

PROBUS CLUB OF AVOCA BEACH INC.
General Meeting Held on Monday 20 October 2025 at 10.15am
At Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club

- MINUTES -

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

The President opened the meeting at 10.25 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.

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

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: Heather Vinson*)

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

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

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

Peter spoke on the Probus Day Event at the Kincumber Hotel and what a great day it was.

Peter also thanked Dennis Elliott, Sue Roe and Dorothy Harper for organising the changes that had to be made in regard to the venue.

The Secretary then read out the letter of thanks that was sent to the Hotel.

4. Financial Report: Joan Flynn (*Treasurer*)

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

Opening Balance	\$22,307.97
Plus Income	5,148.50
Less Expenditure	<u>\$ 3,090.87</u>
Cash Balance	\$24,365.60
Plus Deposits to Suppliers	\$ 8,128.00
Less membership Pre Payments	<u>\$ 23,614.60</u>
Available Funds	\$ 8,879.00

4.1 It was resolved that the Financial Report for the period 20 August 2025 to 18 September 2025 be accepted.

(*Proposer: Joan Flynn; Seconder: Peter Vinson*)

Joan 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.

4.2 Business arising from the Financial Report: Nil

5. Social Activities: Paul McInnes (*Social Activities Coordinator*)

5.1 Update on upcoming events –

- ◆ The Mudgee Trip final payment is now due. The Itinerary will be given out on the Coach.
- ◆ Probus Special Day on Monday 13 October 2025 at Avoca Beach was cancelled due to weather conditions and was held at the Kincumber Hotel.

- ◆ Payment of \$60 is now due and definitely by the next General Meeting on the 17 November 2025 for the Christmas Party on the 01 December 2025. Table Bookings to be organised with Sandy Ayton it.
- ◆ Paul the read out the 2026-2027 Program and asked for any comments. The Program had already been approved by the Management Committee. As there were no adverse comments, Peter Ayton proposed that the Members accept the Program and Roy Crump seconded it.

6. Barbecue:

Sue Roe (*Catering Coordinator*)

6.1 67 members attended The Probus Special Day on Monday 13 October 2025 at 11am at the Kincumber Hotel due to the change of venue. Cost \$10. A great day was had by all.

Bistro Raffle Winners: Roy Crump, Sue Roe, Merrilyn Self, Anneke Kingham, Elaine O'Neill, Maureen Bell, Lorraine Kane, Cheryl Davison, Ruth Birmingham, Wendy Noonan.

The amount of \$495 was raised and the nett profit of \$273.07 to be donated to the Coast Shelter.

Sue thanked Jan Johnson and Joy Kuiters for all their help in serving the cakes.

Best Dressed: Dennis Elliott and Merrilyn Self.

Trivia: was won by the President's Table.

6.2 Next Barbecue: is on Monday 3 November 2025 at 11am at Yaluga Lookout, Rumbalara Reserve, Dolly Avenue, Springfield. Cost \$5. Pre-booking and cancellation advice essential.

Wet Weather Alternative: 12pm, Davis Town RSL, Davistown. Own cost.

7. Membership:

Sue Roe (*Membership Officer*)

7.1 Attendance:

Total Members: 108

Attending the meeting: Members: 82 Visitors: 1 Apologies: 13

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: Nil

7.3 Application for membership -

Marilyn Green will be inducted at the November meeting.

7.4 Waiting List: 7

7.5 Life Membership: Dennis Elliott was presented with a Life Membership Certificate and Life Membership Badge.

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*)

Marilyn Green is in hospital, Wendy Noonan is undergoing treatment for her Cancer, Jenny Lucas has had a foot operation.

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

The Guest Speaker is Aliya Beckwith, Community Development Worker from Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre.

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

11.1 Donations: Merrilyn Self explained that today was the last day for her charity donations and that it has been the best year to date.

11.2 Probus Day:

Peter Mear (*Co-ordinator*)

Peter Mear gave an overview of the day and thanked all the volunteers.

12. Raffle: Wendy Noonan (*Raffle Organiser*)

Winners: Lorraine Kane, Geraldine Turner, Sue Aylott, Sue Elliott, Alan Drew

13. Next Meetings:

General Meeting: Monday 17 November 2025, 10.15 am at ABBRC. (*Doors open at 10.00 am*)

Management Committee: Monday 24 November 2025, 10.15am at ABBRC.

Morning Tea Break

14. Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker is Aliya Beckwith, Community Development Worker from Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre who gave an overview on what the Centre does.

The talk will be placed on the Club Website by Peter Vinson.

15. Meeting Close: The Meeting closed at 11.50am.

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 September 2025 were confirmed as an accurate record of the Meeting at a General Meeting held on 20 October 2025.

PRESIDENT: Peter Ayton

SECRETARY: Dorothy Harper