



WENTWORTH POINT PROBUS CLUB INCORPORATED 9003853

MINUTES-OF-THE-MEETING - MONDAY 16 JUNE 2025

The morning began at 9:45 am with morning tea held in Pulse Function Room 2. This again was a themed morning tea and this time it was a special 70th birthday for Alison Ross-Smith.



A rousing retort of Happy Birthday was given by the attending members and much appreciated by Alison. The lovely morning tea once again so well done was put together by Nancye Purser, Trish Georgeson and Roslyn Slade. A short video put together by Nancye & Peter Purser for Alison Ross-Smith's 70th Birthday was also played. The morning tea was very well attended and appreciated by the members. Then, at the conclusion of the morning tea at 10:15 am, members moved to Pulse Room 1 for the Probus meeting proper starting at 10:30 am.



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OPENING: (President – Peter Purser)

The 163rd general meeting of the Wentworth Point Probus Club for 2025 was then opened at 10:30 am by the President Peter Purser who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Peter then welcomed all committee members both past and present to the meeting.



The President then handed over to Des McEvoy (Co-Guest Speaker Co-ordinator) to introduce the Guest Speaker.

GUEST SPEAKER: (Guest Speaker Co-ordinators –Robyn Watts & Des McEvoy)

Sue Williams

Escaping Putin In Russia



"Run For Your Life" the book, is the remarkable true story of a family forced into hiding after leaking Russian secrets, who fled to Australia and spent an amazing three years trying to survive off the grid in one of the world's most remote places, Western Australia's Dampier Peninsula. This was a harrowing story to hear and that it is true made it even more so. Members were enthralled and horrified at what the family had to endure during their flight from tyranny and still they are not truly free. Sue Williams gave this harrowing account in a direct understandable way which was a force to hear. The members thanked her for coming to our meeting.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (President Peter Purser)

President Peter Purser then called on the committee members for their relevant reports.

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

The minutes for the meeting held on Monday 19 May was emailed by the Secretary to all members on Tuesday 26 June 2025. Members were asked if they received the said minutes and if they had any questions with regards to those minutes. None was forthcoming so the Secretary requested that the minutes be accepted, which they duly were by Anne Smith and seconded by Roslyn Slade.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT (Membership Officer – Alison Ross-Smith)

APOLOGIES:

Noted in the Minutes but not reported at the meeting.

Apologies	Barbara Browning; Barrie Browning; Jill Collis; Stephen Collis; Nadya Kapustin; Bell Loughhead; Ken Loughhead; Christine Maher; Helen Shume; Lyndsay Shume; Pala Wilshaw
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Late Apologies	Brian Drew; Graham Griffiths; Kaye Johnston
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Other	Marie Hancock (Overseas Member)
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Members Unable To Attend	Mary Camilleri; Erica McLean; Tom Murrie; Rae O'Keefe; Pamela Woodley; Paul Woodley
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Website Apologies	Barbara Browning; Barrie Browning; Jill Collis; Stephen Collis; Bell Loughhead; Ken Loughhead; Christine Maher; Helen Shume; Lyndsay Shume
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MEMBERS – NEW MEMBERS – VISITORS

Total Apologies	14	Members Unable To Attend	6
Late Apologies	3	Other Apologies	1
Late Attending Members	0	Visitors	0
Left Early	0	Website Apologies	8
Members In Attendance	48	New Members	0



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TREASURER'S REPORT (Treasurer – Nancye Purser)

Then the Treasurer presented the current May Bank Reconciliation Balance Sheet.

BANK RECONCILIATION MAY 2025

OPENING BALANCE AS AT 2 MAY 2025	3940.87
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INCOME

CATS Outing	1112.00
Michael Jackson MJ Outing	385.00

TOTAL INCOME	1497.00
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EXPENDITURE

Probus South Pacific Limited Information Day	40.00
Member Refunds – CATS Over Payments; Various	
Ticket Prices Reduces	621.00
Nancye and Peter Purser	
CATS Outing	768.90
Michael Jackson MJ Outing	337.50
Chorus Line Outing	190.20
Groceries	36.45
Printing	25.00
Guest Speaker's Fee	50.00

TOTAL	1408.05
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2069.05
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CLOSING BALANCE AS AT 4 JUNE 2025	3368.82
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This report was tabled in detail by the Treasurer at the meeting and was then asked to be accepted by the members. This was then duly accepted by Roslyn Slade and seconded by Elizabeth Greef.



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BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES (Welfare Officer – Roslyn Slade)

June Birthdays	Nancye Purser	2 June
	Roslyn Slade	2 June
	Alison Ross-Smith	5 June
	Christine McKay	7 June
	Garry Bingham	8 June
	Christine Maher	11 June
Wedding Anniversaries	Jill & Stephen Collis	6 June

As stated in the morning tea pre-amble it was Alison Ross-Smith's Special Birthday 70th celebrated on the day. Special mention was made by Roslyn Slade, Welfare Officer, to Alison Ross-Smith with regards to her birthday when giving her report. Peter Purser & Nancye Purser also played a short video with regard to Alison Ross-Smith's 70th birthday.

Roslyn also mentioned that she did not have any information with regards to anyone being not well and she asked the members that if they did know of any member that was in need of assistance or welfare to please let her know so she could follow-up on any matter.



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OUTINGS & ACTIVITIES (Outings Officers – Peter Purser & Peter Council Was Absent)

Peter Purser, Outings Officer then noted that the Assistant Outings Officer, Peter Council, was absent due to illness therefore Peter Purser outlined the following:

He mentioned the added sign-in boards on the table at the back of the room for members to state whether they would be interested in the upcoming outings. These were implemented by the Committee to facilitate the registration of members to outings as it was imperative that the Committee know as soon as possible regarding the booking of events.

Wednesday 16 July 2025 1:00 pm

Peter also mentioned the \$139.00 tickets for CATS we sold out, therefore the tickets had to be re-ordered and to avoid missing out we had to select cheaper seats as the theatre was almost booked out and a credit to members was issued for the overpayment.



He also stated that it was disappointing that more members who had registered for the Chorus Line and Who's Bad M.J. outings had not actually attended as there was only a small number of members who attended



Picture courtesy
of Marilyn King

Peter then played another of his amusing videos of the outings Chorus Line, which was the 50th Anniversary of the show and M. J. Musical and dinner at the Drunk Dumpling Restaurant. This time placing photographs of the members who attended over the musicals, extremely funny and well presented.

Two further outings were presented; Christmas-In-July & Hidden Cellars.



Christmas-In-July
Friday 25 July 2025
6:30pm
\$59.00

And

Hidden Cellars
Friday 29 August 2025
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
\$79.00



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OUTINGS & ACTIVITIES Continued

Members were encouraged to register for the outings and pay as soon as possible so tickets can be booked and bought.

All the information for the outings can be found on the Wentworth Point Probus Website where you can register your interest and find all details for payments to each event.

Committee approval was given for the outings and all Risk Assessments have been carried out and filed for each of the abovementioned outings

Members were also asked to let the Committee know what types of outings they would prefer as there is a lot of behind the scenes work putting together these outings and it would facilitate the drawing up of the outings lists in the future.

GENERAL BUSINESS (Any Items from the Committee & Members)

Member Robert Brandes asked whether the time of the meeting could or should be changed to accommodate members better. This was universally voted down as we have to fit in our meeting after Pulse Gym's vital seniors class time which a lot of our members attend and which finishes at 10:15 am and then we set up for the official Probus meeting after the morning tea. The Committee agreed with the members.

Peter Purser will be speaking with the new owners of Pulse Gym and will update members in the near future as to the outcome of how the morning tea and the meeting proper will be formulated.

Robyn Watts then updated members on the new Constitution and Standing Resolutions. She asked members had they received them in her email and asked for their approval and this was duly given by all members so the documents will be signed by the President and Secretary then lodged with Fair Trading.

The Secretary, Alison Ross-Smith, was able to give the new members their Membership Cards, which had finally arrived from Probus South Pacific Limited.

Peter Purser mentioned all the pamphlets and brochures on the table at the entrance to the function room which covered all information about Probus and that it would be a good idea for members to take some and hand them out to people they know getting them to come along and have a look at the Probus meetings.

Peter Purser stated that at the Probus Convention it appears that Wentworth Point is one of the better clubs in Sydney and what also came out of the meeting was that the Committee is now looking into the viability of an Eftpos Machine for payment of Outings bookings at the meeting. Treasurer, Nancye Purser and Vice-President Robyn Watts will be looking into this and will report at the next meeting.



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GENERAL BUSINESS Continued

Peter Purser also brought up the matter of transport to and from outings and he stated as an example:

The Christmas-In-July Outing to Dundas was \$59.00 but with the added cost of the bus it would jump to \$115.00 and 30 people would need to book and pay to obtain a coach. The Committee did not think that members would say that acceptable and therefore where possible it would be better to either car-pool or go by public transport.

CLOSE OF MEETING Secretary – Alison Ross-Smith)

Secretary stated that the post-Probus lunch was booked for Meu Dining Room, the Thai Restaurant for 12:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday 21 July 2025:

Morning Tea: 9:45 am Pulse Function Room 2

Meeting: 10:30 am Pulse Function Room 1

The General Meeting was officially closed at 12:00 noon.