



THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF COONARA-CHERRYBROOK INC

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2026

AT
CASTLE HILL BOWLING CLUB

Opening

President Andre Maas opened the meeting at 10.30 am by welcoming members and 2 visitors.

A Joke from Ken Sherwood.

Tennis Group – Ron Powell and Paul Sweatman

Ron and Paul, racquets in hand, encouraged members to join the tennis group.

Attendance

Membership Officer Sue advised the following numbers:

Total members present	138
Visitors	2
Apologies	36

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 20th January 2026 and this was seconded by Colleen Sherwood. 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
Probus Management Committee Update
PSPL 50th Anniversary of Probus – Club Promotion

Out: Minutes of the January General Meeting
February Chatter
Social Media posts
Copy of Risk Assessment Policy Document to members
Notice to members re Theatre Tickets to The Johnny Farnham Musical

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

There was no Business arising from the Correspondence.

Treasurer's Report – Paul Cashman

As at:

30 January 2026

	Amount
Cash Position	
Westpac Working Account	<u>\$22,587.86</u>
Less	
Members Prepayments	\$9,638.00
Net Cash Position	\$12,949.86

Subsequent payments since the last Committee meeting will be ratified at the next Committee meeting.

Paul advised members that our financial position is strong.

Paul moved a motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Seconded by Rodger Martel. The motion was carried.

Groups Report – Leonie Lawson

There will be no borrowing from the Club Library at the March meeting.

The next bike ride is Friday Jan 20.

The March bike ride will be Friday March 20 not March 13 as advertised in the Chatter.

Events Report – Carolyn Powell

Our Berowra Waters picnic dinner was a great evening – we had 61 members there – I believe that's the most we have ever had – if not it was very close - which was great and the weather was beautiful!

Our next dinner is The Seed Thai next Tuesday February 24. We have 35 members booked for that one, a banquet for \$40 per head including corkage with payment due today. Service time is 6.30pm.

The Zig Zag Railway Day Trip is fully booked with 49 people for Friday March 6. I have 19 people on the wait list which is the most I have ever had so I will be organising a second one later in the year. I have just been advised of the pickup time – 7.30am, returning at 5.30pm. Those times were not in the previous Chatters, but they will be in the March issue.

Payment is also due today for our 19th Birthday and Changeover Lunch following the AGM at our March meeting. Please see Elaine today if you still need to pay. This is where we have

the opportunity to thank the outgoing committee members and welcome in our new President and Vice President.

Colleen Sherwood is collecting names and money today for the Barefoot Bowls on Sunday April 12. \$15 per head to bowl starting at 1.00pm. There is an option of a luncheon at 12 noon pre ordered and pre-paid for \$25 per head. As I said at the last meeting this is a great afternoon – it really is “bowls for fun”, and you seriously don’t need to know how to bowl, I can attest to that. I’m quite hopeless at bowling but I have fun.

So, please read the Chatter, checkout our website and please remember to wear your badges so we get to know each other’s names.

Welfare Report – Jan Duffy

Jan welcomed Megan Cleary back.

Colin Swindells is house bound due to mobility problems. Jan to keep in touch with him.

Ray Wilson has settled into his Nursing Home at Kellyville and is being well looked after.

General Business

1. Risk Assessment Policy – Phil Myers

- A copy emailed to all members.
- A comprehensive document.
- Any queries and feedback to Phil.
- The document will be put to the meeting for approval at the March General Meeting.

2. Tasmania and Norfolk Island Trips Update – Andre Maas

- There are 2 vacancies on the Norfolk Island Trip. Deposit of \$600 due May 15.
- There are vacancies for the Tasmania Trip. Deposit of \$600 due April 15.
- If anyone would like to invite friends to join either trip they may do so while there are vacancies.

This Is Your Life – John Maker

This month John interviewed Steve Dunesky. Steve spoke about growing up in The Hills, training as a Surveyor and later in Recreation. His interest in gardening led him to volunteering for 20 years as a Judge at the Royal Easter Show. He worked for the Hills Shire Council and became a Parks Manager. He was involved in bush care and setting up a community nursery. His hobby is opal mining at Lightning Ridge.

Fellowship Break

Andre invited members to Morning Tea.

Guest Speaker

Geoff Murray introduced Chris Russell who is an Agricultural Scientist, Advisory Board Director and Public Speaker. He spoke to us about Global Food Security, Water and Cotton.

Geoff thanked Chris for his very interesting and thought-provoking presentation.

Closing

The General Meeting was closed by President Andre at 12.35 pm.

The next General Meeting and AGM will be held on Tuesday 17th March 2026 at the Castle Hill Bowling Club.

Lyn Martel
Secretary

Andre Maas
President
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