



CARLTON GARDENS PROBUS CLUB

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	2 September 2025
TIME:	10.00 am
LOCATION:	THE CLYDE HOTEL, CARLTON

PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION 10.00 am

Welcome to Members and our two Guests

Acknowledgement of Country

Friendship, Fellowship, Fun

Housekeeping – kindly switch off mobile phones

GUEST SPEAKER: Silvana Martignago, the CEO of Probus South Pacific gave an interesting, enjoyable and motivating talk over Zoom. She reminded us that Probus has been in Australia since 1979. There are 1300 clubs in Australia and New Zealand (with 400 of those being in Victoria), and 95,000 members. She discussed methods for attracting new members to clubs, challenges clubs experience and the future of Probus. She reminded us of the important role Probus plays in creating the all-important social networks for retirees. She called on us all to contribute to our club's leadership in a variety of ways and to be cooperative in creating a culture of fun, fellowship and friendships.

COFFEE/TEA BREAK

DISCUSSION

There was a discussion about ideas for our club based on Silvana's presentation. Peter B and Maria discussed the value of having an externally facing Facebook group to attract new members. A number of current members of the committee spoke of the value of being on the committee and encouraged other members to offer to serve on it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Michael proposed the changes to the standing resolutions, which had been circulated to members. This was moved by Margie S and seconded by Annette. After Rob H discussed the proposed changes, they were accepted by a unanimous vote.

As communicated in a recent email, there will be a birthday tea for the club on 21st October at Brunettis. Members wishing to join in the fun to let Uma know by 21st September.

Michael reminded all members, if they are injured at a club event, they must complete and submit an incident report form which they can get from the event organiser.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The acceptance of the Minutes of the last General Meeting on Tuesday 5 August 2025 was moved by Bruce S and seconded by Annette.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

We have 58 current members, with 42 members present at the meeting, plus two guests and 9 apologies.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our current financial position is: \$8489.29 in the daily account, \$3601.68 in the savings making a total of \$12,989.97.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS' REPORTS – 11.30am

Coffee – Jill reminded us that everyone is welcome to join in with the regulars at 10 a.m. every Friday.

Golf – Tony reported that a group of 4 to 6 members enjoy a weekly game of golf at 10 a.m. on Thursdays.

Dine Out – A lunch, organised by Claire, at the Royal Oak was enjoyed by all.

Bike Riding – Kevin said that bike riding leaving has been moved to the third Wednesday of each month.

Book Club – Neil told us that the next meeting about books on any aspect of Scandinavia will be held on Sunday 14th.

Austral Music Salon – Maggie encouraged us to come on Monday 22nd to a concert at St Peters for music for flute and piano. All welcome.

Games – Marilyn said new members are always welcome.

Bocce – Maria reminded us that the Bocce group meets from 3-5 on Tuesdays.

Film Club – Mavis reported on the new film club which meets at 10.30 on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at the Kathleen Symes library.

Footie Tipping – Eric, in his usual witty style, revealed Bruce T to be the winner of the 24-week season.

Tech Savy Group – Eric reported on the group discussion on how to take better photos on our phones and reminded us to send our best photos of the month to him.

OPEN MIC

Robert K told us aspects of his 60 years in Australia, in a Getting To Know You presentation. He amused us with his tale of a life of “triumph over chutzpah, and conceit over ability”, working in a range of professions including mushroom farming, proof reading of the Age, acting, teaching, publishing a book and working at the Tote.

Uma said anyone is welcome to join the committee meeting on 25th September, starting with lunch at 12, at the Clyde. Please let Michael know you will be attending.

LUNCH at 12:00

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, 7 October, 2025 at the Clyde at 10 a.m.