

Combined Probus Club of Belrose
Minutes for Annual General Meeting

Forest Hotel, 11 am Thursday March 14, 2024

President - Ros Thompson

Called meeting to order at 11.10 am

I welcome our members to the 17th AGM of our club. A special welcome to the President of the Belrose Rotary club, Brian Fairweather. This is the club that was instrumental in the formation of our Probus Club.

BRIAN FAIRWEATHER:

I have been a Rotarian for over 10 years and I would like to acknowledge the other Rotarians in the room, past and present. We're doing a BBQ at Bunnings this Saturday and would appreciate some volunteers! Also running an Easter egg hunt, any sponsors welcome at Davidson Fire Brigade, Borgnis Street, Davidson on Saturday 30th March at 10 am to 12 pm.

AGM President's Report for 2023/2024

Good morning everyone,

This is a shortened version of my original report, which you

received in the broadcast along with the Audit report, thanks to Chris our auditor and the annual accounts prepared by our Treasurer Colin.

It has been a most amazing and rewarding year as President. [L] [SEP]

During the year we had a great variety of events. It's so encouraging for the organisers when the events are well supported and this makes it all worthwhile. Our social activities included some wonderful eateries thanks to Marg L. Our outings and tours took us to many interesting places. I'm sure everyone found something to attend, thank you Margaret A. Our entertainment was filled with a fantastic selection of shows at the Glenn St Theatre thanks to Warwick. A total of 31 events in all were organised over the year. Well done everyone! [L] [SEP]

Many thanks to our guest speaker coordinator Cherry, who presented us with 12 fabulous and very interesting guest speakers. Who were very engaging with the topics they presented. [L] [SEP]

Thank you to our current walking group coordinators Helen and Dennis, and their support crew. They have organised 8 walks this year. The walking group commenced at the end of 2007. From [2007-2023/24](#) a total of 133 walks have been organised. The group are looking forward to having more members and friends join them this year, for walks, coffee and a chat. [L] [SEP]

To the hard working team at our previous venue the Uniting Church. Thank you Malcolm, Les and Peter, for setting up and putting away the tables and chairs. It was very much appreciated. [L] [SEP]

To Dianne and Terry, thank you for taking on hospitality for the year, even though your time was cut short, due to our change in

venue. Our new venue being at the Forest Hotel. Di is still doing hospitality by prepping some of the tea and coffee enabling morning tea to be more efficient and run smoothly. Thank you Di.

It's wonderful to know that our club continues to grow. We had 9 members inducted during the year, thank you to their mentors for supporting them. We are looking forward to having more members inducted this year as our membership is increasing from 130 to 140. Thank you, our membership coordinator Tony, for doing an amazing job keeping our memberships up to date. [[L]]
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A special event for me was organising our second Past Presidents Dinner several weeks ago at the Belrose Hotel. It was lovely spending time with such a special group. The evening was a great success and we also celebrated the Club's 17 years. [[L]]
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12 people attended the dinner, with two apologies, and we remembered our two past Presidents Kevin Radford and John Robinson who died last year. Hoping it's an event to be held for many years to come.

Several weeks ago Peter and I attended the Probus Cluster 11 meeting. We had a very interesting morning. We were asked to present three best outings and three best guest speakers our club would recommend. It's good to meet up with other club executives and to hear what their Probus Clubs are doing.

Our year has finished with two great events both being last week. The first was an outstanding performance by Anh Do 'The Happiest Refugee' at the Glenn Street Theatre. I think everyone agreed what an amazing entertainer he is and his life story is very humbling. I feel it was one of the best shows we have attended. Thank you, Warwick.

Last week's outing was a visit to historic Linnwood House at

Guilford built in 1891, on 5 hectares. On arrival we had morning tea, followed by a talk about Linnwood's history. Then we could inspect the house, it has such an interesting and varied history. Also, having beautifully kept gardens and superb rose gardens. The ladies running the tours are all volunteers. A really worthwhile visit. Some then finished the day at Merrylands Bowling club for a lovely lunch. Thank you Margaret A, for a great day. [L] [SEP]

Yes, my year has been amazing, thank you one and all, so much! To the Management Committee and Sub Committee members who work so hard and well together to make our Probus Club as successful as it is. [L] [SEP]

Peter, all the best to you and your team for a rewarding year ahead. [L] [SEP]

One final word before I go. This is an ode to the new venue. [L] [SEP]

In the middle of the year, a bombshell hit the Club - our cosy meeting spot at the Uniting Church Belrose was shutting shop in September. Cue the venue hunt! Peter, the crew, and I scoured the district for the perfect spot. Despite my dramatic slip at Warringah Mall that broke my femur (thanks, water!), Peter heroically soldiered on, leading the charge. After a whirlwind of venue visits, we struck gold in September - hello, Forest Hotel! [L] [SEP]

As we are aging like fine wine our new venue is perfect for us. It boasts ample parking, easy access and everything is setup, including morning tea. Now, we can just strut into the meetings, share some laughs, and cap it off with a delightful lunch.

Ros Thompson
President 2023/24
14 March 2024
Thank you, [L] [SEP]

I would like to move acceptance of my report.

Seconded: Mike Gibbs Carried

Secretary's Report - Barley Stewart

The minutes have been posted on the website.

Move they be accepted as a true and correct record

Seconded: Colin Fordred

President

All those in favour, those against

the ayes have it, motion carried

Any business arising from minutes? Nil

Nil correspondence pertaining to AGM.

Outwards:d Nil

Treasurer's Report - Colin Fordred

Annual Financial Statement has been shared with members as part of the AGM information package (including Auditor's report).

Move that audited Financial Statements for the year to December 31, 2023, be accepted.

Seconded: Hastings Pawsey Carried

Honorary Auditor:

Colin thanked Chris Wood for auditing the accounts.

Colin Fordred 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 2024.

Seconded by Lesley Walker,
Carried.

The Management Committee have recommended that the annual membership fee for 2024/25 period to be \$85 per person with the joining fee remaining at \$10 per person.

Moved by Colin Fordred that membership fees for this coming 12 months be \$85 per person.

Seconded by Lyn Cameron
Carried.

Ros asked "Are there any questions?" "No? We can now carry on."

Election:

President Ros announced that in accordance with our Constitution clause 4b, all Management Committee positions are now vacated and asked Mike Gibbs to assume the Chair of the AGM and act as Returning Officer for the purpose of electing a new Committee.

The Secretary had received nomination for the following positions:d

Exceptions are Warwick Brady, Tony Lovett and Jenny Jones.

President:	Peter Moxham
Past President:	Ros Thompson
Vice President:	Mike Hartnell
Secretary:	Lesley McQuire
Assistant Secretary:	Liz Pawsey
Treasurer:	Colin Fordred
Assistant Treasurer:	Mike Staniland
Entertainment:	Warwick Brady *
Guest Speaker:	Cherry Robinson
Membership:	Tony Lovett*
Newsletter:	Jenny Jones*

Social: Margaret Lovett
Tours/Outings: Margaret Ayre
Welfare: Robyn Wood

The Returning Officer, Mike Gibbs declared:

In relation to the 10 positions 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.

*As Warwick Brady, Tony Lovett and Jenny Jones were without nominations and as they have indicated an interest in continuing in their current respective roles of Entertainment, Membership and Newsletter, and in accordance with Club Regulations and Standing Orders the incoming new Committee will consider filling these vacancies, and then advise the members at the next General Meeting in April 2024.

Ros Thompson, although not elected will fill the position of Past President on the new 2024/25 Committee.

Mike Gibbs then handed back the chair to President Ros.

President Ros called Peter Moxham forward and congratulated him on being President of our Club for 2024/25.

Ros presented Peter with the President's collar, pin and name bar.

Newly elected Peter then presented Ros with a Past President's pin and certificate and thanked her leading the club in a very successful year.

Peter then proceeded to introduce his new incoming Committee and then acknowledged the sub committee.

Sub Committee:

Audio Visual	Terry Stewart
Auditor (Honorary)	Chris Wood
Book/Jigsaw exchange	Judy Morton
Cinema Group	Gloria Attwool
Hospitality	Di Pill
Photographer	Peter Lovely
Reception	Warren Needs
Walking Group	Helen and Dennis Miles
Wine Appreciation	Mike Staniland
Website Admin	Ross Swadling
Wraps with love	Margaret Hobson

We thank these members for their service to the club.

General Business.

NIL

The 18th AGM will be held on Thursday 13th March 2025 (at approx. 11 am) at the Forest Hotel, Frenchs Forest.
The meeting closed at 11.40.

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