



Monthly Members Meeting

Canada Bay Club

4 William Street Five Dock

10.30am Friday 2nd October 2026

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

Pam Floyd opened the meeting welcoming all members and a special mention for the three visitors in attendance.

- Attendees: 86
- Visitors: 3
- Apologies: 58

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

Minutes were confirmed. Proposed: Helen O'Neill; Seconded: Joan Sattout.

- **Correspondence:**

- Email received from Probus South Pacific re 50 years celebration of the club inviting clubs to encourage members to send a short testimonial sharing their probus experiences.

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

Account summary was presented to meeting. Balance as at 30th September 2026 was \$25,551.83. This included receipts of \$42,889.09 and payments of \$35,511.08 made up of payments to suppliers for club funning costs of \$9,634.85 payments to suppliers for member activities \$24,069.71 and discharge liabilities at year end 2025 of \$1,806.52.

Report was accepted. Proposed: Karin Canty; Seconded: Marg Vella.

- **Interest Groups (Anne Symons)**

- Possible new group Boules (Anne Symons)
This group is now happening. It will commence on the 28th October at Concord Bowling Club and will be ongoing 2nd and fourth Wednesday of the month 10-12am with a cost of \$10 to be paid to the club.
- City and Harbour Walks (Anne Symons)
This group only meets in the warmer months and will recommence in April 2027. The last visit to Newington Armory and Urbn Surf was very interesting.

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- **Creative Writing (Anne Symons)**
Group is going well with some very interesting creative writing stories.
- **Travel Chat (Anne Symons)**
Suellen and John Freeman will present Land and Sea destinations Croatia, Slovenia and Montenegro Wednesday 14th October 11am Admin Building.
- **Movies (Deb Xuereb)**
The last meeting of the movie group was for the viewing of Life is Life. The film took place on an unspoiled stretch of coast in southern Sardinia, a solitary shepherd and custodian of times seemingly long past. A feel-good comedy movie was enjoyed by members. The next movie outing will be 16th October venue to be advised.
- **Photography (Colin Peterson)**
Colin gave a presentation of their visit to Wisteria Gardens at Parramatta Park. As always, a great presentation with lots of fantastic photos. Colin advised if interested in going to see the gardens you should go this long weekend. The next group outing will be the 20th October to Sculptures By The Sea.
- **Membership Report (Neil Price):**
 - Pam Floyd and Neil welcomed our new members – Jean Ward Kerrie Allison and Michael Chapman.
- **Outings (Sharon Peterson):**
 - Sharon spoke re the outing to Painting with Stone. This was a two-hour walking tour. First visit was to St Mary's Cathedral Chapel of Irish Saints then moved on the Mitchell Library, the Commonwealth Bank and lastly the State Theatre. All venues were amazing.
The next outing will be to Mary Mackillop Museum on the 15th October.
Sharon is still looking for any member interested in doing the outing to Lindesay Christmas Fair 19th -21st November.
- **Travel (Jane Elliot):**
 - Nil
- **Wellness Officer (Helen O'Neil):**
 - Nil.
- **General Business (Pam Floyd)**
 - Helen O'Neill advised the Christmas Party bookings were almost full..
- **Speaker Sessions (Jehangir Sidhwa):**

The guest speaker this month was Andrea Natoli.
Topic Heart Health for Seniors.
Andrea Natoli is Head of Gifts in Wills and Planned Giving at Health Research Institute. She comes from an extensive career in corporate Australia working in sales, marketing and business lead roles in medical hardware, medical devices, hospital and medical pharmaceuticals.

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Andrea went into detail advising of the work the Heart Research Institute does.
Slides were shown on preventative health measures and good heart health to keep yourself free from heart disease.

- **Closing comments (Pam Floyd)**

Nil.

- **Next meeting:**

Friday 6th November 2026.