

**PROBUS CLUB OF MOSMAN INC.**

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 28 January 2026**

**At**

**MOSMAN ART GALLERY HALL AT 10.30 AM**

**OPENING OF MEETING:** President Rob Taggart

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- 1, Welcome to members and visitors and Happy New Probus Year, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Probus.
2. At the last meeting Members voted unanimously to adopt a new Constitution and Standing Resolutions which will guide Club leaders going forward.
- 3, Member feedback on the Christmas Lunch was overwhelmingly positive, and provides the Management Committee with detailed information for planning future events.
4. Succession within the Management Committee depends on Members willing to fill vacancies in the Committee, including Assistants, in order to continue the Club's proud history of offering a great variety of activities. The reality of this was demonstrated in December when Secretary Graham Levido stepped down to focus on family priorities and was seamlessly succeeded by Assistant Secretary Ian Hume for the balance of the Probus year.
5. Each of us has competing demands on our time and I invite you to reflect on the passing of Past President Joan Groth, who gave so much to the Club despite the many challenges she faced. Thankyou Don for your insightful reflections on her contributions to the Club.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH:** Vice president Peter Reeves.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Ian Hume

1. A reminder to wear name badges to all meetings.
2. Succession within the Management Committee. Seven clubs closed in our area in the past year because of a lack of volunteers to fill vacancies. Members urged to consider volunteering to help in non-Management Committee positions as well as Committee positions.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Helmut's report is in the Newsletter. President Rob outlined the precarious position of our finances: Of an annual income of roughly \$5,200 we pay about \$2,000 to Probus South Pacific Limited, and \$3,600 to Mosman Art Gallery for hall hire. Unless we run down reserves fees will have to increase (this will be discussed at next month's Management Committee meeting).

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Heather Jenkins

Duncan Adams spoke on the proposal for an Aquatic Reserve at Balmoral (see below). Next month's speaker will be provided by Mosman Fire and Rescue.

**ACTIVITIES:** Robyn Yates, Gill Napper

Two tickets still available for Pretty Woman on Wednesday 04 February, and one place available for the Orange Food Week & Mudgee Harvest Tour with OnCourse 21-25 March. The Refettorio lunch on 26 February is fully booked. Other activities include the Central Railway-Secrets of the Circle Tour on Monday 09 March, and the Maritime Museum on Thursday 30 April.

Gill Napper spoke about the Rotary Club of Mosman's fundraiser for construction of a primary school for the children of Hera, Timor-Leste. It Is A Musical Evening at the Mosman Art Gallery on Friday 13 March at 6.30 for a 7.00 pm Start. It features Nathaniel Kong (pianist), Camilla Wright (Soprano) and John de Voy (Baritone). Cost \$80. Complimentary drinks and light refreshments served on arrival and at interval. Barry will have tickets at the February meeting.

**MEMBER'S 5-MINUTE SPOT:** Peter Reeves

Ian Hume spoke on "Professor Hume's Koala Cookies", Sub-title "Always expect the unexpected".

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

None

**MORNING TEA & COFFEE**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Heather Jenkins introduced Today's Speaker Duncan Adams on the proposed aquatic reserve at Balmoral. Wyargine Aquatic Friends (WAF) is not-for-profit organization established by local volunteers to push for an official aquatic reserve to be established to protect the rich marine life around Wyargine Point, Edwards Bay, Rocky Point and Chinaman's Beach in Middle Harbour, Mosman. A full description of the talk will be in the February Newsletter.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 25 February 2026.

All members and visitors were then invited to the Hotel Mosman for lunch.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 12.30