



Monthly Members' Meeting

MINUTES

Canada Bay Club, 4 William St Five Dock.

10:30 am Friday 4th July 2025

1. President's Introductory Comments (Bill Bryson):

Housekeeping:

Attendees: 111

Visitors: 0

Apologies: 69

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Proposed by: Neale Hozack

Seconded by: Neil Price

3. Correspondence:

Inner West Daytime Choir: Information was disseminated to members via web announcement in response to an invitation from Mike Berry, Abbotsford Chiswick Probus Club. All Expressions of Interest will be directed to Mike.

4. Treasurer's Report (Allan Thompson):

Monthly Financial Report

Current balance includes payments made against future outings/events. Finances align with anticipated throughput and budget.

Proposed by: Pam Floyd

Seconded by: Jane Elliot

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5. Guest Speaker Members' Survey (Jehangir Sidhwa)

Submissions received represent an approximate 35% response rate. Topic area preferences in order are: Arts and Culture; Health and Wellness; Technology and Science Innovation; Current Affairs; Finance.

This useful feedback will be used to inform the engagement of future guest speakers.

6. Membership Report (Neil Price):

Nil report

7. Outings (Margaret Morrison):

- Salon des Refuses Tuesday 8 July (Sharon Peterson)
- Fashionable Silhouettes Guided Tour Thursday 7 August (Sharon Peterson)
- Barangaroo and Western Sydney Airport tours being investigated.

Seconded

8. Travel (Jane Elliot):

- Orange/Mayfield 20 October has reached minimum numbers but extra rooms are available
- King Island 7 Day Tour 9 November has some vacancies.

Jane has expressed her thanks to Rosalie who is working on future tours of India and Sri Lanka and also to the web publishers, Julie and Pam, who respond with quick turnaround when information needs to be disseminated as a priority.

8. Interest Groups:

- WEA Discussion Group is now winding up.
Thanks to the Convenor and participants
- Harbour Walk—Photos from the June East Balmain to Fish Markets presented.
Th 22 July walk will be Bondi to Manly—details to be forwarded by web announcement
- Cookbook Club—images of a colourful and successful Spanish Dinner was provided by the hosts
- Travel Chat (Connie Fraser)—Haberfield Heritage Walk and Italian Food indulgence is scheduled for 9 July

- Photography (Colin Peterson)

Images of Vivid Sydney were shared.

The next Photogroup outing will be an Architectural Walk around Summer Hill on Tuesday 15 July. Meet approx 10:00am at Sunny and Co Coffee Shop (southern side of Station). After the walk in nearby streets, the outing will end at the Summer Hill Hotel for lunch.

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Members have been requested to make available images of activities, outings or travel to share with the membership. These can be sent to the Club Secretary secretary@probucbp.org

9. An Anecdote (Neale Hozack):

Neale invited members from the floor to share lighthearted anecdotes with meeting participants.

10. General Business (Bill Bryson):

- A sub committee has come together to make updates to the Club's Constitution and Standing Resolutions within the parameters set by Probus South Pacific. Updated documents have been circulated to Management Committee Members for review/approval and will be put to the Membership later in the year.

11. Introduction of Guest Speaker (Jehangir Sidhwa):

Howard Brown OAM

How to Survive the Criminal Legal System

Howard shared insights into his personal journey leading to his decades long efforts in victim support. His tireless advocacy has impacted on legislation and approaches to sentencing and parole with a view to placing victims and their families at the forefront of considerations. Howard speaks with dedication and passion which elicited the admiration of all present.

12. Closing Comments (Bill Bryson):

Thanks extended to meeting participants.

13. Next meeting:

Friday 1st August 2025