THE COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF COONARA-CHERRYBROOK INC
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2026
AT
CASTLE HILL BOWLING CLUB

Opening
President Leonie Lawson opened the meeting by welcoming members and visitors.

A Joke from Elaine Finch.

Attendance
Membership Officer Sue advised the following numbers:

Total members present	137
Visitors	7
Apologies	40

Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Andre advised that the Minutes of the previous meeting had been emailed to members and thus could be taken as being read. Andre moved a motion to accept the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2026 and this was seconded by Trish Finucane. The motion was carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes
There was no business arising.

Correspondence
Andre advised the following correspondence had been received and sent:

In: Active Retirees
Westpac e-Statement
Probus Management Committee Update
PSPL Wendy Wu Travel Promotion
PSPL Happy Probus Month
CHRG - In-Kind Application Successful notification
PSPL – New Probus Partner Viking
On Course Promotion - Wild Life Encounters and Lord Howe Island
PSPL – Websites hosted by PSPL now available

Out: Minutes of the September General Meeting
October Chatter
Social Media Posts
Reply to Vicki Darzenovic re membership of the Club
Message to members re 50th Birthday Celebration Picnic

Andre moved a motion that the Correspondence be accepted, seconded Ron Hay. The Motion was carried.

There was no Business arising from the Correspondence.

Treasurer's Report – Geoff Muray for Bob Walker

As at:	**30 September 2026**
	Amount
Cash Position	
Westpac Working Account	
Less	
Members Prepayments	
Net Cash Position	

During the month full payment completed to On Course Travel for both the Tasmania and Norfolk Island trips.
In addition Castle Hill RSL Group has approved a further 12 months of 50% discount of the hire fee for the Bowling Club Function Room under their Club Grants Scheme.
All expenditure items will be ratified at the next committee meeting.

Geoff moved a motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Seconded by John Maker. The motion was carried.

Groups Report – Geoff Murray
Once again very little to report because our Group Leaders and Organisers are really doing a great job keeping us informed. They assure me that everything we need to know about events and activities coming up in the second half of October and November is already detailed in The Chatter.
My thanks to them for keeping us all up to date.
Reminders:
We do have a change of date for the Investors Meeting in November. It is now on Wednesday 4 November (originally shown in The Chatter as not scheduled in November because of the Melbourne Cup)
No Wine Appreciation in November (Melbourne Cup) but back on in December - usually the First Monday of the month (7 December).
Sunday Lunch this month is at the KLAMM THAI – Sunday 25 October (Ann Colless).
Dave Motte has announced that Yulefest 2027 at Mudgee is now fully booked and he has created a waitlist.
Remember: All Events and Activities are open to all members.

Contact details, if you want to join in the fun, are in The Chatter.

Events Report – Carolyn Powell
We enjoyed a Pizza & Pasta dinner at Belmonte's Italian Restaurant at Baulkham Hill on Wednesday September 30, thank you to Sue Badcock for organising.
I have a wait list for our Wine & Cheese Night at the Glenhaven home of Leonie Lawson on

Saturday November 28. Payment is due by the November meeting.
Payment is due by the November meeting for our annual CHRISTMAS LUNCH at Entrata on Thursday 10th December. There are 14 spaces left. Menu details are in the Chatter. Entrata itself is a lovely restaurant, the food is really good and they always look after us very well.
A reminder we have our Probus 50th Birthday Celebration Picnic following the meeting today at Castle Glen Reserve, Ridgecrop Drive Castle Hill adjacent to the Knightsbridge shops. Food can be purchased from the shops. We hope you will join us to celebrate Probus being in our lives.
I will be reporting on our Annual Golf Trip at the November meeting. The trip was last week but I need to have the perpetual trophies engraved to be presented to our champion male and female golfers for this year, so that will happen at our next meeting.

Welfare Report – Jan Duffy
Dawn Dwyer – Has had a complication of lymphedema following her knee replacement. This has interfered with her rehab. She is waiting an appointment at the lymphedema clinic in November.
It was lovely to see our 100-year-old Joan Creed at our last meeting. Joan was presented with a special box of Belgian chocolates to enjoy.

General Business
There was no General Business.

This Is Your Life – John Maker
John interviewed John Hughes

Fellowship Break
Leonie invited members to Morning Tea.

Guest Speaker
Irene Fisher introduced Hugh Mackay who spoke to members about his recent book “Just Saying”.

Irene thanked Hugh for presentation.

Closing
The General Meeting was closed by President Leonie Lawson at 12.12 pm.

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

Lyn Martel
Secretary

Leonie Lawson
President
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