

Combined Probus Club of Belrose

Minutes of General Meeting held at the Belrose Uniting Church on Thursday 14 January 2021

Present: 73 members, Apologies 13, AWOL 40

President Terry welcomed us to the meeting and gave an update of the situation regarding Covid.

1. Minutes of previous general meeting held on 3 December 2020

The minutes have been posted to the club website and 8 members present had gone to the website and read the minutes.

Proposed Jenny Jones seconded Malcolm McLean that the minutes be taken as a correct record of the proceedings

2. Treasurers report

Treasurer's Monthly Summary of Cash Movements						
as at 31 December						
Club Funds at 22/11/20				9,420.39		
Plus Income for the month						
Bank Interest				0.51		
				0.51		
Less Expenses for the month						
Guest Speaker Gifts				40.98		
Hire of Belrose Uniting Church Hall				125.00		
				165.98		
Club Funds at 31/12/20				9,254.92		
Total Events						
Receipts				47,335.95		
Payments				47,402.56		
				(66.61) Net		
Bank Balance at 31/12/20				9,188.31		
				<u>Net</u>		
				<u>Funds</u>		
Closed Events				47,155.95		
				47,402.56		
				(246.61) (a)		
Open Events						
Piemonte Breakfast (\$30)		21/1/21	180.00	0.00	180.00	
Total Open Events			180.00		180.00	
Total Events			47,335.95		47,402.56	
				(66.61)		
				Check		
(a) Mainly due to \$200 paid for Covid Marshall at Xmas Lunch				(66.61)		

3. Happy Birthdays

Terry read out the list of the first birthdays for 2021 and these are in the newsletter

4. Secretary's report

All is quiet and we now have a new mailbox for the very occasional piece of snail mail

5. Social

Happy New Year to you all

Firstly, I know the Christmas Lunch at Terrey Hills seems along time ago now and we've had further Covid disruptions to our lives, but I just want to say a big thank you for the support you have given me in trying to cope with the numbers game with Terrey Hills. At one stage it looked like it could all be cancelled and then we had a last minute reprieve. We were so lucky to fit a lovely celebration all together before it went pear-shaped again. Your patience was rewarded with what I hope was a delicious meal eaten in good company.

Now I know we are all hoping for a better 2021 but there are no guarantees in this world and remember the coronavirus does not work to a calendar. So we will continue to be cautious and follow the advice of the scientists and if we have to alter our social plans, we will gracefully do so as usual.

PIEMONTE CAFÉ THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY 2021

We are still hopeful that we will be able to proceed with our next planned meal together at our breakfast at **Piemonte Café** at Terrey Hills on **THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY** at **8.30am**.

We have 35 already booked for this which is excellent. Payment of **\$18 per person** is due today.

With the unpredictability of possible outbreaks of Covid with this new stronger strain I have not booked anything for February. This will be discussed in more detail at the Management Committee and it may be a case of a quick general broadcast to arrange a dinner at a local venue. I find it really difficult and depressing to get excited about a prospect of a get-together to have to then cancel at the last minute. I think I need a holiday!

If I go ahead with an event I'll try for the third Thursday in February, which is 18th. Now the question is, do we have a lunch or a dinner at night. Can I ask for a show of hands to give me an idea of interested numbers. Who would prefer a lunch time event? Hands up. Who would prefer a dinner in the evening? Hands up. Thank you.

And hands went up both for lunch and dinner at night

6. Membership

Current Membership

Membership stands at 126 financial members (72 ladies, 54 Gents) (56%:44%)

Non Active Members 2

Waiting List : 33 (24 ladies, 9 Gents)

Members in January 2021

Attendance at meeting

Members – 68 Visitors – 1 Total 69 attending Meeting

Apologies – 27 Absent - 29 Leave of Absence – 2

Information for January 2021 Meeting

Visitors Attending Meeting:-

Ian Thompson – Guest Speaker

Resignations - None

Inductions this meeting - none

7. Vale Marian McDuff

Marian died late last December. She was one of our founder members and had not been in good health for some time. She will be fondly remembered

8. Welfare

Robyn reported that because of C19 restrictions her visits to members were limited however she has been busy on the phone

Our condolences to Barley Stewart whose sister Gillian died on 12 January in Huston Texas where she had lived for some years. Sadly, Barley can not go to Huston to be with the family

9. Tours

John reported that there are 3 vacancies for the Life of Riley tour. The January picnic @ Winnereremy Bay, Mona Vale has been cancelled. John will send a broadcast for the Streeton Exhibition at the NSW Art Gallery as the situation develops

10. Guest Speaker

Special thanks to Ian Thompson whose presentation on tracing our family history at the January meeting was very comprehensive and a massive help to members wanting to engage in this research. What a pity that the microphone wasn't working but it did show Ian's professional approach to his talk.

In February our speaker will be Dr Greg De Moore. Greg de Moore is a consultant psychiatrist at Sydney's Westmead Hospital and his study of Tom Wills' life stems from his interest in male suicide. Tom Wills took the first Aboriginal cricket team to England in the 1870's and Greg de Moore spent 10 years researching Wills, uncovering original medical records, letters, text books and notes previously believed to have been lost. Dr de Moore also has an abiding interest in history.

Greg de Moore is an outstanding speaker, not to be missed by any sports lover. He has written several books, one of which is about Tom Wills – which will be available to purchase at the meeting.

11. Entertainment

Warwick gave his usual entertaining report and received a round of applause for his performance

I hope you all enjoyed the Wharf Revue which our Club Members saw on three performances during the first and second weeks of January. What a great show hopefully the Wharf Revue will

return in some manner shape or form next year. Thanks to Jonathan Biggins, Drew Forsyth, Phil Scott and Mandy Bishop.

Looking ahead we find that Glen Street has a number of shows lined up in February and early March as follows.

Sunday 14th February at 5.00pm is "Echo of the Jazz Age". An age of Miracles and Art and an age of Satire centred around a famous essay of F Scott Fitzgerald together with sizzling quotes from Mae West and Dorothy Parker, with poetry by TS Eliott. Also, piano music of Scott Joplin, Louis Armstrong and songs by George Gershwin and Fats Walker. Actor and Director John Bell, pianist Simon Tedeschi and special guest Blazey Best take their audience back to the dazzlement of the Jazz Age "the Twenties". Tickets are \$62.10 and payment is requested as soon as possible. Book today with Warwick Brady or online.

Monday 15th February at 11.00am it's Geraldine Turner's Turn returning after her 2020 tour was cancelled. Geraldine is a true icon of Australian Show Business and has been for four decades. Turner's Turn is a celebration of her life and career where she has featured in many award-winning musicals like Anything Goes, Oliver, Into the Woods, Chicago, Cabaret, Call me Madam and Sweeney Todd. Tickets cost \$27.00 each and should be ordered with Warwick Brady 041873684 as soon as possible or online.

Then on Monday 15th March at 11.00am is Piaf & Aznavour "Back in Time". It's a look into the world of a French Pop Music Shop. Milord, Le Vie en Rose, No Regrets, If you Love Me, She, the Old Fashion Way and Yesterday when I was Young. A musical feast. Again, tickets are at the bargain price of \$27.00. Book early and make payment without and further delay.

Looking forward to sharing these and many other theatrical performances in 2021.

12. Newsletter

The February issue is due to go out on 29 January. Would all committee members email reports to geoffjones1874@gmail.com by 25 January. Also interesting items, gossip, stories cartoons and jokes will be welcome as usual

13. General Business

Terry asked for nominations for the committees for 2021. There is a major role to fill; Treasure as Chris Wood is standing down after doing a great job for us

Up to date we have received the following nominations

President: Terry Stewart
Secretary: Geoff Jones
Newsletter: Jenny Jones

The Committee positions are:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer

Membership
Immediate Past President
Newsletter
Guest speaker
Social
Tours
Entertainment
Welfare (invited)

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Signed
Terry Stewart – President

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Date