



Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose which was held on 12 December 2024 at the Forest Hotel, 5 Frenchs Forest Road E, Frenchs Forest at 10am.

President Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting. Reminded to turn off mobile phones etc.

Ann Knowland was inducted today.
We hope that Ann will enjoy being part of this club.

Birthdays for the Month:

Jenny West	Barbara Ellis
Warwick Brady	Glenda Tinson
Lyn Morris	Kathy Bennett
Jean Morrow	Tony Somerville
Ivan Krajancic	Pam Bennett
Judy Barnes	

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 14 November 2024 have been posted on the Website.

Alison Soutter moved that they be approved as a true and correct record.

Seconded by Ros Thompson
Carried.

Any business arising from the Minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

All correspondence received by your Management Committee is managed by them, unless it requires consideration by Club Members. There is no action required at this meeting.

REPORTS :

TREASURER Colin Fordred.

Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc.

Treasurer's Report - December 2024

Income and expenditure account November 2024

INCOME	\$
Subscriptions	110.00
 EXPENSES	
General Meeting Cost	594.00
Guest Speaker Gifts	41.99
Web Expenses	120.12
Total Expenses	<u>756.11</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period	<u>-646.11</u>

Balance Sheet at 30/11/2024

Accumulated Funds

Opening Balance 31/10/2024	9,538.96
Surplus/(Deficit) for period	<u>-646.11</u>
Closing balance 30/11/2024	<u>8,892.85</u>

Assets

Bank Account 30/11/2024	19,283.93
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Liabilities

Net Funds for future functions (see below)	10,391.08
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Net Assets

8,892.85

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balance 31/10/2024	14,367.04
Surplus/(Deficit) for period	<u>-646.11</u>
	13,720.93

Net Funds Function Movement

Bank Balance 30/11/2024	<u>19,283.93</u>
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Function movements

Vaynes World	-100.00
Wharf Review	-100.00
Christmas Concert	-938.00
Dami Im	-314.00
Banana Cabana	300.00
Christmas lunch	<u>6,715.00</u>
	<u>5,563.00</u>

Net Funds for future functions

Vaynes World Deposit	-100.00
Christmas Lunch - Monash	19/12/24 8,945.00

Wharf Review		-100.00
Christmas Concert	16/12/24	0.00
Dami Im	16/12/24	0.00
Banana Cabana	5/12/24	1,620.00
Surplus / Deficit		<u>26.08</u>
Net Function Funds		<u><u>10,391.08</u></u>

Colin Fordred moved that his Treasurer’s Report be accepted.

Seconded by Cherry Robinson
Carried.

ENTERTAINMENT Warwick Brady.

Thank you again for your support of the 17 shows we attended at Glen Street Theatre this year and believe it or not our total attendance was 500 how's that and I didn't cheat to get this number.

On Monday 16th December we see "A Christmas Celebration" starring Charlie Check at 11.00am we have 32 people attending and the theatre is supplying a morning tea for us. Later on, the same evening we see the fabulous Dami Im Christmas Songbook Tour with 31 of our members at 7.30pm .

Two Early Shows for next year are : Petula Clark and the best of the British music. A feat of hits like "Downtown" "Colour my World" and "My Love" An Outstanding Singers and Vibrant Bands will take another place and time in musical history . Relive a myriad of UK Legends from the guitar sounds of The Shadows, the original sounds of the Mersey Beat with a tribute to Gerry and the Pacemakers and a salute to the world of James Bond. Tickets are \$30.00 on Monday 19th February at 11.00am Please make your booking as soon as possible.

Who remembers how we felt in love with SPIEGELESQUE when Wayne Scott Kermond had the audience eating out of his hand. Well now you can take him on another serendipitous romp through the captivating and intoxicating world of variety, burlesque and cabaret "Wayne's World" Wayne Scott Kermond and a cast of international claimed performers takes you on a magical adventure where song dance and slapstick collide to create entertainment that will mesmerise. This is a super show for \$55.90 a ticket. Bookings are now open.

Our biggest programme for the year is the final production of the Wharf Revue with the original cast. I originally booked 50 tickets but they completely sold out in two days so our numbers have increased to 80 and we have 74 ordered already. How’s that. Tickets cost \$80.00.for the show on Thursday 27th March on 7.30pm In addition we also have booked for Wednesday 2nd April at 2.00pm Tickets are also \$80.00. Bookings should be made as soon as possible. Both shows will be performed by the original cast Jonathan Biggins, Mandy Bishop, Drew Forsythe, Phillip Scott and David Whitney.

Anyone interested should make their bookings ASAP.

Well that's all for now. Please make your booking as soon as possible

GUEST SPEAKER Cherry Robinson

Thanks to members for their recommendations for speakers. Almost all the speakers we have had this year have come from your recommendations.

The guest speaker for December was the late Jeannie Little's daughter Katie Little who had a light-hearted presentation for us. Using photos from magazines and her family album she showed us how extremely creative Jeannie was. She even brought along one of Jeannie's creations a magnificent trailing coat/wrap.

In January Belrose Probus members Phil Allan and Malcolm McLean have kindly agreed to speak to us on "Writing a Family History".

In February Andrew Gill, a Northern Beaches lawyer will speak on legal issues including elder abuse and estate planning.

MEMBERSHIP Tony Lovett

Current Membership

Membership stands at 139 financial members (89 ladies, 50 Gents) (63%:37%)

Non-Active Members 3 (3 Ladies, 0 Gent)

Waiting List: 4(4 ladies, 0 Gents)

Members in December 2024

Attendance at meeting

Members – 106
Visitors – 0
Guest Speaker – 1
Guest – 0
Total 107 attending Meeting

Apologies – 19

Absent - 13

Visitor Apology – 1

Leave of Absence – 0

Information for December 2024 Meeting

1. Visitors Attending Meeting:-

Maree Stuart –Apology?

2. Resignations:

David Walker

3. Inductions this meeting:-

Ann Knowland

OUTING & TOURS Margaret Ayre

Last Thursday 24 members went to Banana Cabana at Dural where they were made most welcome by Susanah and her staff. The group spent 3 hours having a tour of the monkeys followed by High Tea. This outing is highly recommended.

The outings for next year

Thursday 6th February 2025 Discover the rich history of the former Sydney General Post Office building with a resident guide on the GPO Heritage Tour. There are still a few places available.

Thursday 6th March 2025 Sydney Water Purified Recycled Water Discovery Centre tour but the date is still to be confirmed.

On 19 July we have booked 25 rooms for a magical Yulefest weekend at the Hawkesbury Crowne Plaza with Oncourse Tours. Immerse yourself in the spirit of the season with festive décor, full traditional and seafood Buffet Dinner, 3 hour beverage package and lively entertainment, including a visit from Santa himself!

Our first day will see us travelling southwest to embark on a journey of discovery at the Western Sydney International Experience Centre, showcasing the exciting developments and endless possibilities. We will have a clear view of the future airfield and be able to watch the airport come to life. We will then travel to Hawkesbury. There are still a few rooms left. The cost is \$615pp with a single supplement of \$155 and a deposit of \$100 due now.

After 3 years Margaret is retiring as Outings and Tours Coordinator to give someone else a chance to step up to this exciting role. If you are interested in earning the undying gratitude of your fellow Probiants contact Margaret to find out more about the role. This might be a role for two people working together.

SOCIAL Margaret Lovett

Fantastic response to the Xmas lunch. we have 107 people attending who have all booked and paid.

I will be giving final numbers and payment to Monash one week prior to the lunch so if there is anyone who would like to come along at the last minute it won't be a problem.

Table seating plan will be on display at the entrance to the dining area.

The menu will be as follows.

MAIN COURSE

West Australian Barramundi

White wine & asparagus risotto, lemon oil, verjuice & parsley. (GF)

OR

Chargrilled Short Rib Of Beef

Potato pave, green beans, shiraz Jus & thyme (GF)

DESSERTS- one of these has changed

Middle Eastern Orange Pudding (GF, DF option)

Cardamon, pistachio, citrus sauce & double cream.

OR

White Chocolate& Macadamia Praline Parfait (GF)

Served with berries.

Coffee, Tea stations x2

There will be a welcome drink and canape on arrival.

Drinks will be at your own expense.

Merry Christmas to All and thanks for your support throughout this Probus year.

WALKING GROUP Helen Miles

There is no walk in December/January but we are looking forward to interesting walks in 2025.

WRAP WITH LOVE Merle Fox and Margaret Hobson

Any donations in wool or cash welcome. Keep knitting squares. We are always happy to hear from people who can sew the wraps together.

WELFARE Robyn Wood

Robyn let us know news of members such as Wendy Matchett who is in palliative care but determined to see Christmas.

The submissions concerning Lizard Rock went online this week. 12,000 people signed the petition. Parliament will consider the issue in the next sitting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

.Vice-President Mike Hartnell reminded people to complete the club survey. If anyone forgot to put them in the box they can bring them to the Christmas lunch.

Peter reminded people of the AGM and election of office bearers in March. We are particularly looking for a Tours and Outings Co-ordinator and a Vice President. Please step out of your comfort zone and support your club.

Meeting finished at 10:15am

Morning Tea Break. Meeting resumed at 11:00am

Guest Speaker – Katie Little Introduced by Cherry Robinson

Vote of Thanks by Vicki Johnston

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 9 January 2025 at the Forest Hotel at 10am

Signed..... Date.....