



Combined Probust Club Castle Hill Inc.

General Meeting: 19 April 2022

MINUTES

Open Meeting: - 10.00am

INTRODUCTION: Chairperson: - Aldo Cantori

- **Welcome** - members and guests. President's message.
- **Housekeeping** – Referred to emergency exits, evacuation procedure, assembly point, toilets, signing out in book with time if leaving early (WHS compliance), is located on the table just inside the hall door. Move back to seats quietly and quickly when asked.
- **Medical Cards** – for the benefit of any new members, a reminder to bring your medical card to all Probust events. If you don't have one yet, please see the secretary, Bev Rooney.
- **Mobile Phones** – PLEASE TURN OFF.
- **Lunch** – as usual lunch will be held today at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club but you do need to have filled in the attendance sheet. If you haven't done so and would like to go to lunch, please see Lyn Wilkes during morning tea.
- **April birthdays** – Happy Birthday to those that are celebrating a birthday this month. You will find a full list of names in this month's newsletter.
- **Other messages** – before we move on, I'd like to remind you that we still need someone to take over from Bob Tubman as co-ordinator of International Tours. If you're interested (or if you'd like to sneakily nominate someone else) please see me. Our Trivia Night will take place tomorrow night. We still have a few vacancies and any last-minute entries will be accepted. It will be a fun night. If anyone is interested, please see John Wilkes or me during morning tea.
- Finally, if anyone is interested in doing a free CPR course, please contact Sue Donnelly (details are available in the newsletter).

ANZAC Day Ceremony – Chris Bennett

Chris presented a sensitive ceremony, relating brief mentions from the Gallipoli Diaries. He referred to a New Australian Nation of young men who signed up to fight for King & Country in WWI. He then went on to mention further gambits of the Australian Armed Forces in which they had sacrificed their lives with pride in WWII, Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Vietnam, Afghanistan, the Gulf War & Iraq. The Ceremony then included:

- Prayer of Thanks
- Prayer for Peace
- Commemoration for the fallen
- The Last Post
- A Minute of Silence
- Reveille

SECRETARY'S REPORT: - Bev Rooney

- Today's meeting: Present:124; Apologies:26; Leave of Absence: 12; No contact:24; Visitors:2[Barry & Linda Frost]; Inductions: 2
- Probus South Pacific has sent 2 booklets regarding travel for local & overseas travel.
- Minutes of the March General Meeting on Notice Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Anne Lockwood. – Anne Lockwood is unable to be with us today wanted to thank all of those members who had already paid their fees, 121 in all. Thank you to those collecting monies on her behalf today, particularly John Lucas & Elaine Smith. The Treasurer's Report is on the Notice Board and presents the following: -

- Bank balances \$ 60,306.43. Monies held for activities \$37,287.10. Available balance \$23,019.10. See newsletter also.

INDUCTIONS: - The President welcomed & formally inducted two new members, Schelene Kennedy, Judith Gray.

ACTIVITY REPORTS: - The following co-ordinators presented their reports:

Week Away Tours	Colin Yates – Broken Hill Tour 18-26 May 9 Day Tour. On Course will pick up from Castle Pines Clubhouse on 18 May at 8.00 am. Single \$2570, Twin \$1950, Double \$3900. Tour includes 30 fully paid members. Silo Art & Grampians 20-27 October 8 Day Tour. A \$600.00 deposit is due on or before the April General Meeting. Balance is due before 20 September. Single \$2245, Twin \$1750, Double \$3500. Three have pulled out of this tour so please see Colin in the break if you are interested. Please Note that the General Federal Election Falls on 21 May, so for those going to the Broken Hill Tour, please organise Postal or Absentee Voting.
Special Events	John Michel – Christmas in July was previously held at Berowra Inn at a cost of \$40-\$50. This is now closed for renovation. John has since contacted the Mean Fiddler who can provide the Function Room on 21 or 28 July (decision pending) for \$50-\$60 per head to include champagne on arrival & a bottle of Red & White wine per table. The Trivia night is going ahead on Wednesday 20 April in the Red Gum Room. 28 are currently booked to attend. If you are interested in attending see John Wilkes.
International Tours	Bob Tubman – On Course Tour to New Zealand commencing with a South Island Tour from 9-18 September, North Island 18-25 September. Discuss all facets of these tours with Bob. The President offered a vote of thanks to Bob as this would be the last meeting he attended the club, due to his move interstate. Farewell Bob.
Day Tours	Elizabeth Lessells – reminded us of the Norman Lindsay Gallery Tour coming up on Fri 22 April. Two vacancies. On 13 May, the Nan Tien Temple is scheduled. 14 June we have the Vivid Festival

	<p>8 July Elizabeth has organised a walking tour of the Rocks with Judith Dunn at a cost of \$20.00.</p> <p>The Carrington Hotel Tour is in abeyance due to train line issues.</p> <p>We have expressions of interest for the On Course Christmas Lights Tour in the Hunter Valley, at a cost of \$495.00 which includes a 2day Overnight stay.</p>
Theatre Outings	<p>Margaret Butfield – thanked those who had assisted with Phantom of the Opera.</p> <p>Expressions of interest have been called for STILL UNQUALIFIED on 26 or 31/5, tickets being \$76.00. Travel by Public Transport with courtesy buses from Milsons Point.</p> <p>Expressions of interest have also been called for Moulin Rouge.</p>
Activities	<p>Chris Savage - introduced himself as the new convenor & referred to an upcoming meeting (still to be arranged) of all convenors to ensure there is an understanding of procedures & requirements when organising events & activities.</p> <p>The President welcomed Chris to his new role.</p>
New Activity “Men’s Group	<p>John Lucas – Is taking expressions of interest to establish a new group for men to give wives a break AND provide social activities for men. He is considering a number of venues that provide lunch for a cost of \$10-\$20 & provide activities such as darts, pool, cards, scrabble, etc.</p>
Walking Group	<p>Aldo reminded that the walking group was setting out this Friday for the Iron Cove Bay Walk.</p>

The President Closed the Meeting: - 10.30am
Morning Tea

The meeting reconvened at 11:00am

GUEST PRESENTER – Our guest speaker today is Professor Richard de Grijs speaking about Australia in the Antarctic.

Host- Chris Bennet

CLOSING COMMENTS

- Chris thanked Professor Richard de Grijs & presented him with a token of our appreciation.
- Next month’s guest speaker (Barry Haywood to advise)
- Date of next general meeting: 17 May 2022
- The Meeting Closed at 12.00 pm

Aldo Cantori (President)

Bev Rooney(Secretary)

