



Monthly Meeting Friday 7th February 2020

Minutes

1. **Welcome** – Brian Roylance.
2. **Guest Speaker** – Susan Boyer enthralled members with tales of the difficulties encountered by convicts as they sailed to Australia and life during the early days of settlement at Sydney Cove
3. **Vote of thanks** to the guest speaker by Helen O'Neill
4. **VALE Brian Lawrenson** – Dorothy Faulder, Past President.

“A man of foresight, charming, persuasive, practical and empowering” is how Dorothy described Brian Lawrenson. Dorothy spoke of his many achievements and selflessness as he assumed responsibility for setting up both the BP and CBP clubs, 2 Mens sheds as well as various roles within the Breakfast Point community. Brian was also a prolific author of travel books. He will be greatly missed and condolences were extended to family and friends. A donation of \$100 has been made to the Prostate Cancer Foundation in Brian’s memory. Brian Roylance subsequently read letters of thanks received from Jill Lawrenson (Brian’s wife) and Alan and Pam Lawrenson, his brother and sister-in-law.

5. **President’s Introductory comments**

Attendees: 141 members and 4 guests. Apologies: 50

6. **Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting.** Moved by: K. Beresford. Seconded by: G. McRobert

Correspondence - Nil

8. **Treasurer’s report** – Kath Beresford on behalf of Keith Stockall.

Funds in reserve - \$,8353. January BBQ – budgeted loss equated to \$5.50 per member. Accounts will be audited shortly and presented at the AGM. Annual subscriptions to remain @ \$50 per member although Probud South Pacific has increased the cost to clubs by \$1 per person.

9. **Membership Update** – Gil Vella

Membership subscription payments of \$50 per person now being received. **Information re payment is available via the following link** <https://probuscbp.org/about/policies/payment-refund-procedures/>

Payments before April 1 would be appreciated. Any member requiring an outings badge please contact Gil via the following link: <https://probuscbp.org/membership/outings-badges/>

10. **Interest Group Facilitator** – Connie Fraser

The contributions of 2019 convenors were acknowledged. Convenors for 2020 were introduced.

Movie Group – will start again in February. Judith Hall is the convenor

Yoga – will recommence in April

Kayakers – currently on 4 day trip to Dangar Island

Travel Chat – new convenors Jane Elliott and Victoria Mitchell. Next Meeting Tuesday Feb 11. Topic: Japan tour.

Trip to the East Coast of Canada and Nova Scotia being planned for 2021. Other possibilities for overseas tours include Cuba in 2022 and Scotland and the Hebrides. If interested in these tours or if you have other suggestions please contact Karin Canty.

Photography – February's meeting will have a Guest Speaker discussing Portrait Photography.

Other activities for the year include visiting the Biennale of Sydney at Cockatoo Island and the Blue Mountains in Autumn. A full calendar of events will be uploaded to the website soon.

11. Outings Facilitator – Gilda McRobert

Numerous outings are planned for 2020 beginning with a visit to the Lucy Osbourn / Nightingale Museum at Sydney Hospital on February 11th. A full list of planned activities will appear on the website soon. Meanwhile bookings are open for the Geraldine Turner Concert at the Art Gallery of NSW in July – book now!

In support of rural communities following the bushfires, a Christmas in July weekend has been planned for Friday July 24th and 25th at the Coolangatta Estate at Berry. The Christmas in July dinner would be held on Saturday 25th.

Kathy Beresford is also arranging a visit to the State Theatre. Details to be advised.

12. General Business

- **Proposed changes to the F3 ferry – Judy Mitchell**

The proposed changes to the F3 route will mean that the service will now terminate at Barangaroo rather than at Circular Quay as it does at present. Passengers who wish to proceed to Circular Quay will need to alight at Balmain East and catch a new ferry, the F4, which will travel to Circular Quay via MacMahon's Point and Milson's Point, adding considerable time to the journey from Cabarita to Circular Quay.

Further information to be distributed to members via email.

Meet & Greet – Brian Roylance.

Proposed that the day for Meet and Greet be changed to Thursday enabling those who would like to, to stay on for dinner at the Breakfast Point Country Club afterwards. The February Meet and Greet will be held at the Country Club on Thursday February 13th February from 5-7pm.

AGM / Election of Office Bearers – Brian Roylance

Our next meeting is on March 6th. This is our Annual General Meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

A reminder, nominations for roles on the management committee close today. Application forms are available at the following link: <https://probuswebsite.files.wordpress.com/2019/07/election-of-office-bearers-2020.pdf> . Completed forms may be sent to: secretary.probuscbp@gmail.com

The meeting closed at 12.15pm

