



WENTWORTH POINT PROBUS CLUB

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MINUTES-OF-THE-MEETING MONDAY 20 MAY 2024

At 10:15 am members arrived helped to set-up the room for the meeting. They then had morning tea, again put on by our Kitchen Assistant Coral Starr, Christine McKay and other helpers. This is now, due to the new timeline limitations, a streamlined morning tea with members being asked to utilise the throw-away cups provided or bring their own takeaway cups so as to avoid the need for washing up crockery by the Kitchen Helpers.

OPENING: (President – Peter Logan)

The 152nd Meeting of the Wentworth Point Probus Club was then opened at 10:35 am by the President Peter Logan who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The President then stated to the members that he was advised to let them know to turn off their mobile phones so as not to interrupt the meeting and especially the guest speaker.

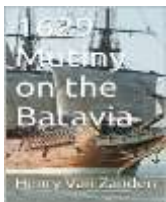
The President then handed over to Des McEvoy (Co-Guest Speaker Co-ordinator) to introduce the Guest Speaker. Des introduced our Guest Speaker at 10:40 am. The Speaker with the able assistance of our Treasurer, Nancye Purser who was in charge of changing the slides for his talk, which was done with great aplomb under the circumstances.

GUEST SPEAKER: (Guest Speaker Co-ordinator –Des McEvoy)

Henry Van Zanden



Henry is the son of Dutch migrants who emigrated to Australia in 1952 and settled in Nimmitabel. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree (History Major), as well as a Diploma of Education from Newcastle University. He has been a high school history teacher, real estate agent and is currently a self-employed author. Henry spoke on his book about the 1629 Mutiny on the Batavia. The Batavia was built in Amsterdam in 1628, the flagship of the Dutch East India Company. On her maiden voyage on 4 June 1629, Batavia was wrecked on the Houtman Abrolhos, part of a chain of small islands off Western Australia. The wreck site was discovered in 1963. Since the late 1960s, the WA Museum has conducted over twenty expeditions to the underwater and terrestrial sites resulting in new discoveries and research. Des asked, at the conclusion of the talk, “Does anyone have a murderous question about the parts of the wreck now in Geraldton and Fremantle?” Unfortunately, this was the tone of the talk which was politely accepted by the members but not felt appropriate considering the far too gruesome detail of the poor unfortunates to which this occurred. The talk ended at 11:40 am and Des thanked Henry for his rather robust talk and stated that his books were at the back on the Membership Table for purchase if required. No books were purchased.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT (President Peter Logan)

President Peter Logan then called for the monthly reports from Officers.

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

The Secretary tabled the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 April 2024 which were emailed to members on 14 May 2024. There were no appreciable information notices from Probus South Pacific Limited. This was accepted by Barry Tozer and seconded by Albert Watts.



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TREASURER'S REPORT (Treasurer – Nancye Purser)

BANK RECONCILIATION April 2024

OPENING BALANCE As At 4 April 2024		7464.83
INCOME		
Membership		50.00
Outings	Zig Zag Railway	1155.00
	Vivid Harbour Cruise	319.00
	Christmas-In-July	638.00
TOTAL INCOME		2162.00
EXPENDITURE		
	Swan Lake Ballet (Paid By R.E. & N. L. Purser Credit Card)	1264.45
	Mark Vincent Concert – Bankstown Sports Club	999.60
	Vivid Harbour Cruise 15 Members @ \$29.00	435.00
Other	Kitchen Supplies – Marilyn King	43.60
	Stationery Toner Ink – Kmart – Nancye Purser	89.00
	Capitation Fee Payment to PSPL @\$19.00 Per Member	1330.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		4161.65
CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 4 MAY 2024		5465.18

The Treasurer stated that the balance at the end of April 2024 was \$7,464.83 and further that bank balance as at 4 May 2024 was \$5,465.18. The Treasurer stated that as of the date of the meeting, the closing balance was circa \$5,000.00. This report was tabled at the meeting and moved.

Accepted by Coral Starr and seconded by Barry Tozer.



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Membership Officer – Alison Ross-Smith)

APOLOGIES:

There were a total of 18 Apologies:

Joan Abela; Jill Collis; Stephen Collis; Brian Drew; Mary Eastman; Warwick Georgeson; Graham Griffiths; Marie Hancock; Christine Maher; Phillip Maher; Dianne Nelson; Joe Nelson; Evelyn Scott; Roslyn Slade; Anne Smith; Jill Spooner; John Spooner; Julie Townsend.

Apologies:	Mary Eastman; Anne Smith; Jill Spooner; John Spooner
Apologies Given Late:	Julie Townsend
Website Apologies	Joan Abela; Jill Collis; Stephen Collis; Brian Drew; Warwick Georgeson; Graham Griffiths; Marie Hancock; Christine Maher; Phillip Maher; Dianne Nelson; Joe Nelson; Evelyn Scott; Roslyn Slade
Non-Attending Members:	Tom Murrie; Janice Pethybridge
New Member:	Maria Segafredo – She was welcomed to the Club by the members

The newest members were also handed their membership cards; Susan Kehoe; Ann Kohler and Roslyn Slade

MEMBERS – NEW MEMBERS – VISITORS (Membership Officer – Alison Ross-Smith)

Members In Attendance	50
Total Apologies	18
Late Attending Members	0
Late Apologies	1
Other Apologies	0
Website Apologies	13
Non-Attending Members	2
Members Who Resigned	0
New Members	1
Visitors	1
Total Members	71

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES (Welfare Officer – Denise McManus)

Denise McManus wished the best to all members that were ill and let the members know that two of our members were having surgery and others were recovering.

Birthdays	Helen Shume	06 May
	Lindsay Shume	14 May
	Jim McManus	19 May
W/A	Dianne & Joe Nelson	16 May
	Elizabeth & Graham Griffiths	21 May
	Barbara & Barrie Browning	20 May

All the birthday and Wedding Anniversary recipients were given a cheer and applause from all the members.



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OUTINGS & ACTIVITIES (Outings Officers – Peter Purser & Paul Woodley)

Peter Purser said that there were still 4 places available for the Zig Zag Railway outing on Friday 21 June 2024 and there were also 3 places still available for the Christmas-In-July outing on Tuesday 23 July 2024.

Also there were 28 people going on the Watson’s Bay outing on Tuesday 11 June 2024



Peter then outlined upcoming outings as follows:

Friday	19 July	11:30 am	4:00 pm	Hickson House Distillery
Thursday	15 August	9:00 am	4:30 pm	Museum of Fire & Norman Lindsay Museum
Tuesday	10 September	10:00 am	4:00 pm	Parramatta Town Hall Bespoke Tour With Lunch at the Park Royal Hotel

Peter also advised that there were now 16 people booked for the Elvis Cruise on 10 March 2025 to 14 March 2025



All risk assessments were passed at the committee meeting and tabled for approval at the meeting.

Peter then played one of his video compilations for the Swan Ballet outing which was on 21 April 2024 at Chatswood. He also played a video for the upcoming Zig Zag Railway outing and the Hickson House Distillery outing. All of which were extremely good as usual and applauded by the members.



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GENERAL BUSINESS (Any Items from the Committee & Members)

The President, Peter Logan, stated that discussions were made at our committee meeting with regards to the following:

Peter had discussions with the person dealing with the grants and stated that we thought 4 computers would be put in but the grants person said in terms (you must be joking). To the application with be 2 computers plus other items required.

There would be a change of times for our Probus meetings we were trialling them for this and future meetings to see how we could cope with the changes.

We received a 15th Anniversary Certificate from Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) as our Probus Club has been in existence for 15 years and the first meeting was held on Monday 15 June 2009. It is planned that the Certificate is to be handed over officially to the Club by a member of PSPL at a date to be set.

With regard to visitors to the Club, it was re-iterated that they could have 3 visits (meetings and outings) before they must decide whether they wish to join the Club or not.

Information was obtained from PSPL with regard to children at outings and the answer from them was that due to insurance purposes and also the remit of Probus that children are not allowed to attend outings.

CLOSE OF MEETING (Secretary – Alison Ross-Smith)

Meeting closed at 11:45 pm and we were out of the room by 12:15 pm. Some Members adjourned to Iluka for lunch.

NEXT MEETING (Secretary – Alison Ross-Smith)

Stated that the next meeting would be held on Monday 17 June 2024.



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SIGNED

Peter Logan

PRESIDENT

Alison Ross-Smith

SECRETARY

DATED

17 June 2024