



The Probus Club of Nepean, Inc.

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MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2025

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

1. **WELCOME/OPEN:** The meeting was opened at 10:32am by President, Nancy McLeod. Put mobile phones to silent.
2. **VISITORS:** Stephen Lerner, Chris Hall, Krystyna Chrabowski, Leanne Chie, Noelene Brendel (carer).
3. **PROBUS MONTH. This year's theme is "Reinvent your Retirement".**
 - 3.1. Small lolly bags were given to each person as they entered the meeting room.
 - 3.2. Special Award. Based on this year's theme, Mavis Mumford, completed the City to Surf in Aug & turned 80.
 - 3.3. Appreciation Certificates.
 - 3.3.1. Lauraine Johnston for "Continuous Caring" in her role as Welfare Officer.
 - 3.3.2. Ray & Rose Shackley, "Caring Couple" for assistance to members. They weren't at meeting, present Nov.
4. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:** Summary of the previous Minutes 3/9/2025 were read by Faye Campbell. Copy of the full version was available at the meeting.
5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** Confirmed by Keith Kirby and seconded by Carolyn Place.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE – Faye Campbell – Summary/outline of relevant correspondence September 2025.**
 - 6.1. Sent
 - Our monthly newsletter was emailed. If no email, given out or posted. Newsletters are on our website.
 - Online membership update to PSPL.
 - Email sent 8/9/25 giving the Notice of Motions to adopt by special resolution the new recommended PSPL Constitution and our Standing Resolutions at the club meeting 1/10/25, Constitution and Standing Resolutions, plus agenda sent with email. For those without email, it was posted on 9/9/25. Requirement is 21 days' notice.
 - Email sent advising the passing on 11/9/25 of former member Jan Sharp.
 - Emails re outing to ANSTO Lucas Heights.
 - 6.2. Received
 - Email from InfoXChange, online directory of community services, incl details of our Club. Emailed them to correct mailing address.
 - CBA deposit book for Activities Bank Account.
 - Email from Silverdale Probud, President wants to put together a list of speakers to share with our cluster. Our guest speaker coordinator, Dawn Hayward, has supplied some information to include in the list.
 - Email from Cheryl Devine, Emu Plains Lions Club, with order form for Christmas Cakes & Puddings. She will bring the cakes etc to our Nov meeting and we can pay her by cash or card.
 - Email from Acting Factory, show with comedy & drama "It's not good to bottle it up" at the Henry Werrington 7/11/25 (2 shows), 14/11/25 & 26/11/25. Tickets \$25 or \$30.
 - Panthers advert re Grandparents' Club, musical comedy on 19/10/25. Tickets approx. \$64.50.
 - From PSPL: (1) Active Retirees Digital Magazine Sept 2025 (forwarded to members), and E-Newsletters. (2) PSPL membership card for new member. (3) Aidacare open day 18/10/25, Pattys Place, Jamisontown.

Correspondence – Moved to accept: Lorraine Hall. **Seconded** by Joan Hoggan.
7. **REPORTS**
 - 7.1. President's Report – Nancy McLeod.
 - Read out her full report from the newsletter. (Outline: It's Probud Month, enjoy. ANSTO outing, important institution. Upcoming trip to Riverina region.)
 - Read out the names of all of those having October birthdays, those who were present stood. Last time for anecdotes, please read and enjoy.
 - 7.2. Treasurer's Report – Barry Syme
 - Activity Account. YTD \$117,973 in, \$114,969.05 out. Diff +\$3,003.95. \$11,845 in bank (last year \$12,036).
 - Club Account YTD \$19,601 in, \$11,924 out. Diff +\$7,677. \$10,967 in bank. All healthy.
 - Black Tie Magicians (for our Xmas Lunch). Barry has put some info sheets about them on tables. Barry told them "he wanted a job", they replied "you're not a magician", Barry said "yes I am, I'm the treasurer!"

Treasurer's Report Moved to Accept by Barry, **Seconded** by Keith Kirby.
 - 7.3. Membership and Club Attendance – Doug Jones.
 - Membership & Attendance: Currently 120 members. Present 90 members, 5 visitors, 10 apologies.
 - Christmas Lunch Thurs 4/12/25. 117 names down, 65 paid. Today is the last day to pay. Cash or EFT club a/c.
 - 7.4. Hospitality – Kathy Pongrac. Absent. Nancy McLeod said that Janet Sheen is looking after the urns today.

- 7.5. **Outings** – Danny Campbell. Mentioned: (1) Powerhouse Castle Hill 21/11/25 \$100, pay by 5/11/25. Spots available. (2) Seniors Xmas Cruise 9/12/25 \$69. 52 on list. Don't pay unless your name is on the list. (3) Riverina trip, be at the Royce 7:45am 18/10/25. Leave 8am. (4) Sunshine Coast June 2026, \$1825 share, \$2117 solo. Spots available. Any questions, please see him later.
- 7.6. **Shows** – Gwenda O'Brien. (1) Grant Galea 19/11/25 at Rowers. Put your name down. Gwenda will get tickets today. (2) Pretty Woman Theatre Royal 17/12/25 1 ticket available. (3) My Fair Lady Sept 2026 at Opera House. Anyone interested? If 8 or more people, can get group tickets.
- 7.7. **Guest Speakers** – Dawn Hayward. Absent. (1) Gwenda O'Brien will introduce the guest speaker Marie who will talk on Cockatoo Island. (2) JQ Handyman Services per our newsletter. Faye asked (as requested by Dawn) if anyone has used the service? Would people be interested in having them come as a speaker? Jill Middleton has used them & said very good. Helen Marsh said they don't do two storey. Others thought they only came if you had a home care package but Jenny Tipper said no. Majority agreed to have them come as a speaker. (3) "Show & Tell" for Jan 2026. Participation forms on each table.
- 7.8. **Newsletter** – Christine Upton, absent.
- 7.9. **Welfare** - Lauraine Johnston. Everyone good, no new calls. She has sent cards to people & made phone calls.
- 7.10. **Historian** – Janet Sheen. (Not called up.)
- 7.11. **Walks** - Lyn Roach. Two "lost & found" stories: Gwenda lost purse, someone found & handed in, got it next day. Marlene dropped her bag at railway parking in morning, couldn't find phone. Went back in afternoon to look for it, was ringing, found under a car.
 - o Last month Sept 2025. (1) First week it was raining, Mtns train had 2 carriages blocked, so caught suburban to Central. Too rainy for Lindfield walk, so went to Wentworth Park & Glebe. (2) Eastwood (Danny), old brick kilns interesting. Further on, some tired so caught bus to Parramatta. Others continued to Brush Farm House & climbed fence to shorten walk! (3) Leura (Margaret).
 - o Oct 2025 walks will be Moss Vale, Lindfield (attempt again), Blackheath.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 8.1. **"Green Glass"**. Barbara Heyman said that on the ANSTO tour there were green glass items in cabinets because the glass has uranium in it which is radioactive.
- 8.2. **Motions** for members to adopt by Special Resolution (voting by Show of Hands). (1) Recommended PSPL Constitution to replace current Constitution. (2) Standing Resolutions to replace current Standing Resolutions. **Motions put forward** by Faye Campbell. **Motions accepted** by Danny Campbell.
- 8.3. **Constitution** – **accepted/adopted** by members present.
- 8.4. **Standing Resolutions - discussion**
 - (1) Resolution 1 – Joan Campbell said correction needed to number 240255 to read 240225. Accepted to read "...in accordance with PSPL Constitution 240225."
 - (2) Resolution 2 – **Motion** by Joan Campbell wants to omit "10", to read only "...and other members of the Committee..." She said 10 is too many. **Responses** Faye Campbell said PSPL wanted it specified. Joan said they can't dictate. Response by Keith Kirby said there is flexibility, it says "as may be decided from time to time."
- 8.5. **Standing Resolutions - Adopted** – changes to #1 and #2 agreed, then Resolutions adopted by members present. Helen Marsh thanked Faye Campbell for her efforts in putting together the Standing Resolutions.
- 8.6. **Birthday Anecdotes**. Joan Hoggan asked if anyone would be doing them. Faye said no, but birthdays will be recognised in the newsletter.
- 8.7. **Lucky Door Prizes**. (1) Golf Club \$15 voucher (use on day). Ticket B93 drawn by Dawn Bloomfield, won by Noelene Simmonds. (2) Our \$20 cash lucky door prize. Ticket V25 drawn by Trish Ryan, won by Diane Kadi.
- 8.8. **Morning Tea 11:30am**.
- 8.9. **Guest Speaker 11:45am**. Gwenda O'Brien introduced Marie Palmer, Sydney Harbour Trust, who will talk on Cockatoo Island. Marie said thank you for inviting her back. Sydney Harbour Trust established in 1998, is now self-funded, has tenants & special events. Receives funding sometimes. 10 sites. Volunteers in admin & research, 20,000 hours. Cockatoo Island is largest island in Syd Harbour. No evidence First Nations people lived there, no water, may have been meeting place for clans. Is World Heritage UNESCO convict site. Best surviving example of colonial expansion through convict labour. Convicts came from Norfolk Island. Some people ask "where are the cockatoos?" Diary of early governors said there were trees & a lot of white birds. Trees were cut down to build shipyards so now lots of seagulls. In 1850, Gother Kerr Mann, engineer, started the Fitzroy dock to service Royal Navy & other ships. Some convicts escaped incl Frederick Ward who became bushranger Captain Thunderbolt. Cockatoo Island became a reformatory for girls & orphan girls in 1871 & was renamed Biloela. 1871-1906 Boys Training School. In 1890 Sutherland Dock built in 2 years with paid labourers. Bernard Kieran 1886-1905, swimmer, trained at Cockatoo Island. Was Australia's first world champion swimmer. 1913 Naval Dockyard, 1914 machine shops. In 1918 the powerhouse was built. In WWII was major defence centre for vital repairs. The last CEO was John Jeremy. Closed 1991, a lot of equipment sold. The last ship built there was HMAS Success. Also the Codock plane was built there. Two tunnels on Island, 1 closed. Need extra volunteers to man cafes. \$10 self guided audio, guided tours for groups, can stay on Island. Oral History if you worked on site, can record your story. Have Facebook & website
Gwenda O'Brien presented Marie with a Certificate, Probus Notebook and \$50 donation to the Trust.

9. **NEXT MEETING**: Wednesday, 5 November 2025 at Leonay Golf Club, 10:30 am.

10. **CLOSE MEETING**: Nancy McLeod closed the meeting at 12:36pm.

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