

**PORT DOUGLAS & DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB**

**Members Meeting 13**

**24/11/2025 at 9.30 am**

**Douglas Community & Sports Club Inc. (Tin Shed)**

**In attendance 28**

**For Previous Minutes and other information reading regarding our club please go to:**

**<https://probussouthpacific.org/> and “Our Club” Selection**

**1. WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING/APOLOGIES**

**9.30am**

The meeting was chaired by President Susan Stafford.

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from: Wendy Crossman. Two visitors were welcomed by Susan – Karen Shakespeare and Neil Graham (new member).

**2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting were tendered for approval, proposed by Susan Stafford and seconded by Julie Borbiero.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES – none arising**

**4. CLUB CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence has been received from Probus South Pacific regarding the Probus 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on February 3<sup>rd</sup> next year. Clubs are being encouraged to hold an event. This was discussed further under activities.

**5. TREASURERS REPORT**

\$900 in the black. Some petty cash. No outstanding debts.

**6. COMMITTEE MEETING OUTCOMES**

The next meeting has been brought forward to the 19<sup>th</sup> of January to coincide with our general meeting that month. This will allow ample time for the committee to plan for the AGM that will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7.1 New Members Handbook**

This is still in train with a view to completing the first version in a few months.

**7.2 Governance Documents (including constitution and standing resolutions)**

The proposed constitution and standing orders were voted on at the meeting.

Resolution 1 – That members vote to accept the new Probus South Pacific Constitution in its entirety. Proposed by Susan and seconded by Lorraine. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolution 2 – That the members vote to accept the Standing Resolutions proposed to be adopted by the Port Douglas and District Probus Club. Proposed by Susan and seconded by David Campbell. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Emily Morgan proposed a vote of thanks from the floor to the sub-committee who worked on the documents consisting of Susan, Toni and Chris.

### 7.3 Club Activities

A group of 8 attended the Community Choir event at the Clink Theatre preceded by dinner at the Tin Shed. Xmas lunch at Thala Beach Resort, Osprey's Restaurant, is coming up on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December – 33 people registered, wear something seasonal. There is transport up the hill and a lift for disabled.

**Proposed Activities** – January – happy hour drinks at Ramada then dinner afterwards. Clink Theatre – Rocky Horror in April, Susan has a role in the production. Around 9<sup>th</sup> April.

## 8 PRESIDENTS REPORT

### Birthdays

Best Birthday wishes for November go out to: Wendy Crossman, Bill Buchanan Vee Clarke, Julie Franin and Chris Hameister.

Best Birthday wishes for December go out to: Christine Adcock and Toni Hickey.

## 9 AOB – nothing presented

## 10 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2026, at 9.30am. There will be no guest speaker for this meeting and please note – this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month to avoid a clash with the Australia Day long weekend.

## 11 GUEST SPEAKER


10:00am


Nicky Swan was our guest speaker, Nicky is now CEO of the Mossman Botanic Garden Project but has had many adventures along the way prior to that appointment, one of which she talked about today – her walk to the North Pole! Nicky showed some great photos of her and the otherwise all male entourage who made the journey. Probably the scariest bit for her was when she became lost in a snowstorm and stayed put for 15 minutes or so, before being rescued by her partner – the longest 15 mins. of her life!

## 12 MORNING TEA

10:50am

The meeting closed at 11:20 am

Secretary: .....  ..... (Date) .....15/12/2025.....

President: .....  ..... (Date) .....15/12/2025.....