

Probus Club of Grovedale Marshall Inc
Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Grovedale Community Hub on 9th October 2025

Meeting Opened: 10.00am

Welcome: Members – Guests – Visitors

Attendance: Attending 57 members, 6 visitors and 8 apologies

Apologies: Sue Wright, Eve Turley, Jim Turley, Barry Lamperd, Carmel Sanderson, Jim Alexander, Mary Bradshaw, Sharyn Dyer.

Opening Remarks

Terry Lane

- The President welcomed all members and visitors and was pleased to welcome prospective new members Marianna Clennett, Mary Hancock, Joy Babst, Urich Babst and Gayle Dowling. 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.
- Our founding member Eve Turley is facing very challenging health issues and on behalf of all members we wish her a speedy recovery.
- Secretary Anne's health is improving, and specialist investigations continue.
- Numbers were confirmed for the after-meeting lunch at the Belmont Hotel 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.
- Complaints have been received from the Hub that chairs are not being stacked correctly. Those without arms being mixed in with those with arms. Those with arms should be stored in the cupboard near the display cabinet. Those without arms to be stored in the room behind the stage.

Anne Lane

Minutes of previous meeting – Anne moved that the September minutes be approved as a true and correct record. Seconded: Graeme Bradshaw - Carried.

Sue Howard

Treasurer's report

Opening balance	\$4,308.20
Receipts	\$568.30
Expenditure	\$307.39
Closing balance	\$4,569.11

- Hall rent and extra tickets are still to be paid.
- The Hygeia Xmas party cruise has been booked for 5th December. The cost will be \$30 for members and \$45 for non-members. 40 people have confirmed. All to meet at the Grovedale Hub for departure at 11am. 16 members of another Probus club have asked to join us on the day.
- Hall hire forms have been received for next year.

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

Anne Lane

Correspondence – In

- Consumer Affairs Victoria advised that they have a new online licensing and registration System and re-registration was now required. This has now been done.
- Email from Probus Head Office with information regarding the annual Probus Month. This is

intended to encourage clubs to advertise their presence to the community. We do this by publishing articles in the Grovedale Grapevine. Unfortunately they published last quarter's article in this quarter's Grapevine instead of the new one supplied.

- Email from a member complaining of the perceived racism of a cartoon I included in the last newsletter. In future all newsletters will be vetted by the committee before distribution, therefore they will not be emailed until the Monday after the general meeting.

Correspondence – Out

- Confirmation email from today's guest speaker Lorraine Smith.

Anne moved "that the correspondence be accepted" and called for second - Irene Black - Carried

Club Activity Reports

Trips - Merv Poyner

- The 8-day trip to Warrnambool, Apollo Bay and Mt. Gambier will now be re-visited next March due to Dale's unavailability.
- On 24th October, a day trip is planned to the MG Museum in Curtis Street, Belmont. 37 MGs, manufactured between 1914 and 2000 are on display. The collection is owned by Ray and John Abikhair and is open on Fridays. Bookings must be made, and the cost is \$10 per person. A talk will be included in the visit. Members are asked to put their names on the list at the back of the hall if they would like to go. As there is limited car space, members may choose to meet at the Grovedale Hub and car share at 10.30am or meet at the venue at 11am. Please let Merv or the Secretary know your choice so that there is no unnecessary waiting. Lunch at the RSL is suggested after the exhibition.

Activities - Shaaron Glynn

- Thursday 18th September lunch at 12pm at Mt Duneed Estate. We had a lovely lunch in a relaxed atmosphere enjoyed by many.
- Thursday 25th September lunch at 12pm was at Leopold Sportsman's Club.
- Wednesday 1st October – The Story of the King of Rock; n Roll. Morning melodies about Elvis at Geelong Art Centre. It was an amazing show. 27 of us went and enjoyed every minute. One of the best shows we have been to.

Upcoming Activities

- Thursday 16th October lunch at 12.15pm at Rip View Bistro, Queenscliff Bowling Club.
- Thursday 23rd October Morning coffee at 10am at Beach Willow Nursery, 1135 Surf Coast Highway, Mt Duneed.
- Thursday 30th October outing to Werribee Zoo (weather permitting). Carpooling can be organised. Concessions \$43 and Seniors \$51.50 including safari bus through the savannah. Meet at Community Centre at 9.30am. Back-up lunch at Waurm Ponds hotel at 12pm.
- Thursday 20th November lunch at 12pm at Jugni Asian Fusion restaurant at Waurm Ponds shops. Lunch special of curry rice, naan bread and riata. They also have Chinese meals.
- Wednesday 26th November - The Songbirds at Geelong Art Centre Morning melodies. All tickets have been sold.
- Thursday 27th November lunch at 12pm at The Grovedale Hotel, Torquay Road. Ken Wright is invited to bring Sue in her special wheelchair.
- Sunday 30th November at 2pm. The Greatest Christmas Show at the Geelong Arts Centre. Seats are either \$69.90 or \$59.90 depending on location.
- Report on information provided by Eve Turley regarding her ongoing health situation.
- 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 17th October at the Glynn's house, 11 Jean Place. Grovedale. 1pm.

General Business

Terry Lane

- Asked if there is any “new general business” from the members present.
- The Mystery Door Prize was drawn.
- Margaret Dunning advised members that eligible concession card holders can get help in applying for the \$100 power saving bonus from reception at the Grovedale Hub. Your pensioner concession card, Medicare card and a recent electricity bill is all that is needed to prove your ID and eligibility. If the Hub does this for you, they are paid \$10 which goes towards providing facilities for the community.
- The President then announced a break for morning tea and asked members to resume their seats by 11.10am for our guest speaker Lorraine Smith. Lorraine gave a fascinating and enjoyable presentation with photographs and amusing anecdotes of her recent trips to Africa.
- At the conclusion of the presentation the President thanked Lorraine and presented her with a certificate of appreciation.
- Confirmation of Next Meeting Date November 13th 2025
- Meeting closed at 11.50am.

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President

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Secretary