



MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING 11 November 2021

1. Welcome - President, Rick Riddle

- Acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today, paying respects to elders past, present and emerging.
- Please observe current COVID-19 restrictions in safe distancing and use of the hand sanitiser.
- Lunch will again be at the Country Club after the meeting.
- It is 11 November, Remembrance Day, one minute's silence will be observed at 11.00am.
- A special welcome back to Vic Pannikote.
- After a five-month lockdown we are hopefully returning to a more normal Probud year with plenty of outings and group activities for members. Over the past five months your Committee has met regularly and we have endeavoured to keep members connected. Probud is all about participation and I hope all members take the opportunity to become involved. Thanks to our group convenor and group leaders who managed to keep a number of their groups operating through the lockdown.
- Members are encouraged to participate in one or more of our Groups. These cater to such a wide variety of member interests and there is something for everyone. Remember, if you would like to suggest a group please do so and it can get up and running. Barry Lance's Walking Group is our newest and it has had a large member list from day one.
- Planning for the 2022 Committee - the Junior Vice President position is currently without a nomination. The tradition has been alternating years male/female, and given we have a male this year with Michael Hatton, we are calling for a female nomination for next year. Please contact Rick or Maria if you would like to have a chat about the role.
- It is with sadness that the death of Ruth Bennett last month is acknowledged. Ruth was one of our foundation members. Our condolences are extended to Graham and family. In accordance with Graham's request, the Club has made a donation of \$100 to the NSW Ambulance Service in Ruth's name.
- A reminder that our 9 December General Meeting will be replaced by our Christmas lunch. The next General Meeting will be 13 January followed by a sausage sizzle at the BBQ area.
- Members are invited to our Happy Hour social get together at the Country Club from 5.30pm Thursday 18 November.
- Early next year we will have the induction of our latest new members. This was postponed because of the COVID-19 shutdown.
- Birthday greetings to all our members with birthdays in November.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes were provided with the meeting papers.

Accepted - moved Tony Rae seconded Tanya Morton

3. Business Arising from Minutes

Nil

4. Treasurer's Report

Balance at 31 October was \$42,030; members' funds at \$16,928.

Accepted - moved Col Cooksey seconded Rod Jeffrey

5. Correspondence

- a. None

Noted

6. Membership Report – Laurel Dodson

- Vaccination status - thank you to everyone for providing their vaccination status on entry this morning. This should be the only time we need to do this.
- Emailing documents - unfortunately, there have again been some 'bounce back' emails from the mass emailing earlier in the week of the Agenda and Minutes. Apologies if your documents did not arrive.

Noted

7. Reports from Convenors

- a. Care and Support – Aileen White

There have been accidents, falls and bereavements over the last couple of months. Please be extra careful in relation to preventing falls.

- b. Groups – Jan Jeffrey

- Monday Tennis 8-10am returned to the Country Club courts in October and attendance has been great. They now use three courts. All levels of tennis are played and everyone is welcome. Coffee at the Club afterwards is a regular feature.
- The History Club is run by Val Garton at her home. Please see the membership list for Val's address. The next meeting is 24 November. All welcome.
- Bushwalking is the newest Group led by Barry Lance and is extremely popular. The next walk is on Tuesday 16 November, catching a bus to La Perouse and walking 9 kms round Kamay Botany Bay National Park and doing a loop out to Cape Banks and back.
- Thank you to the group convenors who have forwarded their attendance records. This is important for both COVID-19 and insurance purposes.

- c. Guest Speakers – Rod Jeffrey

Next guest is February 2022 Ian Thompson with Part 2: The Role of Entomology in Forensic Science. Others planned include a fun and informative health talk, and, local history.

- c. Outings – Tony Rae

See Newsletters for full details of outings

- a. 2021 – 14-15 November – Hunter Valley Gardens – Full - Barbara Webb
- b. 2021 – 9 December 12 noon Probus Christmas Lunch, Canada Bay Club \$60 – please advise any dietary requirements – Maria McGrath
- c. 2022 – 13 January sausage sizzle after General Meeting – Michael Hatton
- d. 2022 – 21 January – Six the Musical \$145, 8 tickets available – Maria McGrath
- e. 2022 – Chau Chak Museum may be February. Details tba
- f. 2022 – 2-6 May – Essentially Barrington – Pam Hely
- g. 2022 – 1 June Wednesday – 10th Anniversary Cruise & Dinner
- h. 2022 – 25-26 July Christmas in July – Carrington Hotel Blue Mountains \$485 pp (single supplement \$95) – Tanya Morton
- i. 2022 – Gosford Race Day – details tba – Michael Cummings
- j. 2022 – NEW – 20 August – 3 September Cabarita & BP Probus – 14-days Central Australia Tour – Tony Rae

All reports noted

8. General Business

- a. Rotary – Margery Foss – Fund raising has been very difficult during COVID-19. There is an on-line raffle to be drawn 22 March, 2022. Tickets soon available – more info soon. Rotary continues to

support a literacy project focusing on communities in the north west of WA. Lots of work happening there. Adam Goodes is a big supporter.

- b. At 11am 1 minute's silence held for Remembrance Day.
- c. Lyn Wendtman and Kevin Guest demonstration the new website. It looks terrific, is easy to use, and the Outings and Groups pages are particularly good with all the information at the click of the mouse. There are also separate calendars for Outings, and, Groups. Forms are on the site for many things: meeting apology, expression of interest for an Outing or to join a Group, suggestion form for a speaker/Outing/Group. The tablet and phone views are slightly different but all the same functions and information are there.

Meeting closed 11.15am

Date of next General Meetings

- 9 December no formal meeting but Christmas Lunch 12 noon, Canada Bay Club \$60pp. Please advise dietary requirements to Maria McGrath.
- 13 January 2022 General Meeting at the Community Hall followed by Sausage Sizzle

Rick Riddle - President

Date