



Probud Club of Cabarita and Breakfast Point Inc

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday 6TH March 2021

Held at: Strathfield Golf Club

Welcome: K. Beresford

The President extended a warm welcome to members.

President's Opening Comments: Attendees: 117 Apologies: 43

1. **Confirmation of Minutes 2020 AGM:** Proposed by: C. Peterson. Seconded by: G. Vella

2. **Correspondence:** Nil

3. **President's Annual Report:** K. Beresford

Excerpts from the President's Report follow:

The year presented new challenges and there was an urgency to keep in touch and stay connected with members. In April our first Newsletter "Keeping in Touch" was launched and continued for some months. The October edition celebrated the inaugural "Probud Day" - initiated by South Pacific Probud to celebrate Probud and the value Probud Clubs bring to local communities and to remember that we are about... enjoying - *Friendship, fellowship and fun*. As we have seen in the February Newsletter, Sue Colubriale is up and going with 10 Outings we could easily do this year – as always conveners are needed.

Interest Groups:

Although all groups initially had to cease, 4 interest groups recommenced in May and there are now 14 Interest Groups meeting. The following conveners who have stood down from their roles are sincerely thanked for their contributions: Pam Floyd, Canasta; Phil Canty, Biking; Sunita Sachdeva, Yoga; Mike Ward, Golf; and Ingrid Kashick, Poddlers.

Outings:

Outings were few and far between: Sue Colubriale, convened the Rookwood Cemetery Tour and a self-guided 'walk of interest' to Parramatta Park whilst Judy Mitchell arranged a Picnic by the river in Cabarita Park. Our Christmas luncheons at the Concord Golf Club were a welcome break enabling members and friends to catchup. January 2021 arrived with little fanfare and no fireworks but a small group of Members met on the Village Green for a picnic.

Induction of New Members

By mid-October we were able to meet with up to 10 people, and so our 11 new members were 'officially inducted' at a series of morning teas. This was an enjoyable way to welcome new members. The Induction Morning Teas concept was formally adopted by the Management Committee going forward.

Re-commencement of our Monthly Member Meetings

Our member meetings will recommence in April and will initially be held at the Canada Bay Club, Five Dock. This is to accommodate our member numbers in line with COVID social distancing requirements. As the first Friday in April is Good Friday, our April meeting has been bought forward one day - to Thursday 1st April. Thereafter, meetings will revert to the first Friday of each month.



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Acknowledgements:

The Management Committee – Committee Members were acknowledged as being supportive and respectful. Particular mention was made of:

Jan Sayers, Secretary: who unfailingly presented all Agendas, Minutes, correspondence and follow through with her usual precision and correctness.

Keith Stockall, Treasurer: for keeping our members listening to your financials if it is only to hear your jokes!!

Gil Vella, Membership Officer: who has assumed this role for the past three years and provided our Club with a strong supportive smooth and friendly process of communication with members, current and new.

Connie Fraser, Interest Group Facilitator: for her unyielding patience, time and effort in sourcing so many interesting items to be added to the Newsletters every month!

Helen O'Neill: for her strength and care and for posting and delivering all those well wishes to our members but most of all, for the many extra things done to support members.

Angela Hempstead and Pam Floyd.

Our Website is one of the most important areas of our Club and without this we would not be kept in touch with all our news items. Thank you both for your work in maintaining the site.

Gilda McRobert and Helen O'Neill for Convening the AGM Luncheon.

Lastly and most importantly thank you to our Members! You are the lifeline of this Club, the people who give me the strength and joy to perform my role. Thank you for the privilege to be your President for the past year, for your support, and friendship and for being part of our wonderful Club.

4. Presentation of Annual Financial Statements – K. Stockall

Keith thanked members for their support and tabled the following report:

The Club finished the year with \$ 14,800 in reserve. Although this is a sizeable amount, members were reminded that COVID and the subsequent cessation of meetings has not meant that expenses did not occur but fixed costs continue year-round e.g. subscriptions to Probud South Pacific, post office box hire and software licence subscription etc. Bill Middleton has audited the accounts and issued an unqualified audit certificate and was sincerely thanked for undertaking this work. The Annual Return will now be lodged with the Dept. of Fair Trading. The Audited Financial Statements are available to members on request.

Proposed by: G. McRobert. Seconded by: M. Keenan

5. Membership Report – G. Vella

We have 249 paid-up members. All Probud Clubs in the South Pacific area are strongly encouraged to maintain a gender balance of not more than 60% of any one gender. In our case we have 64.3% female membership. In other words, we need to have more male members, which the committee will work on. Another requirement imposed by the Community Association of Breakfast Point is that if we are to use facilities, such as the Community Hall at a reduced rate or the Admin Building for free, we need to have at least 40% of our members actually living in Breakfast Point. At present, 44.2 % of members live in Breakfast Point.

A reminder - membership fees are due on, or before, the 1st April and anyone who hasn't paid by then will no longer be financial. Unfortunately, all non-financial members will have to re-apply for membership,



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along with others wishing to join our club.

Gil acknowledged the contributions of Elisabeth Parrague and Regula Scheidegger: the welcoming faces that usually greet us at our meetings and hand out our name tags.

6. General Business

Setting of annual membership fees – K. Beresford

Membership fees will be \$20 for this year only. New members joining fees will be \$20 and \$10 for an outings badge.

Reconfirming membership ceiling – K. Beresford

This was confirmed at 250 members.

Appointment of Returning Officer – K. Beresford

Conduct of the meeting was handed over to Ingrid Kaschik, appointed as Returning Officer.

Nominations for Management Committee positions closed on February 5th. Nominations were received for all positions.

7. Election and Induction of Management Committee and Public Officer – I. Kaschik

Given only one nomination was received for each position on the Management Committee, nominees were therefore declared elected.

The Management Committee for 2021/22 were introduced:

President	Colin Peterson
Senior Vice-President	Gilda McRobert
Junior Vice- President and Speaker Co-ordinator	Geoff Barnsley
Secretary and Public Officer	Rosemary Foster
Treasurer	Paul Barnes
Membership Officer	Karin Canty
Interest Group Facilitator	Connie Fraser
Outings Facilitator	Suzanne Colubriale
Member Support	Helen O'Neill

In addition, Pam Floyd has assumed the role of Web Administrator.

Ingrid Kaschik was thanked for conducting the election and induction process so competently.

Kathy Beresford presented Colin Peterson with the President's Pin and Chain of Office as the new President of the Probud Club of Cabarita and Breakfast Point.

8. Induction of President

Following his induction as President, Colin Peterson chaired the remainder of the meeting.

On behalf of members, Colin thanked Kathy Beresford for her contribution to the Club as President.

9. Appointment of Auditor: C. Peterson

Bill Middleton was appointed as Auditor.

10. Closing Remarks: C. Peterson

Colin highlighted the work of the 2020/21 Management Committee and applauded members for their contributions to the Club. He reiterated the specific contributions of those stepping down from the Committee and invoked a standing ovation for Kathy Beresford in recognition of her leadership as President.

The meeting concluded at 12.30pm.
