



Combine Probus Club Castle Hill Inc

General Meeting: 13 December 2022

MINUTES

Open Meeting: - 10.00am

INTRODUCTION: Chairperson: - Aldo Cantori

- **Welcome**

Good morning and welcome to our final general meeting for 2022. We had a few issues gaining access to the hall today but we got there. I'd like to thank all those who assisted to set things up in the reduced time that we had.

- **Visitors / guests**

No official guests today but I see that we do have Santa amongst us.

- **Housekeeping**

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.

At the conclusion of the meeting please vacate the hall and the foyer as quickly as possible so that we don't run the risk of the council charging us additional fees.

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

- **President's Message**

1. Firstly, it is with great sadness that I announce the passing of our much-loved member, Bev Davis. Bev and her husband Phil were foundation members of the club and in recent times have been very active members of the Gardening Group and over the years have been enthusiastic participants in a number of our week-away tours. Bev will be greatly missed by her fellow members.
We offer our sincere condolences to Phil and the rest of Bev's family.
2. I'd like to thank Rodica Benton for accepting the role of International Tours convenor. I look forward to working with Rodica and to hearing her ideas for reigniting our thirst for overseas travel. I can tell you that Karon and I have greatly missed international travel over the past 2 or

3 years – it's one of the things we most looked forward to in our retirement. We hope that we can get back to it in the near future.

Organising international trips is a big job and I'm sure Rodica would welcome as assistant – if anyone would like to consider this role, please let Rodica or me know.

3. A reminder that we now only have two general meetings before we switch over to a new President and a new committee. There are still a number of vacancies that we need to fill.

These are;

- Theatres group convenor
- A temporary convenor is required for the Gardening Group until Harry is fit enough to continue in the role
- Memberships officer
- \$2.50 club convenor
- Heritage and History convenor
- Refreshments officers
- And most importantly we need a new Vice President

If anyone is prepared to take on one of these roles, please complete a nomination form which can be found at the back of the newsletter or can be obtained today from our secretary Bev. Alternatively, please have a chat with the relevant convenor.

- **Lunch** – lunch today is once again at the West Pennant Hills Sports Club. If you'd like to attend, please advise Lynn Wilkes during morning tea so that she can confirm numbers with the venue.
- **December 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. Special birthday wishes to Myra Stack who will celebrate her 90th birthday before we next meet.
- **Spotlight on a Member** - this month's "SPOTLIGHT on a MEMBER" features husband and wife team of Tony and Noni Folland. I know you'll enjoy reading their interesting stories. I thank Tony and Noni for their enthusiastic participation.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Bev Rooney

Today's meeting: Present: 120; Apologies: 34; Leave of Absence: 6; No contact: 21; Visitors: 0

Correspondence In: From Probus South Pacific, membership cards for new members.

A card expressing sincere thanks from the Robson family after the passing of Malcolm.

A card to Mr. Aldo Cantori as President from the Mr. Alex Hawke; a Christmas card.

A certificate of thanks from the Salvation Army for the magnificent contribution of toys provided by members given earlier this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Anne Lockwood – there is no formal Treasurer report today but she has advised that our finances are in good shape with no issues of concern. Financial statements are on display on the notice board for the members' perusal.

INDUCTIONS

Today I have the pleasure to induct one new member, **Maria Rosa Nineham**. The President inducted our new member.

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome our new member.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Committee reports	Coordinators
Week away tours	Colin Yates-Firstly discussed the Adelaide & Peninsulas trip being completely revised as the original price for 9 days now exceeded \$4000. OnCourse has created an exclusive price for our club to travel for 8 days, at a cost of \$3395 with a single supplement of \$640. Colin has researched & no other companies offer a trip to the Peninsulas, but Murray Valley was costed at \$4750. The dates remain the same at 24/9/2023 to 1/10/2023. He has 8 interested travellers & requires others to report to him at morning tea.
Special events	<p>John Michell-To arrange large events, most venues require 50 people for Christmas in July, Christmas Parties, Change-Over Lunch & due to Covid, prices have gone up. Please support these functions to ensure that those who wish to attend can do so.</p> <p>Next function is Breakfast in the Park at Rouse Hill Regional Park on 10/1/23 from 8.30am; cost is \$5. Provided are sausages, bacon & eggs, sparkling wine & the excitement of being able to chat together in the open. This is a great morning out. Registration closes on 3/01/23. Please see Anne now.</p> <p>The Changeover is one of our most important functions; it is a luncheon where we say thank you to the outgoing committee & a welcome to the incoming. It is on Tuesday, 21/3/22 after our Annual General Meeting. It will be held at Springfield House at 245 New Line Road at 12.30pm. Cost is \$65 dollars for Canapes, Pre Dinner drinks, 2 course lunch, Red & White wine on each table, tea & coffee, & chocolates. Registration closes on 7/03/23.</p>
International tours	Rodica Benton-NO REPORT.
Theatre Outings (no report)	VACANT
Day Tours	<p>Elizabeth Lessells-A special thanks to John Perry who led the Newcastle trip in Elizabeth's absence.</p> <p>On 31/01/23 we will be attending the fish markets to peruse the fare to purchase, eat lunch or have coffee; after this they will travel to the Bahai Temple, one of the highest points on the Northern Beaches where there will be afternoon tea & a full tour. The Tour will then travel to West Head at the entrance to the Hawkesbury River, overlooking Barrenjoey Lighthouse and Lion Island. The cost is \$116 for a magnificent BBQ Dinner. Please see Elizabeth now to book & she will arrange the Floktu.</p> <p>Upcoming Activities: Bowral Tulip Festival & a multitude of other functions.</p>
Activity groups	Chris Savage-NO REPORT
Walking group	Viv Wilson- Weather was a problem last year. We walk on the Friday after the meeting, and we try to keep the walks to an easy 5km. It is a very social walk. If it is harder, details will be provided in the Newsletter. Viv needs members to give details of their favourite walk & be prepared to lead that walk. Our first walk next year is to Watsons Bay, meeting at Circular Quay, Ferry to Watsons Bay, lovely lunch & return. Walk at your own pace.

Caravans and Cabins	Sue Donnelly-Sue Donnelly reported that she had been unable to secure the Sussex Inlet Accommodation. Sue will keep looking as she has approx. 22 people interested in attending. Also, Sue Donnelly & Bev Rooney have updated their CPR skills.
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ADJOURN FOR MORNING TEA AND RECONVENE AT 11:00am

GUEST SPEAKERS – Subject: Hosted by Barry Haywood. Our guest presenters at our December Meeting are talented musicians David and Noeleen Neideck who will present a 45-minute mixture of popular and classical music with some Christmas Carols.

Barry thanked David and Noeleen Neideck for attending & presented them with a gift card.

CLOSING COMMENTS

- Thank you to Maryanne and Richard Vella for providing a wonderful Christmas morning tea with special trimmings.
- A reminder that there will be no general meeting in January so if you show up on the third Tuesday of the January, you will be very lonely. Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 February 2022.
- Finally, on behalf of the Management Committee I'd like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.
- Meeting closed at 12 pm.

President- Aldo Cantori

Secretary- Beverley Rooney