



Combine Probis Club Castle Hill Inc

General Meeting: 18 October 2022

Minutes

Open Meeting: - 10.00am

INTRODUCTION: Chairperson: - Aldo Cantori

- **Welcome**

Good morning and welcome to our October general meeting.

- **Visitors / guests**

A big welcome to our guests today: Michelle & Ian Dale

- **Housekeeping**

The usual housekeeping rules apply. Please ensure that your phone is off or on silent. In the unlikely event that we need to evacuate the building, our emergency assembly point is adjacent to this building. Toilets are located near the ramp on your left as you exit the hall. If you need to leave the meeting early, please make sure you sign out using the form located just inside the hall doorway.

- **Medical Cards** – for your own safety, you should be carrying a personal medical card at all Probis events. If you don't have one, please see our secretary, Bev Rooney and she will arrange one for you.

- **President's Message**

Well, I have some exciting news for you today but I'm going to keep you all in suspense for a while as I'd like to cover a few other points first.

This is a very sad week as we lost two of our much-loved members, Barbara Primrose and Malcolm Robson. I spoke with Barbara only a few days before she passed and although she knew the end was near, she was quite upbeat. I think she was more concerned about her husband Rob's on-going health issues than her own. Malcolm Robson was a foundation member who contributed greatly to our club including a stint as President. They will both be missed. We offer our condolences to the Robson and Primrose families during this sad time. Malcolm's funeral service will be held at 11am Friday, 21 October at Kellyville Anglican Church, 45 President Rd Kellyville. Barbara Robson has advised us that Probis members would be most welcome to attend.

Our membership currently stands at about 180 which is well down from the peak of 230 that we hit a couple of years ago. Whilst we've lost a few members for a variety of reasons, we haven't attracted as many new members as we would have liked. No doubt covid 19 has been partly to blame for this. Word-of-mouth is always the best form of advertising and I'd like to urge you all to invite any friends or neighbours that you think would make good members of our club. Let's see if we can get back up above the 200-mark.

You may recall that we recently launched a “buddy” system whereby an existing member is assigned to a new member to help them find their feet in their first few months of membership. We’ve had a few ladies volunteer to be buddies – and I say thank you to those ladies. We now need the men to do their part – so come on guys, we need a few male buddies. All you need to do is give your name to Glenys Pye and you will be assigned to a new member when the need arises.

The end of the year is fast approaching and we’ll soon be looking for people to nominate for various convenor roles so please start thinking about what you could volunteer for to help ensure that your club continues to be successful and prosperous. All our current convenors are doing an excellent job so hopefully we won’t have too many vacancies to fill but we do need volunteers to keep all our activities alive.

I can’t let the opportunity slip by to point out that my dear wife Karon recently won the wooden spoon in the NRL tipping competition. I thought that was really funny, until I realised that all it’s done is provide her with a new weapon to use on me.

We must all have many thousands of photos that we’ve taken over the years on the various trips we’ve been on. I’d like to remind you that our photographer Ron Canfield maintains a photographic archive of our club’s history. If anyone has any photos that would be worth including in these records, please forward them to Ron so that he can consider them for our archives. The photos can be on USB or actual prints, which Ron would be happy to scan and then return then to you. You’ll obviously need to provide details of the events and locations, dates, and any other information you want included. I’d like to thank Ron for his kind offer to do this.

Annette Watson has had a few email issues lately, with a number of her emails failing to transmit. This seems to be mostly affecting people with a big pond account. If you don’t receive your November newsletter about a week before the general meeting, please contact Annette.

- **Lunch** – we’ve received late notice from the West Pennant Hills Sports Club that their kitchen will be closed today as they switch over to a new catering company. Unfortunately, that means we won’t be able to have our usual lunch there today but things will be back to normal for next month’s meeting.
- **October birthdays** – a list of the names of those who are celebrating a birthday this month is included in the newsletter. On behalf of the management committee and all our members, I wish you all a very happy birthday.
- **Spotlight on a Member** - this month’s “SPOTLIGHT on a MEMBER” features foundation members Marion Barrie and Terry Bishop. Many thanks to Marion and Terry sharing their stories.

And now for the exciting news that I promised you. As you would be aware, the position of Vice President recently became vacant. The Constitution provides that a casual vacancy on the Management Committee may be filled by action of the Management Committee. After approaching a few potential candidates, I’m thrilled to advise that the committee recommends the appointment of Peter Wolnizer as our new Vice President effective immediately, subject to the approval of the membership. I’d like to invite Peter to the stage.

By way of a show of hands, can I ask members to indicate their approval of the committee’s recommendation. The vast majority of members present approved the recommendation.

The President thanked Peter for accepting the position.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Bev Rooney

-Today's meeting: Present: 120; Apologies: 30; Leave of Absence: 12; No contact: 18; Visitors: 2
Welcome Michelle & Ian Dale

Correspondence In: Additional Medical cards have arrived from Probus South Pacific.

Bev reminded members of the correct way to apply for LOA.

For today's meeting, please hold your raffle tickets for the lucky door prize offered by our guest speaker.

Bev referred to the currently unfilled positions of the International coordinator and the Theatre coordinator where we are unable to attend due to those vacancies. Bev reiterated the words of the late and great American President John F Kennedy: "It is not what the" Club "can do for you, but what you can do for your" Club.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Anne Lockwood

Anne referred to last couple of months and her ~~flippant~~ comments about having money in the bank and that if -if we didn't have a Vice President, we faced the risk of questions being asked by PSP regarding the viability of our club. ~~would have to close and return all our funds to PSP; but t~~Thankfully Peter has accepted the role. Thank you, Peter. Anne will now inform PSP of Peter accepting the role of Vice President. Her Financial report on the notice board contains 167 transactions, containing Silo Tour - \$28,000, Tai Chi - nearly \$2,000 and Bare Island \$2,500. Lots of people are now paying for the Hunter lights, Seven Island Tour & the upcoming Christmas Party. Anne is holding \$11,300 for these upcoming events, leaving only \$20,000 in the bank, which is just sufficient to cover expenses for the next 2 years, so ~~that~~ we are in a very sound financial position.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Committee reports	Coordinators
Week away tours	Colin Yates – Silo Art Tour has been cancelled due to weather conditions <u>and flooding in Victoria</u> . Trip to Adelaide & the Peninsula in Sept/Oct 2023- a great deal of interest has been <u>expressed.</u> displayed . On course require \$600 deposit in February.
Special events	John Michell - NSW is not the only state being drowned. The Christmas Party is on Tuesday 29 th November. John is requesting payment very soon. Parking is available. Breakfast in the Park is on Tuesday, 10 th January at a subsidised cost of \$5. In March we have the Change Over Lunch, following the AGM.
International tours (no report)	VACANT
Theatre Outings (no report)	VACANT
Day Tours	Elisabeth Lessells – Christmas Lights 24 people have paid but several have not as yet-please pay. We will leave cars at <u>the carpark at station at s</u> Showground <u>Station</u> . The Melbourne Cup Luncheon is fully booked. For next year the Committee has approved several activities <u>– Elisabeth will look into these in the coming months.</u>

Activity groups	Chris Savage – The walking tour in Parramatta Park is postponed until next month due to weather. The Men’s Group had a fantastic time at the brewery & on 2/11 November the group will tour the Gallipoli Mosque, followed by lunch. Special thanks to Sue Donnelly for the Caravans & Camping Tour at Fingal Bay running an excellent 5 days away with many activities, including watching stingrays, dolphins, BBQs.
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ADJOURN FOR MORNING TEA AND RECONVENE AT 11:00am

SPECIAL REPORT: Les Dyball

Les referred to street attacks on cars, mainly Toyotas, where the catalytic converters are being stolen. There is a lot of activity in Castle Hill & surrounds, where the thieves jack up the car, cut off the converter. A van pulls up & they throw the converter into the van, taking less than 12 minutes to do the job. Les

recommended that thinks

— that where possible, people should clear their~~remove any items from their~~ garage and possible & ensure their car is garaged.

GUEST SPEAKERS – Subject: Maureen Bartlett of Encore Beauty hosted by Bev Rooney

Maureen thanked Aldo & Barry for inviting her and allowing her to chat.

Maureen displayed a PDF showcasing the range of products her brand has showcased, starting her current business in 2005.

Maureen went on to describe her history in business since the age of 15, coming from a wealthy family in New Zealand, but having a father who felt that as she was a girl, she didn’t need to be educated.

Finally, Peter Wolnizer drew the raffle to the value of \$340, won by Myra.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Barry thanked Maureen for attending & presented her with gift cards.

Next Month’s Guest Speaker: Matt Murphy

Topic: Rum – the distillery history in Colonial Australia

Host: Barry Haywood

- Date of next general meeting: 15 November 2022
- Meeting closed 12pm

President- Aldo Cantori

Secretary- Beverley Rooney