



THE COMBINED PROBIS CLUB OF COONARA-CHERRYBROOK INC
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2026
AT
CASTLE HILL BOWLING CLUB

Opening

President Leonie Lawson opened the meeting at 10.30 am by welcoming members and 3 visitors.

A Joke from Elaine Finch.

Wine Appreciation Group – Rob Templeton

Rob spoke about the many wines tasted by the group and invited members to come along and join them.

Attendance

Membership Officer Sue advised the following numbers:

Total members present	120
Visitors	5
Apologies	44

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Lyn advised that the Minutes of the previous meeting had been emailed to members and thus could be taken as being read. Lyn moved a motion to accept the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Tuesday 17th March 2026 and this was seconded by Leonie Lawson. The motion was carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

Correspondence

Lyn advised the following correspondence had been received and sent:

- In:** PSPL Active Retirees
Westpac e-Statement
Probis Management Committee Update
Super Tee Packing Event – Jodie Maker
Tickets for Hair the Musical – the Patts
PSPL Darwin to Geelong on the Ghan
PSPL Invitation to attend an Information Day

Out: Minutes of the March General Meeting
April Chatter
Social Media posts
New Website is running
Approval for Activities, Events and Functions Document

Lyn moved a motion that the Correspondence be accepted, seconded Grant Fisher. The Motion was carried.

There was no Business arising from the Correspondence.

Groups Report – Leonie Lawson

There will be no Cards on Monday 27th April which is the Anzac Day Holiday.

There will be no Golf on Monday 27th April.

Lynn Paterson will be taking Expressions of Interest for Radio Active Live at the Morning Tea break.

Events Report – Carolyn Powell

Good morning everyone! We had a most enjoyable **Barefoot Bowls** afternoon on Sunday April 12, very well organised by Colleen & Ken Sherwood and Russell Bush. We felt very special to be able to play on the new undercover green, we took up 6 of the rinks, and we did have a few cheerleading bystanders which was nice and I believe the lunch beforehand was really nice. The winning team of 3 was Jan Motte, Terry Boyd and Madeline Watts. Congratulations to those winners.

A reminder that annual fees are now due, please see our Treasurer if you have not yet paid. I have the Expression of Interest and payment is due today for a Pizza and Pasta **Dinner at La Carretta** on Wednesday May 13. \$40 per head including corkage.

I now have a wait list for the **Yulefest Nepean Belle** Paddle-wheeler on Friday July 31st which is the 5th Friday of the month. Cost is \$128 per person. Payment is not due until the June meeting because I won't be here for the May meeting, we will be on the Walking Trip at Newcastle.

You would have seen in the Chatter that Lynn Paterson is organising a **Radio Active** afternoon at the Hills Lodge on Sunday July 26. \$35 per person includes afternoon tea and there is a cash bar at the Lodge. Lynn has an Expression of Interest here today, payment due at the June or July meetings.

Theatre

Payment is due today for the **Lion King** and **Hair**. Please collect tickets today for **Anastasia** and **Steel Magnolias**. There are Expressions of Interest for **“Waitress”** on August 19, **“Fiddler On The Roof”** September 2nd, **“My Fair Lady”** on September 23 and **“Moulin Rouge”** on April 7 2027. Sue and Howard went away yesterday until May 14 so for any enquiries please call Pat, her number is in the Chatter.

Welfare Report – Lesley Maker

Good news this month. There is nothing to report.

Flu shots are in so please have one as soon as possible.

General Business

1. Website and Facebook – Paul Sweatman

- The new website is up and running. It cost \$264 to build and \$170 annually.
- New address to access the website. The link will be in the May Chatter.
- Only the calendar to go.
- The website is working well on the phone and tablets.
- Please see Paul if you would like to join the Facebook website. This is the public facing website. Fred King is the administrator of the private Facebook.

2. Annual Fees – Paul Cashman

- Paul reminded members that Annual Fees were now due and encouraged them to please make a payment if they had not already done so.

3. Risk Management – Leonie Lawson

- The Management Committee has voted to remove the Risk Management Officer position.
- We need a **Club Historian**. Please see Leonie if you are interested in volunteering for this position.

This Is Your Life – John Maker

This month John interviewed Geoff Murray. Geoff was born at St Margarets Hospital and spent his early years in Darlinghurst. He attended St Canice's Primary School at Kings Cross where, as a 5-year-old he appeared in a play. He was spotted by a talent scout and thus began and ended his career as a movie star when he appeared in an advertisement. Geoff has had an interesting career in the Commonwealth Public Service, working for the Australian Bureau of Statistics in Population Survey Operations. In 2001 he oversaw the Census in NSW.

It seems Geoff was a bit of a risk taker. As part of his job, he did a lot of flying. He has stories of "Buzzing a Bowling Club" and flying low at Armidale, out of radio contact, only to see an F-111 flying beside them. It had been dispatched from Brisbane to find them. Geoff has spent his adult years living in Baulkham Hills and Castle Hill.

Fellowship Break

Leonie invited members to Morning Tea.

Guest Speaker

Irene Fisher introduced David Hutchinson who spoke to us about Climate Change. Irene thanked David for his informative and thought-provoking presentation.

Closing

The General Meeting was closed by President Leonie at 12.40 pm.

The next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th May 2026 at the Castle Hill Bowling Club.

Lyn Martel
Secretary

Leonie Lawson
President