



Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc

Minutes of the **General Meeting** of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose which was held on 9 April 2026 at the Forest Hotel, 5 Frenchs Forest Road E, Frenchs Forest, at 10am.

President Margaret welcomed everyone to this her first General Meeting.

Birthdays for the month of March:

- 3rd Terry Stewart
- 4th Jenny Kidman
- 13th Dianne Herrett and Margaret Krajancic
- 22nd Rob Murphy
- 24th Kim Marshall and Hastings Pawsey
- 28th Robyn Wood
- 29th Betty Crawford

The birthday draw winners were Betty Crawford and Rob Murphy
Lucky door prizes were given to Jock Cameron, Peter Loveday, Brian Peck, Miriam Brownlee, Anne Hutchison and Barbara Moxham.

President Margaret congratulated the winners.

President Margaret welcomed a visitor Julia Poole

SECRETARY – Alison Soutter’s Report:

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

Alison moved that they be taken as a true and correct record.
Seconded by **Barley Stewart**. 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 :

TREASURER Chris Nielsen

Income and Expenditure Account-March 2026

INCOME	\$
Subscriptions	9,138.00

EXPENSES

General Meeting Cost	591.50
NSW Fair Trading Report	57.00
Total Expenses	<u>648.50</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for Period	<u>8,489.50</u>

Balance Sheet at 31/03/2026**Accumulated Funds**

Opening Balance 28/02/2026	9,114.29
Surplus/(Deficit) for period	<u>8,489.50</u>
	<u>17,603.7</u>
Closing balance 31/03/2026	<u><u>9</u></u>

Assets

	26,732.3
Bank Account 31/03/2026	9

Liabilities

Net Funds for future functions (see below)	9,128.60
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17,603.7**Net Assets**9**Bank Reconciliation**

	11,768.6
Bank Balance 28/02/2026	9
Surplus/(Deficit) for period	<u>8,489.50</u>
	<u>20,258.1</u>
	9

Net Funds Function Movement6,474.20

Bank Balance 31/03/2026

26,732.39**Function movements**

Rogers & Hammerstein	2,460.00
9 to 5	-55.00
Abba	-20.00
Yulefest	5,200.00
Everly Bros	-1.80
Angel of music	150.00
Rhinestone	<u>-1,259.00</u>
	<u><u>6,474.20</u></u>

Net Funds for future functions

Rogers & Hammerstein	2,460.00
Abba	-20.00

Everly Bros	-1.80
Angel of Music	150.00
Yulefest	6,400.00
Rhinestone	140.40
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	9,128.60 <hr style="border-top: 3px double black;"/>

Treasurer Chris Nielsen moved that his Report be accepted.

Seconded by **Ron Pearce**
Carried.

ENTERTAINMENT **Warwick Brady.**

We have the following shows

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.

Anh Do - The Happiest Refugee Live! Is coming to Glen St on 20 August. Tickets are \$79

GUEST SPEAKER **Cherry Robinson**

The speaker was Sergeant Matt Cain on Cyber crime who alerted us to the many scams which target older Australians. He gave us copies of the Little Book of Scams which is available on the Combined Belrose Probus Club website.

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT **Tony Lovett**

Membership Report – April 2026 – Members’ Meeting – **Report Following Meeting**

Current Membership

Membership stands at 136 financial members (88 ladies, 48 Gents) (64%:36%)

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

Waiting List: 2 (1 ladies, 1 Gents)

Members Numbers at April 2026

Attendance at meeting Members - 93
 Visitors – 1
 Guest Speaker – 1
 Guest – 0
 Total 95 attending Meeting

Apologies – 23
Absent - 19
Visitor Apology – 0
Leave of Absence – 1

Information From April 2026 Meeting

1. **Visitors Attending Meeting:-**
 Julia Poole

2. **Resignations / No Longer with Us:**
 Jenny Kidman

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

Tony Lovett
10/04/2026
Membership Officer

OUTING & TOURS **Peter Moxham,**

Peter Moxham is now taking names for the Ettalong trip on 21st May - \$40. We will be catching the 10:30 ferry from Palm Beach. There is a shuttle bus to lunch but it is only a short walk. There are 32 people attending Yulefest. Qantas insurance is advised

SOCIAL CONVENOR - **Megan Hartnell**

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 . Since this is a registered club you must bring some form of photo ID with you.

Our Anniversary lunch will be held on Thursday, 16th July at Cromer Golf Club

WALKING GROUP

Helen Miles

Our April walk is on Friday 24th April, is in Cronulla, and is led by Helen. Meet at the Glenrose Bus Stop at 8.20am for the 8.27am City Bus 271 to QVB.(arriving approx 9.22am). We aim to catch the 9.51am train to Cronulla. After our coffee we will walk south around the headland towards Gunnamatta Park where we will have a picnic lunch, weather permitting, or continue on back to the shops for lunch before returning home.

WELFARE

Lesley Walker

This is my first Welfare Report. First of all, I want to acknowledge and thank Robyn Wood for being our Welfare Officer for the past 3 years. Its going to be a hard act to follow.

I have hit the ground running.

Yesterday a large group of members attended the funeral of a former member Stuart Hobson. Stuart had battled Parkinsons for a number of years and spent the past 6 months in Peter Cosgrove Nursing Home at the War Vets Villages. His family gave him a great send off but the star of the show was 11 year old grandson Wil, who spoke about his Pop.

I have sent a sympathy card to Margaret and her family from the Club.

We have another member in strife right now. Alan Bennet has been in the NBH after having suffered a stroke. Alan is physically ok but is very confused. He is about to go into rehab with the hope of this confusion rectifying itself so he can return to his home. At the moment I am not too worried about Alan as he is in a good place and being well cared for, but as you all know his wife, Cathy is blind. Now Alan is Cathy's carer. He is her eyes. She has a kind neighbour who is doing some shopping, and she has her sister come about every 3rd day to "clean up my mess". Cathy has been reassessed under aged care but because her house is clean she doesn't qualify for any housekeeping!!!!

I have offered her some help with transport to visit Alan as she is only able to get to him about every 4th day. She doesn't want to bother us as when she visits she needs to be taken up to the ward and into his room and then collected when she needs to go home. I have assured her this is no problem as we have a club full of caring people who wouldn't just drop her off at the door. This is why she can't get community transport or a taxi.

Cathy has a disability parking pass so that can be used by a driver if car park fees are involved.

As most of you know I am a volunteer at NBH on the concierge desk. I have access to who's in the hospital. I don't have access to medical records. I want to assure you if you come to the hospital for a doctors appointment or are admitted to hospital, I will not pass on any information without seeking your permission first. I just want you to know I am here to help, not hinder.

I put up my hand for welfare hoping I can keep you informed with the coming and goings of the NBH under the regime of NSW Health. This takes place 28th April and for the public in general not many differences as far as health treatment, doctors, operations etc will be much different. The different will be big time in the management and administration systems and not before time in my opinion.

I talk to doctors, staff and ambos from time to time and I hope to bring you helpful tips and information each month.

Please if any of you are struggling, not well, have issues that need a hand or a listening ear, please reach out to me. With an active club of 140 members there is someone here who can lend a hand.

Other business

The Morning tea at Glenaeon on 23rd April is fully booked.

We need card tables for Mahjong if anyone has one, please let Sandra Murphy know.

Monthly Happenings will be on the screen during morning tea for you to make a note of the coming events

Over the last 2 general meetings you will remember that I have mentioned the idea for our club to set up a program for member drivers to carry members who for whatever reason, find it difficult to travel to a medical appointment.

If you would be interested in becoming a driver see Lesley Walker, our Welfare Officer who will record your name. Lesley has offered to be the coordinator of the project.

At the next meeting we will clearly explain how to use the service.

No other Probus club has a program like this so our governing body, Probus South Pacific is very interested to see how it is set up and established.

With no other business, the meeting finished at **10:25am**.

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

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 14th May 2026 at the Forest Hotel at 10am

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

President Margaret Ayre