

Probus Club of Grovedale Marshall Inc  
Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Grovedale Community Hub on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Meeting Opened: 10.00am

Welcome: Members – Guests – Visitors

Attendance: Attending 54 members, and 9 apologies

Apologies: Mary Hancock, Sue Wright, Barry Lamperd, Jim Alexander, Fran Alexander, Graeme Morris, Katherine Morris, Jeannie Neumann, Mary Ryan,

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 RSL Club, 50 Barwon Heads Rd, Belmont. 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.
- Gayle Dowling and Marianna Clennett were inducted as new members. Each lady gave a short introductory speech.

Anne Lane

Minutes of previous meeting – Anne moved that the October minutes be approved as a true and correct record.                      Seconded: Wendy Poyner                      - Carried.

Sue Howard

Treasurer's report

Opening balance	\$4,569.11	
Receipts	\$1,037.05	
Expenditure	\$907.23	
Closing balance	\$4,698.93	5c jar \$125.60

- The Hygeia Xmas party cruise booked for 5th December now has 70 people signed to attend. 21 members from the Winchelsea Probus club will join us. Those members that have not yet paid were asked to pay the Treasure today, if possible, as the Treasurer must pay for the club booking in the next few days.
- 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.
- Sue explained to the members that the 5-cent jar is for the collection of 5c pieces that the members have no use for. These add up during the year to over \$175 which is then donated to the Andrew Love Cancer Centre.
- The December meeting will have an Irish Kris Kringle following the normal meeting. Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift valued at approximately \$15. This fun event encourages members to steal gifts from each other when a member spots a gift they would prefer over the one they drew from the table.

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

### Anne Lane

- Anne stated that she will not be standing for the Secretary's role next year after a five-year run and indicated that she would nominate for the Webmaster and newsletter editor roles only.
- Nomination forms for all volunteer roles must be completed and returned to the secretary by February 1st. They will be emailed with the next newsletter and also be available at the next monthly meeting. Anne asked that members please consider nominating for a role as it is very unfair that we expect the same people to carry out these duties year after year. These roles will be described in the next newsletter.
- Please remember that the monthly newsletter will not be emailed until the Monday after this general meeting, to enable the committee to vet the comedy cartoons page.

### Correspondence – In

- Email from Probus Head Office with information about how the annual Probus Month was celebrated around Australia.
- Email from Lorraine Smith (who entertained us last month about her Africa travels) regarding her proposed presentation next year called "Tiger Safaris in India". She is only available on three occasions next year with the rest of the year already booked by other clubs.

### Correspondence – Out

- Confirmation email to Lorraine Smith booking her for the August next year monthly meeting.
- Thank you letter to Lorraine for last month's presentation.

Anne moved "that the correspondence be accepted" and call for second – Julie Jenkins - Carried

### Club Activity Reports

#### Trips - Merv Poyner

- On either 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> January a mystery day trip by coach is planned. Members are asked to add their names to the list at the back of the hall if interested.

#### Activities - Shaaron Glynn

- Thursday 16th October lunch at 12.15pm at Rip View Bistro, Queenscliff Bowling Club was a good turn out and the meals were good.
- Thursday 23rd October Morning coffee was at the Beach Willow Nursery. Outstanding number of 20 attended for a coffee morning.
- Thursday 30th October- Werribee Zoo outing was attended by 22 members in 6 cars. Grateful thanks to all the drivers even though a few got lost getting there. We had a wonderful day with perfect weather and saw many interesting animals. An outing to be done again in a couple of years.

### Future activities

- Thursday 20th November lunch at 12pm at Jugni Asian Fusion restaurant at Waurin Ponds shops. Lunch special of curry rice, naan bread and raita. They also have Chinese meals.
- Wednesday 26th November "The Songbirds" at Geelong Art Centre Morning melodies. All tickets have been sold. Any other members wishing to go should book their own tickets. Shaaron will advise where the group will be seated.
- Thursday 27th November lunch at 12pm at The Grovedale Hotel, Torquay Road. Shaaron has invited Ken Wright to bring Sue in her special wheelchair.
- Sunday 30th November The Greatest Christmas Show at Geelong Art Centre. Shaaron has booked tickets, and some members have also booked their own. We have 22 people going, members and guests. Any other members wishing to go should book their own tickets. Shaaron will advise where the group will be seated.
- Friday December 5th Xmas lunch onboard the Hygeia.
- Friday 19th December Book Club lunch at Shaaron and Lawrence's. We did this last year and it was a great success. Menu is organised in advance, and everyone brings something to contribute. We even managed to talk about books in the afternoon.
- 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 on 21<sup>st</sup> November 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 11.10am for our Trivia competition.
- Confirmation of Next Meeting Date                      December 11<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Meeting closed at 11.50am.

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President

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Secretary