

PROBUS CLUB OF AVOCA BEACH INC.
General Meeting Held on Monday 21 July 2025 at 10.15am
At Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club

- MINUTES -

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

Peter 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.

Peter reminded everyone to please turn off phones and turn them on again after the Meeting;

Peter asked the Members to wear their name badges to help visitors and to carry their Health Cards around with them.

Peter asked that everyone to please stay in their current seats for lunch.

Peter also announced that our membership has reached the limit of 110. If a visitor still wishes to be a Member of Avoca Beach Probus Club, they can apply to our Membership Officer and be placed on a waiting list until a vacancy occurs. If they cannot wait to join our Probus Club, contact details of local Probus Clubs seeking new members will be provided.

Peter then announced the Members celebrating their birthdays in July 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: Cheryl Porter*)

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's Report : Peter Ayton (*President*)

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

3.2 Assistant Secretary: Peter announced that the Club now has an Assistant Secretary and then introduced and welcomed Barbara Chalmers.

3.3 Barry Porter-Club Ambassador:

The President introduced the Club Ambassador who explained the process regarding the Constitution and Standing Resolutions to the Members.

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

Joan thanked Barry Turner for standing in for her during her absence.

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

It was resolved that the Financial Report for the period 21 May 2025 to 17 June 2025 be accepted. (*Proposer: Joan Flynn; Seconder: Ruth Birmingham*)

Joan Flynn 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 third installment is now due in August and final payment in October.
- ◆ The Naval Trip is on Friday 29 August 2025. There are three vacancies. Limit of 30 members. Meeting at Wharf 3 at 9:30am.
- ◆ On Tuesday 9 September 2025 will be a Ferry Trip from Ettalong to Palm Beach (weather permitting). Lunch at the RSL Club and Ferry at own cost. Lunch at the Diggers, Ettalong if trip cancelled due to weather. Pre-booking and cancellation advice essential.
- ◆ Probus Day Special Barbecue on Monday 13 October 2025, co-ordinator Peter Mear.

6. Bistro Lunch: Sue Roe (*Catering Coordinator*)

6.1 Bistro Lunch: 54 members attended on Monday 07 July 2025 at Breakers Country Club, Dover Street, Wamberal and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Bistro Raffle Winners: Dennis Elliott, John Dettmann, Sandra Field, Alan Drew, Barry Porter

6.2 Next Bistro Lunch: is on Monday 4 August 2025 at the Kincumber Hotel, Kincumber at 12pm. Own cost. Pre-booking and cancellation advice essential.

7. Membership: Sue Roe (*Membership Officer*)

7.1 Attendance:

Total Members: 99

Attending the meeting: Members: 79 Visitors: 0 Apologies: 10

Visitors (including number of meetings attended):

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

2nd visit – Peter Harris, Phyllis Hill, Wendy and John Cook, Geraldine Turner, Marilyn Green, Marie Riley

3rd visit – Stan and Cheryl Davison, Ray Hardy, John and Elaine O’Neill, Marilyn Penney

7.2 Inductions: for the August meeting are Stan and Cheryl Davison, Ray Hardy, John and Elaine O’Neill, Marilyn Penney.

7.3 Application for membership -

There are no applications for approval this month.

7.4 Waiting List: There are two prospective members on the waiting list.

8. Interest Groups: Representatives from each group gave an update to the members.

Walking Group (Jeannette Anderson), Golf Group (Peter Mear), Mexican Train (Yvonne Hollis) & Barry Tobin for the Monday game, Tenpin Bowling (John Hart), Book Exchange (Joe Panozzo).

9. Welfare Report: Heather Vinson in the absence of Sue Elliott (*Welfare Officer*)

Roy Crump has been in hospital due to a heart condition, Bob Field is in hospital and is expected to go into care, Les Sharp has had a heart operation, Sue Elliott has had a knee operation, Sue Roe has had a hip operation and good to see her at the meeting and Joan Flynn has had a knee operation and good to see her at the meeting.

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

The Guest Speaker is Jacquie Smith from the Central Coast Family History Society.

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

11.1 Catering Team: Peter gave an overview on the amount of work that is involved in co-ordinating the Barbecues and the limited numbers attending. It was agreed by the Management Committee that the Barbecues be discontinued at the end of the year in the current form and downsizing the Barbecues for 2026. The current Catering Team will not be continuing next year. The Club is looking for volunteers for 2026. Sue Roe is happy to continue doing the Bistro Lunches next year.

11.2 Fundraising: Peter spoke about the Probus Day Raffle Money to be donated to Coast Shelter and to be promoted at the General Meeting in October. Non perishable items to be brought to the General Meeting in March 2026 and then donated to Coast Shelter.

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

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

Winners: Betty Ryan, Rauni Varvari, Josie Waddington, Julie Biancotti, Yvonne Hollis

13. Next Meetings:

General Meeting: Monday 18 August 2025, 10.15 am at ABBRC. (*Doors open at 10.00 am*)

Management Committee: Monday 28 July 2025, 10.15am at ABBRC.

Morning Tea Break

14. Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker Jacquie Smith from the Central Coast Family History Society spoke of the processes in finding your ancestors. Peter Vinson will put an overview of the talk onto the Club Website.

15. Meeting Close: The Meeting closed at 12noon.

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 16 June 2025 were confirmed as an accurate record of the Meeting at a General Meeting held on 121 July 2025.

PRESIDENT: Peter Ayton

SECRETARY: Dorothy Harper