



## The Probus Club of Nepean, Inc.

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### MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, 2 JULY 2025

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

1. **WELCOME/OPEN:** The meeting was opened at 10:33am by President, Nancy McLeod. Put mobile phones to silent.
2. **VISITORS:** Andrie Peyper, Noelene Brendel (carer).
3. **INDUCTION OF MEMBER:** Vivienne Walker was inducted by President, Nancy McLeod, and given a membership pack. Vivienne didn't want to say anything, but Nancy said Vivienne was a great Rock 'n Roll dancer.
4. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Summary of the previous Minutes 4/6/2025 were read by Faye Campbell. Copy of the full version was available at the meeting.
5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** Confirmed by Glenys Forsyth and seconded by Helen Marsh.
6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:** "Music of the Night" at Evan Theatre 27/7/25 was mentioned in previous Minutes. Lauraine Johnston said she gave out flyers today but has just found out that the show is booked out. Suggested anyone interested should contact Panthers to find out if there is a waiting list.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE – Faye Campbell – Summary/outline of relevant correspondence June 2025.**
  - 7.1. Sent
    - o Our monthly newsletter was emailed. If no email, given out or posted. Newsletters are on our website.
    - o Email to book the meeting room at Leonay for our 2026 club meeting dates.
    - o Reminder re CATS Musical.
    - o Added 3 new members via PSPL Online Update and paid capitation fees.
    - o Order to Ezy Engraving for one name badge.
  - 7.2. Received
    - o Flyers for "Music of the Night", tribute to music of Andrew Lloyd Webber, Evan Theatre Sun 27/7/25 2:30pm.
    - o Sydney Male Choir at Sydney Town Hall Sat 23/8/25.
    - o Seniors Big Day Out – Cruise Sydney Harbour, \$69 buffet lunch & dessert. Xmas cruise 9/12/25.
    - o Email from Fair Trading. Financial Report Thresholds for Tier 2 increased 27/6/25. Revenue less than \$500,000 (was \$250,000), assets less than \$1 million (was \$500,000). Our Club is Tier 2 Incorp Assoc.
    - o From PSPL: (1) Active Retirees Digital Magazines & E-Newsletters. (2) Booklets x 10 "Passport to Probud". (3) Confirmation of receipt of Accident Form for Robin Freeman. (Mark Freeman said they won't claim). Insurance covers Public Liability, Personal Injury. Expenses under Medicare not claimable. Doesn't cover illness. (4) Reply from CEO Silvana re non-member clause and Standing Resolutions. (5) Responses to Probud survey. 75% thought Probud will continue to meet needs of future retirees. Social connection and participation in activities are the two most popular aspects of Probud membership.  
**Correspondence – Moved to accept:** Lyn Walker, **Seconded** by Pam Borsej.
8. **REPORTS**
  - 8.1. President's Report – Nancy McLeod.
    - o Read out her full report from the newsletter. (Outline: this month trip to Orange, midyear lunch, MJ Musical)
    - o Read out the names of all of those having July birthdays, those who were present stood.
  - 8.2. Treasurer's Report – Barry Syme
    - o Activity Account. YTD \$75,972 in, \$79,238 out. Diff -\$3,266. \$5,574 in bank. Everything works out in the end.
    - o Club Account YTD \$11,958 in, \$4,885 out. Diff +\$7,073. \$10,363 in bank. All healthy.  
**Treasurer's Report Moved to Accept by Barry, Seconded by Ray Shackley.**
  - 8.3. Membership and Club Attendance – Doug Jones. (1) Weather may have contributed to smaller number today. Present 77 members, 2 visitors, 25 apologies. Currently 121 members. (2) Mid-year lunch Lakeside, \$65 pp, Final date for payment is today. Please EFT or pay Barry. Menu alternate serves. Main: Lamb rump or salmon, dessert: pannacotta or brulee.
  - 8.4. Hospitality – Kathy Pongrac. All OK.
  - 8.5. Outings – Danny Campbell. (1) Orange trip Be at the Royce for pickup on Fri by 8:40am. If not there by 9am, coach will leave. (2) Xmas Cruise Syd Harbour 9/12/25 \$69. There is a list to put your name on.

(3) Aust Nuclear Science Lucas Heights 26/9/25 \$85. Max 30 people. (4) Sunshine Coast 15/6/2026-19/6/26  
(5) Heliport Tour Castlereagh 5/9/25 Vacancies for this. (6) Griffith 18/10/25-23/10/25 Payments due today.

- 8.6. **Shows** – Gwenda O’Brien. (1) Elton Jack 20/8/25 at the Rowers. Final figures today. (2) Theatre Shows coming: Pretty woman & Dolly Parton at the Royal (this year), Lion King in April at the Capitol. No prices yet. (3) CATS Musical 26/6/25 Theatre Royal – was great. Will try for downstairs seats at Royal next time.
- 8.7. **Guest Speakers** – Dawn Hayward. Nothing new to report.
- 8.8. **Newsletter** – Christine Upton, absent.
- 8.9. **Welfare** - Lauraine Johnston. Since newsletter: (1) Beryl Eagar had a fall, went to hospital but home now. (2) Janet Smithson’s husband is having a big op tomorrow. (3) Let Lauraine know if anyone needs a call or card.
- 8.10. **Historian** – Janet Sheen. Not called up, nothing new to report.
- 8.11. **Walks** - Lyn Roach. Recounted “funny” stories from last month’s walks.
- o Last month June 2025. (1) Clarendon-Richmond. Bus back 45mins through Agnes Banks & Cranebrook. (2) Marrickville-Sydenham. Danny’s walk, said OK to shop, was “reverse garbage”. Sat on train at Central but “no go”, quick change to another. (3) Clovelly-Coogee, Did Coogee first, then lovely walk..
  - o July 2025 walks Danny’s Ashfield. Lyn will do Manly (couldn’t do in May – train issue).

9. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 9.1. Joan Campbell’s morning tea – change in date. She said she changed the date from 17/7/25 to 24/7/25 for the Parx Coffee House Cranebrook, first time there. Changed it because 17/7/25 is the day after our mid-year lunch,
- 9.2. Lucky Door Prizes. (1) Our \$20 cash lucky door prize. Ticket X13 drawn by Maria Macri, won by Margaret Carmichael. (2) Golf Club \$15 voucher (use on day). Ticket C82 drawn by Janet Sheen, won by Carol Mitchell.
- 9.3. Morning Tea 11:05am.
- 9.4. Guest Speaker 11:30am Dawn Hayward said it’s someone you know, Barry Syme, who tells us witty stories about his visits to the bank. This time it will be a wonderful talk on Industrial Construction.
- 9.5. Guest speaker, Barry Syme.
- o Barry said this is the third time he has been the speaker. First time he talked about working at the icecream factory and “drumsticks” in 1959. The second time was about designing power stations as a young engineer, This time “Industrial construction”.
  - o He started his talk with the video cartoon Dilbert who has “the knack, all things mechanical. Can’t need a normal life – will be an engineer.”
  - o The last job that Barry did was 8 factories, 26 units, at Victoria St Wetherill Park, cost \$50-\$60 million. In 2017 the builders spoke to Barry then it took a year to get through council. Started it 2019 but then Covid hit, so the job was abandoned for 15 months. The last inspection of the project was in Feb 2022. Barry then de-registered himself as an engineer but remains a member of the Institute of Engineers, which was established in 1919, and incorporated by King George V. Barry said he designed half of the factories in Wetherill Park.
  - o Barry showed us photos and videos of the different stages of the construction. Showed putting in the deep holes to create the footings, showed concrete walls being made in moulds on site & then lifting walls into place.
- 9.6. Vote of thanks by Dawn Hayward. Dawn thanked Barry and said we wouldn’t have seen that construction and amazing machinery that he showed us. She presented Barry with a Certificate of Appreciation and our Probus notebook with pen.

10. **NEXT MEETING**: Wednesday, 6 August 2025 at Leonay Golf Club, 10:30 am.

11. **CLOSE MEETING**: Nancy McLeod closed the meeting at 12:15 pm.

President.....Date.....