

PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH INC.

Probus Club No. 56824



Notice of Annual General Meeting of Members of the Probus Club of Balgowlah Inc.

**Meeting to take place following the Monthly Meeting of Members on 11th
March, 2016 at 10.30 AM, Balgowlah RSL Club.**

Business on notice.

- 1. To receive and adopt the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 13th March, 2015.**
- 2. To receive the Presidents Report for the year 2015-2016 as attached.**
- 3. To adopt the Presidents Report for the year 2015-2016.**
- 4. To receive the Treasurers Report for the year 2015-2016 as attached.**
- 5. To adopt the Treasures Report for the year 2015-2016.**
- 6. To receive the Auditors Report for the year 2015-2016 as attached.**
- 7. To adopt the Auditors Report for the year 2015-2016.**
- 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. Declare the Meeting closed.**

President's Report 2015/2016

It is my pleasure to present the President's Report for our Club for the year 2015-2016

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.

Our club underwent a major change from an all-male club to a combined gender club during the year, and this has given the club renewed energy and an increase in membership. Since the change in status, we have inducted 10 new members. We were very pleased to welcome all new members and they will be a great asset to our club.

In addition we have participated in successful talks with the Manly Ladies Probus Club with the view of merging with them. This merger has now been approved by both clubs and the new Club of "Probus Club of Balgowlah-Manly" will commence from our next Annual Meeting.

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. A five day Coach trip to Wagga Wagga.

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 who arranged and managed most of these activities.

I believe that our move to becoming a mixed Probus Club was a wise decision and 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.

Thank you Probians for giving me the honour of being the 32nd President of the Probus Club of Balgowlah in the year 2015/2016. 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

TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016

The Clubs financial position has strengthened during the year, to a closing funds balance of \$4,125. The increase during the year of \$888 arose mainly from the contribution made by functions of \$738. Our Functions Officer, Warwick Gazzard, should be congratulated for his negotiating skills in achieving this outcome.

During the year the Club was opened to the admittance of lady members which has helped in our membership increasing by 1 to 56 despite the resignation of 9 members.

The forthcoming year will see a considerable positive change in the Club's finances and membership arising from the proposed merger with the Manly Ladies Probus Club.

Max Cooper

Treasurer

Annual Report of Speakers 2015 – 2016

February 2015 **Derek McIntosh** (Club member) gave a fascinating talk on “**Australia’s Champion Trees**”, a register which he is actively developing (for further information refer to <nationalregisterofbigtrees.com.au>. He also spoke of an Australian invention of Dampers, used on electrical transmission lines to avoid high wind damage.

March 2015 **James Feary**, (Site Manager) talked on “**The North Head Wastewater Plant**” describing its past, present and future plans. This plant is the second largest of the 30 waste water treatment plants in Greater Sydney. Following his presentation some months later, our Club members enjoyed a guided tour on location.

April 2015 **Jane Mundy**, an Author residing in Balgowlah, discussed her recently launched book called “**In my Father’s House**”. This light-hearted and entertaining work focuses on family members hoarding possessions which clutter their home. Our members showed their appreciation by buying autographed copies.

May 2015 **Melissa Serna** spoke on the topic “**Macular Degeneration**”. This aroused considerable interest and her PowerPoint presentation gave a clear understanding of this very important health problem which can lead to blindness.

June 2015 **Dr. Austin Mack** gave a very entertaining presentation of “**A visit to Portwenn**”, the location of the popular TV series ‘Doc Martin’. This is the third annual presentation by this remarkable Aerospace Scientist and each has proved to be outstandingly popular. The work that Austin has put into these visual and audio presentations is amazing!

July 2015 **Hugh Lander** gave an informative and entertaining presentation “**50th anniversary of the Sydney Heritage Fleet**”. Hugh has had a long association with the Foundation and advised us of his retirement, ours being his final address. We can be very proud of the many volunteers who have restored historical ships to grace Sydney Harbour.

August 2015 **Peter Headley** gave a terrific presentation on “**WW1 – The Battle of Villers Bretonneaux.**” Peter is a regular speaker/entertainer on Cruise Ships and has various topics to offer. Not only is he most knowledgeable and an impressive speaker, his many photographs of the battle scenes (copies of originals taken at the time) shows the research he has put into his preparation. We will seek to have him speak to us again in the coming year!

September 2015 **Paul Wait** , who holds a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University, spoke of the “**Great Siege of Malta 1565.**” This was a massive struggle between the Moslems of Suleiman the Magnificent and the Christian Knights of St. John. A great piece of history, very well told by Paul.

October 2015 **Peter Watson**, Founding and Life member of Middle Harbour Probus Club, spoke of his experiences as an air gunner with the RAF Bomber Command in WW2, titled “**Lady Luck.**” Peter was only 18 years of age when he joined up, subsequently flying 35 missions over Europe. This was a terrific presentation and we are very privileged to hear firsthand the experiences of a WW2 veteran.

November 2015 **Peter Amos**, our Club President, spoke on the subject “**Australian Age of Dinosaurs**”. Peter and his wife Carmel have for some years had a keen interest in fossil hunting around Australia. Discoveries of Dinosaur remains have increased immensely in the last ten to twenty years and several museums now exist outback, displaying these findings. Peter and Carmel are members of the ‘Age of Dinosaurs Foundation’ and recently have participated in preparing specimens for display.

January 2016 **Warwick Gazzard**, a two times past President of our Club, spoke of his long career with James Hardy, and his subsequent role as an expert, assessing those suffering asbestos related lung cancer. This was a great presentation, as is normally the case with our in-house speakers! Warwick concluded his address by advising that he himself has been recently found to be suffering asbestos related cancer.

Don Middleton **Talks Officer**

Functions Report 2015-2016.

We have been in the capable hands of Warwick Gazzard for the most part of 2015 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.

I took over from Warwick to arrange the Christmas Luncheon at the Balgowlah RSL and all who attended had according to reports a very memorable Christmas Luncheon.

Please note that your Club will be seeking nominations for a Functions Co-ordinator at the forthcoming election of officers for 2016. Please consider what contribution you could make to this activity there is help.

Peter Bracher Functions Co - ordinator

Editor's Annual Report 2015-16

Monthly Newsletters were prepared on a regular basis during the year and the Editor is grateful for the assistance and contribution of all the Committee Members in providing the required materials.

The Editor is also responsible for its delivery and at the last count a total of 60 copies were delivered to members and friends: by email (48), hand delivery (8) and by post (4). Ray Hamilton and Max Cooper assisted in hand deliveries and Peter Amos in emailing at times.

Jim Varjavandi, Editor

**PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH INC.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JANUARY 2016**

	2016	2015
MEMBERS FUNDS	<u>4125.48</u>	<u>3236.97</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
CURRENT ASSETS		
OPENING CASH BOOK BALANCE	3136.97	3311.39
ADD - Surplus for 2015/16	888.51	
LESS - Deficit for 2014/15		-174.42
CLOSING CASH BOOK BALANCE	4025.48	3136.97
PETTY CASH on hand	100.00	100.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>4125.48</u>	<u>3236.97</u>

Hon. Treasurer

M.C.Cooper

8/02/2016

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

8/02/2016

PROBUS CLUB OF BALGOWLAH INC.

YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 2016

INCOME	YEAR ENDED 30/01/2016	YEAR ENDED 30/01/2015
Subscriptions	1500.00	1710.00
Joining Fees	50.00	20.00
Badges	0.00	10.00
Interest	7.64	20.14
Donation	30.00	0.00
Morning Tea - net	242.00	0.00
Functions (lunches)	7870.00	9050.00
Day Outings	964.00	268.00
Trips	30610.00	19570.00
INCOME FROM 2015/16 OPERATIONS	41273.64	30648.14
EXPENDITURE		
Probus South Pacific Limited - Capitation Fees	540.50	580.00
Probus South Pacific Limited - Magazine Subscription	150.00	200.00
Badges	118.45	103.06
Postage & PO Box	142.70	151.80
Morning Tea - net	0.00	365.00
Stationery/Printing	136.09	232.80
Insurance - Non Members	172.50	200.00
Visiting Speaker's expenses	294.80	381.05
Functions (lunches)	7131.09	8978.85
Day Outings	964.00	268.00
Trips	30610.00	19285.00
Department Fair Trading re Incorporation	52.00	77.00
Sundries	73.00	0.00
EXPENDITURE ON 2015/16 OPERATIONS	40385.13	30822.56
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	888.51	-174.42
TOTALS	41273.64	30648.14