



WENTWORTH POINT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES-OF-THE-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 18 MARCH 2024

OPENING: (President Peter Logan)

As previously stated in the general minutes-of-the-meeting I was not in the room at the time and I am relying upon a statement from the President and one member that the President did open the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Wentworth Point Probus Club but as far as I know no formal date or time was given. As previously advised the President stated that he was not going to read out his report as that along with the other reports were emailed to the members on 12 March 2024. The P r e s i d e n t's report is now detailed in these minutes.

P R E S I D E N T'S ANNUAL REPORT (Peter Logan)

At the last AGM, Peter Logan was elected as President, Peter Purser and Rowline Brown as Vice Presidents.

We would like to thank the Probus Executive Committee members for the wonderful work they did - Alison as the new Secretary, Robyn and Des organizing speakers, Robyn and Peter Purser organizing outings, Alison as Membership officer, Denise as the new Welfare Officer, Nancye as the new Treasurer, Anne who produced the Monthly newsletter and Marilyn who looked after Morning Teas. During the year we bought a new sound system and special thanks to Robyn for fixing our Constitution.

During the year, the Wentworth Point Probus Club organized several outings and a cruise for its members. These included:

Visits and Tours:

True Crime Discovery Tour of Surry Hills

Our journey began with a riveting True Crime Discovery Tour through the historic streets of Surry Hills. The tales of intrigue and mystery captivated our members, fostering a sense of curiosity and camaraderie.

Tall Ships

A day spent with Tall Ships was an exhilarating experience.

Visit to the Maritime Museum

The Maritime Museum visit immersed us in the rich maritime history of our nation. From historic vessels to interactive exhibits, our members enjoyed a day of exploration and learning.

Tours of the Allianz New & Old Stadiums

Exploring the Allianz Stadiums, both old and new, provided an exciting glimpse into the evolution of sports and entertainment venues in our city.

Christmas in July at the Mean Fiddler

The Mean Fiddler set the stage for a festive Christmas in July celebration, filled with joy, laughter, and the warmth of holiday cheer. It was a delightful occasion to come together.



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Big Night Out to See Les Misérables

The grandeur of Les Misérables was a cultural highlight, bringing our members together for a memorable night of theatre.

Ferry to Manly and Lunch at Skiff Club

A scenic ferry ride to Manly, followed by a delicious lunch at the Skiff Club, allowed us to appreciate the beauty of Sydney Harbor while enjoying good company and conversation.

Tour of the Art Gallery Extension

The art enthusiasts among us revelled in a tour of the Art Gallery Extension, exploring new exhibits and expanding our cultural horizons.

Ferry Trip and Lunch at Davistown RSL

The charm of Davistown and a leisurely ferry trip complemented a delightful lunch at the RSL, creating a perfect day of relaxation and enjoyment.

Visit to IMAX to See Napoleon after Japanese Lunch

A unique experience awaited us at the IMAX, where we enjoyed a cinematic journey with the screening of Napoleon after indulging in a delightful Japanese lunch.

Ferry Ride to Parramatta, Morning Tea & Movie.

Our year of adventures concluded with a leisurely ferry ride to Parramatta, complete with morning tea, a movie, and a delightful lunch, creating cherished memories for all who participated.

Bus Tour to new Sydney Airport

The last trip organised by the committee was a bus tour to the new Sydney airport, followed by lunch at Blacktown Workers club.

Cruise to Tasmania.

A group of 19 members of Probus went on a most enjoyable cruise to Tasmania.

These visits and tours were not just about exploration; they were about fostering friendships, creating shared memories, and strengthening the bonds that make our Probus Club a community like no other.



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The club invited an excellent variety of guest speakers to its meetings during the year. Some of the topics covered included:

Rosamund Burton - "Overland Telegraph Line"

Rosamund Burton took us on a fascinating journey through time, exploring the historical significance of the Overland Telegraph Line. Her vivid storytelling and in-depth research provided us with a deeper understanding of the challenges and triumphs faced by those involved in this monumental project.

Don Napper - "Colonial Architect James Barnet"

Don Napper's talk on James Barnet offered us a glimpse into the architectural legacy of colonial times. Through captivating anecdotes and architectural insights, we gained a newfound appreciation for the enduring structures that shape our cityscape.

Graham Sims - "Bea Miles"

Graham Sims shared the colourful and eccentric life of Bea Miles, a character who left an indelible mark on Sydney's social landscape. His engaging presentation entertained and educated us on the unique individuals who have shaped the fabric of our community.

Chris Maxwell - "James Chisholm, Merchant of Sydney"

Chris Maxwell delved into the life of James Chisholm, unravelling the story of a prominent merchant in Sydney's history. We gained insights into the economic and social dynamics of the time.

Kellie Britnell - "e-Safety"

Kellie Britnell enlightened us on the crucial topic of e-safety, providing valuable tips and information to navigate the digital landscape securely. Her talk served as a reminder of the ever-evolving technological world and the importance of staying informed.

Gavin Klewinhans - "Postie"

Gavin Klewinhans gave us a behind-the-scenes look into the world of mail delivery. His talk added a touch of humour and personal anecdotes.

Don Eyb - "Horses at the Opening of Sydney Olympic Games"

Don Eyb transported us back in time to the grandeur of the Sydney Olympic Games' opening ceremony, focusing on the role of horses in this spectacular event.

Ken Moroney

A former NSW Police Commissioner told us of his experiences in the Police Force



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The club organized several celebrations and social events for its members. Some of the notable ones included

1. **Melbourne Cup Lunch:** The club organized a Melbourne Cup celebration, where members enjoyed an afternoon of food, and drinks.
2. **Christmas party:** The club organized a Christmas party at a Theatre restaurant.

Overall, the Wentworth Point Probus Club had an eventful year, with a diverse range of outings, guest speakers, and celebrations that provided members with opportunities to learn, socialize and have fun.

As we look forward to another year of exciting adventures and camaraderie, let us express our gratitude to all members, volunteers, and organizers who contributed to the success of our club. May the spirit of exploration and fellowship continue to thrive in the years to come.

APOLOGIES: (Membership Officer Alison Ross-Smith)

Apologies are as outlined in the Minutes-of-the-General Meeting held before the Annual General Meeting on 18 March 2024.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: (Secretary Alison Ross-Smith)

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 20 March 2023 emailed to members on 12 March 2024 were tabled at the general meeting. They were acknowledged as true and correct by Barry Tozer and seconded by Coral Starr. There were no matters arising from the minutes therefore they were acknowledged as correct and adopted by the members.



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 3rd MARCH 2023 – 4th MARCH 2024:
(Treasurer Nancye Purser)

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 3rd MARCH 2023 – 4th MARCH 2024	
OPENING BALANCE 3rd MARCH 2023	4671.55
INCOME	
OUTINGS	15828.15
MEMBERSHIP	5750.00
TOTAL INCOME	21578.15
EXPENDITURE	
Stationary	1276.40
Government Charges	106.46
Probus South Pacific Limited	1156.06
Outings Costs	13720.91
Sound System	499.00
Speakers Fees	400.00
Members Refunds	654.20
Website	2040.00
Kitchen Supplies	186.25
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	20039.28
CLOSING BALANCE 4th MARCH 2024	6210.42

PREPARED BY: NANCYE PURSER
 Treasurer

DATED:

CHECKED AND
FOUND CORRECT BY: PAUL WOODLEY

DATED:

This end-of-year financial report was also tabled at the general meeting held on 18 March 2024 and accepted by Jill Spooner and seconded by Barry Tozer.



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WENTWORTH POINT PROBUS MEMBERSHIP OFFICER 2024 REPORT: 23 (Membership Officer Alison Ross-Smith)

The Wentworth Point Probus Club membership has remained steady in the Probus financial year 2023 – 2024.

The current position is as follows:

Current Membership Total	68
New Members Total (Since March 2023) (Inclusive Of Returning Member)	8
Returning Members	1
Members Who Have Resigned (Various Reasons – Moved Overseas Or Due To Illness)	10
Membership Cancelled Due To Loss Of Contact	1

So all-in-all we started the financial year in March 2023 with 68 members and with a few comings and goings we still have a total of 68 members as at March 2024. So no loss of membership for the year.



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GOVERNANCE:

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Executive Committee:

POSITION	NAME
President	Peter Logan
Vice-Presidents	Peter Purser Rowline Brown
Treasurer	Nancye Purser
Secretary	Alison Ross-Smith
Membership Officer	Alison Ross-Smith
Public Officer	Robyn Watts

Club Service Officers:

POSITION	NAME
Outings Officers	Peter Purser Paul Woodley
Guest Speaker Co-ordinators	Des McEvoy Robyn Watts
Welfare Officer	Denise McManus
Newsletter Officer	Robyn Watts
Kitchen Supervisor	Marilyn King
Kitchen Assistant	Coral Starr

As stated, I, the Secretary was not in the room at the beginning of the said reading of the nominations and therefore I cannot state that all members were in the room at the time and that they were given ample opportunity to participate in the calling for nominations or the voting of those nominations.

It should be mentioned that it is important that the report be acknowledged at the meeting as the report, being the minutes of the previous meeting, is sent to every member via email and if there is anything in that report not agreed with, it should be brought up at the meeting before the minutes are signed.



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CLOSE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Secretary – Alison Ross-Smith)

I did not close the meeting but the President said to the members " s e e y o u a t t h e m e e t i n g . "

NEXT MEETING (Secretary – Alison Ross-Smith)

The President did not formally advise the time and date of the next meeting.

Special Morning Tea:

As previously mentioned a special morning tea was organised for the celebration of two of our members, John Spooner and Phil Mulhearn' (who unfortunately was unable to make the meeting) 80th birthdays. Denise McManus did a splendid job in organising two birthday cakes adorned with 80th birthday paraphernalia.

Also as this was Wentworth Point Probus Club meeting Our President had organised for extra food and drinks to be available for the members. This was unforeseen by the members and kitchen helpers but with their usual expertise they were able to cover the situation of providing extra room, plates and glasses for the occasion.

The special celebrations were well received by the members after getting through the Annual General Meeting.



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SIGNED

Peter Logan

PRESIDENT

Alison Ross-Smith

SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE

DATED

15 April 2024