Minutes of the General Meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose which was held on

9 Oct 2025 at the Forest Hotel, 5 Frenchs Forest Road E, Frenchs Forest at 10am.

President Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting on Probus day . He told us about the history of Probus which is a worldwide movement in 23 countries.

Probus originated in the United Kingdom where in 1966, the first Probus Club was established by the Rotary Club of Caterham.

The first Probus Club in the South Pacific region was the Probus Club of Kapiti Coast, New Zealand formed in 1974

This was soon followed by the formation of the Probus Club of Hunters Hill, NSW in 1976.

The birthday draw winners were Alan Bennett and Lesley McQuire. A lucky door prize of a Forest Hotel voucher was also given to Sandra Stephenson and Peter Steel.

One visitor, Barbara Edmunds was welcomed to the meeting. Ron and Cathy Pearce were inducted.

Birthdays for the Month:

2nd Alan Bennett
4th Dennis Miles
5th Malcolm McLean
10th Lyn Cameron
16th Marsha Fordred
17th David Barnes
25th Phil Allan
26th Margaret Knorr
28th Lesley McQuire
30th Kay Tink

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

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

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

Seconded by Marg Lovett 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's Report - October 9, 2025 Income and expenditure account September 2025

REVENUE

Subscriptions 0.00

EXPENSES

Forest Hotel 546.00

Total expenses 546.00 Deficit -546.00

BALANCE SHEET

Accumulated funds

Opening balance 1 Sept 2025 12,969.74

Deficit for Sept -546.00

Closing balance 30 Sept 2025 12,423.74

Total Assets

Bank account 30 Sept 2025 17,872.66

Liabilities

Net Assets

Net funds for future functions 5,448.92

Bank Reconciliation	
Bank Balance 1 Sept 2025	51,223.66
Deficit	-546.00
Total	50,677.66

12,423.74

Net function movements -32,805.00

Bank account 30 Sept 2025 17,872.66

Function movements

Bach	-715
Zigzag	- 36,710
Night Music	3,375
Little Snail	240
Enchanted Evening	-360
High Tea	1365
Surplus	0

-32,805

Net funds for future fun	ictions

Bach	5
Grandpa	50
Zigzag	0
Night Music	3570
Doyles	24.84
Little Snail	384
Enchanted Evening	-45
High Tea	1365
Surplus	95.08

5,448.92

Brian moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Seconded by Ros Thompson Carried.

ENTERTAINMENT Warwick Brady.

Warwick thanked Phil Allen for reporting last month

A great Morning Musical "Bach to Broadway" through the Classical 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. Our Show is on Monday 20th October at 11.00am. Ticket are \$30.00 per each

Some Enchanted Evening - a theatrical celebration of Broadway's Golden Age under the Musical Direction of Glenn Amer accompanied by a full orchestra. The programme includes hits from South Pacific, My Fair Lady, Carousel, Man of La Mancha, West Side Story and more. There is only one Show at 2,00pm on 18 Oct Tickets cost \$45,00.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's production of "Music of the Night" includes melodies of Phantom of the Opera, Jesus Christ Superstar, Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat, Les

Misérables, Sound of Music, Miss Saigon, Jersey Boys and Boy from Oz among others . Enjoy the best Musical Theatre on Sunday 9th November at 2.00pm. Ticket Price \$75.00. 47 people have booked.

On 15 December at 11 am is The Beggars' Christmas which is a concert full of favourite carols, and sing-along songs featuring the beautiful playing and three part harmony singing of The Beggars. It will be followed by a morning tea. The cost is \$30

Thanks again for your support.

Warwick Brady - Entertainment Officer.

GUEST SPEAKER

Cherry Robinson

This month we heard from Chris Darcy from Search Dogs Sydney.

Next month we have Mike Munro who will tell us his life story. He also has a book about it which will be available

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Current Membership

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

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

Waiting List: 5 (3 ladies, 2 Gents)

Members in October 2025

Attendance at meeting

Members - 101 Visitors – 1

Guest Speaker – 2

Guest - 0

Total 104 attending Meeting

Apologies – 20 Absent - 12 Visitor Apology – 1 Leave of Absence – 1

Information From October 2025 Meeting

1. Visitors Attending Meeting:-

Patrick Stanton – Apology Susan Eason – Away until early December Barbara Edmunds – 1ST Visit

2. Resignations / No Longer with Us:

Nil

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

Kathy Pearce Ron Pearce

Tony Lovett 09/10/2025 Membership Officer

OUTING & TOURS

Mike Hartnell, Ted Morton and Geoff Jones

GOSFORD CHOCOLATE FACTORY Thursday November 20th, 12pm - Mike

6 Jusfrute Drive Gosford

20 minute factory tour followed by a 2 hour High Tea experience • Bubbles on arrival and bottomless tea coffee and hot chocolate during tour • Savoury nibbles including finger sandwiches • Fresh scones and cream • Chocolate dipped strawberries • Chocolate petit fours • 2 x chocolate bonbons \$65 per person 28 people. This is going to be a car share excursion.

Please let Mike know if you can take people or need a lift

ZIGZAG RAILWAY and MUDGEE- Mike

29 people have booked and paid for this trip and are very much looking forward to the arrival of the bus at 7:15 on Saturday morning. Please bring your medical card.

Next Year.

Mike told us of the possibility of a Murray River cruise and a harbour cruise organised by the Naval Historical Society. This will travel the Eastern Harbour and include much historical information and morning tea for \$75.

TRADE TRAVEL- Ted Morton

The Outback Queensland Tour with Trade Travel is full for next year and there is a waiting list. Dates and prices of 2026 tours next meeting.

Meanwhile Ted had many brochures down the back of the room.

MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR- Geoff Jones

Thursday 16 October – Cruise, coffee and culture. Meet at Manly to catch the 10:30am ferry. It is an easy walk with a gentle hill

Geoff Jones Mobile: 0412 420 213 Email: geoffjones1874@gmail.com

SOCIAL REPORT Megan

The Indian dinner at Phulkari, Sorlie Road Frenchs Forest on Thursday 25th September went very well.

LUNCH AT THE LITTLE SNAIL We have 39 people registered for The Little Snail lunch on Thursday 6th November at 12 noon. This is \$48 for three courses. Pay \$48 into the club account and pay for your drinks as you go. You can travel on the Metro from Chatswood to

Central then take the light rail to Pyrmont 50 metres from the restaurant. If you haven't registered but want to please let me know by 30 October.

Our Christmas Lunch will be held at Cromer Golf Club on Thursday 18th December at midday. We will enjoy a drink and canapés, then a Christmas Carvery followed by desserts, tea/coffee and chocolates served to your table so you only need to get up once! Bookings will open at the September meeting. \$90 per person. Please pay through the club account by 11th December

On 29 January we are having lunch at Parliament House. The cost will be \$65

COFFEE MORNINGS Di Pill and Ros Thompson

Our next breakfast/coffee morning will be on Monday 13th October at the same time and location. Ladies at Acacia Glenrose. Men at Imbue Cafe cnr Yindela and Pound Ave Davidson 9:30 AM. Please contact Ros or Di by phone, text or email if you would like to attend.

The next picnic is 14 November at St Ives at 10am

4 December combined coffee at Glenaeon café Blue Gum at 9:30

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 Ted Morton today

Ocober walk is on Friday 31. Catching the 9:14 city bus from Glenrose looking at Colonial Era Buildings on MacQuarie St. This is an easy walk and we will stop at each building to hear about it's history

Helen Miles Walks Coordinator Mobile: 0407 078 963 Email: milesawile@bigpond.com

WRAP WITH LOVE Lesley Walker and Liz Pawsey

No report this week though many completed blankets were evident at the meeting

WELFARE Robyn Wood

Robyn reminded us to drink more water and walk a little faster. She also spoke about the sadness of the Jewish community at this time.

The meeting finished at 10:32

Morning Tea Break. Meeting resumed at 11:00am

Guest Speaker – Today's speaker was Chris D	Darcy from Search Dogs Sydney.
Vote of Thanks by Roger Morrow	
NEXT MEETING : Thursday 9 October 2025 at	t the Forest Hotel at 10am
SignedD	ate