

**GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC**  
Minutes of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025  
at 10.30am at Guildford Leagues Club

**Present:** As per Attendance Sheet.

President Heather welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming out in such changeable and chilly weather. Hope the "weather bomb" has eased.

**Apologies:** Carol Duane, Frank Spittle, Judy Matthew, Robyn Collette, Robyn Boyle, Therese Hehir, Norma & Terry Dickie, Jill Keenan, Phyllis Hoole, Pam Cherry, Heather Hogan, Annette & Jim Gibbs, Merv & Jill Barnett, Coral Hughes, Dorothy Warwick, Lydia Culican and Maureen O'Donoghue.

**Birthdays:** Robyn Collette, Gwenda Collins, Carol Kennedy, Tony Merlino, Maureen O'Donoghue, Helen Reardon, Shemi Skinner.

**Welfare Officer's Report:** Phyllis Hoole is home. Sue sent Get Well card to Carol Duane who is having Rehab in Mt Wilga and Terry Dickie who is in Blacktown Hospital and may be going to Westmead for more testing.

**Moved** Fay Haydon and **Seconded** Peter McGann that Welfare Officer's Report be accepted.

**President's Report:** Guildford Leagues is having "Xmas in July" Lunch and Show on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>. Barry has booked Table C so book and pay at Reception if interested. More details in Newsletter. Lunch menu looks warming. Cumberland Council handed out Seniors & Disabilities information with Calendar of dates of social activities, health programs, exercises and excursions. Available at Council offices.

Copies of our previous month's meeting are available on Margaret's table (Membership Officer) if you want to check on anything.

**Moved** Noelene Mitchell and **Seconded** Edna Brett that President's report be accepted. **Carried.**

**Secretary's Report:** Correspondence from Probus South Pacific re growing membership including making club meetings more interesting, befriending new members and visitors. What would you like at meetings? Make your ideas known to committee member.

PSP has sent their Recommended Constitution & Standing Resolutions which we need to adopt with our own information, discuss and show to members for their approval before formalising.

Thanks to Carol for giving us lots of reading today in Newsletter from her Rehab Centre.

Brien Duane apologised for some of the printing which he said was slightly faint. He is printing and bringing to meetings. Thanks Brien.

**Moved** Kay Hayes and **Seconded** Sue Both that Secretary's Report be accepted. **Carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Peter said books all in order. Net available as at 30/6/25 is \$8,317.61. He then read a colourful "story" courtesy of Gordon.

**Moved** Rhilma Bruce and **Seconded** Muriel Comber that Treasurer's Report be accepted. **Carried.**

**Tour Officer's Report:** Mystery Tour – 17 July - all paid up. Thanks to all. 35 booked.

Coolibah 23 August. Please put names down. (booked for 40). Accommodate more.

September – June Holiday. Please pay by August Meeting. Request to put name tags on suitcases. Can have interested names on Waiting List in case of late cancellations.

Rathmines ex-RAAF Base – 16 October – Morning tea, tour and lunch.

\$2.50 Opal Card - November 20. Train. Light rail stops outside Kingsford South Sydney Juniors for lunch.

Linnwood House Open Day - 13<sup>th</sup> July.

December 4 – Meeting & Xmas Lunch. We have a List for names.

Tour Team welcome any suggestions for trip or outings – you could use suggestion box or tell Sue or Rhilma.

**Moved** Edna Brett and **Seconded** Kay Hayes that Tour Officer's Report be accepted. **Carried.**

Heather asked please be at departure point by 8.30am for the Mystery Tour this month. Change of procedure as Speaker in traffic so will do Barry's Lucky Door Draw.

Gordon commented on what a great presentation Carol Duane had given the previous month at very short notice when the Speaker cancelled the day before. He asked members to think about what they would possibly like to talk about - a hobby, their travels, their life - for the future - just in case.

**Lucky Door Prizes:** Carol Campbell, Noelene Mitchell, Fay Haydon, Peter Schabel, Gordon Mitchell, Edna Brett, Val Newham, Pauline Mcandrew, John Flood, Pauline McAndrew.

**Guest Speaker:** John Donohoe gave an interesting and knowledgeable presentation about Frederick Ward aka Captain Thunderbolt, a legendary bushranger who operated around the New England region of NSW from 1863-1870. He had researched Captain Thunderbolt for two years and wrote "Captain Thunderbolt's Folly" about the day he got himself killed.

John Donohoe had previously written two books about Ben Hall, famous Australian bushranger.

Meeting concluded at midday.

Next meeting will be held at 10.30am on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025.