



Engadine / Yarrawarra Probus Club Inc.

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**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT THE
ELOUERA ROOM, TRADIES GYMEA COMMENCING AT 10.00 A.M.**

EVACUATION PROCEDURE – explained to Members

WELCOME: President Greg welcomed members and visitors, please make our visitors feel welcome. It has been a very busy month with Probus outings.

MINUTES: Confirmation of Minutes from previous meeting.

Moved: Greg Thompson Seconded: Diane Simpson

REPORTS: Birthday announcements – Happy birthday to –
Carolyn Hancock, Abigail Kontyo, Meg Copland, Glen Fitzpatrick, Garriock
Duncan, Ginny Thompson, Joan Clinch, Pat Langley, Shirley Blomfield, Laurel
Chambers, Margaret Duncan, Tom Fraser.

GENERAL **Treasurer -** Balance \$12,000 – Balance sheet attached
REPORTS:

Tours – Cunnamulla Indulgence in the Outback – 12th May 2026
Will be going ahead but if we get two more people then we will have a Trade
Travel Host for the entire time. If not I need to be the host from Sydney to
Cunnamulla and the return trip. Pieta will be the host at the accommodation.
Emails sent to other Probus Clubs in our Cluster to offer the two spaces.

Coffs Harbour – Jacaranda Festival Tour- 27th October 2025. All final
payments have been made and the invoice paid to Oncourse Tours. We have
17 members going and there are 34 people on the coach. It is advisable
to give me any medical reports (if applicable) in a sealed envelope at the start
of the tour which will be returned at the end of the tour.

Sin in the City –Monday - 22nd September 2025

Pickup Anzac Oval 8.45 a.m. for 9.00 a.m. departure. Return approximately
4.00 p.m. No refunds will be given after Monday 15th September 2025.

Quarantine Station – 14th November 2025

We had 30 members on the list and we now have 28 so the higher price will
need to be charged which is \$20 extra for a single and \$40 for a couple.
\$125 (M) \$130 (V). Payment due 13th October 2025.

It is at this time I need to discuss the difficulties I am having as the Day Coach Tour coordinator.

1. All the tours I have offered are from the results of the survey I emailed out at the beginning of the year in which only 15 people replied which is only **13% of the whole club**. I was very disappointed with that result but have proceeded to continue regardless.
2. Coach costs have increased since I first started and depend on numbers –
20 members – highest expense
30 members – medium expense
40 members – lowest expense

It makes my job very difficult when I have to guess in advance how many members are going to cancel so I can set the price. It is very stressful. I do understand illness and medical appointments can be the main reason for cancellation but changing your mind or to do other outings is no reason to cancel. Please note when you put your name down you are making a commitment to attend. If you are unsure **please do not put your name down to attend**.

3. I have had complaints that the tours are too expensive for couples but I cannot do anything about that unless we have more members attending. I have had complaints and members saying they want to drive to save the cost of a coach but I have asked amongst the members going on the coach and they say they do not want to drive especially the single ladies. The whole idea of a coach tour is to go on the coach and chat to your fellow members and perhaps make a new friend or two. Also it would mean I would need to do all the organisation and prepare the itinerary and book everything and be responsible on the day.

I have received information on day trips organised by Coach Holidays and Tours and they are very interesting and I would like to organise them. Once again the price is dependent on numbers. We could all enjoy much cheaper day trips if we have the numbers.

What would members need me to do to encourage more numbers?

The day trips are held every two months, six times a year. Do you want me to do trips only four times a year or do you want me to cancel them altogether?

Probus Month – We are holding a Barefoot Bowls Day to celebrate Probus Month on Friday 10th October 2025 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at Engadine

Bowling Club. Cost is \$15 for members and visitors and money to be paid by 3rd October 2025. If payment is not received by this date anyone who wants to attend the day will have to make their own arrangements to play and pay.

Gourmet Wanderers –

Man Lin Wah - Friday 12th September either prepay for banquet or if member chooses not to have a prepaid banquet, just order your own food and pay as you go.

Brian Walton will be in charge on the day.

Club on East – Thursday, 23rd October 2025 commencing at 12 noon.

Christmas Party – Monday 8th December 2025 commencing at 11.30 a.m. at Como Hotel. Cost is \$60 (M) and \$65 (V). Payment due 10th November 2025.

Sunset Cocktails – Thursday 25th September. Great response of 37 members happy to attend some fun and laughter with a drink or two added in. Hoping most of you will attend on the day.

Men's lunch – Tuesday, 7th October 2025 at noon at Highfields at Caringbah. Greg Thompson (Club Historian) mentioned numerous activities had taken place with lots of members attending.

Walking Group/Table tennis – Gerard Reyerink

Tuesday 23rd September 2025 – Bottle Forest walk

Friday 31st October 2025 – Harbour Bridge/Milsons Point walk

Friday 28th November 2025 – Kogarah to Ramsgate (previously washed out).

Theatre – Ros Campbell - Details supplied in newsletter and Johnny O'Keefe show cancelled due to lack of interest.

Opal Trippers – Denise Wiltshire – Last opal trip lovely day even though venue name changed on the day. 15 members attended.

South Sydney Juniors – Monday 29th September 2025.

Wollongong trip – Monday 20th October 2025

Membership – Kerry Baldwin

Number of members present	94
Numbers of apologies received	23
No apology received	5
Number of visitors	8
Total Number Present	102
Leave of Absence	2
Apologies received from: Anne and Chris Corben Sheryl Mifsud, Brenda Green, John and Lariane Lischeld, Maureen Barrell, Carolyn Hancock, Pat and Ian Stepto, Helen Hogan, John Hogan, Bev Hewett, Jan Swan, Lin Wilson, Dorothy Reyerink, Joy Pogson, Peter Wren, Cheryl Yallop Leave of absence Gladys Honer and Evon Jenkinson	
Visitors Robyn and Eric Ryan, Val and Bruce Hamilton, Barry Taunton, Sandra Hall, Mark Feeney, Barry Hosking	
Visitor Apology: Bev Taunton	

Guest Speaker – Jill Fitzpatrick’s report attached as the report didn’t make the newsletter.

GENERAL

BUSINESS:

Bob Yates who is a current member is also a member of the Engadine Rural Fire Brigade. Bob advised that there is an open day ie Fire Safety Day on 21st September 2025 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. so come along and have a great day and be advised on fire safety procedures.

Lesley Penny advised that Loftus Probus is looking for additional members to Go on a tour of Fairground Follies on either 30th September 2025, 1st October or 21st October 2025. If anyone interested in attending to please contact Lesley.

Lucky Door Prize: Colin Andrews

Meeting closed at 10.45 a.m.

Next Meeting: 13th October 2025

Guest Speaker Report for September Newsletter

As I was unable to get to the August Meeting, Ginny Thompson kindly stepped up and introduced our speakers and wrote the following appraisal of their presentation. Thanks Ginny! It seems like these fellas know all about feet!

“Our guest speakers for August were Nelson Dale and Matthew Morley of Pinnacle Podiatry in Gympie, who reminded us of the importance of maintaining foot health. They pointed out that balance and joint issues can be traced back to foot problems left untreated for too long. They demonstrated easy exercises to improve our balance and reminded us that there is no one, definitive, great shoe brand; the only “great” shoes are designed for specific purposes and different types of feet, and they provided a range of these shoes for members to investigate. They also answered questions about common foot problems: corns and bunions, flat feet, hammer toes, ingrown toenails and the use of orthotics to support fallen arches. In all it was an interesting presentation, and probably convinced us to be more aware of foot health and its importance in the ageing process.”

Ginny

September Guest Speaker

Our speaker for September comes to us from the RSPCA. The RSPCA is a charity which had its beginnings in Victoria in 1871, known then as the SPCA. Our originally planned presenter is unable to come, but the RSPCA juggled their schedule to accommodate us. Helen Trussler will have lots of information including the “Seniors For Seniors” and the “Home Ever After” Programs.

October Guest Speaker

Geoffrey Benn will be speaking on behalf of the Fromelles Association of Australia about the Battle of Fromelles which took place in Northern France on 19-20 July 1916. He will bring a copy of his book for perusal only - it is for sale online for those interested. More information next month.

November Guest Speaker

Just to tease you Search Dogs Sydney will be coming in Novemberstayed tuned!

Jill