



**THE MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF VALENTINE INC.**  
**November Club Meeting Minutes**  
**CLUB MEETING No. 184**  
**Held at Tingira Community Church on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**  
**13 Neridah Road, Belmont North at 10am**

***Members are reminded of the following Safety and Duty of Care issues***

- Be aware of items which may cause falls and injuries: Chair legs, cables, bags on the floor, spills and boiling water from the urns during morning tea.
- Evacuation procedures: Leave by the nearest safe exit, assemble on the footpath opposite the Venue, assist members with mobility concerns, stay for the roll call to ensure all members have evacuated.

**Welcome:** Bernie Costello

- President Bernie Costello welcomed Members to the 184<sup>th</sup> Club meeting.
- Bernie, on behalf of the Members, expressed the Club's condolences to Jack Jones on the loss of Joyce. He also mentioned it was pleasing to see Club members well represented at the funeral service.
- Bernie spoke of Bob Edwards' move to Canberra, after 37 years living in Valentine. On behalf of the Club members, he extended best wishes to Bob and Mary on their move to Canberra.
- Bernie asked Members to assist the Hospitality workers by returning their cups to the servery. This will allow them time to wash up in time to listen to the speaker.
- Members were reminded to remain for the Sausage Sizzle at the conclusion of the Meeting.

<b>Attendance Record</b>	
<b>Present:</b>	32
<b>Apologies:</b>	11
<b>Absences:</b>	2
<b>Visitors:</b>	0
<b>Non-Active Members:</b>	1

Gordon Ellis Resigned.

**Attendance Percentage:** 71%

**Welfare & Birthdays: (John Benson)**

- **November Birthdays:** John Gatt (20<sup>th</sup>)
- **Welfare: Warren Hunter.** Warren is in Lake Macquarie Private Hospital for a heart operation. Warren will have a stent placed into his aorta. More details later as they become available.

**Presentation of Certificates:** Nil

**New Member Induction:**

Bernie welcomed Graham Taylor to the Club. Bernie presented Graham with his Induction Certificate, Name Badge, Probus Card and a Welcome letter. Graham thanked the Members for accepting him into the Club and their friendship.

**October Meeting Minutes:** Robert Rae

The minutes of the October Club meeting as amended and circulated prior to the meeting were tabled. The minutes proved to be a true account of the Club meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

**Approve Minutes:**                      **Moved:** Robert Rae                      **Seconded:** Jack Jones                      Carried

**Business Arising from Minutes:** Nil

**Recommendations from Committee:**

The Club has officially accepted Gordon Ellis' resignation due to family commitments. This is in accordance with the Club's protocol.

**Correspondence:** Robert Rae

- Inward
  - Post Office Box Mail
  - (1) Bright Chalet Tours Brochure.
  - (2) Baytones Singers Entertainment Offer.

- (3) Rover Coaches Tours Brochure.
- (4) Belmont Men's Probus Club Christmas Party invite.

- Emails

- (1) PSPL Insurance Information.
- (2) PSPL 45 Years Birthday Notice.
- (3) PSPL Trade Travel Belmont representative.
- (4) PSPL Trade Travel Expo 2020.
- (5) PSPL Membership Update.

- Actions on Inward Correspondence.

- PO Box Mail

- (1) Passed onto the Outings Officer.
- (2) Passed onto the Outings Officer.
- (3) Passed onto the Outings Officer.
- (4) Committee decision. President Bernie Costello will represent the Club.

- Emails

- (1) Distributed to the membership via email.
- (2) Distributed to the membership via email.
- (3) Passed onto the Outings Officer.
- (4) Discussion at the Committee Meeting. No action to be taken.
- (5) Copy to Membership Officer and original stored in MCPV digital files.

- Outward

Christmas Invitations to Belmont Men's, Warners Bay Men's, Valentine Ladies', Belmont Rotary, Dianne Greenwood and Sandra Dee.

**Approve:** **Moved:** Robert Rae **Seconded:** Graham Higgs Carried

**Treasurer's report:** Brian Sullivan

A copy of the Treasurer's Report was circulated to the members via email and tabled at the meeting.

Please refer to the Treasurer's Report in Addendum 1 on page 4.

Brian mentioned 52 participants have paid for the Christmas Function with another 4 to pay. He also mentioned there is an attendance sheet available at the front desk to register their attendance.

Approve the Treasurer's Report, the actions taken, and the expenditure outlined in the report.

**Approve Treasure's Report:** **Moved:** Brian Sullivan **Seconded:** Austin Greener Carried

**Club Activities:**

**Guest Speakers Program:** (Trevor Brown)

**November:** Todd Sergeant. Topic: The operations of the 2NURFM Community Radio Station.

Trevor mentioned Todd will try to cover 3 areas: -

- His earlier experiences in radio and his role at 2NURFM.
- The "Men Matter Too" initiative involving mentoring and coaching.
- "Block Matter" non-profit organisation.

**February:** Heather Alchin. Topic: Ern's work with the Alzheimer's NSW, now renamed Dementia Australia and caring for patients with dementia.

**March 2020 AGM:** Bruce Helman. Topic: Exploration of Australia.

**Social Activities:**

**Outings:** (Roger Wakefield)

**December:** Christmas Lunch: Tuesday 10th December at Charlestown Bowling Club. An attendance sheet is available for members to register their attendance. Partners welcome. Cost \$35 pp.

Gentlemen's outings are being planned for 2020.

**Gentlemen's Luncheon:** (Alan Beard)

Next lunch will be on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Valentine Bowling Club starting at Noon. Members were notified at the Club meeting and by SMS on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Gentlemen's Lunch in 2020:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at the Valentine Bowling Club starting at Noon. Members were notified at the November Club meeting and will be by SMS.

## **Interest Groups:**

### **Computer Interest Group:** (Alan Carter)

Home and phone assistance as requested will continue.

### **PLOT:** (Robert Rae for David Braidwood)

Nothing planned at present.

### **Walking Group:** (Robert Rae for Ron Tooney)

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Coffee Walk:** Ken and Audrey Owens Walk at Redhead. Meet at the carpark at Webb Park, Beach Street, Redhead at 9:00 am. Walk South along the boardwalk for about 50 minutes to the duck pond and return. Coffee at PEGS Café at Whitebridge for coffee and refreshments.

The walks will continue Wednesdays in December from Eleebana to Warners Bay and return. Meeting at 9:00 am. Coffee walk on the 18<sup>th</sup> December. Walkers and Club Members will be advised in December by email.

### **Book Exchange:** (Joe Gibson)

At each meeting books are available for members to borrow. Please source the books on the "display table". Donations gladly accepted. Books which have not been borrowed for some time will be culled or placed into the Community Book Depository on Cherry Road.

### **Newsletter:** (Kevin Hepplewhite)

The November Newsletter has been distributed to the members via email. Copies were available for visitors.

### **Promotion:** (Robert Rae)

Continuing with the Active Retirees Magazine sticky labels, 2NURFM Events calendar and Valentine Nextdoor Events calendar.

Robert mentioned he heard our Club's Meeting announcement on 2NURFM but was concerned the mobile contact number was **read** out incorrectly. Robert checked the 2NURFM Events Calendar and the number is correct but was incorrectly **read** by the radio announcer.

### **General Business:** (Robert Rae)

General Business Items:

- **Morning Tea:** Bernie mentioned in his Welcome, a request from the Hospitality workers to return cups to the servery. See Page 1.
- **Sausage Sizzle:** Given the average percentage of Members attending, there needs to be review of the number of sausages and buns purchased.

### **Guest Speakers:** (Trevor Brown)

Bernie introduced Todd Sergeant who spoke about his earlier life in Beresfield and working for Steggles Chicken factory. Todd spoke about his radio experiences in Rockhampton during Cyclone Joy and eventually working for 2NURFM.

The presentation was well accepted and enjoyed by the members.

Trevor thanked Todd for his presentation and Todd was presented with a gift and an Appreciation Certificate from the Club. This was supported with acclamation.

**Next Club Meeting:** On Monday **20<sup>th</sup> January 2020** at the Tingira Community Church starting at 10 am.

### **Meeting Closed:**

President Bernie Costello thanked members for their attendance, and he wished Members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bernie closed meeting at 12:00 pm and invited members to remain for the Club's sausage sizzle.

**A thank you to John Gatt, Peter Steel, Ken Watt, Joe Gibson and others who helped in the kitchen and the BBQ while many of the Hospitality Group were absent.**

**President:** Bernie Costello

**Secretary:** Robert Rae

## APPENDUM 1

### Valentine Men's Probus Club Inc.

#### Treasurers Report 11/19 as at 22 November 2019

#### Commencing from last report 10/19 as at 25 October 2019

Greater Bank Access Account Balance		\$2,707.87
<u>LESS</u> Unpresented cheques now presented		<u>\$0.00</u>
		<u>\$2,707.87</u>

#### PLUS INCOME

Sale of Sunbeam BBQ	\$20.00	
Fish Fry	\$120.00	
Life of Riley	\$100.00	
Xmas Function	<u>\$1,425.00</u>	<u>\$1,665.00</u>
		<u>\$4,372.87</u>

#### LESS EXPENSES

Room Rental	\$30.00	
Life of Riley Tour	\$400.00	
Deposit		
Fish Fry	<u>\$272.00</u>	<u>\$702.00</u>
<b>MYOB BALANCE</b>		<u>\$3,670.87</u>

Greater Bank Balance		\$3,670.87
<u>LESS</u> Unpresented cheques		<u>\$0.00</u>
		<u>\$3,670.87</u>

#### LESS COMMITMENTS

Xmas Function	<u>\$1,820.00</u>	<u>\$1,820.00</u>
Available Funds		\$1,850.87
<u>PLUS</u> Term Deposit		<u>\$3,346.48</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>\$5,197.35</u>