 **Combined Probus Club Castle Hill Inc.**

**General meeting: 14 December 2021**

**Open Meeting: - 10.00am**

**MINUTES.**

* **WELCOME: Chairperson: - John Perry**

The introduction words to the Eagles song Desperado resonates in my brain; “and this is where it all started”. If you remember after being elected President in March 2020, my first duty was to close the club down due to Covid. Today those words “and this is where it all started” spring to mind as we now wind up the 2021 year and prepare ourselves for 2022 with the prospect of a new committee and the commencement of a new Probus year.

Welcome, to all our members and guests to the final meeting for 2021. A special welcome to all our guests today and I hope you enjoy and remember our General Meeting hoping it may inspire you to join our friendly, active club.

**HOUSEKEEPING**

* **Housekeeping** – 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 –** members are reminded to bring them to ALL Probus activities. Cards are available from the Secretary if you haven’t already got one
* **Mobile Phones**. Please turn off
* **Lunch –** we will be attending the West Pennant Hills Sports Club for lunch after the meeting but you MUST have advised of your attendance when signing in. If you wish to come to lunch and haven’t advised of your attendance, please see Lyn Wilkes at morning tea.
* **Coronavirus –** cautionary note - use the sanitiser and sanitiser wipes, move away from food tables once you have your morning tea. Obey social distancing where possible. Masks are mandatory when not eating.
* **January Meeting**

Please make note that there will be no Committee Meeting or General Meeting in January. The first Committee Meeting will be Tuesday 1 February and the first General Meeting of 2022 will be Tuesday 15 February 2022.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* **November Birthdays –** Happy birthday to all those having a birthday in November – a full list is in the newsletterand on the notice board
* **Bruce Jenkin –** on behalf of the club I would like to extend a sincere message of condolence to Robin and the Jenkin Family for the loss of Bruce who passed away earlier this month. Further details and a Vale for Bruce appear in the December Newsletter
* **Bigpond Internet Users**

Our email editor and our quizmaster have had enormous trouble sending out the newsletter and the weekly quiz this month. The problem being that they were unable to reach bigpond users, of who there are quite a few. It may pay Bigpond users to create a gmail account just for Probus communication in addition to the Bigpond address that can remain active for private email. Its free, I have it as do many other members.

* John Perry invited John Lucas to inform members present of the death of member, Dot Baker, wife of Terry.

* **Nominations for Committee 2022**

Nominations are now being called for positions on the 2022 committee. ALL positions except the President will be declared vacant at the Annual General in March 2022 and a new committee elected. The representatives holding the following positions have fulfilled their obligations and submitted their resignations. Should these positions not be filled activities will be cancelled or curtailed and remember the club cannot continue without a secretary

* Vice President
* Secretary
* Activities Coordinator
* Guest Speaker Coordinator
* International Tours
* Refreshments
* Caravans and Cabins

A nomination form is attached to the back of the newsletter. Do your bit for the club and nominate.

* Would Coordinators who are presenting reports for the meeting make their way to the stage after the Treasurer’s report.
* **SECRETARY’S REPORT:** - John Lucas
* Thank you note from the Royal Flying Doctor’s Service for the donations made by club members following an excellent presentation by Wendy Swinburn. A total of $375 was raised.
* Thank you note from Hornsby Salvation Army for members’ generous donations of toys at November meeting.
* Attendance at today’s meeting 117; 42 apologies; one leave of absence; no contact 27; visitors 3 (Judith Gray, June Cassidy, Viv Wilson. Resignations 3.
* Minutes of November General Meeting and Treasurer’s Report for December on Notice Board.
* Nomination forms for 2022-2023 Committee and Health Cards available from Secretary.

**TREASURER’S REPORT: –** Anne Lockwood

Report shown on notice board. Anne highlighted funds held in reserve for

activities and payment / registration for Breakfast in the Park.

* **INDUCTIONS:-**

Gina Athans, John Athans

**ACTIVITY REPORTS**

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| **Committee reports** | **Coordinators** |
| Week away tours | Colin Yates reported that 2 spaces are available for Broken Hill Tour. Limited vacancies for Silo Tour. |
| Special events | John Michell reminded members about Breakfast in the Park. Changeover Dinner 15 March 2022 at Allegro, cost $60. Christmas in July booked for 26 July; Christmas Party at the Epping Club. |
| International tours | Bob Tubman stated that the New Zealand Tour cancelled; could be rescheduled in September? |
| Theatre Outings | Margaret Butfield. Anne Lockwood presented the report. Performances as per newsletter, some vacancies for Opera on the Harbour. Most fully booked. |
| Day Tours | Elisabeth Lessells referred members to the Newsletter regarding proposed Day Tours for 2022. Vacancies for Seafood BBQ in February and Elizabeth outlined the proposed Overnight trip to the Hunter Valley lights. |
| Activity groups | John Wilkes paid tribute to the late Jan Quinn for her involvement in many activity groups. He expressed concern for low attendance rates in some activities whilst others were well attended. He thanked Lyn Wilkes, Annette Watson and Alan Watson for the Newsletter production. |

**GUEST PRESENTER –** Our guest speaker today isNoel Phelan from the Australian Maritime Museum here in Sydney

**Topic –** The sinking of the Costa Concordia off the coast of Italy in 2012

**Host-** Graeme Brangwin

Close Meeting: - 10.30am

Morning Tea

**RECOMMENCE:** 11.00am

Guest Speaker

**Closing Comments:**

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 15 Februray 2022

**Guest Speaker:** Rafaele Jourdry

**Topic:** Sound Therapy

**Host:** Annette Watson

**Chairperson:** - John Perry

Stay safe and well. Looking forward to seeing you next month

**Close Meeting:** - 12 Noon

John Perry (President) John Lucas (Secretary)