COMBINED PROBUS CLUB CASTLE INC.

GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 20 APRIL 2021.

MINUTES OF MEETING.

1. Meeting Opened:- 10:00 am
2. President’s Introduction- John Perry.
3. Welcome to all our members to the second General Meeting after the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions and a special welcome to today’s guests. I hope you enjoy our General Meeting and the special ANZAC ceremony. I hope that this may inspire you to join our friendly, active club. To help you get to know members and direct you to the appropriate activity coordinators there are several people here with badges labelled “MEET and GREET”. So please seek them out during morning tea.
4. House Keeping.

Exits, evacuation procedure, assembly points, bathrooms pointed out. Signing out book if leaving early must be signed (WHS compliance) and signing in for lunch at the WPHSC list are located on the desk inside the hall exit. Following morning tea would all members move to their seats as quickly as possible.

1. Medical Cards. Members are reminded to bring these to all Probus activities. Cards are available from the Secretary.
2. Please turn off mobile phones.
3. Lunch will be at the WPHSC following the meeting. Attendance sheet must be signed. If you haven’t signed the sheet please see Lyn Wilkes at morning tea.
4. Coronavirus- please use the hand sanitiser and sanitiser wipes, move away from tables once you have your morning tea.
5. Announcements:-

* Jack Eagles. It is with much sadness that the club announces the passing away of Jack earlier this month. A tribute by John Purkis appears in the Newsetter
* April Birthdays appear in the Newsletter.
* Suggestion Box placed at the front of the meeting, President invited members to place suggestions into the box during meeting time.
* Committee Appointments and Resignations. President introduced Aldo Cantori ( Vice President for 2021-2022) and John Wilkes (Activities Coordinator for 2021-2022). President stated that Anne Perry had resigned from guest speaker coordinator and a replacement is required. He also pointed out that speakers had been organised for the remainder of 2021.

1. Secretary’s Report.

* Attendance Report. No. Present :- 151 Apologies:- 31. Leave of Absence:- . No Contact:- 12. Visitors:- 7. Inductions:- 4.
* Correspondence.
* Resignations. Karen Filo, Elizabeth and Stuart Taylor, Marie Woodward, Margaret Daly, David Edmunds.
* A number of membership inquiries.
* Proposal for the establishment of Ladies Chat and Coffee Club.
* Brochure from Parramatta City Council outlining excursions as well as a guest speaker to talk about developments in the city’s precinct.
* The Secretary also announced how members could access an on line copy of the South Pacific Retirees Magazine; sent in an email to all members.
* The Secretary referred members to the notice board for a copy of the minutes of the previous month’s General Meeting.

1. Treasurer’s Report.

A detailed report of the Club’s financial situation was placed on the notice board.

1. Inductions.

The following new members were inducted:- Vyvette Tudor, Simon King, Pip and Dennis Lovely.

1. Activity Reports.

* John Wilkes introduced the numerous activities of the club identifying coordinators for all groups and then allowing them to issue a brief report. These reports are available in the Newsletter.
* Week Away Tours- Red Centre Tour – payment by 1 May and 7:00 am pick up at the Pines on16 June. Coffs Harbour/ Grafton Tour 31 August to 5 September. Only 9 going but On Course will treat it as a group.
* International Tours- Norfolk Island is active. Leave on 31 May. Convenor will explore the possibility of a New Zealand Tour later in the year.
* Special Events. Crazy Whist 14 May; SAPPS dining- Jags Restaurant 25 May; Christmas in July 27 – Waterview Restaurant.

1. Guest Presenters. John Perry introduced Chris Bennett, Ken Walsh and Jim Castles as the guest speakers for the days ANZAC ceremony. He then outlined a brief biography on each and their service records. John Perry spoke about the significance of ANZAC day.

Ken Walsh outlined the ANZAC story.

Jim Castles delivered a power point presentation of his experience in Vietnam as part of the Royal Engineers with emphasis on the Battle of Binh Ba in 1969.

Chris Bennett delivered the honour roll.

1. Closing Comments.

John Perry thanked the special guests as well as Carol Rock and the craft ladies for the poppies and the wreaths.

1. Next Meeting:- Tuesday, 18 May, 2021
2. Meeting Closed:- 12:10 pm