



Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc

Minutes of the **General Meeting** of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose which was held on 13 August 2026 at the Forest Hotel, 5 Frenchs Forest Road E, Frenchs Forest, at 10am.

President Margaret welcomed everyone.

Birthdays for the month of August:

3rd Ros Thompson
11th Silvia Gore
16th Di Pill
19th Carole Stewart
23rd Jane White
24th Barbara Edmunds
26th Les Bassett
28th Alison Soutter

The birthday draw winners were Alison Soutter and Les Bassett

Lucky door prizes were given to Margaret Ayre, Liz Pawsey, Julia Poole, Ross Swadling, Bill McQuire and Mike Hartnell

President Margaret congratulated the winners.

President Margaret welcomed visitors, Debbie Van Hoek 2nd Visit
Georgina Kennedy 2nd Visit
Denise Egger 2nd Visit
Jan Skinner 1st Visit
Barbara Harvey 1st Visit
Vikke Navin 1st Visit
John – Valarie Gardners Partner - Guest

SECRETARY – Alison Soutter's Report:

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 11th June have been posted on the Website.

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

Seconded by **Margaret Gobsill** 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**Treasurer's Report -

Report July 26

Income and Expenditure Account- July
2026

Account

Jul-26

INCOME

\$

Subscriptions

Ferguson

\$86.00

EXPENSES

Deposit Xmas Lunch

-\$250.00

General Meeting Cost

-\$757.50

Gift Re June Speaker

-\$35.00

Materials/Prizes Anniversay Lunch

-\$288.45

Surplus (Deficit) for Period

-\$1,244.95**Balance Sheet 30/6/26****Accumulated Funds**

Opening Balance

\$16,130.79

Surplus(Deficit)for Period

-\$1,244.95

Closing Balance 31/7/26 31/07/2026

\$14,885.84

Assets

Bank Account

31/07/2026

\$18,215.54

Liabilities

Net Funds for future functions(see below)

-\$3,329.70

Net Assets

\$14,885.84

Bank Reconciliation**Bank Balance**

30/06/2026

\$23,360.39

Surplus(Deficit)for period

-\$1,244.95

\$22,115.44

Net Funds Function Movements-\$3,899.90**Bank Balance****30/4/2026**

31/07/2026

\$18,215.54

Ahn Doh

\$374.50

Ahn Doh

-\$1,947.40

Little Snail

\$96.00

Cromer Lunch Refunds

-\$258.00

Cromer Lunch

-\$6,255.00

Taste/Ireland

\$1,598.00

Gospel/Paul

\$1,890.00

Cromer Ann Lunch

\$688.00

Cromer Ann Lunch adjustment

Ferguson

-\$86.00

TOTAL**-\$3,899.90**

Net Funds for future functions

Surplus Anniversary Lunch

\$23.00

Gospel/Paul

\$1,890.00

Little Snail

\$192.00

Ireland		\$1,598.00
Surplus/Deficit		-\$1.30
Refund Cromer Deposit		-\$200.00
Cromer Ann Lunch Deficit	Batchelor/Ferguson	-\$172.00
TOTAL		-\$3,329.70

Treasurer Chris Nielsen moved that his Report be accepted.

Seconded by Bill McQuire
Carried.

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady.

Anh Do - The Happiest Refugee Live! Is coming to Glen St on 20 August. Tickets are \$74.90

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 Thursday 3 September at 7:30pm \$79.90

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. \$90

GUEST SPEAKER

Cherry Robinson

The speaker for August was Evan Penn talking about Cambodia

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Tony Lovett

Current Membership

Membership stands at 132 financial members (84 ladies, 48 Gents) (63%:37%)

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

Waiting List: 6 (6 ladies, 0 Gents)

Members Numbers at August 2026

Attendance at meeting	Members - 103
	Visitors – 6
	Guest Speaker – 1
	Guest – 1
	Total 111 attending Meeting

Apologies – 20
Absent - 9
Visitor Apology – 0
Leave of Absence – 0

Information From August 2026 Meeting

1. Visitors Attending Meeting:-

Debbie Van Hoek	2 nd Visit
Georgina Kennedy	2nd Visit
Denise Egger	2 nd Visit
Jan Skinner	1 st Visit
Barbara Harvey	1 st Visit
Vikke Navin	1 st Visit
John – Valarie Gardners Partner	- Guest

2. Resignations / No Longer with Us:

Robyn Steel
Peter Steel

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

Nil

Tony Lovett
14/08/2026
Membership Officer

OUTING & TOURS

Peter Moxham, Ted Morton, Geoff Jones

Peter Moxham

1 October day trip to Vaucluse House and the Kokoda Trail Concord. Travelling with On Course Tours.
Cost is \$91

November Barefoot bowls at Belrose Bowling Club

2027 3 day trip to Port Stephens in the whale watching season (mid May to early June)

Judy Morton for Ted

Qld southern outback tour could not go ahead but Ted negotiated a full refund for everyone.

Melbourne Flower Show March 2027. We have taken 3 rooms and it is believed the tour has been sold out.

Ted will continue to keep a lookout for new Trade Travel tours that he thinks may appeal to members. If you have a destination in mind please let Ted know either at a meeting or by the suggestion box.

Geoff Jones

The Lucy Osburn Nightingale Museum will be delighted to welcome our group on Thursday 3 September and the tour starts at 11 am. Entry fee is \$10 per person (cash only). The Lucy Osburn Nightingale Museum is in the Sydney Eye Hospital on Macquarie Street.

SOCIAL CONVENOR **Megan Hartnell/ Trish Neilsen**

Terry Hills Tavern lunch Thursday 20 August- Order and pay on the day but let Trish or Megan know you are coming.

Little Snail Thursday 29 October at 12:00 3 courses \$48 There is a parking station next door for those who prefer to drive. So far 51 people have registered

Christmas Lunch at Cromer Golf Club Thursday 17 December. The theme is an Hawaiian Xmas so get a lei from the \$2 shop. Men may wear shorts. Floral shirts, dresses and blouses.

WALKING GROUP **Helen Miles**

Our next walk is on Friday 28th August from Como to Oatley. Meet at Glenrose at 7:55 for the 8:05 city bus. Catch the 9:31 train from Town Hall.

There is a Fashion Show at Forest Kirk on Saturday 5 September at 2pm donation \$10

WELFARE **Lesley Walker**

13th August Probus General Meeting Welfare Report:

We have 2 members in Northern Beaches Hospital at the moment whom I visited yesterday.

Gloria Attwool is back in and being well looked after. She feels there is a revolving door for her at the hospital right now.

Dennis Miles has been admitted with pneumonia. He went to visit his doctor on Tuesday who called an ambulance on the spot. Dennis is an asthmatic so having pneumonia is a double whammy. He appeared quite cheerful yesterday but will probably stay in there for a few days.

NBH News:

I have good news and bad news.

The good news is 50 new doctors started this week. They all looked about 16 years old but were full of excitement and thrilled to be there. 50 sounds a lot and will make a difference but spread over 15 wards, that's 3 and a bit to a ward.

The bad news is car parking fees have gone up. Its still 3 hours free for those with concession cards, then it becomes \$7.30 a day with your concession. If no concession card it works out at \$12.50 for the first hour then approx. \$8.00 an hour after that, so if you don't have a concession card ask for a multi parking form to fill in. You can buy 3 day concession pass or a 7 day concession pass. That's so much cheaper.

More good news

Colin and Marsha Fordred are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this month.

Ross and Tova Swadling have welcomed their first great grandchild.

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Other business

Margaret updated us on our developing Medical Pick-up Project, to assist those who may not have transport on a specific appointment day.

Much will be completed over the next month and I'm hopeful that the service will commence by our next Probus General meeting - in September.

Communication will go to the many drivers who have offered to drive and information will then be sent to all members so they'll know when the service will commence and how to initiate a pick-up.

Payment through the bank

For members who deposit cash through their local bank and the bank won't let them include further information could you please let the Treasurer and Function Coordinator know either by text, phone or email what the payment is for.

Often there are events which cost the same amount and the Treasurer has no way of knowing which one you are paying for.

Judee Radcliffe

Judee told us about her torn retina which began when she woke up in the night seeing flashing lights and sand persistently. Her ophthalmologist had told her that in such cases she should not go to Northern Beaches Hospital where the Emergency Department may not have the expertise but to go straight to the Eye Hospital in Macquarie St. This is what she did and was operated on very quickly so her sight was saved.

With no other business, the meeting finished at **10:37** am.

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

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

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

President Margaret Ayre