



Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc

Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose

Date: Thursday 13 March 2025 at 11am.

Place: The Forest Hotel, 5 Frenchs Forest Road E, Frenchs Forest

President: Peter Moxham

Called the meeting to order at 11:00 am

Peter welcomed members to the 18th AGM of our club and went on to say that unfortunately, the President of the Belrose Rotary Club was unable to attend but is ably represented by our first president, Bruce Nicholson, who is a current member of Belrose Rotary who will say a few words.

Belrose Rotary: Bruce Nicholson

Bruce conveyed Belrose Rotary's congratulations to the Combined Probus Club of Belrose on its 18th AGM and commended the committee and associated workers for all their contributions.

Saying that:

"Life is more exciting on the other side of Yes."

Which is one reason why members should take the opportunity of saying yes to the vacant positions.

Bruce went on to talk about the support provided by Belrose Rotary to The School of St Jude, a pioneering leader in charitable education within Africa. The Founder, Gemma Sisia, opened the school in 2002 to bring free, quality education to children living in poverty in Northern Tanzania.

Secretary's report: Alison Soutter

The Minutes of last year's AGM dated 14th March 2024 have been posted on the Website.

I move that the Minutes be taken as a true and correct record.

Seconded by Robyn Wood

Carried.

No business arising from the Minutes. We have no correspondence addressed to this year's AGM.

President's report: Peter Moxham

It's hard to believe that my term of office as president has passed so quickly. It seems as if it was only weeks ago that the then President Ros handed me the president's collar. My task has been

made more enjoyable by having such a dedicated, supportive and friendly committee and sub committee who have all worked harmoniously together for our wonderful Probus club.

Our Probus family was saddened by the passing of several of our members in the last 12 months. Foundation members John Duce and Dulcie Herrman and later in the year David Walker and Wendy Matchett. Their contributions to the club will always be remembered. Many of us attended the various Celebration of Life services.

Always well organised, our membership officer, Tony Lovett has overseen the induction of 16 new members this year. Our membership stands at 137.

Warwick Brady continues to provide us with a wonderful variety of entertaining options throughout the year which encompassed matinees and evening performances. Some of the standouts included Anh Do, Afternoon at the Proms and the ever popular Wharf Revue to name a few.

Margaret Ayre has organised a great range of tours and outings throughout the year. Our seven day tour to Bright and the Victorian High Country was an absolute highlight. It included a flurry of snow as we entered Thredbo and the fine performance by our own Phil Allan with his musical bells. There were also many day tours including Banana Cabana Primate Sanctuary, tour of the Sydney Cricket Ground and the Seven Island cruise on Sydney Harbour.

Marg Lovett, often ably assisted by Tony has provided us with many excellent social functions and activities throughout the year. Always well attended, they included our Christmas lunch at Monash Country Club with musical entertainment provided by the granddaughters of the Hartnells and Worboys.

Our guest speaker coordinator, Cherry Robinson has provided us with a great variety of interesting speakers such as Andrew Campbell talking on Hearing and Brain Health and Norman Webb on the Life of the Honey Bee. In May Michelle Moffatt explained artificial intelligence A.I. which is very appropriate today. Cherry also occasionally draws on Probus members to deliver interesting presentations. In January Phil Allan and Malcolm McLean gave us very comprehensive talks on writing their family histories.

Thank you to our long term volunteer and treasurer, Colin Fordred and assistant treasurer, Mike Staniland who is also a valued volunteer. They look after the financial matters of our club. Also to Chris Wood our honorary auditor.

We are indebted to our secretaries, Lesley McQuire who had to step down due to ill health mid term and Alison Soutter who kindly volunteered to fill the void. They have been well supported by assistant secretary Liz Pawsey.

Our wonderful newsletter editor, Jenny Jones, continues to excel in editing our monthly newsletters which keep us informed with all the club's activities. Jenny brought us a special 200th Edition Newsletter which showcased the club's first edition in July 2007 and also the 100th edition. Thank you to Liz and Hastings Pawsey for being instrumental in searching the archives which assisted Jenny in the production.

Robyn Wood, our dedicated Welfare Officer is always proactive in monitoring the members' health and wellbeing. Very much appreciated.

We are also indebted to our Sub Committee members who play a major support role in our club. Terry Stewart looks after our audio visual presentation with great skill and Ross Swadling, our web master keeps the information channels flowing. Also on the subcommittee, Gloria Attwooll with Rosemary Daly, continue to select suitable movies for our viewing. Helen and Dennis Miles coordinate our popular walks each month. Margaret Hobson and her team of knitters are continually busy working on Wraps With Love, the finished items being distributed to those in need both locally and worldwide. Mike Staniland continues to oversee the popular Wine Appreciation group while Peter Loveday ably looks after our photographic requirements. Di Pill assists with hospitality and Warren Needs is our welcoming and friendly concierge. The Book and Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange has proven a popular activity organised by Judy Morton.

Each year at our AGM we welcome our club member, Mike Gibbs who acts as Returning Officer for the Committee Election. Thank you, Mike.

I hosted our Past Presidents Dinner at the Belrose Hotel in March. These former presidents have played a vital role in the growth of our club.

Finally our Past President, Ros Thompson has been a tower of strength to me and the committee imparting invaluable knowledge when and as required. Our Vice President, Mike Hartnell has proven to be very enthusiastic and innovative and I know he will successfully guide the club as incoming president. It has been a great privilege to be your president and a pleasure to be part of such a wonderful committee and club.

I would like to move acceptance of my report.
Seconded by Peter Loveday. Carried

Treasurer's Report Colin Fordred

The Annual Financial Statement has been shared with members as part of the AGM Information Package (Including Auditor's Report)

Colin moved that the Financial Statements for the year to December 31 2024 be accepted.

Seconded by Bruce Nicholson
Carried.

Thank you to the Honorary Auditor, Chris Wood for the 2024 financial audit.

Colin moved that Chris Wood, who has indicated his willingness to continue in his role as honorary auditor, be appointed again as our honorary auditor for the financial year ending 31 December 2025.

Seconded by Cherry Robinson

Thanks from the President

The Management Committee have recommended that the annual membership fee for 2025 be \$95 per person with the joining fee remaining at \$10 per person.

I move that the membership fees for this coming 12 months be \$95 per person.

Seconded by Mike Gibbs

Carried.

President: Appointment of Returning Officer for the election of the Management Committee.

In accordance with our Constitution clause 4b, all Committee positions were vacated, and Mike Gibbs assumed the Chair of the AGM for the purpose of electing a new Committee.

Returning Officer: Mike Gibbs

After calling for nominations at General Meetings, the Secretary had received nominations as follows:

President:	Mike Hartnell
Vice President	
Secretary:	Alison Soutter
Asst Secretary	Liz Pawsey
Treasurer:	Brian Soutter
Asst Treasurer:	Colin Fordred
Entertainment Officer	
Guest Speaker Officer	Cherry Robinson
Membership Officer	
Newsletter Editor:	
Social Officer	Megan Hartnell
Tours & Outings Officer	

One nomination has been received for 7 positions , leaving 5 positions without a nomination.

In relation to those positions for which one nomination has been received, I declare those nominees duly elected in accordance with our Constitution. I congratulate those members on their election and wish them well for their future roles.

In relation to the 5 positions without a nomination, Warwick Brady has indicated an interest to continue to arrange entertainment events, Tony Lovett has indicated an interest in continuing as Membership Officer and Jenny Jones is willing to continue to edit the newsletter. I am advised that the March Committee Meeting will consider filling these vacancies and then advise members at the April General Meeting.

There still remain 2 unfilled positions which are Tours & Outings Officer and Vice President.

Under our Constitution

Section 5) Election of the Committee, paragraph (f) reads,

If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies, the candidates nominated shall be deemed elected and **further nominations shall be received at the Annual General Meeting.**

Mike called upon nominations from the floor to fill the vacant positions but no nominations were forthcoming
Mike handed back the Chair to Peter

President: Peter

I would like to acknowledge the excellent service to the club given by the four committee members who have stood down this year.

Marg Lovett has been a wonderful social officer and we have enjoyed the many events she has organised. Margaret Ayre has been an outstanding Outings and Tours Officer. Colin has been a valued treasurer and has filled many other Committee roles over many years. He is kindly remaining as assistant treasurer replacing Mike Staniland who has also worked hard for the club for years.

I wish to congratulate Mike Hartnell on his election as President of our Club and ask him to come forward.

Mike Hartnell, you have been elected as President of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose Incorporated and as such it becomes your responsibility to uphold the Aims and Objectives as set out in the Club's Constitution.

It is also your duty to place particular emphasis on the importance of fellowship and friendship within the Club and with guests and visiting Probians.

It is my honour to invest you with your collar of office as President of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose Incorporated.

On behalf of all members, I wish you a successful and rewarding year in office.

New President: Mike Hartnell

Thank you to Peter for your successful year as President of our Club.

I wish to present to you your "Past President's Pin

I would now like to introduce the new committee members and ask them to stand and be recognised.

Past President	Peter Moxam
Secretary:	Alison Soutter
Asst Secretary:	Liz Pawsey
Treasurer:	Brian Soutter
Ass Sec/Treasurer:	Colin Fordred
Entertainment	Warwick Brady
Guest Speakers	Cherry Robinson
Membership:	Tony Lovett
Newsletter:	Jenny Jones
Social:	Megan Hartnell

I ask that we also thank the members who are prepared to support the club in various ways. Whilst these are not elected positions, they are no less important.

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Audio visual set up:	Terry Stewart
Auditor (Honorary):	Chris Wood
Birthdays & Lucky Door prizes	Ros Thompson & Mike Hartnell
Book & Jigsaw exchange	Judy Morton
Book club	Cherry Robinson
Coffee mornings:	Ros Thompson & Di Pill
Hospitality:	Di Pill
Movie Group:	Gloria Attwool & Rosemary Daly
Photographer:	Peter Loveday
Reception:	Warren Needs
Returning Officer	Mike Gibbs
Walking Group:	Helen and Dennis Miles
Website Admin:	Ross Swadling
Welfare:	Robyn Wood
Wine Appreciation	Mike Staniland
Wrap With Love:	Margaret Hobson & Merle Fox.

Mike thanked these members for their service to the club and asked for any General AGM Business. None was received.

Our 19th Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 12th March 2026 (at approx. 11.00am) at the Forest Hotel.

The next Committee Meeting for the newly elected committee is Thursday 27th March 2025, starting at 10:00 am at the Belrose Hotel, 5 Hews Pde Belrose.

The next general meeting is on Thursday 10 April 2025 at the Forest Hotel at 10am

The 2025 Annual General Meeting closed at 11:30am

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