



Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc

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

President Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting especially visitors Christine Humphries and Lee Dawson

The birthday draw winners were Cathy Tusa and Graeme Oake. A lucky door prize of a Forest Hotel voucher was also given to Barry Lowe and Cathy Bennet .

Birthdays for the Month:

6th Sandra Stevenson
7th Jock Cameron
12th Sue Marsh
18th Graeme Oake
20th Cathy Tusa and Denka Van Den Bosh
25th Christopher Nielsen
28th Sandra Murphy
29th Elaine Winslade
31st Bruce Nicholson

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 12 June 2025 have been posted on the Website.

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

Seconded by Ros Thompson
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

Treasurers Report - July 2025

REVENUE

Subscriptions \$360.00

EXPENSES

General Meeting Cost \$708.00

Guest Speaker \$42.99

Capitation Charge \$2,600.00

Probus Meeting \$25.00

Total Expenses \$3,375.99

Surplus/(Deficit) for Period -\$3,015.99

BALANCE SHEET

Accumulated Funds

Opening Balance 26 May 2025 \$17,201.68

Surplus (Deficit) for period -\$3,015.99

Closing Balance 30 June 2025 \$14,185.69

Functions	End May	M/ment June	End June
Anniversary Lunch	\$905.00	-\$982.00	\$77.00
Carousel	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
GrandPa	\$0.00	\$135.00	\$135.00
Limani Lunch	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Vincent	\$0.00	-\$265.00	\$265.00
Yulefest	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$85.00
ZigZag	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200
Surplus	\$37.08	\$0.00	\$37.08
TBA	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$270.00
	\$1,072.08	-\$557.00	\$515.08

TOTAL ASSETS

Bank Account at 30 June 2025 \$14,700.77

Liabilities

Net Funds for Future Functions \$515.08

Net Assets \$14,185.69

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balance 26/5/2025	\$18,273.76
Surplus (Deficit)	-\$3,015.99
	\$15,257.77
Net Funds Function Movements	-\$557.00
Bank Account at 30 June 2025	\$14,700.77

Brian Soutter
July 10, 2025

Brian moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Seconded by Margaret Ayre
Carried.

ENTERTAINMENT Warwick Brady.

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*. We really enjoyed Mark's show last year. Tickets are \$90.

Sunday 27 July at 4pm there is a mini Moulin Rouge style production celebrating the essence of French popular music, *Le New Paris Skies*. Milko Foucault-Larche and Corinne Andrew combine some famous ingredients to dish out la crème de la crème of French Chanson Edith Piaf, Charles Aznavour, Gilbert Bécaud, Charles Trenet, Jacques Brel...and many more.

Le New Paris Skies also present International songs that have become fabulous hits in their French adaptation as well as French classics which over the years have received International recognition.

With The Paris Skies Show Band and The Dargie Dancers.

The show is performed in French and in English.

Tickets are \$40.

On 3.00pm Sunday 31st August "A Sunday Soiree" - Viva Pavarotti. Experience the power and passion of one of the greatest opera singers of all times with a special performance honouring the late Luciana Pavarotti. Regarded as Australia's own Bocelli lyric tenor is Paul Tabone who has performed to audiences across the globe including Bucharest, Sydney Opera House, London's West End and on Broadway. Ticket cost \$45.00. Groups of 10 \$40.00

THE GRANDPARENTS CLUB 2 Following sold-out shows and overwhelming demand, the team "The Grandparents Club 2" present a feel good show with the celebration of grandparents life.

All the fun of a holiday with friends. Starring Lynne McGranger from Home and Away, Wayne Scott Kermond (Singing in the Rain and the Producers) Maeredith O'Reilly (my Fair Lady and Andrew James (The Buddy Holly Story). The show is Saturday 20th September at 7.00pm. Price \$67.50. Bookings are now open.

BACH TO BROADWAY A Morning Music Event- Bach to Broadway. A stunning musical journey through the Classic Music of Bach, Beethoven and Mozart to the hits of Broadway such as Phantom of the Opera, West Side Story, Chicago, Beauty and the Beast, Boy from Oz and More. 11am Monday 20th October at \$30.00 each ticket - a Headlined show. Bookings are open already.

MUSIC OF THE NIGHT

Joey Fimmano returns in 2025 with the incredible MUSIC OF THE NIGHT on Sun 09 Nov - 02:00 pm!

An unforgettable afternoon filled with breathtaking musical performances from some of Andrew Lloyd Webber's most beloved productions. From the haunting melodies of Phantom of the Opera to the electrifying rhythms of Jesus Christ Superstar, and the heart-warming tunes of Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat.

You'll also be treated to a splendid tribute to the West End Musicals featuring selections from Les Misérables, The Sound of Music, Miss Saigon, Jersey Boys, and Boy From Oz !

The stage will come alive with the unrivalled artistry of Australia's very own multi award-winning instrumentalist and vocalist, Joey Fimmano. Together with world-class performers, Miss Saigon star Dexter Villahermosa, leading Opera Australia Soprano Michaela Hodgson, and Dynamic Vocalist Katelyn Vella!

The cost is \$75 pp and bookings are being taken now.

Thanks to everyone, please make all bookings as soon as possible. Best wishes,
Warwick Brady Entertainment Officer

GUEST SPEAKER

Cherry Robinson

The speakers this month were from Your Side Home Care Packages. They told us about the Support at Home Program which will be available in November through the Department of Health and Aged Care.

Next Month we will hear from Melinda Murray - the most senior mounted Policewoman in the Force

Most speakers come from recommendations of club members so if you hear of a good speaker let Cherry know.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Report - July 2025 – Members' Meeting – Before Meeting

Current Membership

Membership stands at 134 financial members (86 ladies, 48 Gents) (64%:36%)

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

Waiting List:5 (3 ladies, 2 Gents)

Members in Attendance June 2025

Attendance at meeting

Members – 116

Visitors – 2

Guest Speaker -1

Guest - 0

Total **119** attending Meeting

Apologies – 14

Absent - 3

Leave of Absence – 1

Visitors Apology – 0

Information for July 2025 Meeting

1. Visitors Attending Meeting:-

Graeme Dudley – Second Visit

Susan Bailey – Second Visit

Christine Humphries - Second Visit

Patrick Staunton – Apology

Lee Dawson – First Visit

2. Resignations:

Nil

3. Inductions this meeting:-

Nil

Tony Lovett

13/07/2025

Membership Officer

OUTING & TOURS

Mike Hartnel, Ted Morton and Geoff Jones

HAWKESBURY WINTER YULEFEST

The coach is leaving Hews Parade Belrose at 8:30am. Please arrive 15 minutes prior. Bring something Christmassy to wear to the Yulefest dinner on Saturday evening.

ZIGZAG RAILWAY and MUDGEES

This is a 3 night 4 day On Course Tours trip from 10-14 October. Our journey takes us over the Blue Mountains to Mudgee and home through Merriwa, Denman and the Hunter Valley. Our accommodation for this tour is at the Parklands Resort Mudgee, set on 15 hectares of gardens and pasture land, where we will enjoy its friendly county hospitality and excellent facilities.

Highlights include: • Zig Zac Railway • Mudgee Honey Haven • Mudgee Cheese and Wine Tasting • Historic Gulgong – the Ten Dollar Town • Henry Lawson Centre and Holtermann Museum • Lunch, Stud Tour and Tasting at Gooree Park • Songs from the bush at Gulgong Opera House •

Merriwa and Pokolbin. Please see Mike to express interest. The cost will be \$1390 pp +\$360 single supplement. There are still a few vacancies. Deposits of \$200pp are due on 16 July

MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR

Next Thursday 17 July will involve meeting at the Belrose Supa Centre at 9:15 to catch the bus to Gordon. We will catch the first of two trains North from Gordon Station to Woy Woy. The train trip is very scenic and at Woy Woy there is good fresh fish from the Fishermen's Cooperative. Further details will be sent out on Monday

SOCIAL REPORT Megan

75 people came to the Anniversary lunch at Cromer where we had good food and service. We will be having the Xmas Lunch at the same venue on 18 December.

WATSONS BAY

7 August We will catch the 10 :15 Ferry from Manly to Circular Quay and then catch another ferry to Watson's Bay to go the Doyles for lunch. They have a winter special menu which is **\$56.50 per person**

- **Entree**

Fisherman's Chowder

Cream based chowder, one of Alice Doyle's famous recipes.

- **Main**

Fish & Chips (chefs choice)

Golden fried in our light & tasty beer batter with chips & garden leaf salad.

And a 150ml glass of our House Doyles red or white wine or Doyles Fishermans' Lager Can of Soft Drink

(no changes can be made to this menu but you can order A La Carte rather than have the special)

COFFEE MORNINGS

Picnic at St Ives Showground Friday 8th August.

We meet at the Black Knight Cafe at 10:00 am

Where you can purchase coffee and snacks or you may prefer to bring your own.

Please bring your own chair.

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the room .This is for insurance to and from the event.

Di and Ros are looking forward to seeing you there.

BOARD GAMES AND CARDS

These will be at Forest Kirk on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month starting at 9:30am. It is at the same venue as Mahjong but in a different room. There are lots of board and card games to play.

Di Pill and Ros Thompson

MAHJONG GROUP

The Mahjong group 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

JULY WALK – 25 JULY MANLY AND NORTH HEAD.

We are meeting at Glenrose at 8:20 to catch the 141 bus to Manly. We will have coffee and then catch the bus up the hill to North Head alighting at the Bella Vista café and doing the improved Fairfax Walk. Those members who are coming on a different route let Helen know so we can all meet in the Corso. Helen Miles Walks Coordinator Mobile: 0407 078 963 Email: milesawile@bigpond.com

WRAP WITH LOVE

Lesley Walker and Liz Pawsey

I am representing our Probus Wrap with Love group. We are very grateful for the team we have all still contributing wonderfully but we need more knitters and crocheters of squares. Surely, amongst our new members, there must be some of you who can knit or crochet. The pattern is very simple! The squares are designed to be 25cm X 25cm (or if you are still using an Imperial tape measure then 10" squares). When 28 squares are sewn together they make a single bed blanket. Maybe it is some time since you picked up any knitting needles or crochet hooks but I'm sure the skill will all come back – a bit like riding a bike but at our age, a lot less dangerous! We can even supply some acrylic 8ply yarn to get you started!

So please consider joining us. No extra meeting is involved, just do it in your own time and bring your completed squares to give to either Merle, Lesley or me, at a Probus meeting. (Please stand up Merle, Lesley would but she's currently catching up with family in NZ.) They will happily answer any questions you may have about this project. I

If you want to learn more about WWL, just Google "Wrap with Love" on the internet and all will be revealed – its history, more details of the squares and where the finished blankets are distributed to in Australia and overseas.

Thank you Merle and thank you all for listening.

WELFARE

Robyn Wood

She advised us about the importance of not heating food in plastic containers because this releases microplastics.

She also advised us to save empty blister packs of tablets and take them to Blooms chemists in Forestville or else Chemists Warehouse for recycling. Apparently the aluminium is very valuable.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mike told us that gluten free cakes would be available for morning tea in future on the Secretary's table at the front of the room

The meeting finished at 11:02

Morning Tea Break. Meeting resumed at 11:00am

Guest Speakers – Today's speakers were from Your Side Home Care Packages

Vote of Thanks by Mike Staniland

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 14 August 2025 at the Forest Hotel at 10am

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