



Combine Probus Club Castle Hill Inc

General Meeting: 21 March 2023

MINUTES

Open Meeting: - 10.00am

INTRODUCTION: Chairperson: - Aldo Cantori

- **Welcome**

Good morning and welcome everyone. Today we will hold our Annual General Meeting but before we do that, we will have a very brief general meeting.

- **Visitors / guests**

There were no visitors or guests.

- **Housekeeping**

As always,

- Please ensure that your phone is off or on silent.
- 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.
- At the conclusion of the meeting please vacate the hall and the foyer as quickly as possible.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- **Lunch** – lunch today will be our formal Change-over lunch when we thank the out-going committee and welcome the new President and the in-coming committee.
- **March birthdays** – a list of all members who celebrate a birthday in March can be found in the newsletter. I wish you all have a wonderful birthday.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Bev Rooney

- Minutes of 2020 AGM and GM February 2023 are on the notice board.
- An email from Probus South Pacific inviting Travel Convenors both for local & overseas travel together with secretaries to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Financial statements are on display on the notice board for the members' perusal. The Treasurer will give her presentation during the AGM which will follow this general meeting.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

- In the interest of time, we won't have the usual activity reports today. We do however have an important announcement to be made by Elizabeth Lessells. Elizabeth Lessells stated that Barbara Robson was moving on the day of the Bathurst trip & Margaret Koller is looking for someone to share with. If anyone is interested, could they please see Margaret Koller. Carrington Hotel – Thursday 31/3 – the charge was initially \$59.00, but negotiated down to \$38.00. Elizabeth read through the selections available & asked people to come & see her, as she needed to put in selections by Thursday, 23/3. If anyone attending on 31/3 with the 250 Club, please see Glenys. She will not attend if there are no 250 Club members travelling. Anne suggests that the \$38 should be paid by EFT directly to the club bank account. If anyone needs to take anything up with one of the convenors, please do so during the morning tea break.

CLOSE MEETING

- I declare this meeting closed at 10.04 am, but don't go away as will now open our Annual General Meeting.
- General Meeting reconvened at 11:05 am.

Barry Haywood introduced Cate Purcell, Volunteer Programs Manager, Allan Stennet, Volunteer Guide & Peter Martin, Volunteer Guide from the Power House Museums at Castle Hill to walk us through the extensive layout & usage of the sections of the museum. Firstly they housed a working structure of a beam engine, used initially in a brewery in Britain, In 1788 before transferring it as a working model to Ultimo. We reviewed the Hargreaves gold washing cradle, the design of which initiated in the Californian gold rush. It was a major improvement to the initial gold panning equipment first used in Australia. Many more historical ventures were discussed.

Barry presented the Volunteers with a gift from the club.

Peter then advised members that we would have to pack up quickly to fulfil the requirements of Hornsby Council.

Next General Meeting:

- Tuesday 16 April 2023

Aldo Cantori
Past President

Beverley Rooney
Secretary

Peter Wolnizer
Incoming President