

Subscriptions \$3,420.00

EXPENSES

General Meeting Cost \$611.00
Envelopes \$10.00
Police Legacy re Guest Speaker \$50.00
Capitation Fees Probus South Pacific \$2,881.00
Total Expenses \$3,552.00
Surplus(Deficit) for Period -\$132.00

Balance Sheet at 30/4/2026

Accumulated Funds
Opening Balance \$17,603.79
Surplus(Deficit)for Period -\$132.00
Closing Balance 30/4/26 \$17,471.79

Assets

Bank Account 30/4/2026 \$18,614.39

Liabilities

Net Funds for future functions(see below) -\$1,142.60
Net Assets \$17,471.79

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balance 30/4/26 \$26,732.39
Surplus(Deficit)for period -\$132.00

\$26,600.39

Net Funds Function Movements -\$7,986.00
Bank Balance 30/4/2026 \$18,614.39

Yulefest 9/4 -\$6,400.00
Rodgers & Hammerstein 17/4 -\$2,420.10
Angel of Music \$90.00
Ettalong Trip \$520.00
Cromer Lunch \$344.00
Rhinestone -\$139.90
Abba \$20.00
-\$7,986.00

Net Funds for future functions
Angel of Music \$240.00
Ettalong Trip \$520.00
Cromer Lunch \$344.00
Rodgers & Hamm \$39.90
Surplus/Deficit -\$1.30

\$1,142.60

Treasurer Chris Nielsen moved that his Report be accepted.

Seconded by Mike Stanilands
Carried.

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady.

We have the following shows

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.

Growing Old Ungracefully A hilarious take of getting older in words and music. After the long-standing international success of David Scheel's flagship show of Don't Shoot Me I'm only the piano player and its sequel comes the Growing old UNGracefully. It is a hilarious take on the aging process. Nothing is sacred with health issues, dodgy products and scammers targeting older people, we even have the taboos of sex, religion and politics. David is called "The Master of the Keyboard" and funniest pianist in the world The show is on 29th June at 11.00am Tickets \$30

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

On **Thurs 11 June at 1pm at Glen St** Davidson High Seniors will be entertaining us. This is a free event after our next Probus meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER

Cherry Robinson

At the May meeting, Peter Scope, a driving Instructor and older driver assessor talked about preparing for our 85+ driving tests. He gave us a lot of tips on safe driving as we age. He handed out a booklet *Driving and Staying Independent* which is available for free download at www.adhere.org.au Peter's contact details are scopedrivereducation@gmail.com or 0421 941 861 if you have further questions.

The speaker next month is an old favourite Diana Noyce talking about food.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT **Tony Lovett**

Membership Report – May 2026 – Members' Meeting – Report Following Meeting

Current Membership

Membership stands at 132 financial members (84 ladies, 48 Gents) (64%:36%)

Non-Active Members 2 (1 Ladies, 1 Gent)

Waiting List: 4 (3 ladies, 1 Gents)

Members Numbers at May 2026

Attendance at meeting	Members - 105
	Visitors – 3
	Guest Speaker – 1
	Guest – 1
	Total 110 attending Meeting

Apologies – 21

Absent - 6
Visitor Apology – 1
Leave of Absence – 0

Information From May 2026 Meeting

1. Visitors Attending Meeting:-

Julia Poole 2nd Visit
Robert Batchelor 1st Visit
Sandra Ferguson 1st Visit
Debbie Van Hoek Apology

2. Resignations / No Longer with Us:

Ros Wells
Maree Stuart

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

Nil

Note – 132 Membership renewals have been paid, 2 Non-Active members instated and paid, 3 Resignations received
New plastic name badges with magnetic clips are now available at a cost of \$9 -\$10 each

Tony Lovett
14/05/2026
Membership Officer

OUTING & TOURS

Peter Moxham, Geoff Jones, Ted Morton

Peter Moxham

There are 32 people attending Yulefest. Qantas insurance is advised. Payment is now due

Geoff Jones

Thursday 18 June 2026

Probus Opal cruise to Cockatoo Island in Sydney Harbour. The ferry travels west from Circular Quay to Cockatoo Island. This replaces the mystery tour, and we expect there will be 4 opal trips each year. You are all welcome on this tour including those of us who are a bit wobbly as the ferries and island are wheelchair accessible. On Cockatoo Island there is a café and toilets which are much improved since convict times. There will be a sign on sheet at our May and June meetings. We may be able to book a tour depending on the number of people who are interested.

QLD SOUTHERN OUTBACK TOUR Our tour is now down to 13 participants, and we need 20 for the tour to go ahead. Some local Probus Clubs have been contacted but there has not been any positive response to date. The next step will be to promote the tour on the Trade Travel website. I am told this is not an unusual situation and the website following is such that the majority of tours are filled quickly after being promoted. In fact that is how three of us got to do a Tasmania trip earlier this year. So I continue to have confidence that our tour will go ahead.

NORFOLK ISLAND TOUR When asked for a show of hands recently there was some interest in a holiday on Norfolk Island. There was not sufficient numbers to consider our own tour but certainly enough to make a group that would be part of a tour that has been created by Trade Travel for anyone to join. There is one such tour from 28 February 2027 to 7 March 2027 (8 days/7 nights). This tour is fully escorted from Sydney. I have reserved six rooms on this tour and can get more if there is sufficient interest. Like all their tours there is a minimum of 20 people and a maximum of 28 – occasionally some tours can go to 30 but this is rare and mostly when it is for one group. A copy of the itinerary can be found at the end of this newsletter. Please let me know if you are interested at the May meeting and I will get the booking form sent to you.

SOCIAL CONVENOR Trish Nielsen for Megan Hartnell

Our Anniversary lunch will be held on Thursday, 16th July at Cromer Golf Club. The lunch will be an alternate drop of chicken and lamb following a complimentary drink and canapés. We will then enjoy a surprise dessert with tea, coffee and possibly even a chocolate!! Please come along and enjoy this special anniversary lunch with us. Registration is open by text, email or at the next meeting . Please pay \$86 per person into the Club account.

WALKING GROUP Helen Miles

Our next walk is on Friday 29th May in Rhodes and Wentworth Point and is led by Helen. Meet at the Glenrose bus stop at 8.50am for the 8.59am City Bus (271) to the Forestway shops stop and change to the 160X Express Chatswood bus. From Chatswood we will catch the metro to Epping and the train to Rhodes. After coffee by the water we will enjoy a walk in the Rhodes/Wentworth Point area. Our return trip after lunch can be either by ferry or reverse morning trip. Please let Helen know if you are coming by alternative transport and meet at the Chatswood Train entrance. (We should arrive between 9.30-9.45am)

WELFARE Lesley Walker

Alan Bennet:

Is home and loving being in his familiar environment. He has ok days and better days but mostly better days. His general health has improved and is happy being under the watchful eye of his GP who he has had for many years. Cathy is coping with him and they have aged care help 3 days a week. Cathy's sister is a great help too.

If anyone would like to ring or call on Alan, Cathy says he's up for a chat.

Judy Radford:

Judy has had a stint in hospital getting rid of some nasty skin cancers.

Unfortunately, Judy has learned that her breast cancer she had 22 years ago has returned. We wish Judy all the best as she takes on this new journey. She is undergoing many tests right now in preparation for surgery.

NBH Update:

As you know Northern Beaches Hospital is now called Northern Beaches Public Hospital.

Its business as usual. But some changes have started straight away. On day one 19 new JMOs started. JMO are junior doctors. I have never seen so many doctors in all my life. They seem to be everywhere.

Many more ambulances were dispatched to the hospital immediately. Once again I have never seen so many paramedics in the one place.

More security staff have come on board and there are more to come. Security will be in the car park and outside the main door of the hospital moving cars on instead of them being able to park half the day on a 15 minute park.

More elective surgery will take place in the 17 operating theatres. A couple of areas that won't be serviced will be cosmetic surgery – sorry no tummy tucks or boob jobs , and major brain operations.

The change over has gone very smoothly but watch this space .I hope to keep you up to date each month.

WRAP WITH LOVE Merle Fox

So far we have donated 1752 rugs altogether We gave them 20 at the end of April. We always need donations of wool and cash for our work. Many friends of our club also knit and sew for us.

Other business

With no other business, the meeting finished at **10:30** am.

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

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 11th June 2026 at the Forest Hotel at 10am

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

President Margaret Ayre