

PROBUS CLUB OF AVOCA BEACH INC.
General Meeting Held on Monday 15 September 2025 at 10.15am
At Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club

- MINUTES -

1. Opening & Welcome Peter Ayton(*President*)

The President opened the meeting at 10.20 am, welcoming members and visitors.

Peter made the Members aware that the Meeting is recorded to assist the Secretary with processing the Minutes and reminded everyone to please turn off phones and turn them on again after the Meeting; Peter also asked the Members to wear their name badges to help visitors and to carry their Health Cards around with them and also asked that everyone please stay in their current seats for lunch.

Vale Kevin Wells and Robert (Bob) Field.

The President acknowledged the passing of Kevin Wells and Robert (Bob) Field and praised their contributions to the Avoca Beach Probus Club, upholding their valued relationship to all members past and present.

Our very sincere condolences to their families on this sad occasion.

Peter read to the members the involvement that they both had at the Avoca Beach Probus Club, then a minute's silence was observed. Flowers were sent to Sue Wells.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting Dorothy Harper (*Secretary*)

2.1 It was resolved that the Minutes, distributed by email, available on the Club Website, and tabled prior to the Meeting, be taken as read, and confirmed as a true and accurate record. The Secretary was authorised to put them in the Club Records. (*Proposer: Dorothy Harper; Seconder: Paul McInnes*)

The Secretary asked if there were any changes required to the Minutes. Can I have a show of hands to vote on the motion to accept the Minutes. Motion carried.

2.2 Business arising from the Minutes (not included elsewhere on the agenda): Nil

2.3 Peter then announced the Members celebrating their birthdays in September and wished them all a happy birthday.

3. President's Report : Peter Ayton (*President*)

3.1 Comments by Peter Ayton additional to his report printed in this month's Club Newsletter.

Life Membership- Dennis Elliott:

DENNIS ELLIOTT joined the Probus Club of Avoca Beach Inc. in 2013 and has been a keen participant in club activities and a strong supporter of the club throughout his membership.

He has served continuously on the Management Committee since March 2016.

In 2016 Dennis was appointed Guest Speaker Organiser and served in this role for three years, before being elected as Vice President in 2019.

In 2019 and 2020 he was elected as President of the Club, followed by a term as Immediate Past President in 2021.

In 2020, he assumed the position of Newsletter Editor and has served continuously in this role to the present, a total of six years. He has expanded this role to include fulfilling the printing requirements of the Club, including flyers for social functions, receipts for payments for activities, and administrative notices.

He has been instrumental in facilitating the very popular and successful "Mexican Train" Special Interest Group for several years and hosts weekly meetings of the group in his home.

Dennis has undertaken a leading role in many club activities, especially in organising major raffles and venues for club activities. He continues to participate in the "Meet and Greet" for members at General Meetings.

Dennis Elliott's contribution to the Probus Club of Avoca Beach Inc. has been outstanding.

His service and dedication to the club make him a worthy recipient of the award of Life Membership.

Peter read Dennis's history and the Members unanimously accepted his Life Membership. Dennis also accepted his Life Membership.

4. Financial Report:

Pam Spencer (Vice-President) in the absence of Joan Flynn (*Treasurer*)

Pam Spencer spoke about the Financial Report contained in this month's Club Newsletter.

Opening Balance	\$17,403.37
Plus Income	\$ 5,875.10
Less Expenditure	<u>\$ 970.50</u>
Cash Balance	\$22,307.97
Plus Deposits to Suppliers	\$ 8,128.00
Less membership Payments	<u>\$21,368.00</u>
Available Funds	\$ 9,067.97

4.1 It was resolved that the Financial Report for the period 24 July 2025 to 19 August 2025 be accepted.
(*Proposer: Pam Spencer; Secunder: Heather Vinson*)

Pam Spencer asked if there are any questions to the Financial Report. Can I have a show of hands to vote on the motion to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

5. Social Activities:

Paul McInnes (*Social Activities Coordinator*)

5.1 Update on upcoming events –

- ◆ The Mudgee Trip final payment is now due on or before the 20 October 2025.
- ◆ The Naval Trip is on Friday 29 August 2025 was a great success.
- ◆ On Tuesday 9 September 2025 the Ferry Trip from Ettalong to Palm Beach with lunch at the RSL Club was enjoyed by all who attended on a lovely sunny day with smooth sailing.
- ◆ Probus Special Day on Monday 13 October 2025, is co-ordinated by Peter Mear (see item 11.1).

6. Barbecue:

Sue Roe (*Catering Coordinator*)

6.1 Barbecue on Monday 1 September 2025 at Parry's Jetty, Tuggerah Parade (near Gladstan Avenue), Long Jetty was attended by 37 members who had an enjoyable time with a fine sunny day.

Bistro Raffle Winners: Chris Harper, John Hart, Ron Derley.

6.2 Next Barbecue: is the Probus Day Special Fish and Chips on Monday 13 October 2025 at 11am at Hunter Reserve (near Theatre) Avoca Drive, Avoca Beach. Cost \$5. Pre-booking and cancellation advice essential.

Wet Weather Alternative: 12pm Kincumber Hotel, 6 Carrak Road, Kincumber. Own cost.

7. Membership:

Sue Roe (*Membership Officer*)

7.1 Attendance:

Total Members: 99

Attending the meeting: Members: 76 Visitors: 2 Apologies: 16

Visitors (including number of meetings attended):

1st visit – Have reached the maximum of 110 members and there is now a waiting list.

2nd visit – Nil

3rd visit – Marilyn Green

7.2 Inductions: Phyllis Hill, Wendy and John Cook, Geraldine Turner, Marie Riley, Stan and Cheryl Davison were inducted.

7.3 Application for membership -

Marilyn Green will be inducted at the October meeting.

7.4 Waiting List: 7

8. Interest Groups: Representatives from each group gave an update to the members. Walking Group (Jeannette Anderson), Golf Group (Jock Plimmer), Mexican Train (Barry Tobin) for the Monday game, (Dennis Elliott) for the Thursday game, Tenpin Bowling (Barry Tobin), Book Exchange (Joe Panozzo).

9. Welfare Report: Sue Elliott (*Welfare Officer*)

Yvonne Hollis is undergoing hip surgery. We wish Wendy Noonan well with her Cancer treatment.

10. Guest Speaker - John Evans (*Co-ordinator*)

The Guest Speaker is Nina Angelo, Local Author

11. General Business: Peter Ayton (*President*)

11.1 Probus Day:

Peter Mear (*Co-ordinator*)

Peter Mear gave the members a very comical update on what will be happening on the day and that all was going to plan.

11.2 Charity Donations/Fundraising:

Merrilyn Self (*Co-ordinator*)

Merrilyn Self spoke on the Bags of Dignity Charity. Items can be brought to the next meeting.

11.3 Newsletter: Barry Tobin who is assisting Dennis Elliot with the Newsletter, asked if anyone could assist him with the Word Program that he has, as he does not have Microsoft Publisher, which is what Dennis is using.

12. Raffle:

Wendy Noonan (*Raffle Organiser*)

Winners: Heather Vinson, John Powell, Denise Hay, Dorothy Harper, Julie Biancotti.

13. Next Meetings:

General Meeting: Monday 20 October 2025, 10.15 am at ABBRC. (*Doors open at 10.00 am*)

Management Committee: Monday 22 September 2025, 10.15am at ABBRC.

Morning Tea Break

14. Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker is Nina Angelo, Local Author who spoke on her Jewish family history during the Second World War.

15. Meeting Close: The Meeting closed at 12.10pm.

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 August 2025 were confirmed as an accurate record of the Meeting at a General Meeting held on 15 September 2025.

PRESIDENT: Peter Ayton

SECRETARY: Dorothy Harper