



Probuc Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 1st July 2026

HELD: Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill.

PRESIDENT: Sandra - opened the meeting at 10:03 am and thanked all members and visitors for attending and hoped they enjoy our meeting; she invited all members and visitors to lunch today the Blackburn Hotel.

Glen Knight was asked to read a few of the jokes that was on his birthday card.

APOLOGIES: Shirley McGorlick, Mike McGorlick. Eric Sutherland, Bev Sutherland, Ian Rose, Gillian Horlock, Jillian Colbert, Philip Colbert, Nelsa Counsell, Woty Fanoy, Ron Chidgey, Cushla Appleby, Vic McNamara, Denise Parry, Geoff Parry, Phil Smith, Mike Bampfield, Lois Cheevers, Joyce Wickins, Keith Wickins,

PRESENT: 67 Members, **APOLOGIES:** 20 members, **ABSENT:** 6 Members,

VISITORS: Secretary welcomed the 3 visitors and thanked them for coming and welcomed them to our meeting today. Pete and Marg, and Carole.

BIRTHDAYS: Bruna Rosaia 5th, Keith Wickins 5th, Alan Hunter 8th, Beryl Pakes 13th, Palli Gajree 20th, Elaine Keast 20th, Doug Westcott 23rd, Rachel McAlavey 27th, Jan Roche 29th

Lorelle kindly gave out the chocolates to the birthday members in attendance for July

INDUCTIONS: President Sandra inducted 4 new members into the club, those inducted were Pam Barnhill, Margaret Williams, Jenny Sellers and Ruth Kingham. Sandra expressed that she hoped they would enjoy their time with our club and welcomed them as members.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was **Moved** by Gillian George, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 3rd June be accepted as a true correct record of the meeting.

Seconded by– Palli Gajree

CARRIED

No Business Arising from Previous minutes

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN: Various emails from PSPL re members cards
Email for CAV re Name Change
Probian Magazines

OUT: Email to Alex about hot water at Horticultural Centre
Email to PSPL to change name on their website/records

President's Report

- "Table of 8" invites have been given and some morning teas have been held, more are planned and everyone will be invited to a morning tea. Hope you enjoy this new activity.
- Card playing will take place on 14th July, notice on bench is you wish to attend. All welcome. Hope you can join in this activity. This will take place at Ramsay Apartments, and we thank Liz Henwood for helping arrange this.

Secretary's Report

- Gillian invited all members to the events being held by the Probus Association of Victoria, these include The Afternoon Tea Dance at Stonnington Sports club on 23rd September, this will have live music and prizes for best costumes. Gillian also invited any golfers who wish to participate in the annual Golf event that is organised by PAV that further information is available from the secretary, and all members are very welcome to attend.
- Gillian advised the Book Club will be held 7th July at Ree Dowling's home
- Club photos – some printed on the front desk if anyone would like a copy, please take one, if they run out, we will have more next month, if interested in a copy let secretary know please.
- Wine appreciation – form on bench if you are interested in this activity. The first one will probably be at a wine bar in Laburnum, with wine tasting and nibbles, until we know numbers and interest, we cannot finish planning this with the wine bar order e.g. costs and wine varieties. Please fill out the form if interested.
- Secretary advised that we need to know potential numbers for our BBQ to be held in October to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Probus in Australia, please place your name on the form on the bench so we can determine where this will be held. We also have a form on the front table for people interested in helping on the day, please place your name on this list if you can help
- Cath Pratt asked for members to donate some cups to the kitchen. We need about 20-30 so if you can help please see Cath.

Treasurer – Lindsay advised that the current bank balance was \$6,514.00 on 17th June 2026 when the full report was presented to the management committee for approval. Lindsay will be away for the next general meeting and advised that Glen and Harish will be helping with treasurer duties during this time.

Speakers – Dot advised today's speaker is Noel Browne an actor and director with the Nova theatre company,

Discussion Group: Mike is unable to attend the meeting today but advised via the secretary that all are welcome to the discussion group on 21st July. Mike also wanted the members to know that he will be interviewing members for articles in the bulletin. This will be a get to know you article.

Guest Services – Thanks to Jennifer Frackrell for assisting in the kitchen and all those who have been helping her.

Newsletter – Doug advised all well with newsletter.

Webmaster – Doug advised all is OK. with the website.

Wellbeing: Ree spoke on the members who had been ill. She has contacted them during the month and advised the club members on how they are all progressing.

Activities/ Outings: -

Ree spoke on the current outings we are having and asked members to please fill in the forms on the bench if they are interested, please make payment to the treasurer via Tyro, pay into the Bendigo Bank account which is on the top of the bulletin, or give cash to the treasurer.

Ree informed the members that the movie "The Sheep Detectives" was a great success and members really enjoyed the movie.

Upcoming:

- Lilydale theatre to see Sleuth 11th July, 19 people attending.
- Christmas in July 15th July at the Young and Jacksons Hotel in the City. Please advise Ree if you have a disabled parking sticker so we can carpool.
- African Drumming 28th July at Vermont South Club at 10.30 am. List on Bench
- Weekly exercise class on Fridays at the Vermont South Club.
- Morning Melodies 10th August.
- Lunch Buffet at the Village Green Hotel 26th August
- Coffee Morning 19th August at Miss Lucy in Blackburn
- September bus trip to Marysville 24 seats available on bus leaving ¼ to 9 from Whitehorse Horticultural Centre

Coffee Afternoon: Sandra spoke on the coffee meet up on Fridays at the Moon and Spoon and advised that everyone is welcome to attend 3.00pm 2nd Floor Forest Hill Chase. Sandra invited all members to attend and to join in the friendship.

After meeting lunch: Sandra announced that the lunch today will be at The Blackburn Hotel in Whitehorse Road and invited all members and visitors who wish to attend to raise their hands, approximately 32 people indicated they wished to attend.

Meeting was then adjourned for Morning tea which was a Chocolate Delight.

After Morning Tea: Dot welcomed Noel Browne who gave a very interesting talk on the Nova theatre company and his time as director and builder of props and all things to do with a production that the company presents. The members greatly enjoyed the talk by Noel and many members asked questions.

Dot thanked Noel for attending our meeting and presented him with a bottle of wine.

Meeting closed at 11.55 am – Next meeting 5th August 2026

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**President. Sandra Knight OAM
August 2026**