



# Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc

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

8 Jan 2026 at the Forest Hotel, 5 Frenchs Forest Road E, Frenchs Forest at 10am.

**President Mike** welcomed everyone to the meeting .

The birthday draw winners were Geoff Jones and Jan Tomlinson. Lucky door prizes were given to Chris Humphries, Diane Baker, Lyn Low, Marg Lovett, Barry Lowe & Keith Wilson. There were extra door prizes this month as Ros negotiated with the café at Glenaeon to provide 4 coffee vouchers per month

Three visitors: we welcomed Rita Lancia Laura Henschke and Marion Chaffe

2 new members; Barbara Edmunds and Jacqueline Taylor were inducted at the meeting.

## **Birthdays for the Month:**

9th Jan Tomlinson  
12th Geoff Jones  
18th Ross Swadling  
19th Chris Humphries  
20th Mike Staniland  
23rd Carol Worboys  
24th Jan Kempshall  
26th Marjorie Rickard and Margaret Lovett  
27th Brian Peck  
28th Lyn Low

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 11 Dec 2025 have been posted on the Website.

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

Seconded by Robyn Wood  
Carried.

No 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. An email from Liz Pawsey was read out at the meeting thanking members for their kindness during the difficult times Liz and Hastings have experienced recently with cancer and their daughter's serious illness.

## **REPORTS :**

Treasurer's Report - December 11, 2025  
Income and expenditure account December 2025

### **REVENUE**

Subscriptions 60.00

### **EXPENSES**

Forest Hotel 708.50  
Prizes for Xmas lunch 336.74  
Engraving 16.00  
**Total Expenses 1,060.74**

**Deficit -1000.74**

### **BALANCE SHEET**

#### **Accumulated funds**

Opening balance 1 Dec 2025 11,050.50  
Deficit -1,000.74  
**Closing balance 10,049.76**

#### **Total Assets**

Bank account 31 Dec 2025 12,047.29

#### **Liabilities**

Net funds for future functions 1,995.53

**Net Assets 10,049.76**

### **Bank Reconciliation**

Bank Balance 1 Dec 2025 18,410.01  
Deficit -1,000.74  
**Total 17,409.27**

Net function movements 5,361.98

**Bank account 31 Dec 2025                    12,047.29**

Brian moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Seconded by Hastings Pawsey  
Carried.

**ENTERTAINMENT**                                    Warwick Brady.

We have the following new shows for 2026.

Saturday 14th February - 9 to 5 The Musical at 7.30pm The Smash - Hit Show inspired by the Dolly Parton film. The show is presented by Sydney Youth Musical Theatre who presented the fabulous Billy Elliott - The Musical last April . The Show is packed with top - tunes, big laughs and is bursting with high energy songs, outrageous comedy and a feel - good musical. Last year our attendance was 71 people for their production, so we are expecting a large attendance to this show. Ticket Price is only \$55.00,. Please make your booking as soon as possible.

On Wednesday 18th February at 7.00pm. the show Retired Laughing is a hilarious revue - style comedy theatre show with classic comedy sketches jokes and songs. The show is an absolute crowd pleaser for the older crowd - 90 minutes of good clean fun. Take a break from retirement living and enjoy some retirement laughing. This is a hilarious revue - style theatre show. Ticket Price is \$65.00

The Australian Army Band - A Morning Music Event at 11am on Monday 9th March Tickets are \$30 Join the Australian Army Band Sydney in a memorable concert Suitable for all ages under the musical direction of Major Greg Peterson and features the Army's finest musicians in concert Please make your bookings as soon as possible

An evening with Rodgers and Hammerstein from the Company that brought you Carousel last year. The audience will be treated to some the most beloved songs ever written for the stage including Some Enchanted Evening, If I Loved You, You'll Never Walk Alone, Hello, Young Lovers, I'm In Love with a Wonderful Guy, People will Say we're in Love and Ten Minutes Ago

With soaring melodies, rich harmonies and unmistakable warmth this production offers an expansive heart felt celebration of the extra ordinary legacy Our date is Wednesday 20th May at 7 30 pm Price \$60.

**GUEST SPEAKER**                                    Cherry Robinson

This month our previous secretary, Lesley McQuire gave a talk titled, "Loyally Yours: Scottish Loyalists in the American Revolution"

The February talk is by Paul Kearney and titled "Music of the 1950s." Paul is highly regarded and gives talks on cruises

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

### **Current Membership**

Membership stands at 135 financial members (87 ladies, 48 Gents) (63%:37%)

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

Waiting List: 5 (3 ladies, 2 Gents)

### **Members in January 2026**

Attendance at meeting	Members - 91
	Visitors – 2
	Guest Speaker – 0
	Guest – 1
	<b>Total 94 attending Meeting</b>

Apologies – 25

Absent - 19

Visitor Apology – 1

Leave of Absence – 0

### **Information From January 2026 Meeting**

#### **1. Visitors Attending Meeting:-**

Marion Chaffe – 3rd Visit  
Robert Chaffe – 1<sup>st</sup> Visit – Apology  
Laura Henschke – 1<sup>ST</sup> Visit  
Rita Lancia – guest of Cathy Tusa

#### **2. Resignations / No Longer with Us:**

Nil

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

Barbara Edmunds  
Jacqueline Taylor

Tony Lovett

09/01/2026

Membership Officer

### **OUTING & TOURS**

Mike Hartnell, Margaret Ayre and Geoff Jones

### **ON Course Tours- Margaret Ayre**

. Margaret asked for a show of hands indicating interest in a 3 day On Course Tour going to Canberra in July. There was quite a lot of interest

### **ART GALLERY TOUR**

On Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be going to the Art Gallery of NSW to see the Dangerously Modern exhibition about Australian women artists overseas in the 1890s to 1940s. We have booked with Lorraine, an experienced guide to show us around at 12pm, then we can have a spot of lunch. Tickets for the tour are \$35, or \$32 for concession holders.

Please let me know if interested or book at our January meeting. Thanks Judee for arranging things.

Mike  
0419 717 382  
[mikes@interpeace.com](mailto:mikes@interpeace.com)

### **MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR**

Our first Magical Mystery Tour in 2026 will be on Thursday 19 February. We will have a scenic train ride, two in fact: there and back. Plus some history, sightseeing and culture and not much walking and few stairs and a good lunch. More information in the next newsletter.

For those who wish to go, there will be a sign-on sheet at the back of the hall at our January and February meetings.

**Geoff Jones**  
0412 420 213

### **SOCIAL CONVENOR'S REPORT FOR JANUARY MEETING 2026**

Parliament house lunch 29th January. Please make your own arrangements for transport as people will come from different directions. We will meet at the Strangers restaurant at 12 o'clock.

We are finalising numbers today as we almost have a full complement. Could anybody still wishing to go please see me at the back during morning tea so I can try to book another table.

Lunch at the Manly club, 5th March 2026.

This will be a pay as you go lunch but I need registrations please so as I know how many tables to book. Please add expressions of interest to the list up the back.

You can catch a bus from outside Glenrose shops to Manly wharf and then it's a short walk across to the club in Gilbert Street.

Megan Hartnell  
Social Convenor

**COFFEE MORNINGS** Di Pill [0403 003 639](tel:0403003639) ,  
Ros Thompson [0416 086 766](tel:0416086766)

The next picnic is Thursday 15 January at St Ives Showground at 10am

There will be a combined men's and women's breakfast at the Glenaeon Blue Gum Café on 5 February

## BOARD GAMES AND CARDS

These will be no games or Mahjong until February.

Di Pill and Ros Thompson

## **WALKING GROUP**      Helen Miles

No walks in Dec/Jan. A new program for 2026 will be placed before the committee in January

Helen Miles Walks Coordinator Mobile: 0407 078 963 Email: [milesawile@bigpond.com](mailto:milesawile@bigpond.com)

## MOVIES Rosemary Daly and Gloria Atwooll

Rosemary let us know that members can just turn up for Probus movies at Warriewood Cinema. There is no need to let anyone know you are coming. There is plenty of parking on site and people usually have a sandwich afterwards in the café and discuss the movie.

WELFARE Robyn Wood

Robyn let us know that Chris Brownlee has a new knee and will be out of action for 6 weeks.

The Belrose Rotary Trees of Joy were given over 4,000 gifts which were distributed to charities throughout NSW.

## Other business

## Changes to Standing Resolutions

A motion was put to the members present as follows

*A majority of the members at the General Meeting of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc on Thursday 8 January 2026 agree to let decisions on the changes to Standing Orders detailed in the email to members on 20 November 2025 and not yet passed, be delegated to the Club Committee which members accept will act in their overall interests.*

*In making decisions on these matters, the committee must consider the recommendations put forward in the email of 20 November 2025 plus all submissions on any of the clauses put forward by our members in writing to the Club Secretary and received by her on or before Thursday 15 January 2026.*

The motion was seconded by Phil Alan and carried unanimously.

The meeting finished at 10:37

**Morning Tea Break.** Meeting resumed at 11:00am

Guest Speaker – Today's speaker was Lesley McQuire

Vote of Thanks by Hastings Pawsey

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 12 February 2026 at the Forest Hotel at 10am

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