



Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose which was held on 8 May 2025 at the Forest Hotel, 5 Frenchs Forest Road E, Frenchs Forest at 10am.

President Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting. Reminded to turn off mobile phones etc. The birthday draw winners were Helen Miles and Ross Kempshall and. A lucky door prize of a Forest Hotel voucher was also given to Keith Wilson and Jan Staniland.

Birthdays for the Month:

1st Pat Howard
2nd Anne Hutchinson
13th Keith Hutchinson
14th Valerie Gardner
16th Vicki Johnston
19th Mike Gibbs
20th Miriam Brownlee
26th Helen Miles & Roslyn Wells
29th Ross Kempshall

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 10 April 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

Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc

Treasurers Report - May 2025

Income and Expenditure Account - April 2025

INCOME.

Subscriptions	\$5,140.00
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EXPENSES

General Meeting Cost	\$636.00
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Guest Speaker	\$42.99
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Internet Domain Name	\$48.50
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Total Expenses	<u>\$727.49</u>
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Surplus/(Deficit) for Period	<u><u>\$4,412.51</u></u>
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Balance Sheet

Accumulated Funds

Opening Balance 31/3/2025	\$13,241.16
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Surplus (Deficit) for period	\$4,412.51
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Closing Balance 30/4/2025	\$17,653.67
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Assets

Bank Account at 30/4/25	\$20,830.75
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Liabilities

Net Funds for Future Functions	\$3,177.08
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Net Assets	\$17,653.67
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Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balance 31/3/2025	\$15,980.94
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Surplus (Deficit)	\$4,412.51
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Net Funds Function Movements\$437.30

Bank Balance 30/4/2025

\$20,830.75**Function Movements**

Anniversary Lunch	-200.00
Vaynes World	-55.00
Robertson and Sons	-1,900.70
Limani Lunch	960.00
Carousel	1,800.00
2 Strong Hearts	-57.00
Billy Elliott	-110.00
Surplus	

437.30**Net Funds for Future Functions**

Anniversary Lunch	-\$200.00
Vaynes World	\$0.00
Robertson and Sons	\$0.00
Limani Lunch	\$1,360.00
Carousel	\$1,980.00
2 Strong Hearts	\$0.00
Billy Elliott	\$0.00
Surplus	\$37.08

Net Function Funds\$3,177.08**Brian Soutter****8-May-25**

Brian moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Seconded by Robyn Wood
Carried.

ENTERTAINMENT Warwick Brady.

BILLY ELLIOTT – THE MUSICAL 71 members had the privilege of seeing this really wonderful show at Glen Street on Saturday 26th April. We were the biggest group of bookings and we received a letter of thanks from Jordan Thompson (Ros's grandson) thanking us for our support.

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.

THE SOPA SENIOR CONCERT BY DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL is on Thursday 12th June 2025 at 1.00pm. Always a great show which is absolutely free. Afternoon Tea is included free. We already have 45 members who have supported

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 aboard 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. We have 77 people attending already.

On Sunday 13 July at 2pm renowned tenor MARK VINCENT, accompanied by the Australian Symphony Orchestra, presents a spectacular live concert showcasing the songs he has loved performing throughout his 15-year career. This unforgettable spectacular features highlights from his ARIA and Apple Music chart-topping album, Life Is Beautiful.

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

The speaker this month was Alan Lawrenson on *Australia's Looming Energy Crisis*. He gave an evidence based non-political account of the various options we have to keep the lights on for our grandchildren. There were lots of questions for this very stimulating speaker.

Next month the speaker is a local man Andrew Rogers whose talk is titled *Going Down to the Titanic*

The topic for July is Home Care Packages.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Report –May 2025 – Members' Meeting – **Report Following Meeting**

Current Membership

Membership stands at 130 financial members (83 ladies, 47 Gents) (64%:36%)

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

Waiting List: 6 (4 ladies, 2 Gents)

Members in May 2025

Attendance at meeting	Members - 96
	Visitors – 4
	Guest Speaker – 1
	Guest – 0
	Total 101 attending Meeting

Apologies – 28

Absent - 5

Visitor Apology – 1

Leave of Absence – 1

Information From May 2025 Meeting

1. Visitors Attending Meeting:-

Graeme Dudley – 1st Visit

Kay Tink – 2nd Visit

Trish Nielsen – 2nd Visit

Chris Nielsen – 2nd Visit

2. Resignations:

Lesley Mann

Elaine Peck

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

Maree Stuart – 2nd Visit - Apology

Tony Lovett

08/05/2025

Membership Officer

OUTING & TOURS

Vacant

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

CHURCH POINT FERRY

5 June there will be an Opal Card outing to Church Point to go on the ferry around Scotland Island followed by a late morning tea or lunch. Meet to catch the bus at Glenrose changing buses at Terry Hills and Mona Vale or drive. The ferry costs \$12. If you are intending to drive be aware that parking at Church Point is expensive. Let Mike know if you are coming.

ZIGZAG RAILWAY and MUDGE

This is a 4 night 5 day On Course Tours trip from 10-14 October. We need 25 people to make this viable. Please see Mike to express interest

SOCIAL REPORT Megan

DEE WHY RSL

Aqua Restaurant

Thursday 22nd May at 12 30 pm

Order your own food and drinks upon arrival

Final numbers by 15 th May

ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

Cromer Golf Club

Thursday 26th June at 12 noon

2 course alternate drop with a welcome drink and two nibbles

\$85 per person

Please book and pay online or see me up the back to put your name down

COFFEE MORNINGS

The ladies' morning coffee is at Acacia on Monday 16 at 9 :30 and the men will meet at Imbue at the same time.

Friday 2 May there was a picnic at St Ives Showground under cover. We will have another picnic there in Spring as it is getting a bit cold.

BOARD GAMES AND CARDS

These will move to Forest Kirk on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month starting at 9:30am

Di Pill and Ros Thompson

MAHJONG GROUP

The Mahjong group next meets for a lessons on Wednesday 14 May. 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. If you would like to join us contact Sandra Murphy on 0457 388 325

WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles

MAY WALK – 30 MAY

We are walking through Darling Harbour to the Chinese Gardens. Meet at the Glenrose bus stop at 8.45am for the 8.57am City Bus (271) to the Queen Victoria Building. If you come some other

way let Helen know and we will meet you by the statue of Queen Victoria. Helen Miles Walks
Coordinator Mobile: 0407 078 963 Email: milesawile@bigpond.com

WRAP WITH LOVE

Lesley Walker and Liz Pawsey

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

WELFARE

Robyn Wood

It is lovely to see Jill Pearce today.

Brian Peck has had a terrible time as his older daughter had a heart attack on the morning of Elaine's funeral. She had to be helicoptered to RNSH where she is in a critical condition.

Liz Pawsey began 12 weeks of chemotherapy this week with Genesis Care after having lumps in both breasts removed. She has an amazing medical team looking after her and she appreciates all the support she has been given. She is very brave and positive

Next Wednesday 14 May at 10:30am at Glenaeon an advanced care, palliative care nurse is coming to speak. All are welcome.

Robyn advised us all to watch out for leeches and said that salt is the best way of getting them off as they shrivel up straight away.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1 Condolences to Brian Peck on the passing of Elaine.

2. Jill Pearce thanks everyone for their messages and support

3. Thanks to Les Bassett for his excellent Museum Tour

4. Statement from Liz and Lesley

Lesley Walker spoke at our Probus Club back in 2012, suggesting some crafty members may like to support, Wrap with Love, the charity, by knitting or crocheting squares and then sew them together (28 squares of 25cm make one blanket). Since that humble beginning, hundreds and hundreds of blankets have been sent to the WWL headquarters for distribution to families in extreme need both in Australia and overseas. For many years our member, Margaret Hobson, has been the Co-ordinator for our group and we are very grateful for her tireless dedication to this task. Unfortunately, Margaret and her husband Stuart's circumstances have changed and she can no longer give her time to either continue to be a member of Probus or continue to be the Co-ordinator.

Lesley Walker and Liz Pawsey have offered to share the Co-ordinator job so Probus will still be able to support WWL and the blankets will still be produced. They look forward to continuing to receive your generous donations of balls of yarn (8 ply acrylic), and completed squares etc which can still be brought to Probus meetings, as per usual, but given to Lesley or Liz.

5. Ratification of committee members

- Margaret Ayre has put in a nomination to become Vice President this year, and this was seconded by Helen Woods and formally approved.

- Tony Lovett, Jenny Jones and Warwick Brady have all completed three years of service to the club and wish to continue in their current role.

Mike moved that Tony, Jenny and Warwick be invited to continue in their present roles for as long as they are happy to serve our club. Seconded by Vicky Johnson and agreed

Morning Tea Break. Meeting resumed at 11:00am

Guest Speakers – Today’s speaker was Alan Lawrenson on Australia’s Looming Energy Crisis

Vote of Thanks by Mike Hartnell

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 12 June 2025 at the Forest Hotel at 10am

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