



MINUTES

Management Committee Meeting Combined Probans Club of Castle Hill Inc.

Date: 4 July 2023

Venue: Castle Hill Tavern, 25 Victoria Rd Castle Hill, opposite Bunnings

Open meeting: 9.30am

Agenda items:

- 1. Management Committee:** Peter Wolnizer (President), Barry Haywood, Elizabeth Lessells, John Michell, Frances Orr, Bev Rooney (Secretary), Chris Savage, Helen Strong, Annette Watson
- 2. Invited Attendees:**

Apologies: Aldo Cantori (Immediate Past President), Carol Evans (Vice-President), Rodica Benton and Anne Lockwood (Treasurer), John Perry.

3. Confirmation of minutes of management committee meeting held on 6 June 2023

Mover	John Michell
Seconder	Elizabeth Lessells
Motion Carried (yes/no)	Yes

4. Matters arising from minutes of management committee meeting of 6 June 2023

Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peter advised that Template letters written – welcome to new members, acknowledgement of resignations, conferring of inactive membership status.• Peter referred to the Social get together with Committee members and activity convenors and coordinators – at Peter and Gaye Wolnizer’s home scheduled for 2.30 pm on 1 September. As the proposed day trip to Rookwood Cemetery would take place on that day, it was decided to postpone the social event at the Wolnizer’s home to a date and time to be confirmed. Peter to confer with Chris.• Peter was considering ways to advertise, promote and raise community awareness of our Club – e.g., as suggested in the Probans <i>Guide on Attracting New members and Effective Club Leadership</i>. Peter will undertake to get a copy for every committee member. We are already advertising in the Hills to Hawkesbury. Bev has undertaken to contact the ‘Hong Kong Post’ and the ‘Senior’. Elizabeth suggested a short article with a photograph, but Peter noted that the chances of acceptance for publication were limited. John Michell suggested that Peter ask members to bring friends.
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5. President's Report (Peter Wolnizer)

It was a great pleasure to induct Fred and Lily Wong into our Club and to welcome 117 members and 3 guests at our June General Meeting many of whom enjoyed lunch together at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club following the meeting.

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Robert (Bob) Stack on Saturday 24 June. Bob was a foundation member and the inaugural President of our Club. All members from whom I have heard have paid a wonderful tribute to Bob for his energetic and wise leadership in during the early years of our Club. We convey our deepest sympathy and condolences to his wife, Myra, their four children and their families.

Your Committee was delighted to receive such an enthusiastically positive response from those attending our June meeting to the idea of substituting a guest speaker time slot for an extended morning tea during which we will chat informally in small groups about how we might increase member participation in General Meetings and adapt our extensive activities and events programme to the contemporary interests of our members. Your ideas, suggestions and feedback will be exceedingly helpful and warmly welcomed! We're fortunate to have a wonderfully friendly Club that offers a wide range of activities, events and tours. However, your Committee will dedicate a subsequent Committee meeting to mulling over how we might make our Club even more enjoyable for our members. After all, serving our members' interests is the Committee's *raison d'être*.

We very much look forward to celebrating the Club's 19th anniversary at our July meeting with a 'birthday cake' that will be cut on stage by Club Presidents (past and present) including applauding our Foundation Members. It would be wonderful to have all members join in the celebration!

Peter Wolnizer

PRESIDENT

6. Secretary's Report (Bev Rooney)

- Bev advised the Committee that nothing had been placed in the suggestion box.
- Leave of Absence: Lyn Butcher, Kate Turnham, Ian and Michelle Dale, Ian and Robyn Palmer, Aldo and Karon Cantori, Ralph and Julia Gosling, Carl Denison, Graeme Lockwood, John Lucas, Elaine Smith and Carol Evans.
- Resignations: Nil to secretary.
- Correspondence In: Aldo Cantori sent an email telling us he is having a fabulous time on his Norway cruise with great weather.
- Correspondence Out: Letters were written and emailed in the adopted format for Non-Active Membership to Mary-Ann Vella and Robyn Jenkin.
- An adjustment-note from Anne Lockwood to refund Bev Denison's membership fee.
- An email from Elizabeth Lessells to confirm Bookings for the Australian Maritime Museum in August.

Actions	Bev is to follow up with advertising.
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7. Treasurer's Report (Anne Lockwood)

- Treasurer's reports were circulated for all to take into account.
- Anne submitted a suggestion for the Club to subsidise the venue hire for the Tai Chi. This was discussed at length by the committee.

Annette Watson moved and Barry Haywood seconded that the Club subsidise the venue hire for the next session Tai Chi to see if numbers improve and whether the activity was viable. The committee will review this activity at the September Committee Meeting. John

has retired as convenor and Elaine Shelley has stepped into this role. Chris Savage will advise John Lucas, Anne Lockwood and Elaine Shelley of this decision.

Actions	Chris Savage will advise John Lucas, Anne Lockwood and Elaine Shelley of the Subsidy.
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8. Committee reports

Committee reports	Coordinator
Week away tours	<p>Frances Orr-1. Please pay Balance of payment \$920 double or twin share \$1100 single on or before next meeting July 18th by direct payment into probus account or by credit card at the meeting (NB 1.5%fee that being \$15/\$18pp).</p> <p>HIGH COUNTRY Tour 7-11 May 2024-\$100 deposit (non-refundable) due on or before next meeting July 18th</p> <p>We have 15 people registered for this new trip and I will take further bookings before and at the meeting but would still require the \$100pp deposit please on 18th. Total cost \$1290. The question arose as to whether another Canberra tour in February. After discussion it was realised that the Seafood Day Tour was on in that date.</p> <p>BERRY CELTIC FESTIVAL- Still taking expressions of interest May 24-26 2024</p>
Special events	<p>John Michell- Christmas in July has 42 listed and paid attendees. We have 60 people for Thursday 20th July, featuring 2 bottles of wine, 2 course meal, tea and coffee. Please register in the next 2 weeks.</p> <p>September 13th-Crazy Whist at a cost of \$10 in the Red Gum Room.</p> <p>The Christmas Party will be on Tuesday 28th November at Allegro. It contains a drink on arrival, 3 bottles of wine on each table, 3 appetisers, a 2-course meal, The price is \$65.00, which has been heavily subsidised by the club. 70 people are required to attend.</p>
International tours	<p>Rodica Benton-Presented a trip to Sri Lanka from 14th to 27th March, being 14 days and 13 nights. The cost is \$5948 twin share with a single supplement of \$1298, and the agent is asking \$236 for taxes. The flights are with Singapore Airlines, with most meals included. Escorts will be provided by the Travel Agent, with luxury coach travel and accommodation in 4- and 5-star hotels. The Deposit is \$1,000 due 1st December. Sri Lanka has a large variety of birds, animals and reptiles.</p>
Day Tours	<p>Elizabeth Lessells-The tour for the <u>Police Museum</u> for Friday 14th July is a low-cost day out with travel costing only \$2.50, entrance to the museum is free and the largest expenditure will be on the lunch. It is at Circular Quay on the corner of Phillip and Albert Street meeting at 10.00 am.</p>

	<p>On 22nd August we are going to the <u>Maritime Museum</u> costing approximately \$25.00 plus lunch. The nearest carpark is the City Carpark being 14 minutes' walk and costing \$16.00.</p> <p>In September Elizabeth has cancelled the Bowral trip as she will not be able to get the numbers due to the Day Tours. However, Elizabeth booked Judith Dunn to tour <u>Rookwood Cemetery</u> on Friday 1st September. Total cost which includes morning tea and the bus for \$47.00. (Peter will change his date).</p> <p>October-Tuesday 24th October a to visit <u>Red Cow Farm and Green Briar Gardens at Bowral</u>.</p> <p>Elizabeth later requested approval for 2024 activities as follow: February – Seafood Bar-b-Que September – The Bowral Tulips November – The Melbourne Cup at the Fiddler. The Committee approved all of these activities.</p>
Activity groups	<p>Chris Savage-<u>Bowls</u>-Robert Cochrane- Lawn Bowls will be 28th July and 11th August.</p> <p><u>Book Club</u>- THE CROW TRAP by Anne Cleeves- the first instalment in the VERA Stanhope series- well known by all members of the Book Club (Popular TV series). We had a very lively discussion about the very intricate plot - therefore quite easy reading – and a very surprising ending. We all enjoyed the read. Average 8 out of 10.</p> <p>Chris is very happy with the subsidy approved for Tai Chi.</p>
Membership and welfare	<p>Helen Strong- We have 161 current members and I am waiting on 2 new members. Helen posted out 5 welcoming letters and 7 resignation letters. Helen will be following up Phillip Coombe.</p> <p>Helen presented the new phone list for approval to print to distribute to members. The committee approved the printing of 150 phone lists.</p> <p>Helen has old files recording resigned members. Anything over 5 years can be destroyed.</p> <p><u>Welfare Report</u>- Anne Gover-Robin Jenkins health has further declined. Sympathy card to Myra Stack & Get-well card to Ralph Gosling for surgery.</p>
Guest Speakers	<p>Barry Haywood-<u>July 2023</u>-Our Guest Presenter for our July 2023 General Meeting is Felicity Gee.</p> <p>Felicity is a resident of Australia who works in Age Care industry. Felicity has just completed a holiday in Zimbabwe and South Africa. She will provide us with a background of life in Zimbabwe and the current status.</p> <p><u>August 2023</u>-Our Guest Presenter for August Will be Preet Chouhan Customer Specialist Services NSW. Services NSW is a State Government NSW Service, formally the Main Roads Department now a new branch offering a range of grants, services and incentives many you may not be aware of. The services will be highlighted.</p> <p><u>September 2023</u>-Our Guest Presenters will be Norm and Sandra Webb Award Winning Bee Keepers They have won awards at Sydney Royal Easter Show.</p> <p>They will tell you What Happens when Bees Swarm, how do they pollinate Flowers? Interesting Topic with current crisis in Bee Keeping Industry.</p>

	They will bring some honey for Sale. October – no speaker. Members’ informal, small group discussions.
Property	John Perry- Peter advised that he has the pass code, the defibrillator and the keys to all cupboards for the July meeting.

9. Acceptance of Reports

Mover acceptance of all reports	John Michell
Seconder	Elizabeth Lessells
Motion carried (yes/no)	Yes

10. Inductions

Actions	Names to be provided by Helen Strong when necessary. None for this month.
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11. Newsletter

- Approval of draft newsletter

Actions	The accessibility of the new format is much easier. We must provide a backup to Annette if she is ill or when she and Alan wish to travel.
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12. 2023 Yearly Planner (John Perry)

Actions	Note the updated calendar as of 26 June 2023 circulated by John Perry.
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13. Web Site

Actions	To note that Aldo has concluded his review.
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14. General Business

The following items of general business are carried forward from the Committee meeting held on 6 June 2023:

- Proforma for activity, event and tour reports. Annette to report on implementation difficulties. Nil reported.

New items of general business:

- Peter was happy with the members’ positive feedback during and following the General Meeting on 20 June 2023 – especially to the idea of having an informal small group discussion following morning tea at the October General Meeting to canvass ideas about member participation in General Meetings (as suggested in the Probus *Guide on Attracting New members and Effective Club Leadership*) and our activities/events/tour programme. The feedback will be delivered at the November Committee Meeting.
- The committee will discuss the Certificates of Appreciation and to whom they should be awarded at our next Committee Meeting.
- Comparative memberships of Probus Clubs in the Hills district as per PSP website:
Y=looking for new members N=not looking for new members.
 - Cherrybrook Probus 163 - Y
 - Coonara-Cherrybrook Combines Probus 190 - N
 - Glenhaven Probus 122 – N

- Kellyville and Hills Probus 95 - Y
 - Knightsbridge-Glenhaven Probus 125 – Y
 - Castle Hill & District Probus 200 – Y
 - Castle Hill Combined Probus 121 – Y – This number to be followed up by Anne.
 - Oakhill-Dural Combined 181 – Y
- Elizabeth requested permission to look into activities for next year as follows:
Vivid, Trip to the Railway Museum at Thirlmere, The Archibald Art prize and a trip to an oyster farm on the Hawkesbury River. These activities were approved.

Actions	Review of stored documents for destruction of old as agreed at the Committee meeting of 2 May 2023 – action outstanding.
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15. Meeting Close: 11.30 am

16. Next Meeting: Tuesday, 1 August 2023, at Castle Hill Tavern at 9.30am

Castle Hill Tavern.

Peter Wolnizer

President

Bev Rooney

Secretary