



WENTWORTH POINT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES-OF-THE-MEETING MONDAY 17 JULY 2023

The 144th Meeting of the Wentworth Point Probus Club opened at 11:00 am with a morning tea for members who were encouraged to have a chat and mingle to catch-up and then take their seats. This was a special morning tea put on for our President's 80th birthday celebration with cake provided for the occasion.

OPENING: (President – Peter Logan)

The President, Peter Logan then welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Denise McManus, our Welfare Office, for the lovely cake provided for his 80th birthday celebration.

He then asked one of our Speaker Co-ordinators, Robyn Watts to introduce the Guest Speaker.

GUEST SPEAKER (Guest Speaker Co-ordinator – Robyn Watts)

Robyn introduced Graeme Sims, who has been a previous speaker at our club and now had the very interesting topic of Sydney Icon and, at times, trouble-maker, Beatrice Miles (Bea Miles).

Bea Miles: An Aussie Free Spirit



Graeme Sims recounted Bea Miles' story, including his personal encounters with her, and with unique input from her nearly 90-year-old Great Niece Gabrielle, whom he met and interviewed and who still lives in the original family home called "Ambleside" which still exists in Ashfield.

From the mid 1920's until her death in 1973, Beatrice (Bea) Miles was Sydney's best known and unforgettable eccentric, wandering the streets of Sydney and, when she felt like it, the bane of taxi drivers, bus and tram drivers and conductors. She was a remarkable, intelligent woman of prodigious knowledge and memory but of volatile and erratic behaviour. Graeme gave a stirring talk on the one and only Bea Miles.

Robyn thanked Graeme for his quirky and at times funny and sad tale of Bea Miles.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (President – Peter Logan)

President Peter Logan called for a few minutes break so everyone could partake of more morning tea. He then opened the meeting at 12:05 pm and welcomed everyone. He then called for the monthly reports from Officers.



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SECRETARY'S REPORT (Secretary – Alison Ross-Smith)

The Secretary began by tabling the minutes of the previous meeting which were emailed to all members on 10 July 2023. They were acknowledged as true and correct by Anne Smith and seconded by Barry Tozer.

The Secretary then informed the members that The Constitution which had been filed with Fair Trading had indeed been accepted by Fair Trading on 21 June 2023. This usually takes a while but the acceptance was given quite quickly. The Secretary thanked Robyn Watts, who was the main instigator with regards to the Constitution and Fair Trading for her diligent work in the matter.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Treasurer – Nancye Purser)

The Treasurer's report for June 2023 was tabled at the meeting and moved and accepted by Anne Smith and seconded by Barry Tozer.

BANK RECONCILIATION	June 2023
OPENING BALANCE 02/06/2023	\$8557.07
INCOME	
Stephen Collis Timezone	152.00
Chris Hollingsworth Allianz	20.00
Brian Drew Membership	50.00
Roslyn Slade Xmas in July	55.00
Alison Ros-Smith Xmas in July	84.20
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 361.20
EXPENDITURE	
Venues NSW Allianz Tour	240.00
Alison Ross-Smith Folders & Paper	22.20
Riverside Theatre-Les Mis	1000.95
Robyn Watts-pmt Fair Trading	56.24
PSP Capitation Free Brian Drew	16.75
Refund Coral Starr-Allianz	20.00
N Purser – Speakers Fee	50.00
Refund Mary Eastman Xmas in July	84.20
Drinx P/L – Fidler Rouse Hill	1725.00
Repay Cash x a/c RE & NL Purser	
St George Tours Driver	700.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$ 3915.34
CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 4th JULY BANK STATEMENT	\$5002.93



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

APOLOGIES: (Membership Officer – Alison Ross-Smith)

There were Apologies as follows:

Rowline Brown	Bell & Ken Loughhead
Jill & Stephen Collis	Lynne & Des McEvoy
Brian Drew	Erica McLean
Trish & Warwick Georgeson	Lorraine Pleffer
Marion Griffith	Shelagh Poray
Graeme Griffiths	Coral Starr
Elizabeth & Chris Greef	Julie & Geoff Strong

Other Apologies:

Marie Hancock; Janet Fletcher
Janice Pethybridge

Apologies Given At The Meeting/Late:

None

Non-Attending Members:

Phil Mulhearn; Tom Murrie

Members In Attendance:	40
Apologies :	20
Other Apologies :	3
Non-Attending Members:	2
New Members :	0
Visitors :	0

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES (Welfare Officer – Denise McManus)

July Birthdays: Peter Logan (80th birthday celebration)
Connie Di Giulio
Stephen Collis
Nadya Kapustin

Wedding

Anniversary: Phil & Marie Mulhearn

Denise asked everyone to be early again next month as we have another special birthday.



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OUTINGS & ACTIVITIES (Outings Officers – Robyn Watts & Peter Purser)

Peter Purser once again put another extremely entertaining video together, this time on the Christmas-In-July lunch which was held on 5 July 2023 at The Fiddler in Rouse Hill. Everyone had a very enjoyable day which came through in the video.

He then displayed another video outlining all the upcoming outings for the rest of the year; copy of the agenda is attached herein. This, along with a pamphlet showing the information with regards to our Christmas Dinner in December was distributed amongst the members. Robyn Watts, Outings Officer then tabled the Outings Risk Assessment for the trip to Manly Skiff Club on 17 August, which was accepted by the members.



Probus Club of Wentworth Point Inc
Proposed Outings 2023
Organisers: Peter Purser and Robyn Watts

Please note that we will do our best to make sure these outings don't change but things can happen that we have no control over.

Full details will be advised when emails are sent seeking attendees.

INTERESTED YES / NO	Date	Outing	Travel	Organiser	Approved
Thursday YES / NO	17 Aug	Lunch Manly Skiff Club Lunch \$25-\$45 + Drinks Risk Assessment: Low	Ferry	Robyn	Yes
Wednesday YES / NO FREE OUTING	13 Sept	Art Gallery visit of new extension (Free) + Lunch in Gallery Cafe (\$25-\$35). Risk Assessment: Low	Train to Town Hall Bus & short walk	Peter	Yes
Thursday YES / NO	18 Oct	Lunch at Davistown RSL near Brisbane Water. Details TBA Risk Assessment: Low	Train, ferry (approx \$9.40 one way), bus or walk to RSL	Robyn	Yes
Tuesday YES / NO	7 th Nov	Melbourne Cup Lunch Massey Park Golf Club Details TBA Risk Assessment Low	Use own Transport Car Pool	Robyn	Yes
Wednesday YES / NO	15 th Nov	4-day Cruise to Hobart Still time to book	Cruise Ship	Peter	Yes
Friday YES / NO	1st Dec	Year-end Christmas Outing, Dinner, Show, Entertainment & Coach PROBUS CLUB PRICE: \$7!! (Note normal price \$305)	Coach included Major Oak Theatre Restaurant	Peter You need to book early	Yes

Please select the outing you are interested in and return ASAP. We require the numbers of guests wishing to go on the outings as bookings have to be made in advance to avoid any disappointment.
Return or contact Peter P Email: purserpeter@gmail.com Phone: 0411478641 Robyn Watts Email: robynwatts@outlook.com.au Phone: 0414645044

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GENERAL BUSINESS (Any Items from the group)

The information regarding the Webpage was presented again to the members by way of update from Robyn watts.

She put up on the screen the possible set-up for our website and how to utilise the different aspects. It showed that it was easy to follow and easy to complete any forms required for members such as apologies which would be then forwarded to the relevant committee member. There would also be all the Minutes-of-the-Meetings and Newsletters available on the website for members perusal. This was generally applauded by the members and Robyn was thanked for her extensive work with regard to setting up the website.

Questions were asked for regarding the website but none were forthcoming.

The President, Peter Logan then stated that they would look into obtaining a lectern for the cost of \$40 for the use of guest speakers and this was agreed to by the members. One member, Joan Abela then stated that she had a lectern but it was being used by a friend and she would see if it was available instead of having to purchase one. This was agreed to by the members.

CLOSE OF MEETING (Secretary – Alison Ross-Smith)

Meeting closed at 12:30 pm

NEXT MEETING (Secretary – Alison Ross-Smith)

11:00 am Monday 21 August 2023

SIGNED

Peter Logan

PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

Alison Ross-Smith

SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE

DATED

21 August 2023