

PROBUS CLUB OF GLADESVILLE & DISTRICT INC

Minutes of the General Meeting held at Sporties on 4 June 2026

President Martin Kinsky opened the meeting at 9.50am welcoming members

Attendance:

There were 69 members and 1 visitor (Kevin Lance) present.

Apologies:

Lynne Cook, Mary Gagliano, Lyn Benson, Surendar Gill, Dorothy and David Seguna, Louise Cotter, Paul Volicpella, Anne Foreman, Dennis Nolan, Rudi Hochsetter and Ann Maher.

Welfare:

Marlene advised that Anita Lowe and Terry Harkins have been in hospital but both doing well.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted on the motion of Anne MaAuley, seconded Joan Lloyd.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report for May7 2026 was accepted on the motion of Peter Lewis, seconded Terry Harkins. The main points were:

Net Funds		17,895.35
Members funds	11,823.00	
Working capital		6,072.35

The Treasurer mentioned that our Club had \$4,000 deposit for the Bellingen trip and \$2,100 to PSPL for annual fees.

Correspondence:

Nil

Small Lunches:

Rob Gray commented on the success of the lunch at Little Snail. He then spoke about next 2 lunches - Doyles Winter Fest and Hunters Hill Hotel (full details in the event schedule below).

Events Committee report:

June	Thursday 11	\$122	Sin in the City. Uncover the sensational stories, secrets and scandals of Kings Cross. Start the day with morning tea at Mrs Macquarie's Chair then begin the tour with a local crime historian and hear about notorious underworld events. A two course lunch is at The Penny Hotel. Depart by luxury coach from Frances Street, Putney. <i>Need 3 more names and money due now.</i>
June	Sunday 14	\$32	HH Theatre – Chapter Two by Neil Simon. This delightful play examines true love and asks whether finding a soulmate can happen more than once in a lifetime. Tickets were handed out at the meeting.
	Wednesday 24	\$58	Doyles Winter Special. An annual tradition – meet at City Extra, Circular Quay at 10.30am for coffee then catch the ferry to Watsons Bay. <i>Names to Jan and Rob Gray.</i>
	Thursday 25	Free	St Josephs College – return tour for those who missed out in 2025. Mett at Mark Street gates at 10am. <i>Names to Joan Lloyd.</i>

July	Monday 6	\$17.50	State Theatre tour – 2 hours. Joan has the tickets for all those who put their name down. Meet at the theatre at 9.45. Payment is due now.
	Friday 17	Opal card	Metro Magic! Lynne Cook will act as our guide as we travel around the new Metro system stopping to look at the amazing new stations and ending at Rouse Hill for lunch at own expense. Members can make the return trip at their leisure. Meet at Gadigal Station at 10am.
	Wednesday 29	Pay at venue	Hunters Hill Hotel – local lunch, order and pay at the venue. Free parking underneath for 2 hours plus you can validate your ticket when you buy your meal for extra time. Names to Jan and Rob Gray.
August	Wednesday 12 to 17	\$5,498 + \$800 ss	Winton and Longreach. Includes airfares from Sydney to Longreach (via Brisbane) and tour. Final payment due by 12th June. There is space for 2 more.
	Sunday 30	\$32	HH Theatre – Black Coffee by Agatha Christie. Who doesn't love an Agatha Christie whodunit? Names to Marlene McPherson.
September	Thursday 3	\$10	Anniversary Lunch Gladesville Probus. This will be held following the September meeting. Names to Rob & Jan Gray.
	Wednesday 9	\$90	FULL. NEW Windsor Ramble. Travel to Ebenezer where our guide will share insights into the early settlers' experiences. After a delicious Devonshire tea, visit Australia's oldest church est 1809. Then on to Wilberforce to visit the oldest Town Square and Windsor. Lunch at Clarendon Tavern and then a stop of St Matthews Church known for its beautiful Georgian architecture. Departs Frances Street, Putney at 8.30am & returning 5pm. Names to Joan and pay ASAP. Names to Joan Lloyd and payment due by July meeting.
October	Thursday 1	TBA	BBQ on the Green – another event to celebrate 50 years of Probus. The BBQ will be held following the meeting. More information to follow.
	Sunday 4 to Sunday 11	\$3,398 + \$798 ss	Bellingen - Visit the sights at Bellingen, Nimbin, Ballina, Yamba, Coffs Harbour. Includes Trade Travel tour host, luxury coach travel, 7 nights quality accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner as per itinerary (18 meals), All entry fees, cruise and guides. Names to Wayne Brown. \$200 deposit will be required when booking. Still 11 spaces left. Names to Wayne Brown.
November	Sunday 29	\$32	HH Theatre – Don't Dress for Dinner. A philandering husband weaves a convoluted web of marital treachery to spend an idyllic weekend away in the countryside with his mistress.

Amazon Warehouse – Joan mentioned that she was unable to secure a date in July but hopes to be able to confirm a new date shortly. The tour is free but need to pay for a bus and driver – cost will be \$30.

King and Flinders Islands 2027 - date will be confirmed ASAP but may be November. Still room for 2 more - **Names to Joan Lloyd.**

Live Theatre:

Marlene reported that all those who attended Phantom of the Opera on the harbour had a lovely night until 15 minutes before the end, the heavens opened and they all got soaked.

General Business:

Peter Lewis advised that The Bridge and GM Minutes will now be available on our website – gladesvilleprobus.com. He also mentioned that he is now working on the application Bangor Probus is helping us with and we should be ready with introduction sessions in February/March and to go live in April 2027.

Regular events:

- Coffee mornings 1st and 3rd Monday each month at Sunroom Café opposite HH Primary School;
- Cards – Canasta is held each Wednesday at 12.30 at Sporties;
- Golf – Friday morning, Massey Park Golf Club;

Speaker:

The speaker for June was Norman Webb who spoke about the Medicinal properties of honey.

Close of meeting:

The meeting closed at 10.10 am.

..... **President**