



Monthly Members Meeting

Canada Bay Club

4 William Street Five Dock

10.30am Friday 7th August 2026

- **President's Introductory Comments (Pam Floyd):**

Pam Floyd was an apology for the meeting and Neale Hozack Vice President chaired the meeting.

Neale invited members to have lunch downstairs in the club bistro.

- Attendees: 103
- Visitors: 1 (Maureen Burnicle)
- Apologies: 55

- **Vale Beverley Rae Johns (Helen O'Neill):**

Helen spoke re Beverley's departure from this life. Beverley was a proud member of our probus club. She was a very caring wife mother and grandmother and will be sadly missed by all. On behalf of our probus members Helen offered condolences to David and his family.

- **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Minutes were confirmed. Proposed: Jane Elliott; Seconded: Joan Sattout.

- **Correspondence:**

- Email received from Probus South Pacific re Financials for 2025-2026. It was noted that Total Comprehensive Surplus was \$95,919.
- Email received from Probus South Pacific advising that the new Members section of the Probus website is now available with several modules now available for Committee members.

- **Treasurer's Report (Allan Thompson):**

Account summary was presented to meeting. Balance as at 31st July 2026 was \$27,552.01. This included receipts of \$36,535.09 and payments of \$26,156.90 made up of payments to suppliers for club funning costs of \$8,807.22, payments to suppliers for member activities \$15,543.16 and discharge liabilities at year end 2025 of \$1,806.52.

Report was accepted. Proposed: Neil Price; Seconded: Colin Peterson.

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- **Interest Groups (Anne Symons):**

- Card+Board (Anne Symons)
Anne advised a new concept- bring your game along on Mondays 2-4.30pm to Briars Sports Club commencing 24th August 2026.
- New Group (Anne Symons)
Creative Writing – Will be a monthly meeting on Monday morning with a small group in homes.
- Travel Chat (Felicity Bonello)
The next travel chat is on Wednesday 12th August 11am-1.00pm in the Admin Building. Ralph and Roz Miller will be presenting Caravanning Around Australia including the Nullarbor.
- Movies (Deb Xuereb)
The last meeting of the movie group was to Burwood cinemas for the viewing of The Invite. It was a very interesting movie when a couple's marriage is on thin ice and they invite the upstairs neighbours for a dinner party the night spirals into unexpected places. There was a lucky door prize for an IGA voucher of \$100 won by Sandra Jurd. Next movie day will be Friday 21st August 2026 – venue to be advised.
- Photography (Colin Peterson)
Colin gave a presentation of their visit to Newtown Murals. The last visit to the Murals was in 2023 and lots have changed since then. The photos were very interesting. The next photo group outing on the 18th August 2026 is to walk around Potts Point and Kings Cross to view the Art Deco Buildings.
- Harbour Walks (Anne Symons).
Anne advised that Peter Woodhouse has postponed the next harbour walk to the 17th September 2026.

- **Membership Report (Neil Price):**

- Neil advised the next Meet & Greet will be on 26th August 2026 and invited all members to attend.

- **Outings (Sharon Peterson):**

- Sharon spoke of the success of the last 3 outings.
Bastille Festival - enjoyed by all and thanks to Helen O'Neill for organising to meet up afterwards at the Mercantile Hotel.
CWA Tea-room where a lovely morning tea was enjoyed by all.
Walking Tour – Kings Cross and the Mystery of Juanita Nielsen. This was a very interesting tour, and the guide was very versed in history and facts.
Family Feud – Helen spoke advising that this was an outing that our President Pam Floyd was organising. We are still looking for attendees. This is a one-off outing to be held on Wednesday 19th August 2026 to take place in the BP Community Hall 2.30-4.30pm. This is a social trivia game where the aim is to guess the most popular survey answers.
Sharon advised there will be a new outing for a walking tour to Painting with Stone. Date to be confirmed 23rd Sept or 28th October 2026.
Sharon is asking for convenors for an outing to Nutcote, May Gibbs House Neutral Bay and Lindsay Christmas Fair 19-21st of November 2026..

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- **Travel (Jane Elliot):**

- Jane to talk about vacancy for India Trip.
Jane advised that a vacancy for the South India Trip 8-22nd October 2026 has become available due to a member cancelling due to family illness.
- Marie Louise Riley to talk about trip August/September 2027 to Western Australia Ningaloo Reef – 3 days on a catamaran and 5 days Exmouth.
Marie-Louise gave an excellent presentation on the trip and all information will be relayed to members shortly.
- Olga Segal - Maitland Steam Festival
Step back in time at the iconic Maitland Steamfest, 16-19 April 2007. This is Australia's premier celebration of steam, heritage and vintage machinery. Details are available on the website.

- **Wellness Officer (Helen O'Neil):**

- Nil.

- **General Business (Pam Floyd)**

- Neale Hozack advised Julie Turner will be available after the meeting to speak with members if they are still having trouble with their emails.

- **Speaker Sessions (Jehangir Sidhwa):**

- The guest speaker this month was Dr Reetu Verma – Topic How one simple habit can reduce stress.
Reetu is the founder of healing health & happiness, with over 30 years of experience spanning academia, research and holistic well-being. Reetu helps people reconnect, restore balance and nurture lasting well-being.
Her session included all ways the power of breath can be helpful in attaining the above.

- **Closing comments (Pam Floyd)**

Nil.

- **Next meeting:**

Friday 4th September 2026.