.

* House keeping – exits, evacuation procedures, assembly point, toilets, phones, signing out book if leaving early (WHS compliance), lunch WPHSC (sign on sheet for lunch) both of which are located on the desk inside the hall exit. Move back to seats when requested to do so.
* Medical Cards- members are reminded to bring these to all Probus activities. Cards are available from the Secretary if you do not have one.
* Mobile Phones- Please turn to mute or off.
* Lunch- we will be attending the WPHSC for lunch after the meeting but you must have signed the attendance sheet, please see Lyn Wilkes at morning tea.
* Coronavirus- cautionary note- use hand sanitiser and sanitiser wipes, move away from food tables once you have morning tea.

3. Announcements.

* May Birthdays are on the Newsletter.
* Careflight- has sent a Mayday call to raise moneys to help train emergency first responders. If you would like to make a donation you can do so at <https://give.careflight.org/mayday21> or if you would like to read more events@careflight.org
* Mike Hofman has resigned. The President thanked Mike for his service to the club especially during the COVID-19 months. A replacement is urgently needed to take over Mike’s position of Property Officer.
* Melbourne Cup. Proposed function for this day at the Mean Fiddler on 2 November 2021, costing $69 with lots of inclusions.

4. Secretary’s Report.

* Attendance . 137 Apologies 27 Leave of Absence 11. Guests:- Frances Orr, Liz Lee, Gena and John Athans.
* Minutes from April General Meeting on Notice Board.
* Invitation to the Cumberland Gangshow at Riverside Theatre in Parramatta; details on the Notice Board.
* Resignation:- Mike and Trish Hofman.
* Suggestion Box- Thanks extended to Noni Folland for her suggestions from the previous meeting being convenors and coordinators on stage, seated and ready to present and writing pad and pen in the suggestion box. Both implemented for the meeting.

5. Treasurer’s Report.

 Refer to Newsletter and Notice Board.

6. No inductions this month.

7. Activity Reports.

* Week Away Tours. Red Centre. Tickets not needed because of group travel.

 Coffs Harbour. Spaces are still available on this tour.

 Broken Hill Tour 2022 announced, still awaiting approval from Committee.

* Special Events. SAPPS at Ilago 25/05 – spaces still available.

 Christmas in July 27/07. Register today and pay.

 Crazy Whist 22/09.

 Christmas Party 30/11.

* International Tours. Trip to New Zealand later in the year. Details to follow.
* Theatre Outings. “Woman in Black” Ensemble Theatre. Cost $ 72. Balance to be paid at the June meeting.

 “Killing Katie” expressions of interest today, deposits in June.

 “Come From Away” full payment before July.

* Day Tours. Nan Tien Temple 29/06.

John Wilkes reported on the following:-

* Walking Group. Text or email interest to Aldo Cantori for walk on 21/05
* Wine and Cheese. No June meeting, no host available. Those interested in hosting a meeting should contact the coordinator.
* Golf. Coordinator is still needed
* TLC- Vanilla Cream 10/06.

8. Guest Speaker.

 Graeme Brangwin introduced Bob Carr as today’s speaker.

 Bob spoke briefly about his role as Foreign Minister and the impact of the ongoing problems in the Middle East ( Israel and Palestine). He then spoke about Australian and China relations from an historical perspective and in relation to the current unease between the two especially trade. Finally he spoke about Climate Change emphasising one fact, the change in the Earth’s upper atmosphere. Several questions were asked and Graeme thanked Bob for his presentation.

9. The President thanked Bob Carr, all members for their attendance announced next months speaker, Greg de Moore and the date for the next meeting 15 June 2021.

10. Meeting closed at 12:00 pm.