

## **GUILDFORD PROBUS CLUB INC**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
at 10.30am at Guildford Leagues Club

**Present:** As per Attendance Sheet.

Vice President Barry Hogan opened our meeting explaining that our President and Treasurer had not long returned from a holiday to Spain and did not know if jet lag would be a problem and opted to have Barry chair the meeting. Heather and Peter are both here today.

**Apologies:** Jan O'Brien, Frank Spittle, Kay Hayes, Stana Simich, Phyllis Hoole, Carol Kennedy, Peter McGann, Carol Duane, Judy Matthew, Lydia Culican, Terry & Norma Dickie, Jim & Annette Gibbs, Noelene & Gordon Mitchell.

**Visitors:** Frances Smrdel.

**Welfare Officer's Report:** Good Morning all. Very busy sorting trips & money with Rhilma who still has head down in paperwork. Sent Get Well card to Gordon Mitchell who is still in hospital. Judy Forrest is home after a stay in hospital. Terry Dickie is at home – not fit enough to attend meeting.

**Moved** Val Newham and **Seconded** Maureen O'Donoghue that **Welfare Officer's Report** be accepted.

Barry said has visited Jim Gibbs - Jim has improved but not up to coming to meeting.

**Birthdays:** Judy Byrnes and Annette Gibbs.

**Vice-President's Report:** Last month's 50's Rock n Roll presentation by Paul Kearney was enjoyed immensely by all here. Definitely on list for 2026 booking when available. Morning Melodies show in October was excellent entertainment. Our coach trip to Rathmines on Lake Macquarie – site of former WW2 Catalina training base - included morning tea on arrival with an interesting video presentation by the President of the Catalina Club, then a guided coach tour of the complex and an excellent lunch with time to enjoy the scenery.

If not done so please put names on list for Xmas lunch and payment today. Seeing Danny today to finalise menu and numbers.

Make sure you get your envelope with horses name for Guildford Probus Cup. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes.

**Moved** Edna Brett and **Seconded** John Collins that **Vice-President's report** be accepted.  
**Carried.**

**Secretary's Report:** Great roll-up today. Lodged Recommended Constitution and Standing Resolutions to Fair Trading and paid fee. Also delivered copy to both to PSPL in Parramatta.

Will be receiving tickets at end of month for Premiers Concert on Thursday 12 March 2026 (4 on floor and 14 in stand). Unfortunately we did not get Transport this time but on wait list if available.

Carol Duane has been managing our guildfordprobus@gmail a/c as I had not set it up correctly and did not exist at all so Carol rectified this and has received a request from a Perth Probus member to attend one of our meetings. So Yvonne will be at our Xmas meeting and lunch.

Also email from Third Age Fitness and another from Community Wheels re their services. Willing to do a presentation of what they offer.

Trade Travel are having a Travel Webinar on 24 November between 1-2pm.

**Moved** Coral Hughes and **Seconded** Rodney Skinner that **Secretary's Report** be accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Net funds available \$6,869.11. Read a joke from Barry. Had wonderful holiday in Spain. About 1500 photos & videos. Barcelona to Madrid and beyond. Early mornings. Long days – history, scenery. Lots of walking and 3,000km on coach. Family travelling on same tour.

**Moved** David Baker and **Seconded** Keith Travers that Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**Tour Officer's Report:** Mystery Tour – 9am departure. Here at 8.30am. 43 travellers.  
Xmas Lunch – Please finalise today – names on list and money paid.  
January 15 – Coolibah lunch catch up. Names on list.  
February 19 – Watsons Bay Lunch. \$2.50 Opal Card outing.

**Moved** Therese Hehir and **Seconded** Edna Brett that **Tour Officer's Report** be accepted.

V/P Barry says discussing Xmas Lunch final details with chef today after meeting. Also, remember Linnwood House Open Day on Sunday with Ducati motor bikes and Holdens, Mercedes, Rovers and Daimlers and many more spectacular cars. Stalls inside and Barrys Plant Stall under trees.

Our Speaker has not arrived today so Barry drew his Probus Cup horse places with fanfare.  
1<sup>st</sup> Carol Campbell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marlene Muller and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sidney Muller. Last place Heather Hogan.

We then asked would anyone like to talk on any subject and *Sidney Muller* (one of our newer members) gave a very informative speech. He lived in South Africa at the time of apartheid before coming to Australia. This was racial segregation, not just black and white but coloureds from islands, Indians and Asians. Very troubled and dangerous times. Discrimination everywhere. If you happened to be light (white) coloured you had to sit with whites and not with your family if they were darker. Sidney spoke very highly of Nelson Mandela who entered politics to fight against apartheid and help his people and later became President.

Barry thanked Sidney for his great “off the cuff” talk.

Meeting concluded approximately 11.45am.

Next meeting will be held at 10.30am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025.