



**MINUTES of GENERAL MEETING
of the
PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC**

**6 March 2026,
Mt. Gravatt Bowls Club, Logan Rd. Mt. Gravatt**

Merv Richens, acting for Carwyn Arnold opened the meeting at 10.00 am and welcomed Caroline Nelson and Judith Maestracci from PSPL

Present: Representatives from 40 Clubs

Apologies: Apologies from 45 Clubs

The Minutes of the PAQ Delegates Meeting of September 2025 have been distributed and taken as read.

Moved: Lorelle Pacello, Seconded Mary Helbig that the minutes be confirmed.

Business Arising from the Minutes – no business arising.

President's Report will be given at the AGM following this meeting.

Financial Statement: - Treasurer Margaret Richens

Association funds at 1 January 2026:	\$ 38, 206.15
Affiliation fees	\$ 6, 216.00
Income 1 January- 28 February 2026	\$ 7, 060.30
Expenses 1 January - 28 February 2026	\$ 2,573.79
Association funds at 28 February 2026	\$ 42,692.66.

Margaret moved the report be accepted. Seconded: Judith Maestracci: Carried.

PAQ Membership: 46 Clubs have renewed membership to date. 2 Clubs cannot be identified. 81 Clubs still to renew.

Regional Liaison region reports: Geoff Leddy

Geoff gave delegates a summary of the regions and thanked the RLO's for their assistance.

National 50 Year Celebrations: Judith Maestracci, chair of the National committee. The committee has 6 director representatives from the states and meets monthly via zoom.

- Heather Ewart (ABC Backroads presenter) has been appointed as National spokesperson for Probus 50th Anniversary Australia.
- Hunters Hill Probus celebrated 50th Anniversary on 3 February with Special Guest John Howard.
- Cruise: Departs Sydney 31 October. 180 Members will be joining this. There are a number of activities organised for this cruise.
- The annual Presidents Pack sent to all clubs will include information about 50 Anniversary merchandise.
- A special \$2 prepaid 50 Anniversary Envelope released by Australia Post. May be useful for Club Welfare Officers.

- 1 October: Probus Day: All clubs encouraged to have an event.
- Probus South Pacific Website has been updated. 50th Anniversary information is on the website. Includes access to a video which can be downloaded for Clubs

Queensland 50 Celebrations: Caroline Nelson. Thanked Judith for her input from the PSPL committee and also thanked the Queensland working party for their efforts.

- PAQ has organised a Cruise to Vanuatu. Caroline is investigating some shore activities for this.
- There is a Government House reception
- October1: Had considered a celebration in Roma Streer Parklands but now looking for a covered venue.
- Clubs encouraged to use the media information pack from PSPL to promote their club.
- PSPL/PAQ Information days in April. Clubs encouraged to participate

PAQ Website: Has been updated and from the number of hits appears to be well used. Clubs are asked to show members how to use the website and to use the Regional Roundup. The website also has many useful resources.

General Business:

- New Club at Boonah formed 23 February.
- There is potential for new clubs in various areas.
- Established Probus Clubs are now able to sponsor the formation of a new Club.

Trade Travel/ PAQ has organised a 3-day tour to Melbourne for the Neil Diamond Musical in August. Brochures were available for delegates and will be sent by email to all clubs.

The meeting closed at 10.50am