

GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC
Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th June 2025
at 10.30am at Guildford Leagues Club

President Heather opened meeting and said great to see such a good roll-up on a chilly day.

Apologies: Norma and Terry Dickie, Jim & Annette Gibbs, Robyn Collette, Frank Spittle, Carol Kennedy, Kay Hayes, Dorothy Warwick, Judy Matthew, Pauline McAndrew.

Birthdays: Pam Cherry, Judy Forrest, Kay Hayes, Gordon Mitchell and Margaret Weaver.

Anniversaries: John & Gwenda Collins – 63 years wed.

Welfare Officer's Report: Jim Gibbs is improving. Sent Get Well card to Phyllis Hoole who is in hospital in Intensive Care and to Margaret Ricketts who is here today. Robyn Corliss is going into care.

Moved Peter McGann and **Seconded** Fay Wade that Welfare Officer's report be accepted.

President's Report: Won't repeat my report that is in Bulletin. Reminder to please wear name badges so newer members get to know us by name. Also, when you arrive at meeting check in with Membership Officer Margaret and if you have to leave early notify Margaret so you are covered by insurance. Our Guest Speaker for today cancelled yesterday and we have a Mystery Speaker (who kindly stepped in at very short notice) who is going to share a hobby.

Moved Noelene Mitchell and **Seconded** John Collins that President's report be accepted.
Carried.

We have two Visitors today, Marlene & Sidney Muller, and a New Member – welcome back Val Newham.

Secretary's Report: Probus South Pacific Ltd notified of three New Directors appointed to PSPL Board (Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania). David Ekert has returned as Treasurer. Reminder re Information Day for Probus Committees at various venues. PSPL informing that a new club is being formed in Chester Hill and an interest meeting is being held on 16th June. Note from PSPL re help in growing our club membership with their increased support. Just a note that Cumberland Council's "Self Defence for Seniors" is already fully booked.

Moved Maureen O'Donoghue and **Seconded** Edna Brett that Secretary's Report be accepted.
Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Peter said all is fine. Available funds \$8,352.84 as at 31/5/25. Peter then read an interesting composition.

Moved Coral Hughes and **Seconded** Jill Keenan that Treasurer's report be accepted. **Carried.**

Tour Officer's Report: June 19: Paddys Markets \$2.50 trip. Meet at Central Concourse under clock at 10am and then light rail to Markets.

July 17: Mystery Tour. Need 30 to go ahead, have 23. Names today. Pay by July meeting.

August 21: Coolibah Hotel Lunch. Booked for 40. Names on list with Rhilma.

September 9-12: Junee Trip. Full but have waiting list. Cancellations can happen. Sue has just heard Monte Cristo House is closed and Ray & Shirley are looking for alternate attractions.

October 16: Rathmines – RAAF base tour. Need 30. Names to go on list with Rhilma/Sue.

Ray has asked Junee travellers to put name tags on cases so they can be put at correct rooms.

Moved Carol Duane and **Seconded** John Collins that Tour Officer's Report be accepted. **Carried.**

General Business: Maureen O'Donoghue said that Ian Warwick (son of our member Dorothy W) is now a Director at Guildford Leagues Club. Thanked everyone who voted at elections.

Gordon (our Guest Speaker Officer) said thank you for his G.W. Card. Apology for Guest Speaker cancelling (maybe put him on list way in future) but we do have an interesting speaker next who stepped in at last minute and volunteered to do a presentation.

People do volunteer and our club members are caring. This makes me proud to be a member of our Probus club. Next month's speaker will give an interesting presentation on Ben Hall.

Guest Speaker: Our Newsletter Officer, Carol Duane, is our Mystery speaker. Carol gave a very knowledgeable, passionate and interesting talk along with slides on Bonsai and all aspects associated with the growing and creating "plant in pot". Began by Chinese and then Japanese. Some pieces are 1,000's of years old. Stones are used to effect and various containers and colours. There are numerous rules associated with all aspects of Bonsai and exhibitions and enthusiasts all over the world. Carol gave a demonstration of pruning a plant carefully to train it into a Bonsai which would take several years to achieve. A peaceful and creative hobby. She had brought along an amazing ancient "chrysanthemum" rock and a piece of landscape malachite.

Gordon thanked Carol for a very interesting presentation.

Barry's Lucky Door Prizes: Tony Merlino, Peter McGann, Fay Haydon, Brien Duane, Jill Keenan, Shimi Skinner, Carol Campbell, Sue Both, Carol Duane and Edna Brett.

Meeting concluded approx. 11.55am.

Next meeting will be held at 10.30am on Thursday 3rd July 2025.