



Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose which was held on 10 April 2025 at the Forest Hotel, 5 Frenchs Forest Road E, Frenchs Forest at 10am.

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

The birthday draw winners were Terry Stewart and Betty Crawford. A lucky door prize of a Forest Hotel voucher was also given to Jill McDonald and Geoff Cameron.

Birthdays for the Month:

3rd Terry Stewart

4th Jenny Kidman

13th Margaret Krajancic

22nd Rob Murphy

24th Kim Marshall and Hastings Pawsey

28th Robyn Wood

29th Betty Crawford

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 13 March 2025 have been posted on the Website.

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

Seconded by Hastings Pawsey
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

Treasurer's Report - April 2025

Income and Expenditure Account- March 2025

INCOME	\$
Subscriptions	7,115.00

EXPENSES	
General Meeting Cost	516.00
Stationary	0.00
Guest Speaker Gifts	0.00
Total Expenses	<u>516.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period	<u>6,599.00</u>

Balance Sheet at 31/3/2025

Accumulated Funds

Opening Balance 28/2/2025	6,642.16
Surplus/(Deficit) for period	<u>6,599.00</u>
Closing balance 31/3/2025	<u><u>13,241.16</u></u>

Assets

Bank Account 31/3/2025	15,980.94
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Liabilities

Net Funds for future functions (see below)	2,739.78
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Net Assets	<u><u>13,241.16</u></u>
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Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balance 28/2/2025	9,210.04
Surplus/(Deficit) for period	<u>6,599.00</u>
	15,809.04

Net Funds Function Movement	<u>171.90</u>
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Bank Balance 31/3/2025	<u><u>15,980.94</u></u>
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Function movements

Robertson Bros	1,769.90
Wharf Review	80.00
Lemani Lunch	560.00
Carousel	180.00
Billy Elliot	-2,475.00
Hearts	<u>57.00</u>
	<u><u>171.90</u></u>

Net Funds for future functions

Vaynes World	15/2/25	55.90
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Robertson Bros	28/5/25	1,900.80
Limani lunch	23/4/25	400.00
Carousel		180.00
Hearts		57.00
Billy Elliott	26/4/25	110.00
Yulefest Tour	19/7/25	0.00
Surplus / Deficit		36.08
Net Function Funds		2,739.78

Brian Soutter

3/04/2025

Brian moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Seconded by Robyn Wood
Carried.

ENTERTAINMENT Warwick Brady.

WHARF REVUE After 25 years the Wharf Revue has decided to step away from public life. What a great way to finish - a wonderful presentation. Combined Probus Club of Belrose Newsletter Page 7 The five performers JONATHAN BIGGINS, MANDY BISHOP, DREW FORSYTHE, PHILLIP SCOTT & DAVID WHITNEY put on a memorable show, a joyous yet bitter sweet send-off to one of the great national theatrical institutions. Many of the familiar Australian politicians were featured including Keating, Howard, Downer, Costello, Gillard, Abbott Lambie, Hanson, Dutton and Albo - a veritable "whose that "of Australian politics. Most people in our group of 99 members thoroughly enjoyed a fabulous show and will miss not having it on our programme next year. Thank you Glen Street Theatre.

BILLY ELLIOTT – THE MUSICAL We have the privilege of seeing a really wonderful show BILLY ELLIOTT - THE MUSICAL at Glen Street on Saturday 26th April at 7.30pm. We have already had a wonderful response to this production. So far we have 66 members booked This is a great response. We had fantastic seats given to us by the Glen Street Theatre. If anyone is still interested please let me know as soon as possible. Tickets are \$55.00 and we will get the best seats still available. Payment will be required as soon as possible.

THE ROBERTSON BROTHERS 1960'S VARIETY SHOW The Robertson Brothers are returning with their Variety TV Show on Wednesday 28th May at 7.00pm. They will play their tribute to the Musical Giants of the 1960's namely the Beatles, Del Shannon, the Beach Boys, the Hollies, the Bee Gees and the Everley Brothers. Simon Brook McLachlan from the original cast of the Jersey Boys is also included. Payment of \$76.95 is required immediately. If anyone is interested we have just a few seats available Please contact me today.

CAROUSEL Glen Street Theatre have given us a very special offer to see a production to Celebrate 80 years of "Carousel" with the Sydney Musical and Opera Society on July 2nd at 7.30pm. Enjoy a spectacular production with a full 23 piece orchestra, stunning costumes from Opera Australia and timeless songs. Following its triumphant debut abroad the Cunard Queen Elizabeth this land based production promises to be just as spectacular. It was Richard Rodgers personal favourite show, this production is a must for lovers of Golden Age Musicals. Here is the very best news,

tickets are only \$45.00 each. Bookings are in great demand, so if you are interested contact me today.

TWO STRONG HEARTS Another excellent show is TWO STRONG HEARTS : A Tribute to John Farnham and Olivia Newton-John. Combined Probus Club of Belrose Newsletter Page 8 Jeff Fallon and Anita Spring and John Farnham's special band are performing on Friday 9th May at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$57.00. High energy and an emotional music production will feature hits from the Whispering Jack album, songs and dances from the smash musical "Grease" and a number of amazing duets. Two Strong Hearts reminds us of Olivia and John's special bond and their Australian spirit. If you are interested please make your booking today.

CRUISING WITH GRANDPA'S CLUB Another show you won't want to miss is "Cruising with Grandpa's Club" on Saturday 20th September at 7.00pm. It is a Comedy Set on a Boat with the fabulous Wayne Scott Kermond the multi - award winner who we all enjoyed in Vayne's World earlier this year and Lynne McGranger who for over 30 years has been one of the leads in Home and Away. Ticket Price is \$67.50. Bookings are open today, please make your booking if you can. Thanks again for all your great support for this year, and what a surprise we are now taking booking for September - soon be Christmas! Regards. Warwick Brady Entertainment Officer
Mobile: 0418 793 684 Email: warwickandlorna@yahoo.com

GUEST SPEAKER Cherry Robinson

Today's speaker was Ian Thompson who has spoken to us twice before. This time his topic was Australian Iconic inventions and he spoke about a number of inventions including the stump-jump plough, Vegemite, the Victa mower, the Hills Hoist and Wi-Fi which was a CSIRO invention.

Next month the speaker is Alan Lawrenson on Australia's Looming Energy Crisis

MEMBERSHIP

Current Membership

Membership stands at 132 financial members (85 ladies, 47 Gents) (65%:35%)

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

Waiting List: 5 (4 ladies, 1 Gents)

Members in April 2025

Attendance at meeting	Members - 102
	Visitors – 4
	Guest Speaker – 1
	Guest – 0
	Total 107 attending Meeting

Apologies – 22

Absent - 12

Visitor Apology – 0

Leave of Absence – 1

Information From April 2025 Meeting

1. Visitors Attending Meeting:-

Maree Stuart – 2nd Visit
Kay Tink – 1st Visit
Trish Nielsen – 1st Visit
Chris Nielsen – 1st Visit

2. Resignations:

Judy Barnes
Margaret Hobson
Stewart Hobson
Lyle Pearce
Ann Knowland

3. Inductions this meeting (included in membership count above):-

Nil

Tony Lovett
11/04/2025
Membership Officer

OUTING & TOURS Vacant

MACHU PICCHU AND THE GOLDEN EMPIRES OF PERU EXHIBITION AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM The next outing is to the Australian Museum on May 1st at 11.45am to see the Machu Picchu and the Golden Empires of Peru exhibition. Followed by lunch at your own expense. Please purchase your own tickets on line. Concession \$33.50

One of our members, Les Basset, is a volunteer guide at the museum. He is offering us an extra treat. If some people are able to arrive at the admissions desk at 10:15 he will be able to guide our group around the museum.

HAWKESBURY WINTER YULEFEST

The 2-day outing to Winter Yulefest 19 20 July is fully booked. There are 20 rooms booked and 32 members going. Final payment is due by 19th June 2025 Thank you all once again for supporting me over the last 3 years. I found the position very rewarding. I'm just sad that I'm not handing the reins over to someone else. Margaret Ayre

SOCIAL REPORT

April – Limani's Narrabeen

The New Probus Year is starting with a visit to Limani's Restaurant at Narrabeen on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at 12.30pm

We have a 2-course meal together with a glass of wine for \$40.00 per person

There is a choice of 5 Main dishes

1. Barramundi Fillets
2. Salmon Fillets

3. Fish and Chips
4. Veal Scallopine
5. Ravioli

And a choice of 4 Desserts

1. Lemon Tart
2. Individual Pavlova
3. Toblerone Pate
4. Baklava

Final numbers and payment are due by the 16th April 2025.

Register via the website and pay into the club's Westpac bank account

Please remember you have to make your food selection prior to the 16th April – there will be a form at next general meeting to record your selection.

May – Dee Why RSL Aqua Restaurant

The next event is a lunch at the Dee Why RSL on Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 12.30pm in the Aqua Restaurant.

This is a pay as you go event – So come and select your meal for the extensive menu and pay for your selection on the day.

Please register online or at the next 2 General meetings. Numbers are required so seating can be reserved in the restaurant for our Probus Group.

June – Anniversary Lunch – Cromer Golf Club

Please keep Thursday the 26th June 2025 free for our club's Anniversary Lunch at Cromer Golf Club

Move details to follow when Megan Returns

Thanks

Tony Lovett for **Megan Hartnell**

COFFEE MORNINGS

The ladies' morning coffee at Acacia went well this week with about 12 people but there were fewer men at Imbus.

Friday 2 May there is a picnic at St Ives Showground at 10am. Bring a chair. Coffee and snacks are available in the café or you can bring your own. New members are especially welcome.

Di Pill and Ros Thompson

MAHJONG GROUP

The Mahjong group met for our first lesson with delightful Estelle on Wednesday 12 March. Sue, Sandy, Ros, Sandra, Meg and Mike had a lot of fun in good company as Estelle guided us through the basics of Mahjong. What seems hard at first comes quickly with a couple of games of practice and explanation. We will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Forest Kirk in Fitzpatrick St, Frenchs Forest at 9:30am for a couple of hours of play. Our first April meeting is on Wednesday April 9. If you would like to join us contact Sandra Murphy on 0457 388 325 PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MAHJONG GROUP WILL NOT MEET ON WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL BECAUSE OF THE LUNCH AT LIMANI'S ON THE SAME DAY. Mike Hartnell

There are also games at the back of the room after every Probus meeting

WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles

APRIL WALK – 2nd MAY (because of Easter)

We are walking from Darling Harbour to the Anzac Bridge and the walk will be led by Helen. Meet at the Glenrose bus stop at 9.05am for the 9.14am City Bus (271) to the Queen Victoria Building. We will walk down to Darling Harbour for coffee at the cafe at the Maritime Museum then walk around the Harbour foreshore to the Anzac Bridge, enjoying glorious views and some amazing units. This walk has a few short cuts for those not wanting a longer walk and is predominately flat after the downhill section to Darling Harbour. We are planning to have lunch at a cafe in the park near the Anzac Bridge and there is the option of bus or light rail back to the city for those not wanting the two blocks uphill walk back to the bus stop. Anyone coming from another area please let Helen know so that we can arrange a suitable place to meet. Helen Miles Walks Coordinator Mobile: 0407 078 963 Email: milesawile@bigpond.com

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. More volunteers are needed for sewing the wraps in May

WELFARE

Robyn Wood

Welcome back to Margaret Knorr.

Unfortunately Elaine Peck had a fall at the Wharf Review. We are sorry that she is badly bruised and wish her well.

On Easter Saturday there is an Easter egg hunt at Kambora Public School put on by the RFS who are bringing a fire truck for children to climb on.

Robyn reminded us that most chemists will recycle the foil cards that tablets and capsules come on.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Nil

Meeting finished at 10:35am

Morning Tea Break. Meeting resumed at 11:00am

Guest Speakers – Today's speaker was Ian Thompson who has spoken to us twice before. This time his topic was Australian Iconic inventions and he spoke about a number of inventions including the stump-jump plough, Vegemite, the Victa mower, the Hills Hoist and Wi-Fi which was a CSIRO invention.

Vote of Thanks by Hastings Pawsey

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 8 May 2025 at the Forest Hotel at 10am

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

