**COMINBED PROBUS CLUB CASTLE HILL INC**

**GENERAL MEETING – 17 March 2020**

**OPEN MEETING: 10.00AM**

**VENUE:** Cherrybrook Community Cultural Centre, Cherrybrook

**INTRODUCTION:**

Lyn Wilkes President opened the meeting and thanked the members for attending – we have quorum for our AGM.

We are facing challenging times and we ask that you keep your distance both seated and standing. We will only be providing tea and coffee this morning – no fingers in top of cups and please use hand sanitizer.

The President advised the members that this would be the last general meeting until future notice and that most planned activities will be cancelled. There are a couple of activities still scheduled to go ahead; in the event these are cancelled the Convenor for the activity will advise the participants.

Probus South Pacific has not issued any further notice on how to manage this situation however we will keep you informed.

We will proceed now with the General Meeting with morning tea and the Annual General Meeting to follow with the changeover lunch still going ahead at Madisons.

Lyn Wilkes then carried out Housekeeping and Evacuation advising/reminding members where the Exit points are; the Evacuation Maps are; Meeting Point in case of evacuation is at the oval.

Lyn Wilkes also reminded members to either turn their mobile phone off or turn to silent during the meeting and that any member needing to leave early to sign the book at the front desk.

Lyn Wilkes, President welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

**Birthdays:**

Happy Birthday to all those celebrating their birthday this month. Please let me know if you didn’t receive a Newsletter.

**Medical Cards:**

A reminder to complete a Medical Card and to carry it with you at a Probus sponsored event.

**General Business:**

Breakfast in the Park – no date set yet however we will advise as soon as we have a suitable date

**Succession Planning:**

We still have three positions on the Committee vacant:

* Vice President
* Activities Officer
* Refreshment Officer

As we currently have no nominations for the above positions we will be calling for self -nominations from the floor

We have also introduced a New Member Strategy which will be managed by Glenys Pye, Membership Officer. Glenys has a list of members who have volunteered to act as Mentors for new Members. Glenys will also advise the relevant Convenors of new members who have a particular interest in the area they are convenor for. The role of the convenor is to contact the new member an invite them along to their activity.

For those not attending the change over lunch today a table has been booked at WPH Sports club – please sign the Attendance form if you plan to attend.

**Secretary’s Report**

**Attendance Report:** Present 90; LOA 33; Apologies 57

We had 2 visitors to our meeting: Chris Savage and Ron Stacey (2nd meeting)

**Correspondence:** Various correspondence received; renewal of post office box; a flyer for Outings; President pack from PSP and acknowledgement of an accident/injury claim sent to PSP.

**Minutes of last meeting**: Not posted on NB for February meeting

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Report on the notice board at the back of the room. Various monies received/ spent to pay for activities/outings. Audit of our accounts being undertaken.

**Activity Reports:**

**Week Away Tours:**

A trip to Coffs Harbour in October 2020 was approved by the Committee so seeking EOI for this trip – no monies required to be paid yet.

**Uluru/Alice Spring Tou**r – The convenor will speak with On Course and subject to restrictions being placed by the Government the trip is still on. However, he will keep members informed.

On Course is scheduled to pick up tour members for the Red Centre from The Pines however a suggestion to use a Shuttle Bus arrangement has been made as an alternative. Can I meet with those who are booked on the tour at morning tea to determine whether we continue with On Course to collect the tour members or use the shuttle bus.

Final Payment for the Red Centre tour is due – date to be confirmed

South Coast Tour - A special tour organised by On Course Tours is taking place from 27th March to 31st March 2020 to the south coast to support the towns affected by the recent bush fires. At this stage the tour is scheduled to go ahead however the Organisers of this Tour will advise members if this changes.

**Special Events**

SAPPS dinner – nothing scheduled at this time

Christmas in July at Berowra Waters on 30th July is still scheduled to go ahead however this will be reviewed.

Crazy Whist night 16th April in the Redgum room has been cancelled.

**International Tours: -**

**Sth Africa**: The International Tour Convenor has asked the South African tour company Thompsons to work with various providers for this tour to move the tour to a similar time in 2021. He is expecting a response around 19th/20th March and will organise a meeting with tour attendees to discuss the response.

**Mauritius 2020:** Early stage, deposits due 21st March. Trade Travel are dealing directly with members – final payment has been pushed out. At this stage the trip is scheduled to go ahead as it is in October but will continue to review.

**Day Tours:**

The Seafood BBQ in March was a fantastic success so will schedule another in 2021 to Palm Beach.

All other activities have been cancelled however day out trip to Newcastle on 20/6 is a wait and see.

**Theatre:**

Opera on the Harbour has been cancelled – refunds till be forthcoming

La Traviata – cancelled

Crunch time at the Ensemble is still on – please collect tickets. If this changes convenor will let members know. ***Post the General Meeting this has now been cancelled.***

9 – 5 has been cancelled

Secret Garden on 6 October could still go ahead.

**Golf:**

Golf is still going ahead – next game is scheduled for 7 April at Richmond. If anything changes the convenor will liaise with all golfers.

**Activities Group:**

**Walking Group** – cancelled

**Bridge** – Lessons have been cancelled. ABF have cancelled Bridge for 4 weeks. Bridge on a Tuesday evening at The Pines will likewise cancel for 4 weeks. Will keep you informed.

**Craft Group** now meeting on the first Thursday in the month – waiting advice if this goes ahead

**Tennis Group** – will go ahead

**Fishing Group** – refer to the Newsletter

**Genealogy Group** – still going ahead – any change will be advised. ***Post general meeting this is likely to be cancelled***

**Wine and Cheese** – Cancelled

**Cabins and Caravans** – still scheduled to go ahead however if this changes, members will be advised. ***Post General Meeting this event has been cancelled.***

**Next Meeting:** Future meetings cancelled until otherwise advised

**General Meeting finished at 10.40am**

**AGM to commence at 11.00am**

**Signed as correct: Lyn Wilkes President**