



MINUTES

Management Committee Meeting

Combined Probis Club of Castle Hill Inc.

Date: 1 November 2022

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

Open meeting: 9.30am

Agenda items:

- 1. Management Committee:** Aldo Cantori, Peter Wolnizer, Bev Rooney, Chris Savage, Colin Yates, Anne Lockwood, John Michell, Glenys Pye, Elizabeth Lessells, Barry Haywood, John Perry, Glenys Pye
Welcome to new committee member and Vice President Peter Wolnizer.
- 2. Invited Attendees:** Annette Watson
- 3. Apologies:**
- 4. Confirmation of minutes of management committee meeting held on 4 October 2022**-change required to October Minutes that the comment in Sapps be changed.

Mover with alteration	Aldo Cantori
Seconder	John Michell
Motion Carried (yes/no)	Yes

- 5. Matters arising from minutes of management committee meeting of 4 October 2022**

Action	Nil
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- 6. President's Report (Aldo Cantori)**

Not having been a member of Probis for anywhere near as long as most members, I recently decided to do a little research on the background of Probis. In doing so I learned that "Probis" is an abbreviation of the words "Pro" for professional and "Bus" for business.

Adopting the words used by a fellow Probis Club,

"The primary purpose of Probis is to stimulate thought, interest and participation in activities at a time of life when it is easy to become complacent and self-centred. A Probis Club is not a Service Club, but rather an organisation in which members give generously of their time in voluntary service to provide fellowship between members who are compatible with each other and to provide the opportunities for the development of friendships and acquaintances."

Karon and I have certainly got a lot out of our first few years of membership and we've certainly made a lot of new friends who have interests similar to our own. We've also gained much enjoyment from participating in numerous activities made available by the club.

As I announced at the October general meeting, Peter Wolnizer has recently stepped into the position of Vice President. This is truly wonderful news. I welcome Peter to the management committee and I very much look forward to working with him. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Peter when the opportunity arises.

At the back of this month's newsletter, you will find a nomination form for leadership roles in the club. A number of our activity convenors and co-ordinators have indicated that, having served for a few years, they intend to stand down. We therefore need a few members to fill these vacant roles, so please consider submitting a nomination form. If anyone would like more information about any particular role, please feel free to contact me or the relevant activity convenor.

This month we SPOTLIGHT former president John Purkis and our newsletter editor Annette Watson. I thank John and Annette for their enthusiastic participation.

Aldo Cantori
President

7. Secretary's Report (Bev Rooney)

- Secretary to advise committee of anything placed in the suggestion box-nothing as yet.
- Leave of Absence: Joan & Stuart Smith, Heather Nelson; All approved by the committee.
- Correspondence In: Details update letter to be returned from Australia Post.
- Anne received voting papers from Heritage Bank.

Actions	Next General Meeting further explanation by Aldo for Leave of Absence and Apologies.
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8. Treasurer's Report (Anne Lockwood)

- The Treasurer's report was presented to 28/10/22.
- Presentation of draft budget for the coming year.
- \$44.27 interest received from Heritage Bank
- 229 active registrations for functions till the end of the year, & 1,055 people registered this year.
- Discussion was focused on the budget. The break-even depended on the speaker budget being \$75 per single speaker. There were considerable explanatory notes. John Perry mentioned a subsidy for the Picnic in the Park to keep the cost to \$5, John Michell a subsidy for the Christmas Party.
- The Treasurer suggested that we attend the Probus Allegro Function free to committee members in the following year.
- Anne moved that the fees return to \$50 at the next AGM. All agreed.

Mover	Anne Lockwood
Seconder	Aldo
Motion Carried (yes/no)	Yes
Actions	

9. Committee reports

- Next 5-minute presentation by an activity coordinator - Robbie Cochrane, bowls.

Committee reports	Coordinator
Week away tours	Colin Yates- Silo Art-On Course still working on refund, Adelaide and Peninsulas-Brochure still not finalised. 33 names on the expressions of interest

	<p>list. Dates 24 September to 2 October 2023-Deposit \$600 February 2023 9days;8 nights. Flights Sydney/Adelaide and return. Buses round Adelaide and Peninsulas. Should have more information next week.</p>
Special events & SAPPS	<p>John Michell - NSW is not the only state being drowned. The Christmas Party is on Tuesday 29th November. John is requesting payment very soon. Parking is available. Breakfast in the Park is on Tuesday, 10th January at a subsidised cost of \$5. In March we have the Change Over Lunch, following the AGM.</p>
International tours	<p>VACANT – Rodica Benton declined this role as she is not going overseas in future.</p>
Theatre Groups	<p>VACANT</p>
Day Tours	<p>Elizabeth Lessells- Hunter Valley Christmas Lights: Date: Sunday 4th and Monday 5th December. 26 Members attending. Time: 8:10 am for an 8:30 am departure Sunday. Place: The Showground Railway Station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Please note the change of pick-up place. The committee felt that our vehicles would be more secure overnight there. · A suggestion would be to bring raincoats/umbrellas and suitable walking shoes. · No one has made me aware of any special dietary requirements. If this is not the case, please advise me urgently on 0416 032 498. <p>Please give some consideration as to whether or not we continue having our annual <u>Sea Food BBQ</u> towards the end of February. We have not been to West Head for three years. It is an enjoyable tour that is enjoyed by all that go on it.</p> <p>It features a late lunch at the seafood markets., afternoon tea on the water, perhaps a visit to the Northern Beaches Bahai Temple, followed by a three course Seafood BBQ at West Head.</p> <p>Michael from Toukley Haven Probus Club would like to be included in our Week Away tours.</p> <p>I will ask for expressions of interest re the Seafood BBQ at our November meeting.</p>
Activity groups	<p>Chris Savage- <u>250 CLUB</u> - Thursday 24th November. This month we are going to Ettalong Beach, Central Coast, meeting at Epping Station platform 3 to catch 9.40am train to Woy Woy, where we catch the bus to Ettalong Beach Wharf. We will take a 15–20-minute flat walk around the beach to Ettalong Diggers for lunch. Those that do not want to do the walk can get off the bus at an earlier stop. Please contact Glenys Pye- 4573 6446 or mobile 0408 160 743 Or email glenyspye@hotmail.com</p>

Bowls- The next lawn bowls will be 25th November and 9th December, the last one for 2022! Please have names in by 9.00am at Castle Hill Bowling Club. New bowlers are most welcome and bowls are available to try the game first with free lessons and coaching. Robert Cochrane.

The next fishing group activity is planned for Tuesday 8th November. Departing from Berowra Waters Marina at about 9.00 am.

A vessel will be selected based on the number of participants;

The range starts at \$120 for 4hrs for 5 persons to \$350 for 4hrs for 10 persons.

Fishing will be followed by lunch at THE Galston Club. Would those persons wishing to attend please contact me by Saturday 5th November so that bookings can be made.

The Fishing Group will be in recess during December. Brian Simpson: 9634 5779

Ladies Coffee and Chat -We meet at Baulkham Hills Sports Club, Renoun Rd, Baulkham Hills on the last Friday of the month at 10.30am.

We enjoy each other's company over a coffee, tea, or soft drink and usually with cake, an excellent opportunity to meet up with friends and make new friends, especially if you are a new member to Probus.

I send out a reminder email after each monthly Probus Meeting.

If you would like more information please contact me, Anne Gover at annegov@optusnet.com.au or phone 96741045.

Golf Group-Confirmation of attendance and the need for a cart is required a few days in advance of the golf day, in order to confirm the booking with club. The October game was cancelled, as the course was closed due to water.

Next game to be held on Monday November 7th at Fox Hills, with tee time of 8:30

Please contact Nigel Nield by phone or text: 0437 603 495 to confirm attendance 1 week prior. New players are always welcome.

HERITAGE & HISTORY GROUP: Wednesday - November 9th Christmas Lunch.

Members attending the last meeting for the year were entertained by guest speaker Jan Brady who presented a host of characters with worthy stories and who should be considered for the history books.

Our Christmas Lunch is at 'Trevi Lakeside' restaurant on Wednesday, November 9th being a 2-course meal + glass wine+ coffee or tea at cost \$40.00. Reservations are through FLOKTU and the closing date for registrations is November 2nd with the payment of \$40.00 to the Club's CBA

bank account. Seats are still available so don't miss out.

Favourable Interest from new members continues and we hope to see an influx of new people to take this inaugural club activity in 2023. The 2023 year for Heritage & History members will commence with a 'planning meeting' on Wednesday 8th February and we encourage all members to participate and become involved assisting the new Convener and Events Co-ordinator to deliver new avenues to explore with a focus on family heritage and history for the enjoyment of members. Should members wish to include a 'Show and Tell' segment at this February meeting surrounding their family history, please contact the outgoing Convener, John Wilkes.

Convener - Administration. Ph: 9899 2953 or 0410 474 133

E: johnwilkes1948@gmail.com

Walking Group -Friday 21 October (Amended to 18 November Hosted by John Perry)

Location Lake Parramatta Reserve Lake Circuit.

Entry from Lackey St off Bourke St Parramatta.

Distance 4.2 Km

Grade 3, uneven rock and earth track + creek crossing, not too hard for regular walking group members. Meeting Time 9.30am

Duration 2 hrs. This will not be a fast walk, we will take our time to ensure everyone is safe

Toilets At the beginning of the walk only

Track Status This track is only suitable for dry weather access. The walk may need to be cancelled at the last minute if there has been a significant amount of rain in the previous week.

Parking In reserve or Bourke St entry Lunch-The Lake Parramatta Café in the reserve or the North Mead Bowling Club in Church St. Decision can be made on the day. Essential Good walking shoes.

Registration -advise John Perry by email or phone if you intend walking.

Wine & Cheese Night November-Aldo & Karon Cantori-20 McMillian Circuit, Kellyville. Limit of 20 guests for this venue.

Please register with Julie Savage by either phone, text or email to julie.a.savage@gmail.com or mobile 0411340832.

Please ensure you have paid your \$5 to the Probus Account 2 weeks prior to the event.

Please bring your bottle of wine or wines and a glass with you on the night.

Tai Chi-The current session commenced on 26 September and will conclude on Monday 21 November 2022. Vacancies exist and anyone wishing to "try out TAICHI" can do so and pay \$15

	<p>per session until 21 November. There will be no TAICHI from 21 November 2022. Classes will resume in 2023 on Monday 6 February. Details regarding costs will appear in the December and January Newsletters.</p> <p>For enquiries contact John Lucas on 0427 624 243 or johnulucas@gmail.com</p> <p><u>Men's Group</u>-Anzac Mosque at Auburn has been organised for Wednesday 2 November 2022. The Mosque is located at Gelibou Parade Auburn and ample parking is available. We shall meet in the carpark at 10:45 am for a tour lasting 1.15 hrs. A small donation can be made at the end of the tour. This is a spectacular building and the tour will enhance our understanding of Islam.</p> <p>Lunch will be at Dooley's Waterside Club on Silverwater Road at own expense. There will be no Men's Group meeting in December and January. The group will resume in February 2023. Contact John Lucas on 0427 624 243 or johnulucas@gmail.com</p>
Membership and welfare	Glenys Pye- Ian & Michelle Dale & Maria Rosa Nineham are to be introduced as new members.
Guest Speakers	<p>Barry Haywood- At General Meeting I will introduce Matt Murphy full time Fire-fighter and part time Historian. At school, Matt Murphy failed English and couldn't see the point of history. He became a fireman and has been serving in Sydney's inner city for 33 years. He is now also a part time historian and teacher, tolerating the attitudes of kids towards history that he used to share. His previous book, Weight of Evidence, is about what was the longest civil court case in New South Wales. Matt's younger self would be aghast that he is now writing history books but be consoled by the absurdist voice old Matt has achieved. Matt also can't believe he has to write his own bio.</p> <p>Matt will disclose interesting aspects of History centred around Rum an essential commodity in early history.</p> <p>For December we will have a musical function to break up the guest speaker routine.</p>
Property	<p>John Perry-The yearly preliminary planner will be available at the next Committee Meeting. For Breakfast in the Park, many tree have been planted making access for the BBQ difficult. John will request the opening of the top gates for access.</p> <p>John has received an email from Council changing restrictions for hall hire. Trivia & Whist dates for 2023 are required by the November General Meeting. There will be a hold on Trivia, with 2 Whist nights in March & September. John requires 3 options for next year; i.e., second Wednesday in each month if possible.</p>

10. Acceptance of Reports

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

11. Inductions

- Scheduled for October (Glenys)

Actions	Ian & Michelle Dale & Maria Rosa Nineham are to be introduced as new members with an additional badge for Marianne Leicher.
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12. Newsletter

- Approval of draft newsletter

Actions	Inclusion in the next newsletter of nomination form for committee, convenor and coordinator positions (Annette Watson).
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13. 2022 Yearly Planner (John Perry)

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14. Web Site

Actions	Review and improvement of our website (Aldo Cantori).
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15. General Business

- Confirmed that Aldo has spoken to the Vella's – they are happy with the level of assistance provided to them by members in setting up morning teas, but they will be stepping down in 2023 due to Richard's health.
- Confirmed that all "Roles and Responsibilities" have been updated as at 14 October 2022 and will be provided to Alan Watson for uploading to our website. Many thanks to Anne Lockwood and Celia Kerr for their work in reviewing and updating these documents.
- Update on vacant positions and convenors / co-ordinators who intend to stand down in response to Aldo's email. The following intend to stand down.
Glenys Pye
Maryanne & Richard Vella
John Wilkes
Harry & Margaret Kohler are taking 6 months off and will then consider their position.

- Note that Aldo will not be attending the December committee meeting. Peter will chair.

Actions	Review of stored documents for destruction of old. Action assigned to Aldo and Anne Lockwood.
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16. The Meeting Closed: 11.00 am

17. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 6 December 2022, at Castle Hill Tavern at 9.30am

Castle Hill Tavern.

Aldo Cantori

President

Beverley Rooney

Secretary