



The Probus Club of Nepean, Inc.

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MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 7 JANUARY 2026

At Leonay Golf Club, 1 Leonay Parade, Leonay – in the meeting room

1. **WELCOME/OPEN:** The meeting was opened at 10:35am by Past President, Pam Borsey. Pam said that both President Nancy and Vice-President Doug are away. Put mobile phones to silent. Reminder that the next meeting will be at the Rowing Club 4/2/2026 10:30am.
2. **VISITORS:** Allen & Pamela Greentree, Gayle Harley, Doc Keenan, Kathy Smith, Jenny Scholfield, Priscilla Clements, Christine Smith, Noelene Brendel (carer).
3. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Summary of the previous Minutes 8/11/2025 were read by Faye Campbell. Copy of the full version was available at the meeting and on the website. (No Dec meeting – was Xmas Lunch 4/12.)
4. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** Confirmed by Elaine Thomson and seconded by Joan Hoggan.
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:** Helen Marsh thanked the Committee for the Christmas Party. She said that the people she spoke to said it was the best they've ever been to.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE – Faye Campbell – Summary/outline of relevant correspondence Nov and Dec 2025.**
 - 6.1. Sent (& reply if any)
 - Our monthly newsletters were emailed. If no email, given out or posted. Newsletters are on our website.
 - Reminders sent for Xmas Lunch, Seniors Cruise, Powerhouse Castle Hill, Rowing Club show, and Pretty Woman at Theatre Royal.
 - Email to Leonay Golf Club advising we won't be having our Feb & March meetings there due to the renovation of their function room.
 - Notification to all members advising the Feb & Mar meetings will be at the Rowing Club. \$5 each to cover morning tea cost.
 - Joan Okey tribute sent following her passing on 16/12/25. Funeral 6/1/26 at Frenchs Forest.
 - Reminder sent 31/12/25 re January meeting will be at Leonay.
 - 6.2. Received
 - Travel Insurance – Pat Richards suggested Travel Insurance Saver.
 - Cheryl Devine, Emu Plains Lions Club, said our orders for Xmas Cakes & Puddings totalled \$584.
 - Seniors Big Day Out Xmas Cruise 9/12/25 depart from Pyrmont Ferry Wharf instead of Casino Wharf.
 - Confirmation from Nepean Rowing Club for bookings for our club meetings on 4/2/26 and 4/3/26.
 - From PSPL: (1) 50th anniversary 2026 of Probus in Aust. Chandon Sparkling Anniversary Wine can be ordered. There is 11-day cruise Celebrity Solstice 31/10/26. There is special 50th Anniversary Logo. (2) PSPL will include a Public Club Page on their website to allow potential members to contact a club directly. Clubs will provide info if they wish to have a Public Page. (3) PSPL office closed 15/12/25 to 12/1/26. (4) Capitation Fees payable to PSPL by 30/4/26 will be increased by \$1.50 per member. (5) Support for anyone impacted by shooting events at Bondi 14/12/25. (6) Active Retirees Digital Magazine and E-Newsletters.
6. **Correspondence – Moved to accept:** Keith Kirby. **Seconded** by Lyn Walker.
7. **REPORTS**
 - 7.1. **President's Report** – Nancy McLeod absent. There is a Vice-President's Report by Doug Jones in newsletter.
 - Pam Borsey, Past President, said it's lovely to see so many here today.
 - AGM is in March. Nomination forms here if anyone wants to nominate for a committee position.
 - Read out the names of all of those having January birthdays, those who were present stood.
 - 7.2. **Treasurer's Report** – Barry Syme. **End of Year 31/12/2025 reports**
 - Activity Account \$130,035 in, \$127,164.25 out. Diff +\$2,870.75. \$11,712.22 in bank. \$16,310 rec'd in 2025 for 2026 events, \$9,939.25 of it paid out, balance \$6,370.75 committed to pay out. True funds available \$5,341.47 (= \$11,712.22 in bank less \$6,370.75 committed). Pretty good.
 - Club Account \$25,088.45 in, \$22,744.49 out. Diff +\$2,343.96. \$5,633.93 in bank + \$220 cash = \$5,853.93. Note \$500 dep was paid out in 2025 for mid-year lunch 2026. (Last year 31/12/24 available funds \$3,349.97.)
 - Membership Fee Barry recommends keep the annual membership fee at \$50. Will be the 8th year in a row.
 - Black Tie Magicians. Barry spoke to them after the Xmas Lunch – they enjoyed the day with us.**Treasurer's Report Moved to Accept** by Barry, **Seconded** by Ray Shackley.

7.3. **Membership and Club Attendance** – Doug Jones absent. Lyn Roach marked off the roll. Pam Borsey said: Present 83 members, 9 visitors, 11 apologies. (Current members 119)

7.4. **Hospitality** – Kathy Pongrac. She was checking to make sure we had orange juice on the morning tea table.

7.5. **Outings** – Danny Campbell. (1) Tas 18/2/26-3/3/26 airport transfers. 5 people still to pay. (2) Day trips. Costs have gone up. How much is too much? Nomad used to include lunch cost, now only on some. Coach Holidays now have day trips & cost depends on numbers. Comparing Nomad & Coach Holidays, both similar at around \$110 or \$115 for a day trip incl lunch. Those present by show of hands accepted cost. (3) Suggested day trips. Two were most popular: (i) Alpaca Farm \$95 not incl lunch, for March. (ii) Rail Museum Albion Park \$100 incl lunch, in May. Both trips are with Nomad. (4) Council Bus. Lyn Dolan asked if we could use it. Danny said its capacity is 20, so not enough. Also need a driver. (5) Bocce will do the annual comp at end of March, cooler.

7.6. **Shows** – Gwenda O'Brien. (1) Premier's Seniors Gala Concert Thurs 12/3/26 11am Free. 20 tickets all gone. May be able to get some more tickets through another source. (2) Lion King 29/4/26 \$95. Available. (3) My Fair Lady 30/9/26 \$167. Tickets gone. (4) Rowing Club Shows. Nothing yet. Will let us know if any.

7.7. **Guest Speakers** – Dawn Hayward. Nothing new to report.

7.8. **Newsletter** – Christine Upton, away. Pam Borsey asked if everyone received their newsletter by email. Joan Hoggan said hers wasn't received.

7.9. **Welfare** - Lauraine Johnston. (1) All were OK but then in Dec "an explosion". She took some time to do phone calls etc. Sad notification about the death of Joan Okey, tribute also in newsletter, card sent to family. If someone needs a card or something, ring Lauraine on mobile and leave message. (2) Good news – Ray & Rose Shackley 60th wedding anniversary next week.

7.10. **Historian** – Janet Sheen. If anyone wants a photo from the Christmas Lunch, please see Janet.

7.11. **Walks** - Lyn Roach.

- Nov 2025. Three walks: Middle Head, Bronte, Cockatoo Island. The day of Cockatoo Island there was the storm and all trains lines beyond Blacktown were out. Crowds at Parramatta for buses, hot. Most got home around 7:30pm. Lyn was glad she didn't go that day! Cockatoo Island was good though.
- Dec 2025. One walk: North Sydney. Interesting, churches & buildings. Nance Dixon phoned Santa on public telephone & told him what she wanted.
- Jan 2026. First one Woy Woy, early train. Ferry from Woy Woy to Davistown \$9.80, no opal card. The last one will be the new Sydney Fish Market. The second/middle walk will be a small walk at Penrith.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1. **Lucky Door Prizes**. (1) Our \$20 cash lucky door prize was won by Berenice Morris. (2) Golf Club \$15 voucher (use on day) won by Lyn Walker.

8.2. **Morning Tea 11:15am**.

8.3. "Show & Tell" 11:45am. Dawn said please no chatting while others are talking.
 Participants: (1) **June Payk**. She said she's a "saver". She showed us a container of colour envelopes from cards to family. She kept the envelopes rather than thrown away. Colour coded in the container. She also collects Jim Aitken calendars back from 1998, and the large Women's Weekly magazines.
 (2) **Barbara Heyman**. Green uranium glass – the dish was Marlene's mother's. The butter dish was Bill's mother's. On the Lucas Heights day trip, there was green glass in a cabinet because it's uranium oxide that colours it. Black light (UV) on the item will make it glow. Some vases yellow colour. Bill's grandma had an orange coloured one. If the item breaks, the splinters can be dangerous to sensitive tissues. Barbara said green glass wasn't made during WWII because they needed uranium for the Manhattan Project (Canada & USA) which was to make an atomic bomb. After WWII, not much green glass was made. Dawn said very interesting, she has a fruit bowl that she uses all the time. (3) **Danny Campbell**. Cameras. Photography and cameras are his passion. Cameras: Ensign, front pulls out, 1920-1930, his father's camera; Instamatic 1963; box Brownie (Faye's); Canon 1973, took over 3000 slides with it; Canon EOS 1993 with film + Tamron telephoto lens; Canon Digital 2003; Pentax; Canon EOS 700D, 2013, first camera with video capabilities, wide angle lens; Canon very light with zoom & telephoto. Can download photos onto phone; Polaroid, cartridge & film.
Video cameras: Sony 42X zoom, got dropped & broken, Bought another but small SIM, so bought another video camera. (4) **Faye Campbell**. Remington typewriter was her father's, had concreting & plastering business with his father. Showed an old business card. Brother Electronic typewriter, bought in Feb 1986. Was learning typing at TAFE. Showed her typing text book. Ipad 7 years old, 125gb, given to her as a thank you from her daughter for staying 3 months in USA and looking after 6-month-old granddaughter.

8.4. Dawn said very enjoyable & presented Certificates + chocolates to: June, Barbara, Danny & Faye. Said to others to think about what they can bring next year.

9. **NEXT MEETING**. Wed 4/2/2026 Nepean Rowing Club, 10:30am. **CLOSE MEETING**: Pam Borsey closed 12:25pm.

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