



MINUTES GENERAL MEETING 10 February 2022

1. Welcome – President, Rick Riddle

- i. Acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today, paying respects to elders past, present and emerging.
- ii. Please observe COVID-19 restrictions by keeping a safe distance and using hand sanitiser.
- iii. Lunch is not available at the Country Club today as it is closed to Members.
- iv. The Christmas lunch was attended by 130 Members. Thanks to all the Committee and Card Group Members for their help and support and in particular Maria McGrath and Michael Hatton for making it such a successful event.
- v. 80 Members attended the January BBQ. Thanks to IGA for providing and donating all the food.
- vi. The Active Retiree magazine is now digital and is available on our website.
- vii. Thanks to Margaret Boukaseff and her team for morning teas each month and to Bruce Morton and his team for setting up the hall for our meetings. Bruce is in need of a break so would appreciate a volunteer to be the co-ordinator. Perhaps a new Member would be interested. The 2022 roster has been done.
- viii. Kevin Guest volunteered to work the projector today and happy to mentor anyone interested in taking over this role in the future.
- ix. Birthday Greetings to all who have had birthdays over the past 3 months.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes were provided with the meeting papers.

Accepted – moved Tony Rae, seconded Bruce Morton

3. Business Arising from Minutes

Nil

4. Treasurer's Report

Balance at 31 January, 2022 was \$23,127.55; Members' funds \$12,363.85

Accepted – moved Col Cooksey, seconded Lyn Wendtman

5. Correspondence

- a. None

Noted

6. Membership Report – Laurel Dodson

- i. Membership Fees must be paid by end March. We have 40 people waiting for membership so fees must be paid by end of March.
- ii. Thanks to Members for using the new website and for Kevin & Lyn for helping to learn new tricks.
- iii. In relation to the new website, the emails that have been sent from it have not bounced back, so that is good news. If members don't get Probud emails into their In Box, please look in your Spam folder to see if the emails are there. This happens sometimes.

- iv. Thanks also for all those showing their vaccination certificates. You should have a blue sticker on your name badge in future to indicate this.
- v. Our Club is full with 40 people now on the waiting list.

Noted

7. Reports from Convenors

- a. Care & Support – Aileen White
 - Everyone fit and well and making the role easy at the moment.

- b. Groups – Jan Jeffrey
 - i. The Film Festival – Lyn Wendtman (convenor) - starts next month. Book on our website.
 - ii. Mystery Tour in March - Col Cooksey (convenor). Book on our website.
 - iii. Art Group – Gail McDonald (convenor) – an art exhibition by this group will be held during the month of April at Concord Library.
 - iv. Convenors to please send Jan lists of those attending a Group or Outing. This is important for insurance purposes.
 - v. ‘Historic Pub Crawl’ is a new Group needing a permanent convenor. Carly Marshall gave a presentation and suggested this Group meet 4 or 5 times a year to learn the history, architecture, stories, etc of old pubs and enjoy lunch at the chosen pub afterwards. Some of the suggested pubs are: The London Hotel, Balmain - built in 1870; Horse & Jockey – Homebush, which was a horse and cart stop; Macquarie Club Hotel, Windsor – built by convicts; and The Hero of Waterloo, Sydney. Carly and Andy will take this tour on Wednesday, 16 March, 2022. Rod Jeffrey has agreed to take a second tour. Register your interest by filling out and submitting the form on our website under ‘Groups’ > ‘Historic Pub Crawl’.

- c. Guest Speakers – Rod Jeffrey
 - i. Farewell from Rod as he is retiring from this role after some years.
 - ii. Ian Thompson is the guest speaker today and will be talking about the “Techniques of Forensic Criminal Investigation” (Part 2) covering Forensic Entomology – the study of insects, which supports evidence in legal cases.

- d. Outings – Tony Rae

See Newsletter or go to the website and click on Outings > Outings Snapshot for full details of all outings. To register for an outing, click on ‘View details’ for the Outing you are interested in and a red link to the Registration Form should be there. If not, use the General Registration Form on the right-hand side of the Outings Snapshot page. You can register there for an outing or submit an expression of interest.

 - i. Retford Park day trip Friday 22 April. Within the grounds is a gallery, a café in the Milking Sheds and a beautiful house and surrounding gardens. See Pam Hely if interested.
 - ii. Anniversary Cruise Wednesday 1 June – 130 people have booked. The cruise coincides with Vivid. Room for more – see Maria McGrath.
 - iii. Christmas in July – 25-26 July, Carrington Hotel Blue Mountains. 30 People on the list and more needed for this event. Please see Tanya.
 - iv. Bundanoon Art Museum and Arthur Boyd’s homestead and studio visit 7-9 September – Col Cooksey coordinating – go on to website to register an expression of interest – the EoI form is on the Outings Snapshot page on the right hand side.
 - v. Chau Chak Museum tour has been cancelled indefinitely – Ross Beckhouse to advise when available.

- vi. Our sister Probus Club has 3 seats to be filled for their August trip to Central Australia. Tony Rae has all the necessary information.
- vii. Happy Hour at the Country Club is Thursday 17 February, 5 – 7 pm.

All reports noted

8. General Business

- a. Lyn Wendtman gave a rundown on our website and thanked everyone for all the fantastic responses she has had. Big brother and sister are watching!
 - i) Emails to 205 addresses were sent and none bounced back. Lyn asked people to check their Spam folder in case any emails have gone there.
 - ii) Lyn advised that if an email is not opened, it will be closed after 6 months. By law, we have to have an “unsubscribe” button, so do not press this or you will be unsubscribed permanently from Probus news, just press delete if article is not required.
 - iii) If anyone wants to attend an Outing, please check the website’s Outings Snapshot page where all the outings are shown. Click on ‘View Details’ for the outing you are interested. You will then also see the red link to the Registration Form for that outing.

- b. Induction of New Members

Two new Members were inducted – Margie Thomas and Joseph Smogurzuwski. Rick mentioned there are 100,000 members of Probus in Australia and New Zealand and encouraged new Members to get involved in our groups.

- c. Rotary News - Wendy and Millie advised that Rotary meets on the first Thursday of the month and everyone is most welcome to visit, enjoy dinner at the Country Club and see how they function. A very generous donation has been received from a Breakfast Point resident. Rotary is looking at how to help the homeless women and children in the Burwood area who are sleeping rough. Their commitment to Concord Hospital will continue this year. Because of COVID, an on-line raffle has been created and will be drawn on the 4th March. More information can be found on the Probus website.

Meeting closed 10.55am

Date of next General Meeting

10th March, 2022, Community Hall, followed by the AGM

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Rick Riddle – President

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Date