

# **PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH – MANLY (INC.)**

Probus Club No. 56824



## **Notice of Annual General Meeting of Members of the Probust Club of Balgowlah – Manly Inc.**

**Meeting to take place following the Monthly Meeting of Members  
on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at 10.30 AM, Balgowlah RSL Club.**

### **Business on notice.**

- 1. To receive and adopt the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.**
- 2. To receive the Presidents Report for the year 2016-2017 as attached.**
- 3. To adopt the Presidents Report for the year 2016-2017.**
- 4. To receive the Treasurers Report for the year 2016 2017 as attached.**
- 5. To adopt the Treasures Report for the year 2016-2017.**
- 6. To receive the Auditors Report for the year 2016 2017 as attached.**
- 7. To adopt the Auditors Report for the year 2016-2017.**
- 8. To declare all positions on the Committee vacant and elect the new Committee for the 2016-2017 year.**
- 9. Elect an Auditor for the 2016-2017 year.**
- 10. General Business (See Attached).**
- 11. Declare the Meeting closed.**

## **Probus Club of Balgowlah-Manly Inc President's Report 2016/2017**

It is my pleasure to present the President's Report for our Club for the year 2016-2017

As my tenure as President of our Club nears its end, may I say what an honour and pleasure it has indeed been for me over the past twelve months.

Everything has been made easy by the most capable committee we have had, by those who have assisted so willingly at our meetings and on outings and by the members themselves who have been most co-operative in every way.

This has been our first year as the Balgowlah-Manly Probus Club, and this has given the club renewed energy and an increase in membership. During the year, we have inducted a number of new members. We were very pleased to welcome all new members and they will be a great asset to our club.

You will see from our Treasurer's Report, that our financial situation is very sound.

In addition to our normal monthly Guest Speakers, Functions including:

1. The Annual Christmas Dinner;
2. BBQ at Clontarf;
3. Luncheons at Brookvale TAFE and Manly International School of Management;
4. Glen Street Theatre;
5. The Introduction of a regular monthly outing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

were held during the year.

All of these functions were well received and enjoyed by those participating. A very special thank you to Warwick Gazzard, and Bill Richards who arranged and managed most of these activities.

I believe that the renewed activities over the last few months have seen a continuation of that success story as meetings and activities have been well attended, harmonious and most convivial at all times.

On a sadder note, we have lost several members during the year with the passing of Alec Richardson, and Keith and Mary Jones.

Thank you Probians for giving me the honour of being the 1<sup>st</sup> President of the Probus Club of Balgowlah-Manly in the year 2016/2017. It has been a very busy year however I have enjoyed every minute and I thank you for the friendship and encouragement I have received during this time.

I wish the new President and the committee a very successful and exciting year.

**Peter Amos    President**

## **TOURS ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017**

Members were offered to join with Frenchs Forest Club for a six days/five night tour to Port Macquarie and surrounds in October 2016. Due to insufficient support from members this trip did not proceed.

A contact was made with the tour organiser of Brookvale Probus Club about joining in with that club to do a trip to Melbourne on 12-15<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Again due to insufficient support from the members essentially as the trip entailed flying to Melbourne, this trip did not proceed.

Clearly members preferred one day coach trips - therefore a relationship was formed with Oncourse Tours of Terry Hills because they specialise in Probus Club travel.

A number of trips were suggested and following support from the members a Windsor Heritage Tour and Farm Gate Autumn Trail was booked for 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Also, a Southern Highlands trip to Red Cow Farm and Quindalup Garden was booked for 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Generally long lead times are required to arrange these trips to maximise their success.

It is the committee's intention for members to look forward to suitable one day coach trips each month in the coming year with the exception of the extreme summer and winter weather months and school holidays.

It is also intended to continue to research and identify desirable on off extended tours to offer members in the coming year.

**Bill Richards Tours Co-ordinator**

## **Functions Report 2015-2016.**

We have been in the capable hands of Warwick Gazzard for the most part of 2016 and as usual Warwick has done a great job of providing us with exceptional value for money with the most notable being the International School of Management (St Patricks) for Christmas in July along with two Luncheons at Brookvale TAFE.

The Christmas Luncheon was held at the Balgowlah RSL and all who attended had according to reports a very memorable Christmas Luncheon.

**Peter Bracher                      Functions Co - coordinator**

## **Annual Report of Speakers 2016 – 2017**

**February 2016** **Therese Konwerska** from the NSW Dept of Fair Trading, located at Parramatta, spoke on “**Consume Rights, Scams, Fraud and Such**”. The presentation aroused much interest, and informative literature was distributed at the conclusion.

**March 2016** **David Rosenberg** talked about “**Inside Pine Gap**” the Joint Defence (Australia / USA) facility located in Alice Springs. David was employed by NSA for 23 years, and when he left in 2008, was the USA government’s longest serving technical liaison officer in Australia. Many present bought his book “**Inside Pine Gap – The spy who came in from the desert**” Just terrific!

**April 2016** **Geoff Williams’** subject was “**The History of Country Music in Australia – The First 50 years**”. Geoff sang a selection of ballads of past years, accompanied on his guitar. He regularly plays at RSL Clubs and has recorded a number of CD’s. We all had a very enjoyable time!

**May 2016** **David Deasey** described “**The Boer War 1899 - 1902**”. The subject came alive with entertaining dialogue and a number of original photos on PowerPoint. David is the current NSW Chairman of the National Boer War Memorial Association.

**June 2016** **Detective Supt. Debbie Wallace**, spoke of her new role (first female) as boss of NSW Police Gang Squad, based in Parramatta. She has been in the NSW police force for over thirty years. Her presentation was outstanding and left us with a high respect for female police! This talk was arranged by Probus member, Glenda Johnson, a long time personal friend of Debbie’s

**July 2016** **Keith Isbister** (Probus Member) gave an informative and entertaining presentation on his subject “**Animal Quarantine in the Sixties**” He drew upon his personal experiences as an inspector for the NSW Quarantine Service.

**August 2016** **Rose Clements** (Member of Brookvale Probus) gave a terrific presentation on “**Cracking Germany’s ENIGMA Code in WW2**”. Ross has visited Bletchley Park in the UK, the home of the English Code Crackers! He has even constructed a ‘Working Replica’ to explain the complexity of the code machine. Breaking the code was of great benefit for the allies.

**September 2016** **Noel Phelan**, representing the Australian Maritime Museum, spoke on the subject “**The HMAS Melbourne and HMAS Voyager - Collision.**” This was an informative session, clearly presented with the use of PowerPoint . As this was only a 30 minute presentation, Noel followed with pictures taken on his recent visit to Antarctica..

**October 2016** **Peter Headley**, who has addressed us on previous occasions, spoke on the subject- “**The Portuguese Discovery of Australia and New Zealand.**” He reviewed old Portuguese maps from the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and artefacts found on Islands around the

Pacific, that supports the Portuguese visited and mapped the East coast of Australia between 1521 and 1524.

**November 2016**     **Russell Cannon**, spoke to the subject “**What astronomers do at night, and why**”. Russell has a lifetime of experience in astronomy, gained in the UK and Edinburgh, with substantial time in Australia. He retired as Director of the Australian Astronomical observatory in 2002.     His PowerPoint presentation was fascinating, and his explanations presented in layman terms.

**January 2017**     **Tony Curtis** has had a very unusual and interesting life, which forms the basis for his subject “**Teller of Stories**”. Having worked for many years at Channel 9 as a camera man, he has travelled the world, with Lots of funny experiences. Among these is being mistaken for the Hollywood actor “Tony Curtis”. Upon retiring, Tony decided to go ocean sailing, with many challenges! A highlight was participating in the 1988 First Fleet re-enactment.

**Don Middleton**     **Talks Officer**

## **Report on Outings**

The first was to the Glen Street Theatre to a show Senior Moments those who attended enjoyed a lot of laughs and memories with the actors on stage.

Our next outing saw us at Doyle’s Watsons Bay and 27 attended, after an enjoyable trip on the ferry we had a great meal and a lot of laughs among everyone. Everyone said it was a great day out. The ambulance having to attend one of our members was not anticipated but they took care of our member who took a turn.

The next outing was to the Sydney Rowing Club at Abbotsford with 12 attending and although the numbers were disappointing those who attended had a great meal and enjoyed the water views from the club. The weather was a little cool and showery this did not dampen our spirits and the ferry trip took us to places we don’t normally go.

**Glenda Johnson**

## **TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017**

The Clubs financial position remains strong with a closing funds balance of \$4051. The deficit during the year of \$1056 arose from the events referred to later in this report.

As mentioned in last year's report the amalgamation with the Manly Ladies Probus Club Inc. was finalized in March with the transfer of its bank balance of \$1290.

The introduction of these additional funds resulted in the Club's already healthy bank balance being increased to a figure which your committee considered to be in excess of the Club's requirements. It was therefor agreed to reduce the member's annual subscription for the 2016-2017 year from \$35 to \$25 to-gether with a lowering of the morning tea charge to \$3.

The intention was to budget for a deficit of \$1000 after taking into consideration the reduction in revenue to-gether with the additional cost of new members' badges. A refund of \$300 in respect of last year's Wagga trip was an unexpected windfall arising from Warwick Gazzard's negotiations.

Membership of the Club now numbers 75 a net increase of 19. Sadly 3 of our members died during the year which to-gether with 4 resignations were offset by 20 members transferring from Manly to-gether with the introduction of 6 new members.

**Max Cooper      Treasurer**

**PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH-MANLY INC.  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JANUARY**

**2017**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	<b><u>4359.02</u></b>	<b><u>4125.48</u></b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>OPENING CASH BOOK BALANCE</b>	4025.48	3136.97
<b>ADD - Manly Ladies Probus Club bank balance transfer</b>	1290.00	0.00
- Surplus for 2015/16	0.00	888.51
<b>LESS - Deficit for 2016/17</b>	-1056.46	0.00
- Prepaid Expense for 2017/18	-208.00	0.00
<b>CLOSING CASH BOOK BALANCE</b>	4051.02	4025.48
<b>PETTY CASH on hand</b>	100.00	100.00
<b>PREPAID EXPENSE</b>	208.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b><u>4359.02</u></b>	<b><u>4125.48</u></b>

**Hon. Treasurer**

M.C.Cooper

2/02/2017

**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

I have examined the records and amounts representing income, expenses and assets as shown above and in my opinion they represent a true and correct record.

**Hon. Auditor**

R.L.Adams

6/02/2017

**PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH-MANLY INC.**

**YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2017**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>YEAR ENDED 31/01/2017</b>	<b>YEAR ENDED 31/01/2016</b>
Subscriptions	1780.00	1500.00
Joining Fees	30.00	50.00
Interest	5.82	7.64
Donation	0.00	30.00
Morning Tea - net	0.00	242.00
Functions ( lunches)	11845.00	7870.00
Day Outings	1716.00	964.00
Trips	300.00	30610.00
<b>INCOME FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>15676.82</b>	<b>41273.64</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Probus South Pacific Limited - Capitation Fees	857.50	540.50
Probus South Pacific Limited - Magazine Subscription	300.00	150.00
Badges	684.55	118.45
Postage & PO Box	149.00	142.70
Morning Tea - net	203.50	0.00
Stationery/Printing	346.83	136.09
Insurance - Non Members	245.00	172.50
Visiting Speaker's expenses	281.95	294.80
Functions ( lunches)	11694.93	7131.09
Day Outings	1716.00	964.00
Trips	0.00	30610.00
Department Fair Trading re Incorporation	174.00	52.00
Sundries	80.02	73.00
<b>EXPENDITURE ON OPERATIONS</b>	<b>16733.28</b>	<b>40385.13</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<b>-1056.46</b>	<b>888.51</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>15676.82</u></b>	<b><u>41273.64</u></b>
<b>EXTRAORDINARY INCOME ITEM</b>		
<b>Manly Ladies Probus Club - bank account</b>	<b><u>1290.00</u></b>	<b>0.00</b>

