



Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc

Minutes of the **General Meeting** of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose which was held on 11 June 2026 at the Forest Hotel, 5 Frenchs Forest Road E, Frenchs Forest, at 10am.

President Margaret welcomed everyone.

Birthdays for the month of June:

1st Peter Moxham

5th Sandy Cameron & Jeff Cameron

7th Peter Loveday & Jill Pearce

8th Felicity Lawn

14th Chris Brownlee & Margaret Gobsill & Joan Wilson

15th Stephen Baker

18th Karen Hopkins & Ian Rickard

19th Roger Morrow & Tova Swadling

20th Kathy Pearce

22nd Barbara Moxham

23rd Ron Pearce

26th Jan Staniland

28th Jill McDonald

The birthday draw winners were Jill McDonald and Roger Morrow

Lucky door prizes were given to Terry Stewart, Hastings Pawsey, Mike Hartnell, Joan Wilson, Jill Pearce and Clare Bassett.

President Margaret congratulated the winners.

President Margaret welcomed visitors Robert Batchelor, Debbie Van Hoek, Georgina Kennedy, Denise Egger and Sandra Ferguson.

Julia Poole was inducted by Margaret and welcomed as a new member.

SECRETARY – Alison Soutter's Report:

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 14th May have been posted on the Website.

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

Seconded by **Kathy Pearce**. 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.

Alison informed members that the Book Club which meets once a month on a Tuesday has a vacancy.

REPORTS :

TREASURER

Chris Nielsen

Income and Expenditure Account- May 2026

INCOME	\$	
Subscriptions	\$43.00	
EXPENSES		
General Meeting Cost	-\$708.50	
Probus South Pacific - Meeting Cost		-\$60.00
Total Expenses	-\$768.50	
Surplus (Deficit) for Period		-\$725.50

Balance Sheet at 30/4/2026 et at 31/5/2026

Accumulated Funds	
Opening Balance	\$17,471.79
Surplus(Deficit)for Period	-\$725.50
Closing Balance 31/5/2026	\$16,746.29

Assets	
Bank Account 31/5/2026	\$49,007.99

Liabilities		
Net Funds for future functions(see below)		-\$32,261.70
Net Assets	\$16,746.29	

Bank Reconciliation	
Bank Balance 30/4/26	\$18,614.39
Surplus(Deficit)for period	-\$725.50
	\$17,888.89

Net Funds Function Movements		\$31,119.10
Bank Balance 31/5/2026	\$49,007.99	

Yulefest	\$30,195.00	
Rodgers & Hammerstein		-\$39.90
Angel of Music	-\$240.00	
Ettalong Trip - Refunds		-\$760.00
Cromer Lunch	\$1,634.00	
Ettalong Trip - Refunds p		\$240.00
Growing Old	\$90.00	
Total	\$31,119.10	

Net Funds for future functions

Yulefest	\$30,195.00
Cromer Lunch	\$1,978.00
Growing Old	\$90.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1.30

\$32,261.70

Treasurer Chris Nielsen moved that his Report be accepted.

Seconded by Phil Allan

Carried.

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady.

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

An evening with **Rodgers and Hammerstein** was greatly enjoyed by members.

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

The Williams Brothers -Twist & Shout: A Salute to Rock 'n' Roll will be on 8 August with timeless hits from the 50s and 60s by legends like Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, The Bee Gees, The Beatles, and more.

Direct from Off-Broadway and London's West End, the internationally acclaimed **A Taste of Ireland** Company returns with its flagship production — 'A Taste of Ireland — The Irish Music & Dance Sensation' — touring Australia in 2026. It will be on Friday 4 September at 7:30pm

The Gospel According to Paul - The Second Coming

After critically acclaimed sell-out seasons across the country, this unmissable political satire with Jonathon Biggins is on Thursday 10 September at 7:30.

GUEST SPEAKER

Cherry Robinson

At the June meeting, an old favourite Diana Noyce talking about the final repast on the Titanic. She provided us with a fascinating account of catering for all classes on the trip and the innovations that the White Star Line had made. She included the stories of some of the passengers which made for a very interesting talk.

The speaker for July is entomologist Ian Thompson talking about garden insects.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT Tony Lovett

Current Membership

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

Non-Active Members 2 (1 Lady, 1 Gent) Kathy Bennett and Alan Bennett

Waiting List: 5 (4 Ladies, 1 Gents)

Members Numbers at June 2026

Attendance at meeting	Members - 103
	Visitors – 5
	Guest Speaker – 1
	Guest – 0
	Total 109 attending Meeting

Apologies – 21

Absent - 8

Visitor Apology – 0

Leave of Absence – 0

Information From June 2026 Meeting

1. Visitors Attending Meeting:-

Robert Batchelor 2nd Visit

Sandra Ferguson 2nd Visit

Debbie Van Hoek 1st Visit

Georgina Kennedy 1st Visit

Denise Egger 1st Visit

2. Resignations / No Longer with Us:

Judy McClory

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

Julia Poole

Tony Lovett

11/06/2026

Membership Officer

OUTING & TOURS

Peter Moxham, Geoff Jones, Ted Morton

Peter Moxham

There are 32 people attending Yulefest. Qantas insurance is advised.

17 July there is a tour of the Archibald Prize exhibition at the Art Gallery at 12 noon. Cost is \$27 pp. There is also an exhibition of John Laws collected artworks at the new section of the gallery. Lunch will be at the Art Gallery café.

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.

Ted Morton

QLD SOUTHERN OUTBACK TOUR we need 4 more people for the tour to go ahead.

NORFOLK ISLAND TOUR 6 rooms have been booked for the tour from 28 February 2027 to 7 March 2027 (8 days/7 nights). This tour is fully escorted from Sydney.. A copy of the itinerary can be found at the end of this month's newsletter. Please let me know if you are interested and I will get the booking form sent to you.

Melbourne Flower Show March 2027. Details in the newsletter.

SOCIAL CONVENOR **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.

Terry Hills Tavern and the Glenrose Fish Café are likely spots for an upcoming lunch

WALKING GROUP **Helen Miles**

Our next walk is on Friday 26th June on the new Greenway Trail. We will be catching the 8:59 bus from Glenrose and then the 160X at Forestway followed by the Metro at Chatswood and then the Light Rail to North Leichardt

WELFARE **Lesley Walker**

Since the last meeting we heard about the passing of Judy McClory. I sent a card to her family and enclosed the newsletter item we wrote about her.

Ted Morton: All mended after a hernia operation at the San Hospital by Robotic means. Ted had the option of normal surgery at NBH or Robotic at the San. He's now fighting fit and is an expert on robotic surgery.

Judy Morton: Has gone out in sympathy with Ted and has had over 30 treatments on her nose for a skin cancer. She's having on going treatments and hopes it all over soon.

Judee Radford: Making good progress after her mastectomy operation at the Mater Hospital. When I visited Judee at her home she told me she feels the worst is behind her now. When she went for her check up she had 2 important questions. When can I drive? When can I go back to Zumba classes? Crazy Judee.

Marjorie Rickard: Had a fall and broke her hip. She had it operated on in NBH and is now in Acadia Rehab. She has a long journey ahead of her with several challenges.

Gloria Attwool: Is in NBH and has been there for nearly 2 weeks. Gloria got a bug called Listeria which can be very serious for those of us over 65 years old or with a low immune system. Gloria is making progress, is still on a drip for antibiotics but hopefully will soon go into Rehab. She has a lovely room at the hospital with a great view. She has never seen so many doctors in her life and says she is very well looked after.

Brian Peck: Is in NBH. He was admitted over the past weekend with breathing difficulties because his heart is playing up. He is feeling better now and is due for an angiogram today as he may need a stent. Brian's daughter is down from Brisbane right now which is a huge help to Brian as he has no family locally to do washing etc. He's not sure how long Fiona will stay down but I urge his church family to keep an eye on him. Being in hospital is not fun when there is no one nearby to bring things in or do washing etc. Hopefully after he gets the results of further tests he will be able to go home. When I visited him I gave him a lesson on his mobile. He's playing on Elaine's phone and is on a steep learning curve.

Sue Marsh: Is going into Wyvern Hospital at Terrey Hills for a knee replacement next week. Good luck Sue.

Miriam Brownlee: Is going into Wyvern next week for a hip replacement. All the best Miriam.

2 great things about Wyvern Hospital – It has rehab on site so there's no need to move from one hospital to rehab = its all under the one roof.

Meals are amazing. No such thing as meal times. You just call room service and order what your like when you like. Just like a hotel.

Lesley and Barry Hackshall are off to England next week for 3 months to visit family. All the best to you both and have a great trip.

WRAP WITH LOVE Merle Fox

So far we have donated 1752 rugs altogether. 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 July 2026 at the Forest Hotel at 10am

Signed..... Date.....
President Margaret Ayre