



Monthly Members Meeting

Canada Bay Club

4 William Street Five Dock

10.30 am Friday 1st September 2025

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

Bill thanked the members for such a good attendance at the meeting and gave thanks to Pam for chairing last month's meeting which he was unable to attend.

He also advised Margaret had managed to get a grant of \$800 for this year from the Canada Bay Club and has secured the club for all our meetings in 2026.

He also made mention to save the date Thursday 11th December 2025 for our Christmas get together noting this year it is an evening event starting at 5.30pm at the Breakfast Point Country Club.

He gave a warm welcome to our 2 visitors Ron and Cathy Van Beek who are family of Jim and Margaret Mahon and are members of a Perth probus group.

- Attendees: 123
- Visitors: 2
- Apologies: 48

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes were confirmed. Proposed: Karin Canty; Seconded: Neil Price.

3. Correspondence:

Email received from Probus South Pacific with information re 50-year celebration in 2026 for PSPL being in Australia. They were asking if anyone would like to join a working committee for this celebration.

Email received from City West Probus Group with summary notes from their last meeting held on the 16th August 2025.

4. Treasurer's Report (Allan Thompson):

Account summary was presented to meeting. Balance as at the end of August was \$22,664.44. This includes fees for scheduled activities and events.

Report was accepted. Proposed: Neale Hozack; Seconded: Margaret Morrison.

5. Membership Report (Neil Price):

Neil advised our membership is at 249 and the requests for membership next year are increasing rapidly.

6. Welfare Officer Report (Helen O'Neill):

Helen advised she was constantly monitoring and contacting members who have medical problems.

7. Outings (Margaret Morrison):

Margaret advised the Cocktail making outing to Archie Rose had to be cancelled.

Margaret also advised Helen O'Neill is looking to organise an outing to the night Races at Canterbury. Details will be put on the web.

It was also mentioned there was an Opera in the Park event being held at Concord Bowling Club on the 20th Sept 2025 and if interested Margaret had some fliers.

8. Travel (Jane Elliot):

- Jane advised the organisation unfortunately the French trip for next year has been cancelled.
- Jane advised members were looking forward to the trip to Mayfield Gardens 19th October 2025 and the trip to King Island on the 9th November 2025.
- Jane spoke re maybe sticking to trips in Australia but if any one was interested in organising an overseas trip to contact her for review.

9. Interest Groups (Anne Symons):

- Anne advised we have 27 interest groups and 30 convenors, and she would like to give special thanks to those people for all their efforts.
- Travel Chat (Connie Fraser)
The next meeting will be Wednesday 10th September at 11:00am in the Admin Building.
Useful travel apps will be discussed.
Marie Edwards will do a presentation on South America entailing Brazil and Argentina.
Ron Hutchinson will do a presentation on Machu Picchu Bolivia and Peru.
- Photography (Colin Peterson)
The last outing for a street walk of Newtown was cancelled due to rain.

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Colin advised the next Photography meeting is on Tuesday 16th September for a street walk of Redfern.

10. General Business (Bill Bryson):

- Julie Turner demonstrated the recent changes made to the Website. She has currently made changes to the site re interest groups and has now done changes to travel and outings.
- A new form has been included on the website for members to notify of any changes to their details.
- The website is looking great with all the changes and special thanks to Julie for all her hard work.
- Bill advised that the new Constitution and Standing Resolutions for our club have now been finalised, and a copy of these documents will be going to all members in preparation for a vote for them to be adopted at our next meeting in October.
- Bill wanted to remind all the AGM meeting for 2026 will be held on Friday 6th March 2026 due to the 3rd of April 2026 being good Friday.

11. Guest Speaker: Georgia Holmes

- Georgia was introduced by Jehangir Sidhwa. The topic being How to declutter and downsize your home for a simpler life.
Georgia is a professional organiser based in the inner West of Sydney. Through her home organising and decluttering business 'Thriving Spaces' she helps clients take control of their clutter and create organised spaces that are both functional and beautiful. Her passion is helping people simplify their homes to better support their wellbeing so they can fully enjoy their current stage of life. Her talk was very informative and gave lots of hints on how to achieve this.

12. Closing comments (Bill Bryson):

Nil.

13. Next meeting:

Friday 3rd October 2025.

Meeting Closed 12:25pm.