



Combined Probud Club of Belrose Inc

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Combined Probud Club of Belrose which was held on 9 January 2025 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. Two new initiatives were begun this month. There was a draw for a man and woman to receive the birthday gift of the month. The gift was a coffee voucher from Imbue or Acacia cafes. A lucky door prize of a Forest Hotel voucher was also given to a man and woman. This is a new tradition which will be followed each month.

Birthdays for the Month:

2nd Lyle Pearce
9th Margaret Hobson
9th Jan Tomlinson
12th Geoff Jones
18th Ross Swadling
20th Mike Staniland
23rd Carol Worboys
24th Jan Kempshall
26th Marjorie Rickard
26th Margaret Lovett
27th Brian Peck
28th Lynette Low

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 12 December 2024 have been posted on the Website.

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

Seconded by Phil Allan
Carried.

Any business arising from the Minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A thank you letter was tables from the Keyton Retirement Living Team who hosted the club to a morning tea at Glenaeon village in November

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's report was delivered by Mike Staniland.

**Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc.
Treasurer's Report - January 2025
Income and Expenditure Account - December 2024**

INCOME	\$	
Subscriptions	55.00	
EXPENSES		
General Meeting Cost		636.00
Guest Speaker Gifts	50.00	
Christmas Lunch Expenses		281.12
Computer Expenses	100.00	
Total Expenses	1,067.12	
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period		-1,012.12
Balance Sheet at 31/12/2024		
Accumulated Funds		
Opening Balance 30/11/2024		8,892.85
Surplus/(Deficit) for period		-1,012.12
Closing balance 31/12/2024		7,880.73
Assets		
Bank Account 31/12/2024		9,046.81
Liabilities		
Net Funds for future functions (see below)		1,166.08
Net Assets	7,880.73	
Bank Reconciliation		
Bank Balance 30/11/2024		19,283.93
Surplus/(Deficit) for period		-1,012.12
	18,271.81	
Net Funds Function Movement		-9,225.00
Bank Balance 31/12/2024		9,046.81
Function movements		
Robertson Bros	-100.00	
Wharf Review	60.00	

Yulefest Tour	1,300.00	
G P O Tour	60.00	
Banana Cabana		-1,620.00
Christmas lunch		-8,925.00
	-9,225.00	
Net Funds for future functions		
Vaynes World Deposit	15/2/25	-100.00
Robertson Bros Deposit	28/5/25	-100.00
Wharf Review	27/3/25	-40.00
G P O Tour	6/2/25	60.00
Yulefest Tour	19/7/25	1,300.00
Surplus / Deficit		46.08
Net Function Funds		1,166.08

Colin Fordred
2/01/2025

Mike Staniland moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Seconded by Hastings Pawsey
Carried.

ENTERTAINMENT Warwick Brady.

Best wishes to all our members and hope you had a great and that the New Year will be a fabulous year for all of us.

We have started the year with some great shows at the Glen St Theatre. The main show for the year is the final production of the Wharf Revue with the original cast on Thursday 27th March on 7.30pm . I have been very positive in my dealings with the management of the theatre and I have 80 tickets booked for this show. The theatre has only 10 tickets left now from a total of 400 so we were very lucky to get 80. We have received wonderful service from the management of the theatre and I have spoken to them many, many times. This is why they get our fabulous support. Tickets cost \$80.00.each to be paid as soon as possible, by 18 January at the latest In addition we also have booked for Wednesday 2nd April at 2.00pm Tickets are also \$80.00. Both shows will be performed by the original cast Jonathan Biggins, Mandy Bishop, Drew Forsythe, Phillip Scott and David Whitney.

The first show of the year is 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 10th February at 11.00am Please make your booking today and pay by 19 January.

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 for Saturday 15 February at 7:30pm.

Bookings are also open for “The Robertson Brothers-1960s Variety Show” Wednesday 28May at 7pm. Tickets are \$76.95 and they are always in demand for this show so please make a booking today. The Robertson Brothers pay tribute to the musical giants of the 60s- the Beatles, Del Shannon, the Beach Boys, the Hollies, the Bee Gees and the Everley brothers. The Multi Talented Brook McLachlan (from the original cast of Jersey Boys will return). This show is described as being different from previous shows.

Thanks for your support. We hope to have many more shows in 2025.

Warren Brady Entertainments officer

GUEST SPEAKER Cherry Robinson

Today’s speakers were Phil Allan and Malcolm McLean whose topic is writing and publishing a family history.

Next meeting is the A.G.M. so there will be no speaker and at the April meeting Andrew Gill, a lawyer practising on the beaches who specialises in Wills and Estates will be our speaker. His subject is Elder Financial Abuse, war stories, traps and tips and pointers re Estate Planning.

MEMBERSHIP Jock Cameron filled in for Tony Lovett who is in NZ and let us know there were 90 members present at the January meeting

Tony’s report is as follows

Current Membership

Membership stands at 138 financial members (88 ladies, 50 Gents) (63%:37%)

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

Waiting List: 5 (5 ladies, 0 Gents)

Members in Attendance December 2024

Attendance at meeting

Members – 106

Visitors – 0

Guest Speaker -1

Guest - 0

Total **107** attending Meeting

Apologies – 19

Absent - 13

Leave of Absence – 0

Visitors Apology – 1

OUTING & TOURS Margaret Ayre was ill so Mike Hartnell stepped in

As I am stepping down from the position of Outings and Tour coordinator in March, after 3 years I would appreciate someone putting their hand up for the position It's not hard, just very rewarding. I have a folder with future idea's should you need it.

Our next outing is to the Sydney GPO on Thursday 6th February 2025

Meeting Point The Fullerton Hotel, Martin Place Sydney – Concierge at 11:45AM

The tour duration is 90 minutes. Followed by lunch PAYG

Please note that the Heritage Tours do not include access to the GPO Clock Tower.

The tour is full, we have 33 booked in at present

Tour cost \$20.00pp Due by 16th January Limit of 15 persons per tour.

There will be two guides to take us around.

Please see newsletter for further details.

The outing to Purified Recycled Water Discovery Centre tour Thursday 6th March 2025

Has been confirmed 1.30pm-2.30pm meet at 240 Quakers Road Quakers Hill

Please arrive 15minutes before your tour.

There is parking on the site.

Limit of no more than 30 people.

You must wear sturdy, fully enclosed, flat soled shoes (no open toed shoes such as sandals, thongs, ballet flats, or heels).

Please see newsletter for further details.

A broadcast has been sent out to all members.

The Winter Yulefest 19th July 2025. The Crowne Plaza Hotel at Windsor have requested a \$100 pp to be paid to them through On Course Tours, before the 16th January to reserve our rooms as the hotel has been inundated by requests for rooms from other tours. We have 25 rooms held for us at present 19 rooms have been booked 16 paid for. Once the cut off dates has been reached there will be no more rooms available to us. If we have 20 rooms booked and paid for by the 16th January the other rooms will be taken off us. Please register online and pay immediately to secure your room.

SOCIAL
month

Margaret Lovett was away on holiday so there is no report this

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 reminded us of the importance of drinking lots of water. She also talked about the importance of the first hour after a stroke. She advised that when calling an ambulance it is important to let them know that you suspect you might have had a stroke

GENERAL BUSINESS:

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.

Mike Hartnell reported that there were 43 responses to the survey but since some were from couples the response was half the membership or 60 people which is very good.

There were some great suggestions and good support for a number of groups. He invited people to put their name down for the following groups:

- Books
- Cards
- Mahjong
- Education
- Art Gallery visits

Mike reminded people that the best way to make new friends at Probus is to join in activities. There will be a monthly men’s and ladies’ breakfast. The next one is on Friday 7 February at 9:30am

The men will meet at Acacia café in Glenrose and the women at Imbue café in Pound Avenue
Mike also reminded us to try to speak to at least 2 people you don’t know well each meeting.

Meeting finished at 10:35am

Morning Tea Break. Meeting resumed at 11:00am

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Vote of Thanks by Hastings Pawley

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 13 February 2025 at the Forest Hotel at 10am

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