

PROBUS CLUB OF AVOCA BEACH INC.
General Meeting Held on Monday 18 August 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 expressed on behalf of the Club extend our sincere condolences to Dennis and Sue Elliot on the loss of Dennis's Mother at the age of 98.

Peter then announced the Members celebrating their birthdays in August 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; Secunder: 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's Report : Peter Ayton (*President*)

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

3.2 Peter heard from Auriel Kerr who is settling into her new home in Victoria.

Peter informed the Members that Jan Heinrichs was relocating and that this would be her last meeting with Avoca Beach Probus Club.

Peter also mentioned that Annette Cumming is relocating to the Southern Highlands.

He also noted that 60% of the Members attended the Bistro Lunch at the Kincumber Hotel, which was an excellent support.

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

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

4.1 It was resolved that the Financial Report for the period 18 June 2025 to 23 July 2025 be accepted. (*Proposer: Joan Flynn; Secunder: Peter Vinson*)

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 3-4 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. The RSL Bus will also be available for those who require it. 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.
- ◆ Terrigal Haven Probus Club asked if any of our members would be interested in the trip to the Blue Mountains that they have organised in September to make up the numbers. Paul to contact them after the meeting.

6. Bistro Lunch:

Sue Roe (*Catering Coordinator*)

6.1 Bistro Lunch: 59 members attended on Monday 4 August 2025 at the Kincumber Hotel, Kincumber and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Bistro Raffle Winners: Sue Aylott, Dorothy Jenkins, Sandy Ayton, Pam Spencer, Neville Kingham.

6.2 Next Barbecue: is on Monday 1 September 2025 at Parry's Jetty, Tuggerah Parade (near Gladstan Avenue), Long Jetty at 11am. Cost \$5. Pre-booking and cancellation advice essential.

Wet Weather Alternative: 12pm Lagoon Bistro, Erina Leagues Club, Erina.

Sue also spoke on how a basic Barbecue/Picnic of a Sausage Sizzle and BYO everything else was approved by the Management Committee to be trialed in 2026 for a year. Jan Johnson and Joy Kuiters will assist Sue Roe and Sue is happy to continue next year with the Bistro Lunches. Next year there will be 6 Bistro Lunches, 2 no fuss Barbecues, 2 Picnic Days-1 in May (can be Fish and Chips or BYO lunch) and October (which is the Probus Day Event with Fish and Chips).

7. Membership:

Sue Roe (*Membership Officer*)

7.1 Attendance:

Total Members: 99

Attending the meeting: Members: 76 Visitors: 0 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 – Phyllis Hill, Wendy and John Cook, Geraldine Turner, Marilyn Green, Marie Riley, Stan and Cheryl Davison.

7.2 Inductions: Ray Hardy, John and Elaine O'Neill, Marilyn Penney were all inducted.

7.3 Application for membership -

There will be 8 inductions at the September meeting.

7.4 Waiting List: 4

7.5 Barry Porter (Club Ambassador) Farewell to Jan Heinrichs (Life Member).

Today, we say farewell and extend our best wishes to one of our long serving members who is attending her last club meeting before leaving the Central Coast

JAN HEINRICHS was a pioneering female member of the Probus Club of Avoca beach Inc., joining in May 2004 when the Club became a mixed-membership club.

Jan was inducted as a Probus Club Member in August 2004 and immediately participated actively in the Club's operations.

She served in several positions on the Management Committee from 2005-2011.

Jan joined the Management Committee in January 2005 to fill a vacancy as Secretary and continued to serve as Secretary until 2007.

In addition to her position as Secretary, Jan assumed the position of Public Officer.

In 2007 and 2008, she served two terms as President and concurrently was a Guest Speaker Organiser.

She was Newsletter Editor in 2009.

In 2010-2011, the Club experienced a difficult period with declining membership.

Jan was again elected President and, in addition took on the positions of Secretary and Newsletter Editor. During the year, the positions of Guest Speaker Organiser and Outings Organiser became vacant and she assumed these roles as well. This was a mammoth undertaking but, with assistance and support from stalwart members, her efforts enabled the Club to remain viable.

Since standing down from the Management Committee, Jan has continued to be a strong supporter of the Club and is a keen participant in most club activities and functions.

Jan Heinrich's contribution to the Probus Club of Avoca Beach Inc. has been outstanding. Her service and dedication to the Club made her a worthy recipient of the award of Life Membership in 2022.

The Members extended their very best wishes to Jan as she makes a significant move in her life and they expressed their thanks for her outstanding contribution to the Probus Club of Avoca beach Inc. over the past twenty-one years.

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

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

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

Marge Clague has a cold, Sue Aylott is not well, Maureen Keating is not well, Peter Mear has the flu. Roy Crump has had a set back but is doing well.

10. Guest Speaker - Dennis Elliott in the absence of John Evans (*Co-ordinator*)

The Guest Speaker is Jasmine Down from Five Good Friends who will talk on the New Support at Home Program, Aged Care Act and updates to the Aged Care Quality Standards.

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

11.1 Motions re Constitution and Standing Resolutions: Barry Porter (*Club Ambassador*) to propose two separate motions;

1. By Special Resolution requiring a 75% affirmative vote of those members present and voting that:

The current Constitution of the Probus Club of Avoca Beach Inc. be rescinded and the proposed Constitution as distributed to members be adopted.

Motion adopted and carried.

2. By Ordinary Resolution requiring a 50% affirmative vote of those members present and voting that:

The current Standing Resolutions of the Probus Club of Avoca Beach Inc. be rescinded and the proposed Standing Resolutions as distributed to members be adopted.

Motion adopted and carried.

11.2 Probus Day: Peter Ayton in the absence of Peter Mear (*Co-ordinator*)

Peter advised that all was going to plan.

11.3 Assistant Guest Speaker: Peter Ayton asked for a Volunteer to assist John Evans.

11.4 Assistant Newsletter Editor: Peter Ayton advised that Barry Tobin has Volunteered to assist Dennis Elliott.

11.5 Charity Donations/Fundraising: Merrilyn Self (*Co-ordinator*)

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

11.6 Newsletter: The President addressed the Members on the process of contacting the correct Event Co-ordinator, and to please note the change in the Newsletter.

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

Winners: Barry Turner, Heather Vinson, Dorothy Harper, John O'Neill, John O'Neill

13. Next Meetings:

General Meeting: Monday 15 September 2025, 10.15 am at ABBRC. (*Doors open at 10.00 am*)

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

Morning Tea Break

14. Guest Speaker: The Guest Speaker is Jasmine Down from Five Good Friends who will talk on the New Support at Home Program, Aged Care Act and updates to the Aged Care Quality Standards.

15. Meeting Close: The Meeting closed at 11.55am.

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 21 July 2025 were confirmed as an accurate record of the Meeting at a General Meeting held on 18 August 2025.

PRESIDENT: Peter Ayton

SECRETARY: Dorothy Harper