



Minutes of the **General Meeting** of the Combined Probus Club of Belrose which was held on 8 October 2026 at the Forest Hotel, 5 Frenchs Forest Road E, Frenchs Forest, at 10am.

President Margaret welcomed everyone. We were all very lucky as she provided a chocolate bar beautifully wrapped in Probus colours for everyone.

Margaret said

PSPL Probus 50th Anniversary, October is Probus Month, Colours Blue and Yellow

1 October, marks the beginning of **Probus Month 2026**, and this year is particularly special as we celebrate **50 years of Probus in Australia**.

For five decades, Probus has brought retirees and semi-retirees together through friendship, fellowship and fun, creating opportunities to connect, build new friendships, enjoy new experiences and make the most of retirement.

On behalf of the PSPL Board and Staff, we extend our warmest wishes to all Probus Clubs and members as we celebrate this significant milestone throughout October.

They requested that we did something special to celebrate the month.

1st October: We started the month with a fantastic outing organised by Peter Moxham, with 26 members enjoying a visit to Vacluse House, lunch together and a walk along the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway at Concord.

8th October: Today our general meeting, members were requested to wear blue or yellow, chocolates wrapped in the Probus colours were distributed on arrival

Further celebrations include our **Past Presidents Dinner** at the Belrose Hotel on **15 October** and a **three-course lunch** at The Little Snail French Restaurant, Pyrmont, on **29 October**, organised by Megan Hartnell and Trish Nielsen.

These special events are a wonderful way to celebrate the friendship, fellowship and fun that Probus has brought to so many people over the past 50 years. A sincere thank you to everyone who has helped make Probus Month such an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

We were also delighted to support the David Martin Foundation, last month with members generously contributing a total of **\$500** following the guest presentation. a fantastic result that reflects the generosity and community spirit of our members

Birthdays for the month of October:

4th Dennis Miles

5th Malcolm McLean

10th Lyn Cameron

15th Julia Poole

16th Marsha Fordred

17th David Barnes
25th Phil Allan
26th Margaret Knorr
28th Lesley McQuire
30th Kay Tink

The birthday draw winners were Dennis Miles and Julia Poole
Lucky door prizes were given to Lorna Brady, Val Gibbs, Valerie Gardner, Mark Johnston, Steve Howat and Geoff Cameron

President Margaret congratulated the winners.

President Margaret introduced 2 visitors: Jan Skinner and Vikki Navin

SECRETARY – Alison Soutter’s Report:

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 10 Sept have been posted on the Website.

Alison moved that they be taken as a true and correct record.
Seconded by Ros Thompson 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 - Sept.26

Income and Expenditure Account		Sept.26
INCOME	\$	
Subscriptions	\$142.00	
EXPENSES		
Website & Domain maintenance		\$275.77
General Meeting Cost	\$772.50	
Gift Aug Speaker	\$50.00	
Stationary Materials Probus Week		\$207.17
Surplus (Deficit) for Period		-\$1,163.44

Balance Sheet	30/09/2026	
Accumulated Funds		
Opening Balance		\$14,687.85

California Dreamin' in tomorrow night, 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 October were Dennis Quinlan and his fellow musicians, Cliff Parsons and Gordon Brown In November we will hear from Hans Kunnen who was in New York on 9/11

MEMBERSHIP REPORT **Tony Lovett**

Membership Report – October 2026 – Members' Meeting – **Report Following meeting**

Current Membership

Membership stands at 135 financial members (86 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 October 2026

Attendance at meeting	Members - 88
	Visitors – 2
	Guest Speaker – 3
	Guest – 1
	Total 94 attending Meeting

Apologies – 31
Absent - 16
Visitor Apology – 2
Leave of Absence – 0

Information From October 2026 Meeting

1. Visitors Attending Meeting:-

Jan Skinner	2 nd Visit
Vikki Navin	2 ^{ns} Visit
Sue Wyatt	Apology
Dennis Wyatt	Apology
Janet Howie	Friend of Terry Stewart

2. Resignations / No Longer with Us:

Gloria Attwooll

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

Nil

Tony Lovett
08/10/2026
Membership Officer

OUTING & TOURS

Peter Moxham, Ted Morton

Peter Moxham

The 1 October day trip to Vaucluse House and the Kokoda Trail Concord. Went very well
19 November Barefoot bowls at Belrose Bowling Club from 4-5:30 pm Cost \$20 if you play. Optional dinner in the club afterwards.

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 August/Oct 2027. Cost for 8 days 7 nights will be about \$4,600 pp. The August Tour has been advertised to the general public but if we have enough people we could have a Probus tour in October

This is the itinerary for the August trip but we could change this if we have a trip of our own in October.

Day 1. Wed 11 Aug: Sydney - Norfolk Island FLIGHT DETAILS: Breakfast SYD guests) & Dinner QFI 79
Sydney - Norfolk Island 09:00/ 13:25 (flight details are subject to change) We depart Sydney today, flying direct to Norfolk Island. our island home for the next seven nights. On arrival. we are warmly welcomed and transferred to the South Pacific Resort Hotel to check in. The afternoon is free to relax.. This evening. we come together for a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Day 2. Thu 12 Aug: Breakfast Bushwalk, Colleen McCullough Tour, Baunti Island Fish Fry Breakfast & Dinner

Day 3. Fri 13 Aug: Discover Norfolk Tour, Farm & Industry Tour & Progressive Dinner Breakfast & Dinner

Day 4. Sat 14 Aug: Sorrel Wilbys Gallery Tour, Pitcairn Settlers Village, Hilli's Dinner Breakfast & Dinner

Day 5. Sun 15 Aug: Church & Markets & Convict Kingston Tour Breakfast & Dinner

Day 6. Mon 16 Aug: Norfolk Today Tour, Norfolk Culture Tour & Mystery Dinner Breakfast & Dinner

Day 7. Tue 17 Aug: Free Morning. Taste of Norfolk & Bounty Show & Dinner Breakfast & Dinner

Day 8. Wed 18 Aug: Cyclorama & Departure Breakfast This morning. we visit the impressive Cyclorama. where a stunning 360-degree panoramic artwork vividly brings the story of the Bounty mutiny to life, a fitting final highlight of our Norfolk Island adventure. Afterwards. we enjoy some free time for last-minute shopping or a final stroll before being transferred to the airport for our return flight to Sydney.

If we want to go on this tour we need to book fairly soon before it fills up. Let Ted know if you are interested.

SOCIAL CONVENOR **Megan Hartnell/ Trish Neilsen**

Trish spoke on behalf of herself and Megan.

She mentioned the 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 74 people have registered It is still possible to book

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.

18 February there will be early dinner at Tastebuds which becomes Thai @ Hills on Thursday to Saturday nights

WALKING GROUP **Helen Miles**

Our next walk is on Friday 30th October around the grounds of Macquarie university. We will meet at the Glenrose Bus Stop at 8.50am for the 8.59am City bus (271) to Forestway shops where we will change to the 160X bus from the Rabbett Street stop to Chatswood Station. We will then catch the Metro to the Macquarie University stop. After coffee we will enjoy a stroll through the grounds of the University, enjoying a stop for cheese and biscuits en route. There will be the option for lunch before returning home on the Metro and bus. Please let Helen know if you are coming by another bus and meet at the entrance to Chatswood Railway Station. Hopefully we should be there by approximately 9.45am.

WELFARE **Lesley Walker** **Report for General Meeting 8th October.**

2 weeks ago it was Gloria Attwooll's funeral. Over 50 members of the club attended. Gloria was very involved in her church. Her faith meant a lot to her.

During her time in our Probus Club, for many years Gloria led the movie outings, was a keen member of the wine tasting group and enjoyed being a member of the book club. Consequently her funeral was packed. Her family gave her a very fitting send off.

Our member, Pam Bennet is spending some time in the Northern Beaches Hospital. I visited her yesterday. She is suffering from cellulitis in her leg, but is so much better and hopefully going home over the weekend.

I wish to send condolences to two of our members who in the past 2 weeks lost a family member. Liz Pawsey lost her sister in law suddenly due to a massive stroke and Merle Fox lost her brother in law who had been ill for some time. Best wishes to you both.

NBH Update:

Last week were told that Lummis, the Xray people are leaving on 1st Nov. They are the private company doing xrays, but yesterday we were told they now will be leaving at the end of April. This will mean all

xrays at the hospital will be done under the public system so if you want to have your xray done under the private system you will need to go to the likes of PRP.

Hidden Disabilities Sun Flower Land Yards:

The land yard is a discreet, voluntary symbol that indicates you or someone you care for has a non-visible, hidden, or invisible disability and may need extra time or help while using public transport or in large shopping centres. Some disabilities could be arthritis, asthma, Crohn's Disease, epilepsy, haemophilia, Parkinson's and diabetes. These are just a few. This is a Government incentive and are recognised nation wide, in fact they are used in many countries.

President Margaret mentioned in the newsletter that she wore one at the Sydney airport recently and was surprised how quickly she was whisked through the airport to the plane.

These are obtainable on line, any Westfield shopping centre, Sydney Airport, any transport hub and local government agencies.

If anyone would like one immediately, I have a couple of spare.

Other business

Margaret informed us that following Gloria's passing there is a vacancy for someone to run the movie group. Robyn Wood volunteered to take this role.

Margaret reminded us to look at the blankets at the back of the room and donate wool or money so that the knitters and assemblers can make more for Wrap With Love.

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

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

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 12th November 2026 at the Forest Hotel at 10am

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

President Margaret Ayre