



Combined Probust Club Castle Hill Inc

General Meeting: 16 May 2023

MINUTES

Open Meeting: - 10.00am

INTRODUCTION: Chairperson: - Peter Wolnizer

- **Welcome**

Peter wished everyone a very cordial greeting to the General Meeting on such a beautiful day.

- **Visitors / guests** – Victor Zarb, Therese Zarb, Leonie Warner, Margaret Seale.

- **Housekeeping**

- Please ensure that your phone is off or on silent.
- In the unlikely event that we need to evacuate the building, the emergency assembly point is adjacent to this building.
- Toilets are located near the ramp on your left as you exit the hall.
- Well done to all the members who attended the meeting last month with all of the disruption and inconvenience.
- If you need to leave the meeting early, please make sure you sign out using the form located just inside the hall doorway.
- At the conclusion of the meeting please vacate the hall and the foyer as quickly as possible. The Hornsby Council requires us to vacate the hall by noon.

- **Medical Cards** – all members are advised to carry their personal medical card when attending Probust events. If you don't have one, please see our secretary, Bev Rooney.

- **President's Message**

1. Peter highlighted that our activities, events, and tours are the heartbeat of our Club and encourage as many members as possible to participate in whatever activities interest them – for their own benefit and the benefit of fellow club members.
2. Peter encouraged members to make suggestions for tours, day trips, walks and other activities - and highlighted the week away tours survey and encouraged members to complete it - the Committee understands that members' interests, priorities and capacities change over time and that our programme of activities and events needs to adapt to accordingly.
3. Peter advised that 'The National Insurance Programs in Australia and New Zealand provide coverage ... for Public Liability, Personal Injury, Association Liability and Club Money Cover for approved Probust Club activities.' (p.50). It is not a substitute for personal travel insurance. If travelling please take out your own insurance.
4. Our Committee put into place 'Risk Assessment Protocols' some time ago. Peter advised that the

Committee has provided all activity and event coordinators 'risk assessments' to promote the comfort and safety of participants and to comply with Probus insurance requirements. Our Past President, Aldo Cantori, has revised these 'risk assessments' and forwarded them to each Convenor and applicable Coordinator. This is for your comfort and safety. We thank Aldo for this. (Applause)

5. Peter informed the meeting that the Committee has considered feedback from some members that they would like to hear more about the Club's activities and events at General Meetings – not to repeat the details contained in the Newsletter but about the enjoyable and shared experiences of those who participated. Let the Committee know if this applies to you. Peter notified the meeting that the Committee is considering changing the time allocation at General Meetings to allow more time for sharing those experiences and promoting the activities of Club life - and would welcome feedback from members as to whether they would welcome the General meeting time being extended by up to 15 minutes (from 10:00-10:45) followed by morning tea for 30 minutes and the guest speaker time slot being reduced to 40 minutes (from 11:15-11:55 noon) thus enabling us to vacate the building by noon.
6. Peter updated the meeting that the Committee decided not to proceed with the proposed cruise to Honolulu due to lack of member interest. These things must be booked long in advance, and he is sorry to advise that that cruise is off.
7. Peter advised the meeting that the Committee unanimously recommends changing of Standing Resolution #2 to allow for two additional positions on the Committee and that the President will write to all members after this meeting to explain the proposed change that is aligned with the Probus Handbook recommendations for Committee membership. He stated that the Probus South Pacific recommended that the Newsletter Editor be on the Committee, as they must attend all meetings to keep the club updated on all events and activities.

Reason for the proposed amendment

Standing Resolution No.2 currently limits the number of members on the Management Committee to a maximum of twelve (12). Since the initial drafting of that Standing Resolution, the activities of the club have altered in a number of ways including the division of a number of existing activities – for example "International and Weekly Trips" are now run as separate activities and "Membership and Welfare" have also been split into separate functions.

The proposed amendment would provide the Committee with greater flexibility in ensuring that all club functions are adequately represented on the Committee.

Process for amendment and Committee's recommendation

Standing Resolution No.21 outlines that process for amending a Standing Order. In summary, a Standing Order may be amended at any general meeting by the affirmative vote of not less than 75% of the members present and voting, provided that notice of any proposed amendment has been published to all members at least twenty-one (21) days before such meeting.

At the first general meeting after the expiry of the 21-day notice period, the President will move that the proposed amendment be adopted and will call for the motion to be seconded. This will then be followed by a vote by all members present at that meeting.

The Committee unanimously recommends that the members approve the proposed amendment.

8. Peter encouraged members to nominate for the vacant roles. He updated the meeting that unfortunately as no one had volunteered to serve as Convenors of the Craft Group and the Heritage and History Group the Committee has – with great regret - unanimously decided to discontinue those activities. The Committee is keen to maintain the Heritage and History events and thought that they could be incorporated into our day trips programme. Again – member feedback would be warmly welcomed.
 9. Peter thanked Lyn Wilkes again and helpers for serving on the Floktu Helpdesk during morning tea.
 10. Several of our members are travelling abroad during the May-July period and I wish to extend the Club's good wishes to them for safe, healthy, and enjoyable holidays. Peter thanked Anne Lockwood for standing in as our Newsletter Editor whilst Annette and Alan were away travelling.
- **Lunch** – Peter reminded that lunch would be held at West Pennant Hills Sports Club. Attendees to advise Lyn Wilkes during morning tea or tick the sheet at the desk.
 - **May birthdays** – Peter extended birthday wishes to all members who celebrate a birthday in May.

- **Spotlight on a Member** – Peter thanked Judy Rochford for sharing something of her life and interests in the “SPOTLIGHT on a MEMBER” feature this month – and Aldo Cantori for looking after this feature.

SECRETARY’S REPORT - Bev Rooney

Today’s meeting: Present 111; Apologies 15; Leave of Absence 14; No contact 27; Inactive 1; Visitors 4

- Welcomed four visitors: Victor Zarb, Therese Zarb, Leonie Warner & Margaret Seale.
- Correspondence received: a notification of Dennis Quinn’s funeral.
- Suggestion Box: request for our club to be listed-currently listed but contact details need to be changed.
- Needlework available for ladies to collect on front of stage.

Peter reiterated a word of thanks to those visitors

TREASURER’S REPORT - Anne Lockwood - Financial statements are on display on the notice. board for the members’ perusal. If anybody didn’t get last month’s Newsletter, please see me at morning tea.

The good news is that we now have a square and people are now using it quite well and last month we took \$904.00, and a similar amount this month. Our preferred method of payment is to put the funds straight into the bank account. The square attracts a fee and Anne has prices available inclusive of the fees. 121 people paid their club fees, and Anne is chasing members as Probus South Pacific want an online form produced by the end of May so that they can calculate their capitation fees. More than \$17.00 of our membership fee goes directly to Probus South Pacific. Anne stated that the monthly statements were available at the front of the hall for anyone to peruse at morning tea.

John Michell asked how many people hadn’t paid; Anne stated that there were 167 members, so that the balance of 167 – 121 provided the answer to that question.

Peter introduced the scheduled Activity reports.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Committee reports	Coordinator
Week away tours	<u>Colin Yates</u> – Adelaide and Peninsulas Tour -24 th September to 1 st October. Final payment due on 15 th August (date of the August meeting). Unfortunately, one participant is unable to attend, so if anyone is able to attend happy to share, please see Colin at morning tea and he can provide brochures for the trip.
	<u>Frances Orr</u> – is chasing money. Frances is requesting members to complete the Travel Survey Form so that she can plan for members. Gloucester-September 20 th -4 days. Frances has been able to get 3 more rooms meaning up to 6 extra people. Cost is a tiny \$1,120.00, probably the cheapest trip available. We have 14 people going, but if joining today, Pay Anne or must pay by the end of month. On 16 th August some are joining Kellyville Probus to Longreach/Winton. A Tasmanian trip may be available early next year with Aroua Tours for a cost of \$5,100.00. Fran is hoping to book a tour later in the year but the cost will be closer to \$6000.00. Please see Fran for a brochure.
Day Tours	<u>Elizabeth Lessells</u> – Tickets to the races on Thursday needing to be collected are available from Graeme Lockwood. Graeme has a spare ticket – please see him for collection.

	The airport tour is very popular but there are a few spaces available on the bus for 27 th June at a cost of \$88.00.
TLC and SAPPS (Evening Venture)	<p><u>John Perry</u>- Anne Perry is our convenor. Two dining clubs operating with optimum numbers of 20, both proving successful promoting stimulating conversation and Anne very pleased at member responses. Casual dining is available at most activities, such as walks.</p> <p><u>TLC</u> – Casual Daytime Dining – registration by Floktu & payment to the club bank account. We can't make reservations more than 2 months in advance due to possible menu changes. TLC meets together at 12pm on the second Thursday of the month, generally in local restaurants, but recently we made a trip to the Little Snail in the city. TLC next at the TAFE Baulkham Hills, and the reasoning is that some members prefer a more economical experience and particularly during the daytime.</p> <p><u>SAPPS</u>-Sophisticated Amateur Palette Pleasing Society held in the evening. John Michell was the previous convenor. In 2024, the intention is to hold four SAPPS ventures in line with the four yearly seasons and the cuisines will be reflective of those seasons. The ventures will be held in local restaurants and feature gourmet food. The costs will be slightly higher than the cost of TLC. Our first venture will be at Trevi Lakeside on 30th May at a cost of \$49.00 with an additional \$5.00 if taking your wine.</p>
Caravans/Cabins	<u>Barry Haywood (for Sue Donnelly)</u> -People who have registered to go to Gerroa must pay a \$100.00 deposit within days to secure the booking.
Special events	<p><u>John Michell</u>-Christmas in July-Thursday July 20th. A two-course meal will be provided together with a bottle of red and white wine on each table. Tea and coffee will be provided and Vanessa Powell will be the entertainment on the day.</p> <p>The Crazy Whist will be on Wednesday September</p>
Activity groups	<p><u>Barry Haywood (For Chris Savage)</u>-Barry referred to the Newsletter produced by Annette Watson & commended it as a very useful source of information.</p> <p>Barry mentioned the Gardening Group upcoming on 24th May and thanked Les and Jill Dyball for hosting this at their home.</p> <p>Golf Group – Nigel would like more people to come.</p> <p>Bowls Group – Robert Cochrane runs a very good group with visitors always welcome.</p> <p>The Men's Group – John Lucas will attend a Gym for over 50 next.</p> <p>Tai Chi – John Lucas – Not an overly exerting exercise. Looking for extra members.</p> <p>Walking Group – Viv Wilson – a walk coming up on Friday from Circular Quay to Pymont</p> <p>Wine and Cheese – Looking for more hosts.</p>

Peter mentioned that Geoff Loraway had provided an overview of the Federal Budget, now hanging on the noticeboard.

ADJOURN FOR MORNING TEA AND RECONVENE AT 11:15 a.m.

Peter encouraged friendliness at Morning Tea by chatting with fellow members who you may not know or appear to be by themselves.

GUEST SPEAKER –

Barry Haywood introduced Shrawan Paudal Health Promotion Officer from the Macular Disease Foundation Australia. Shrawan introduced us to the world of Macular Vision, running through various aspects of this disease and he provided a set of brochures for every member present and explained how to use.

Barry made a presentation of a gift card to Shrawan on behalf of the club for providing his valuable presentation.

CLOSING COMMENTS

- Peter thanked everyone for attending and commended the Newsletter and lunch at WPH Sports Club.

The Meeting Closed at 11.45 am.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS ON TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2023

Peter Wolnizer
President

Bev Rooney
Secretary