

Probus Club of Grovedale Marshall Inc

Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Grovedale Community Hub on 10th July 2025

Meeting Opened: 10.00am

Welcome: Members – Guests – Visitors

Attendance: Attending 47 members, 4 visitors and 11 apologies

Apologies: John Stasse, Pam Barker, Norm Howard, Julie Van Berkel, Mary Ryan, Sue Wright, Jean Neumann., Heather Gwosdezki, Maria Borracci, Bev Blair, John Caulfield, Carmel Brasier.

Opening Remarks

Terry Lane

- The President welcomed all members and visitors and was pleased to welcome prospective new members Alison Dixon, Catherine, Fran Alexander and Jim Alexander. He then described the evacuation procedures in detail.
- Our member Norm Howard is back in hospital again and best wishes were passed on to him for a swift recovery.
- For insurance purposes, Probus members and visitors are reminded to check in at the main door using the paper-based system.
- Numbers were confirmed for the after-meeting lunch at the Waurin Ponds Hotel, 1154 Princes Hwy, Waurin Ponds at 12.30pm.
- The President reminded members that when exiting the car park of the Hub, please exit one way in a clockwise manner following the arrows on the road, as some members have been causing “unpleasant altercations” with other drivers as they then need to try to reverse out of their way. This reminder is in response to a complaint from the Hub management.

Anne Lane

Minutes of previous meeting – Anne moved that the June minutes be approved as a true and correct record.
Seconded: Julie Jenkins - Carried.

Sue Howard

Treasurer's report

Opening balance	\$4,270.16	
Receipts	\$726.00	
Expenditure	\$549.88	
Closing balance	\$4,446.28	5c jar \$61.00

- The outing to the Lara Heritage Centre was enjoyed and comments were made by several members of British extraction that they did not know what a “Swaggie” was.
- 46 members have now booked for the Xmas in July lunch and entertainment at the Shell Club, 76 Purnell Rd, Corio on 24th July. Members are reminded to pay Sue by EFT or cash prior to the event as the Shell Club must be paid next week.
- The hire of the hall at the Grovedale Hub has been increased to \$66 per month.
- This year is the club’s 10th anniversary (September) and members were asked for their suggestions to celebrate this occasion.

Sue Howard moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded: Sue Cunningham – Carried

Anne Lane

Correspondence – In

- Email from Michael Ransom, Chairman Probus South Pacific, Representative Board Member for Victoria and Tasmania. Congratulating our club on reaching the milestone of our tenth anniversary.
- Email from Ron Sach (V & E Coordinator at the Probus Club of Geelong Central and chairman of the constitutional review committee) asking if we will accept or reject the proposed constitution changes. (When an incorporated company plans to change its constitution, it generally requires a special resolution passed at a general meeting. This resolution needs to be approved by at least 75% of the members present and eligible to vote at the meeting). At this stage, the committee recommends that we accept the changes in principle only. The President informed the meeting that the \$424.60 cost levied on every Probus Club by Consumer Affairs Victoria for a constitution change is exorbitant.
- Email from the Grovedale Community Hub complaining about some members driving out of the car park the wrong way causing "unpleasant altercations" with other drivers.
- Email from Head Office with details of the Active Retirees magazine survey.
- Email from Joel of the Grovedale CFA Community Team confirming that Lt. James Mildren will be our guest speaker in August.
- Email from head office with details re an enquiry from a prospective new member.
- Emails from members that Telstra and Bigpond have discontinued their email service. Telstra have advised that information about this is a known scam. Anne advised that if regular Monday emails, or newsletters are not received when expected then to please telephone her. Her telephone number will be advised to all members. Intermittent non-receipt of emails by members remains a mystery.
- Email from Head Office re their July 2025 Management Committee Update.

Correspondence – Out

- Thank you letter to Daniel Monteleone for his presentation.
- Emails to the Country Fire Authority to confirm the guest speaker for August.
- Email to the prospective new member.

Anne moved "that the correspondence be accepted" and called for second - Shaaron Glynn

- Carried

Club Activity Reports

Trips - Merv Poyner

- October 5th is the probable start date for the 8-day trip to the Warrnambool area. Dale has returned from overseas and is in the process of itemising the itinerary. The estimated cost will be about \$300-\$400 per day, per person. Any members or visitors interested in this trip are asked to put their names on the list at the back of the hall.
- A day out to visit an amazing model railway exhibit taking up a whole room and containing at least 10 tracks and 10 engines is being considered near Anglesea, followed by lunch. This would be best suited to car sharing and would need a minimum of 12 people.

Activities - Shaaron Glynn

- The Thursday 19th June lunch at Mandarin Court Chinese restaurant was well attended and enjoyed by all.
- Morning Melodies Swingin' with Rohan Browne. Due to covid this was postponed and rescheduled to Wednesday 16th July. Morning Tea from 9.30am. Show at 11 am. Everyone was notified and all spare tickets have been sold.
- Thursday 17th July at 12pm lunch at Geelong RSL, 50 Barwon Heads Road, Belmont.
- Thursday 31st July at 12pm lunch at The Gateway Hotel, The Old Melbourne Highway, 218-230 Princes Highway, Corio.
- Thursday 21st August High Tea at 10am at Brioche, West Fyans St, Newtown. \$35 per person. Cash only. 4 savouries and 4 sweets.
- Thursday 28th August Ten Pin Bowling at 10.30am at Belmont followed by lunch at 12pm at The Belmont Hotel. Members can come to both or be a spectator at bowling and/or lunch only.
- We have some business cards from our June speaker, Daniel, from Proactive health and Movement at the back of the hall, also some '\$50 off 1st appointment cards for members who want to make use of them.

- Chocolates celebrating birthdays and anniversaries were distributed.

Book Club - Pam Simpson

- Pam gave an update re the Book Club. The 18th July book club meeting will be at Pam Simpson's home. 25 Magnetic Drive, Mt. Duneed.

General Business

Terry Lane

- Asked if there is any "new general business" from the members present.
- The President thanked our Treasurer Sue Howard for organising an excellent day out to the Lara Heritage Museum and lunch.
- The Mystery Door Prize was drawn.
- Members broke for the biggest morning tea and the opportunity to socialise between themselves, as normally there is very little time to do this when a guest speaker is organised. Members who do not go to lunches often have little time to get to know other members. Donation boxes have been placed on the food tables for the Andrew Love Cancer Centre.
- Sue Howard advised shortly before the close of the meeting that our club has raised \$480 for the Andrew Love Cancer Centre. An excellent result from our very generous members.
- Confirmation of Next Meeting Date 14th August 2025
- Meeting closed at 11.50am.

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President

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Secretary