



Combined Probus Club of Belrose Inc

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

President Margaret welcomed everyone.

Birthdays for the month of September:

4th Adrienne Bowman

6th Barry Lowe

9th Judy Morton

18th Pam Allan and Warren Needs

19th Keith Wilson

25th Cherry Robinson

28th Chris Wood

The birthday draw winners were Barry Lowe and Cherry Robinson

Lucky door prizes were given to Peter Moxham, Ted Morton, Helen Miles and Lyn Cameron

President Margaret congratulated the winners.

President Margaret Inducted new members

Debbie Van Hoak

Georgina Kennedy

Denise Egger

Barbara Harvey

She also welcomed a returning member, Steve Howat

SECRETARY – Alison Soutter's Report:

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 13th August have been posted on the Website.

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

Seconded by Phil Allan 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- April

2026

Account

Aug-26

INCOME				\$
Subscriptions				\$198.00
EXPENSES				
General Meeting Cost	\$817.50	Less Gift Voucher	-\$500.00	-\$317.50
Gift Aug Speaker				-\$44.99
Stationary	T Lovett			-\$33.50
Surplus (Deficit) for Period				<u>-\$197.99</u>

Balance Sheet 31/08/2026

Accumulated Funds

Opening Balance				\$14,885.84
Surplus(Deficit)for Period				-\$197.99
Closing Balance				
31/8/26	31/08/2026			\$14,687.85

Assets

Bank Account	31/08/2026			\$17,242.55
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Liabilities

Net Funds for future functions(see below)				-\$2,554.70
Net Assets				\$14,687.85

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balance	31/07/2026			\$18,215.54
Surplus(Deficit)for period				<u>-\$197.99</u>
				\$18,017.55
Net Funds Function Movements				<u>-\$775.00</u>
Bank Balance 31/8/26				\$17,242.55

Vaucluse	\$999.00
Newk	\$70.00
Little Snail	\$1,584.00
Tivoli	\$60.00
Taste/Ireland	\$159.80
Taste/Ireland	-\$1,757.80
Gospel/Paul	\$180.00
Gospel/Paul	-\$2,070.00

TOTAL	-\$775.00
Net Funds for future functions	
Surplus Anniversary Lunch	\$23.00
Newk	\$70.00
Little Snail	\$1,776.00
Vaucluse	\$999.00
Surplus/Deficit	-\$1.30
Refund Cromer Deposit	-\$200.00
Cromer Ann Lunch Deficit	-\$172.00
Tivoli	\$60.00

TOTAL

\$2,554.70

Treasurer Chris Nielsen moved that his Report be accepted.

Seconded by Barley Stewart
Carried.

ENTERTAINMENT

Warwick Brady.

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

California Dreamin' Friday 9th October 7 30pm \$60 The featured artists are the BEGGARS who entertained us brilliantly last December. This time they feature music of the 60s and 70s including Fleetwood Mac, The Eagles, Linda Ronstadt, Crosby, Stills & Nash, Neil Young, Carole King, James Taylor and many more. The Show features the Beggars fabulous vocal harmonies They have toured locally and worldwide extensively. Please book your tickets

Newk – The John Newcombe Story Monday 9th November 11am \$35 A sense of nostalgia comes across in this play which is a treat for all ages. It is set in 2024 at Newcomb's 80th Birthday in Sydney. Newcombe travelled from a 1960s schoolboy to the No 1 player in the world in 1970. NEWK - The John Newcombe Story is a grand story about wanting life to be a huge ride for one of Australia's legends and greatest sportsmen. Bookings are open

Back To The Tivoli Christmas Spectacular Monday 7th December 11am \$30 Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with a dazzling dose of Christmas Cheer. This joyous variety show is packed with festive favourites, toe-tapping tunes, big laughs, a touch of holiday magic all performed by a star studded lineup of entertainers including comedians and dancers. This show promises to get you into the holiday spirit Join us for morning tea after the show to celebrate the end of another wonderful year of Entertainment

GUEST SPEAKER

Cherry Robinson

The speakers for September were Ruth Markham and her colleague from the Martin Youth Foundation who spoke of their work with young people with AOD issues. They told us about the rehab they offer in their farm in the Southern Highlands and the follow up support they provide.
Next month we will be entertained by Dennis Quinlan and his fellow musicians.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Tony Lovett

September 2026 – Members' Meeting – Report Following meeting

Current Membership

Membership stands at 136 financial members (87 ladies, 49 Gents) (64%:36%)

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

Waiting List: 4 (3 ladies, 1 Gents)

Members Numbers at September 2026

Attendance at meeting	Members - 104
	Visitors – 0
	Guest Speaker – 2
	Guest – 1
	Total 107 attending Meeting

Apologies – 19
Absent - 13
Visitor Apology – 4
Leave of Absence – 0

Information From September 2026 Meeting

1. Visitors Attending Meeting:-

Jan Skinner	Apology
Vikki Navin	Apology
Sue Wyatt	Apology
Dennis Wyatt	Apology

2. Resignations / No Longer with Us:

Kathryn Forrester

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

Debbie Van Hoek
Georgina Kennedy
Denise Egger
Barbara Harvey
Steve Howat

Tony Lovett
11/09/2026
Membership Officer

OUTING & TOURS

Peter Moxham, Ted Morton

Peter Moxham

1 October day trip to Vaucluse House and the Kokoda Trail Concord. Travelling with On Course Tours. Cost is \$93 per person. 22 people have registered. If more than 30 register the price will reduce. November Barefoot bowls at Belrose Bowling Club from 4-5:30 pm Coat \$20 if you play. Optional dinner in the club afterwards.

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

Ted Morton

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

Ted proposes a Trade Travel Tour to Norfolk Island in Sept/Oct 2027. Cost for 8 days 7 nights will be about \$4,600 pp. We could perhaps share this tour with a new Prbus Club which has opened at Hornsby Heights and has 12 interested people.

Ted asked if anyone had the itinerary from the last Norfolk Island trip about 15 Years ago so we don't do exactly the same things.

SOCIAL CONVENOR **Megan Hartnell/ Trish Neilsen**

Megan thanked Margaret our president for the beautiful flowers on every table and out the front. She thanked everyone who wore floral clothing to welcome spring.

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 70 people have registered. Megan asked the new members inducted today to join us.

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. Cost will be \$97 including upgraded canapes.

WALKING GROUP **Helen Miles**

Our next walk is on Friday 18th September from Rozelle Bay to Blackwattle Bay finishing at the Fish Markets. to Oatley. Meet at Glenrose at 8:50 for the 8:55 city bus to the QVB. Details are in the newsletter

WELFARE **Lesley Walker**

Gloria Attwooll has now been transferred to Mona Vale Hospital. She is being well looked after.

Sylvia Gore had her hip operation this week. She's in Wyvern Hospital and everything is going well. She will start rehab next week.

ON a happy note:

Our secretary Allison has had a fun time celebrating her 80th birthday.

Travelling to Different Places.

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently you can't go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone.

I also have never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognises you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport, you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends and family.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump and I'm not much into physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That's a sad place to go, and I try not to visit it often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when its very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I 'm in Capable and I go there more often as I get older.

One of my favourite places to be in is Suspense. It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart. At my age I need all the stimuli I can get.

And lastly I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. I didn't like it. It was too wet and damp.

Other business

Margaret informed us that our developing Medical Pick-up Project, to assist those who may not have transport on a specific appointment day will not proceed. Although we firmly believe that it can fir into our Club's activities, there is still work to ensure it fully meets all requirements.

But this doesn't mean that any member wanting a lift cannot obtain one from a fellow member. Any member just needs to ask another member for transport assistance. As a caring Club we hope you do ask as required.

As all our activities are for the benefit of our many members and helping someone with transport has been done in the past, it should continue as we further mature.

A huge thank you to Hastings who has spent many hours on fact finding and trying to get the project up and running. Thank you to Lesley and Alison for your input also.

All I can say now is **We gave it a go.**

Many members will remember Elaine Davidson, a past president.

I got in touch with Elaine in relation to our past presidents' dinner in October. Unfortunately Elaine will be visiting Lord Howe Island but she asked that I pass on her regards to all her dear friends in our club.

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 8th October 2026 at the Forest Hotel at 10am

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

President Margaret Ayre