



Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc

Minutes of the **General Meeting** of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose which was held on 12 March 2026 at the Forest Hotel, 5 Frenchs Forest Road E, Frenchs Forest, at 10am.

President Mike welcomed everyone to this his last General Meeting.

Birthdays for the month of March:

- 4th Jean Scott
- 7th Merle Fox
- 10th Barry Hackshall
- 20th Chris Bowman
- 21st Lesley Walker
- 22nd John Worboys
- 23rd Geoff Huntington
- 26th Megan Hartnell
- 28th Pam Lowe
- 31st Mike Hartnell

The birthday draw winners were Mike Hartnell and Merle Fox.

Lucky door prizes were given to Warwick Brady, Ted Morton, John Worboys, Jenny West, Barbara Ellis & Megan Hartnell.

President Mike congratulated the winners.

President Mike spoke about a new member to be inducted, Bob Chaffe.

Before Bob's retirement, 10 years ago, Bob was a director of a medical supply company importing new medical technologies in the surgical and vascular medical areas.

Bob was a keen sailor but doesn't sail these days. However, he is a Formula One tragic, loves cricket, soccer and rugby! He and his wife Marian (who was inducted last month) share a love of gardening and dogs!

President Mike then inducted Bob into the Combined Belrose Probus Club and presented him with his name badge. Welcome Bob.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY - Liz Pawsey's Report:

The Secretary, Alison Souter was an apology, being on a trip. Liz, the Assistant Secretary acted in her place.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 12th February 2026 have been posted on the Website.

Assistant Secretary Liz Pawsey moved that they be taken as a true and correct record.

President Mike asked for a seconder. Seconded by **Hastings Pawsey**. 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.

REPORTS :

ASSISTANT TREASURER

Colin Fordred

Treasurer Brian Souter was an apology, on a trip.
The Assistant Treasurer, Colin Fordred, acted in his place.

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Treasurer's Report -February 2026

Income and Expenditure Account- February 2026

INCOME

Subscriptions	\$ 26.00
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EXPENSES

General Meeting Cost	715.00
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Guest Speaker Gifts	80.00
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Total Expenses	<u>795.00</u>
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Surplus/(Deficit) for Period	<u>769.00</u>
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Balance Sheet at 28/02/2026

Accumulated Funds

Opening Balance 31/01/2026	9,883.29
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Surplus/(Deficit) for period	<u>-769.00</u>
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Closing balance 28/02/2026	<u><u>9,114.29</u></u>
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Assets

Bank Account 28/02/2026	11,768.69
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Liabilities

Net Funds for future functions (see below)	2,654.40
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Net Assets

	<u><u>9,114.29</u></u>
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Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balance 31/01/2026	13,027.89
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Surplus/(Deficit) for period	<u>-769.00</u>
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	<u><u>12,258.89</u></u>
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Net Funds Function Movement	-490.20
Bank Balance 28/02/2026	<u>11,768.69</u>
Function movements	
Parliament	-2,015.00
9 to 5	55.00
Army	-570.00
Yulefest	1,200.00
Rhinestone	839.80
	<u>-490.20</u>
Net Funds for future functions	
Army Band	0.00
Parliament	0.00
Yulefest	1,200.00
9 to 5	55.00
Rhinestone	1,399.40
	<u>2,654.40</u>

Assistant Treasurer Colin Fordred moved that his Report be accepted.

Seconded by **Ron Pearce**
Carried.

ENTERTAINMENT **Warwick Brady.**

We have the following new shows for 2026.

Rhinestone Cowboy, the music of John Denver is on 27 March at 7:30pm and tickets are \$69.95

Golden is a morning musical event featuring tunes from film musicals. It is on Mon 20 April at 11.00am and the cost is \$30.

ABBA Singalong promises to be fun on 24 April at 7:30pm with a cost of \$70

The Everly Brothers - The Robertson Brothers are back on 29 April at 7pm

An evening with **Rodgers and Hammerstein** from the Company that brought you Carousel last year. Our date is Wednesday 20th May at 7.30pm Price \$60.

GUEST SPEAKER **Cherry Robinson**

Next month the speaker is Snr Constable Matt Cain on Cyber crime.

At the April meeting a driving Instructor will talk about preparing seniors for their driving test.

Cherry also talked about the Book Club and encouraging more members.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT **Tony Lovett**

Membership Report – March 2026 – Members’ Meeting – Report Following Meeting

Current Membership

Membership stands at 137 financial members (88 ladies, 48 Gents) (64%:36%)

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

Waiting List: 0 (0 ladies, 0 Gents) This is an amazing situation – as this is the first time since the formation of our Club, that the waiting list is ZERO!

Members in March 2026

Attendance at meeting	Members - 91
	Visitors – 0
	Guest Speaker – 0
	Guest – 1 – Rotary
	Total 92 attending Meeting

Apologies – 27

Absent - 17

Visitor Apology – 0

Leave of Absence – 2

Information From February 2026 Meeting

1. Visitors Attending Meeting:-

Nil

2. Resignations / No Longer with Us:

Nil

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

Bob Chaffe

Tony Lovett

12/03/2026

Membership Officer

OUTING & TOURS **Margaret Ayre, Peter Moxham, Ted Morton**

Margaret Ayre Mentioned the Yulefest trip to Canberra 29-31 July. The deposit of \$200 each person is required now.

Peter Moxham is now taking names for the Ettalong trip on 21st May - \$40. More details in the newsletter

Ted Morton is organising through Trade Travel a senior's trip to Outback Qld in October. Trade Travel is now offering this trip to outsiders to help with our numbers. Anyone considering this trip to let Ted know asap. More details in the newsletter.

MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR

Jenny Jones on behalf of Geoff Jones

19th March. Meet at Central Station at 10am to experience Asian Culture!

Geoff Jones

0412 420 213

SOCIAL CONVENOR - Megan Hartnell

Last Thursday (5th March) 33 of us enjoyed a delightful lunch at the Manly club.

The food was very good and the company even better. The service was excellent and we can recommend it for those who were unable to come.

Our next outing is an Easter brunch at the Sandstone Cafe at 48 Myoora Road, Terrey Hills. I've booked for 9.30am at which time you can either park on the street or in the car park underneath.

Could you please now order from the breakfast menu which is on the table at the back. You will need to put your name, order and cash in an envelope so that I can pay one bill on the day. Registrations are open until 26th March.

On Thursday, 7th May I have booked the Collaroy Beach club for 12 noon. This will also be a pre-order for food but you can pay individually on the day. Registrations for this lunch are open up the back.

A date for your diaries.

Our Anniversary lunch will be held at Cromer Golf Club on Thursday, 18th June.

Megan thanked Trish Neilson for her valuable assistance during the year.

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

A most enjoyable morning for coffee & breakfast Monday week at Blue Gum Café. A great time for conversation and fellowship.

Our next event is a picnic is on at 10.00am at St Ives Showground on Wednesday 15th April. It is school holidays so bring your grandchildren. Sign in sheet at back of room.

Di & I look forward to seeing you there.

Glenaeon have invited us to a Promotional Morning Tea on Thursday 23rd April from 10.30 to 11.30 am. Bookings are essential as numbers are limited. For our attendance, the Club will be given \$500.

BOARD GAMES AND CARDS Di Pill & Ros Thomson

Would like more people for Games but Mahjong is going well

WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles

Next walk is on 27th March in The Rocks and is being led by Malcolm McLean. Details in the newsletter.

WELFARE

Robyn Wood

Robyn mentioned a delightful woman who had attended our Probus Club once and was very keen to be inducted very soon. She sadly died very unexpectedly and her funeral was yesterday. Robyn said Laura Henschke would have loved Probus and would have been a very enthusiastic member. Robyn also mentioned the upcoming Morning Tea on 26th March at Glenaeon.

WRAP WITH LOVE (WWL)

Liz Pawsey on behalf of Lesley Walker & Merle Fox

WWL was a project our Probus Club embraced with enthusiasm in 2012 and here we are in 2026 and the enthusiasm hasn't waned. We have given the Sydney organisation, based in Alexandria, more than 1730 completed blankets. Our recent designing day working group, ended up preparing a total of 17 individual blankets (that's a total of 476 squares) ready to be sewn up by our helpers.

In the February Newsletter, did you see the photo of a delightful blanket made of squares knitted entirely by our first male contributor – Roy? Come on Probus boys you can learn to knit too and contribute to WWL!

Our blankets will be sent to crisis centres all over the world as well as throughout Australia. The three co-ordinators from your Probus Club, Lesley Walker, Merle Fox and myself, will always welcome any enquiries about how best to contribute to WWL whether it is donating money for the yarn, donating yarn itself (acrylic 8 ply only), knitting or crocheting the squares or helping to sew the squares and turn them into beautiful blankets. Our contact details are always in the monthly newsletter. Thank you.

Other business

With no other business, the meeting finished at **10:33am**.

Morning Tea Break. Meeting resumed at 11:00am followed by AGM

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 9th April 2026 at the Forest Hotel at 10am

Signed..... Date.....
President Mike Hartnell