



**FERNTREE GULLY PROBUS CLUB INC**  
PSPL Club Number 29004469  
Accreditation Number 2789  
District Number ?????

General Meeting No 1 -Thursday 16th October 2025 at 10am

Venue: Coonara Community House, Willow Rd, Upper Ferntree Gully

President: Judy Bell

Secretary: To Be Decided

Vice President: To Be Decided

Treasurer: Lorraine Baker

**Welcome:** Judy Bell

**Present:** As per sign in sheet

**Apologies:** Mick Ambler, Joan Carroll, Margaret Goldberg, Sylvia Graham, Col Parrot and Terri Parrot

**Visitors:** Helen Holliday.

**1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME:** Judy Bell

- Introduced herself as President.
- Housekeeping regarding the facilities at Coonara Community House (**CCH**).
- Referred to previous meeting minutes.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

- Minutes had been included in the Ferntree Gully Combined Probus Club Toolkit.
- John O'Brien asked that the minutes of the last General Meeting held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September** be accepted. Seconded by Audrey Halls

**2. PRESIDENT CONTINUED TO PRESIDE OVER AN INFORMAL MEETING**

- Explained that the meeting would not follow the normal meeting format.
- Welcomed foundation members.
- Explanation of meeting sign in instructions.

**3. GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER ROSS BAKER EXPLAINED TO THE MEETING**

- Fees.

- The structure of Ferntree Gully Probus (**FTGP**) under the umbrella of Probus South Pacific (**PSP**).
- Insurance provided by **PSP**.
- Consumer Affairs Victoria (**CAV**) \$460 Registration Fee.
- The protections of Incorporation. i.e \$30 > **PSP** \$10 > Insurance.
- **FTGP** having no bank account at the time of meeting.
- Sponsorship of **FTGP** by Olinda Probus Club.
- The lack of initial fees of **FTGP** covering everything.
- That every meeting going forward would have \$5 raffles to cover the costs of meeting at **CCH**, morning tea and future guest speakers.
- Costs would be \$130 per meeting.

#### 4. TREASURER LORRAINE BAKER EXPLAINED TO THE MEETING

- Room Hire at alternative venues was investigated but it was around the same price as the hire at **CCH**.
- Raffle Tickets would be in cash only and change would be provided.
- The October and November 2025 meetings at **CCH** are already paid for.
- Funds to cover meetings from February 2026 would be required.
- **CCH** has been booked for Feb, Mar and Apr 2026.

## 5. PRESIDENT RESUMED THE ADDRESSING OF THE MEETING

- Asked for nomination of a Club Secretary.
- Asked for nomination of a Club Vice President.
- Explained that Michael Ambler may be willing to become VP.
- **FTGP** will have a break from meetings in Dec 2025 and Jan 2026.
- Discussed special interest groups within **FTGP**.
- Asked for more special interest groups.

## 6. NEWSLETTER: Audrey Halls

- Spoke about the first newsletter issued and arranged to correct email addresses of those who did not receive it.
- Made members aware of the Facebook Group.

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Lucky Door Prize was won by Debbie Murphy.

Judy introduced our guest speaker, Helen Holliday from Olinda Probus Club.

Meeting Closed: 10.40

Next General Meeting will be on Thursday the 20th of November at 10AM at Coonara Community House, Willow Road, Upper Ferntree Gully.