

Probus Club of Grovedale Marshall Inc
Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Grovedale Community Hub on 11th December 2025

Meeting Opened: 10.00am

Attendance: Attending 49 members, 10 apologies and 1 visitor.

Apologies: Gayle Dowling, Sue Wright, Michelle Walsh, Barry Lamperd, Angela Parkyn, Jill Bell, Alison Dixon, Irene Black, Melva Russell, Brian Russell.

Opening Remarks

Terry Lane

- The President welcomed all members and visitors. He then described the evacuation procedures in detail.
- For insurance purposes, Probus members and visitors were reminded to check in at the main door using the paper-based system.
- Numbers were confirmed for the after-meeting lunch at the Waurm Ponds Hotel, 1154 Princes Hwy, Waurm Ponds. The booking time for lunch is 12.30.
- 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.
- Chairs should be stored in the cupboard near the display cabinet. Those without arms to be stored in the room behind the stage.
- Julie Van Berkel and Mary Hancock were inducted as new members. Each lady gave a short introductory speech.

Anne Lane

Minutes of previous meeting – Anne moved that the November minutes be approved as a true and correct record. Seconded: Shaaron Glynn - Carried.

Sue Howard

Treasurer's report

Opening balance	\$4,698.93	
Receipts	\$2,869.35	
Expenditure	\$3,942.21	
Closing balance	\$3,626.07	5c jar \$145.45

- There are no meetings in January, however, there is usually a lunch organised. January 22nd has been selected, and White Eagle House is the venue.
- Andrew Love Cancer Centre has requested that a regular donation be set up from the club, this was declined. The proceeds of our 5c jar are forwarded to them annually.
- Capitation fees have been increased for next year to \$21.50, representing an increase of \$1.50 per member. The committee agreed that there would be no increase in membership fees for members and the increase can adequately be absorbed by profits on the sales of door prize tickets.

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

Anne Lane

- Nomination forms for all volunteer roles to be elected at the next AGM in March must be completed and returned to the secretary by February 1st in accordance with Head Office rules. Copies of these forms are available on the podium table.
- The monthly newsletter will not be emailed until the Monday after this general meeting.

Correspondence – In

- Probus Head Office email informing clubs of an increase in capitation fees to \$21.50 per member.

- Email from Margaret Robinson Rotary District 9780 Probus Chair informing clubs of suggested activities for next year's 50th Anniversary of Probus.
- Email from our member Graeme Morris advising of the demise of the term "Public Officer" and those duties being incorporated into the Secretary's duties. In Victoria, for Companies and Incorporated Associations, the Secretary under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. has specific legal responsibilities for running the association, managing its affairs, and ensuring legal compliance. Graeme was thanked for taking an active interest in our club and supplying valuable information to benefit the members.
- Emails from Lesley Stasse and Jill Bell that they will not re-nominate as Morning Tea Angels. The ladies were thanked for their wonderful efforts during the year. We do hope that we will have several ladies and gentlemen in our membership put their hands up for this vital roster.

Anne moved "that the correspondence be accepted" and call for second – John Caulfield - Carried

Club Activity Reports

Trips - Merv Poyner

- January 27th has been booked for the next Mystery Tour. The cost will be \$55 per head, which includes any entry fees but does not include lunch. 30 members have added their names to the list so far. Any members that have not yet added their names and wish to go, please let Merv know by adding their names at the back of the hall. Members to gather at the Grovedale Hub no later than 8.15am to catch the bus. Members are requested to pay the treasurer before the trip if possible.
- A trip to Warrnambool is being planned for March.

Activities - Shaaron Glynn

- Thursday 20th November lunch at 12pm at Jugni Asian Fusion restaurant at Waurm Ponds shops. The lunch special of curry rice, naan bread and riata was enjoyed by most of the attendees. Very much enjoyed and a good deal.
- Wednesday 26th November The Songbirds at Geelong Art Centre Morning melodies. The last show of the year so we had a presentation of next year's program as well as exceptional performance by the 2 Songbirds.
- Thursday 27th November lunch at The Grovedale Hotel. A good turnout and it was great to see Sue Wright there. Ken now has a special van to bring Sue in her special wheelchair so they will be able to come to more lunches.
- Sunday 30th November The Greatest Christmas Show at Geelong Art Centre. Another great show was enjoyed by members and guests

Future activities

- Friday 19th December Book Club lunch at Shaaron and Lawrence's. We did this last year, and it was a great success. Menu has been organised and everyone brings something to contribute. We hope to talk about books in the afternoon.
- Thursday January 22nd lunch will be at 12pm and will be at White Eagle House.
- Thursday 19th February Coffee morning at 10am will be at Wathawurrung Booln Booln Cultural Centre, Torquay Road (formally Narana).
- Thursday 26th February lunch at 12pm will be at Mandarin Court Chinese Restaurant, High Street, Belmont.
- Friday 27th February book club at 1pm at the Glynn's home.
- Booking for next year's Morning Melodies at The Geelong Art Centre. As I did for this year I would like to purchase 14 tickets for all 6 shows. \$26 per show (for a group booking), costing \$2,184. Several members pay for the whole year in advance. The treasurer confirmed that we have enough funds to cover this until payments received from members.
- Chocolates celebrating birthdays and anniversaries were distributed.

Book Club - Pam Simpson

- Pam Simpson updated the members re the Book Club. The next book club meeting will be a Christmas lunch on 19th December at the Glynn's house, 11 Jean Place. Grovedale.

General Business

Terry Lane

- Asked if there is any “new general business” from the members present.
 - The Mystery Door Prize was drawn.
 - The President then announced a break for morning tea and asked members to resume their seats by 11.00am for our Kris Kringle event.
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- Confirmation of Next Meeting Date February 12th 2026
 - Meeting closed at 11.50am.

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President

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Secretary