

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc.

Annual Report

2007

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Introduction

This is the Fourth Annual Report of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc.

What is Probus?

Probus is an association of retired and semi-retired people who join together for the purpose of having regular opportunities to keep their minds active and to enjoy the fellowship and friendship of new friends.

Probus originated in the UK in 1965 with the first Probus Club in Australasia being formed in New Zealand in 1974.

Probus had its beginning in Australia in 1976 and has filled a need for today's active retirees and in March 2006 there were 1,767 clubs in Australia with 140,321 members.

What is Probus Centre – South Pacific Inc?

The Probus Centre – South Pacific was the brainchild of five Sydney Rotarians who foresaw the possibility of Probus becoming a widespread movement in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

Probus Centre – South Pacific Inc. is the Administration and Service Centre for Probus within Australia, New Zealand, Papua and New Guinea, Cook Islands, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Tonga, American Samoa, Western Samoa, Timor Leste, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands and is the delegated authority for determining policy matters relating to Probus and the accrediting body for Probus clubs and Probus associations in the South Pacific region.

The objects of the Probus Centre – South Pacific are: to promote the advancement of intellectual and cultural interests among men and women who have retired from their employment; to promote the formation of Probus Clubs by Rotary Clubs as a community service to retired persons and to encourage existing Probus clubs in the advancement of their objectives.

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley

The inaugural meeting of the Club was held at the Bulleen and Community Centre, Ted Ajani Reserve, Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe on the 12th June 2003 under the guidance of Manningham Rotarians, Ken Murray and Max Didier.

Following the Foundation Meeting and before the first fellowship meeting which was held on Monday, 14th July, 2003 a total of 62 members joined the new Club and are our Foundation Members.

The Club was incorporated in 2004 with member Doug Hayne being appointed the Public Officer. By being incorporated, any litigation needs to be directed to the incorporated body and cannot be directed to individual members.

Club Insurance

The Probus Centre – South Pacific Inc provides a universal insurance cover for members and third parties attending official and approved Club events. The Club is levied an annual fee to cover this insurance.

Probus Clubs within the Municipality of Manningham.

The growth of Probus in the Municipality of Manningham has been outstanding with three new Clubs being formed in 2006 to meet the needs of the community.

Gwen Young, a member of our Club was elected as President of one of the new clubs – the Donvale Hill Probus Club.

There are twenty Probus Clubs in the municipality and there is a combined meeting of the Manningham Probus Clubs twice a year with each Club sending two delegates with items of mutual interests being discussed.

There are also two meetings each year for Club Tour leaders where again touring and trip information is exchanged between leaders.

President's Report: Peter Fishley.

'The Year in Perspective'.

'The year of overseas travel' offered itself as an attractive and appropriate title for our Probus activity this year when a group of members travelled to Vietnam and Cambodia in April and May to experience Asian lifestyle and culture.

The title changed quickly to 'The year of the golf tournament' as golfers and walkers headed for Corowa for three days to scare the water fowl along the Murray with their lofted balls and trampling nature rambles.

By May, it was footwork of a different kind that conjured up the possible title of 'The year of the exploring feet' as intrepid members followed Helen Armstrong across town, Kenneth Park up darkened laneways off Collins Street and narrow streets in Fitzroy, or Margaret Campbell and Lyn Hudgson in a quest for fitness or alluvial gold on the Warrandyte circuit.

Our Saturday Dance and Social at the end of May really tested our fitness levels, as Old Time dancing morphed into modern and rock-and-roll before the night was out. We had a great time pretending to be 40 years younger than we really are, stopping the high jinks on the right side of midnight, before we ran the risk of being morphed into pumpkins and initiating 'The year of staying up late'.

As a mild winter set in, 'The year of theatre-and-concert going' seemed a more apt title, as we glided off to see 'Swan Lake on Ice', the Australian Pops Orchestra, 'Busy Body' at Doncaster Playhouse, and the Gown of the Year presentation at Rembrandt's.

In the midst of this rash of feminine distractions, the Genealogy Group appeared to gather a head of steam, to be followed shortly after by the formation of a Garden Group. The feminine balance was hastily restored by the mushrooming of a Craft group to make little and big things – all of which raised the possibility that the year be called 'The year of (starting a) group'.

But as the dry winter drew to a crop – stunting close we headed for Chateau Tahbilk and Mitchelton Winery to see if 'The year of the group' was really 'The year of the grape' and, as we floated off merrily down the Goulburn with our cellar-door purchases and the barbecued tucker supplied on board, to some it did appear that way after a bottle or three, they said.

Spring was not far away and, with the lure of boat travel now flowing like the rising blood in our veins, we headed up stream, down stream and all around town in the trusty tub "Tramboat" until our fares topped its capital cost and we had practically circumnavigated the city of Melbourne, thus creating 'The year of the much loved Tramboat'.

By now, we had filled to overflowing the pictorial Scrapbook chronicling our daring exploits and began to show it to members, so those lucky enough to see it as it circulated around 130 members will probably refer to this year as 'The year we glimpsed the Scrapbook'. If we all joined the Book Group, which meets in a private home, Helga Braun might lament that she experienced 'The year I never got to discuss any books I read'.

In September, about 20 of us ended up in the Supreme Court, Melbourne. The judge seemed reluctant to address us but talked a lot to a man who had a hang up about old rubber gloves. We made our get away by bowing to the judge when he was not looking and, with the help of the guard (guide) slipped away into the Court's domed library and then to a restaurant nearby, in which we hid for an hour or so before sneaking home. Early in November, another group enjoyed the delights of another guided ramble through the Johnston Collection, East Melbourne. The collection is made up of all sorts of things you gave away before you realized they were valuable. We toyed with the idea of calling this 'The year we escaped the Supreme Court after we gave away most of our children's priceless inheritance'.

In mid November, the Games Group temporarily put down their cards (no betting allowed, and do not talk loudly, please) and, with others headed for the sinful delights of the Mornington Race track, where they embarked on an orgy of wagering and raucous cheering as their nags galloped towards the winning post and glorious defeat, giving rise to 'The year of "How I lost my shirt at the Mornington Races"'.

Somewhere around this time, we gave away a lot of children's books, knitted baby jumpers and multi-coloured woollen mini-rugs and several bags of corks to deserving charities. We had done this sort of thing last year and the year before, so we did not call this anything but were very proud of ourselves and will do it again.

The Christmas Lunch was such a success that we are seriously thinking the year should be called 'The year of the 'you beaut' Christmas lunch'.

The speakers we have had at our Club meeting have, once again, been informative, interesting and relevant. Kerry McInerney said recently that he did not recall our ever having a poor speaker. Your attendance at Club meetings suggests that you, too, found the talks to your liking. It would be churlish to try and claim 'The year of the best speakers' because every year has been good.

I notice that we all mix well together, enjoy the various outings, activities and trips, and take care of our less robust members. As members, you have a good working relationship with the Committee, which it appreciates, and the individual members of the Committee rub along pretty well together. As a club, we do many interesting and worthwhile things and have fun doing them. Several people have said to me that they think our club is "wonderful, because it is made up of such nice people who all seem to want to do things, like each other, and get along so well together". I am very fortunate to have led a club that shares these sentiments across its entire membership. You are to be commended for it. Which, of course, provides the most apt description for our year of operation: 'The year of working together in harmony for the good of each other and the Club'.

Secretary's Report: Ian Gault.

The Club met on the second Monday of each month at the Bulleen and Templestowe Community Centre, Ted Ajani Reserve, Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe with the exception of the March and June meetings which were held on the third Monday due to the second Monday of March and June being public holidays.

In August, 2006 we were advised by Manningham City Council that in 2007 we will be required to change our meeting venue to the newly renovated Thompsons Road Community Hall, Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe as the council plan an overall redevelopment of the Bulleen and Templestowe Community Centre.

"Guidelines for Risk Management" were distributed to all members and adopted as the Club's Risk Management Policy. Ray Cooper, Ian Coleman and Daryl Knight agreed to be the Club's Safety Officers and Ray Cooper spoke to members outlining an Evacuation Plan that would be put into place in the case of an emergency.

Two First Aid Kits were purchased with the intention of one being kept at the Club's meeting place and the other to be available for the walking group and for other external excursions.

In October the Club became an affiliate member of the Probus Association of Victoria. The benefits of this affiliation should be enhanced communication with Probus Clubs outside our immediate area, an opportunity to send delegates to quarterly meetings where participation in an Open Forum is invited, provision of a regularly revised "Guide to Guest Speakers and Outings" and receipt of quarterly editions of the "Victorian Probian".

During the year Allan and June Chambers, Craig and Anne Lukeman and Les Thompson were inducted by President Peter and welcomed into our membership.

In May the lunch venue was changed from the Manningham Club to the Templestowe Hotel, Porter Street, Lower Templestowe. The new venue has proved popular and an average of 40 members enjoy a buffet style meal after our meeting.

Two members per meeting were rostered to prepare and set up the tea and coffee for the morning fellowship break. Judy and Alan Baker organized the roster and they also saw to the purchase of the necessary supplies.

At 9.00 am each meeting morning Jenny Morcom and Robert Anderson were present to register our attendance and Kerry McInerney was at the door to welcome members to the meeting.

Wayne Eames set up the microphone and ensured cords were securely taped to the floor for our safety and Ron McBain took charge of displaying the Club Banner at each meeting and he has been responsible for its safe keeping.

The last meeting of the year took the form of a Christmas luncheon held at our club meeting hall. A scrumptious 'spit roast', cooked on the spot, was enjoyed by all present and we were entertained with various acts and songs presented by fellow members. All voices were tested with community singing and some members went home with a 'lucky door' prize.

Thank you Judy and Alan Baker for the time and effort put into organising this event.

My year as Secretary has been busy, interesting and rewarding. I have had the opportunity to learn more about Probus as an organization and the history of its formation as well as the background to the formation of our Club in 2003 and it has been my good fortune to become better acquainted with our members who without exception are forthcoming and friendly and are always prepared to volunteer for any small job.

Doug Hayne's experience as our first Secretary was invaluable to me and the templates he passed over to me made the production of club material much easier.

The Committee for 2006 – 2007.

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| • President | Peter Fishley |
| • Vice President & Trips and Outings | Helen Armstrong |
| • Immediate Past President | Margaret Cornell |
| • Treasurer | Jacob Kerseboom |
| • Secretary | Ian Gault |
| • Membership | Lorraine Cooper |
| • Welfare | Val Reid |
| • Speakers | Bev McDowell |
| • Activities Leader | John Mugridge |
| • Assistant to Activities Leader | Ron McBain (invitee) |

Committee Meetings.

In past years the Committee has met in the evening of the third Monday of the month. This Committee decided to meet for a trial period of 3 months on the afternoon of the Club meeting day. This change in time has proved to be popular with the Committee members and has now been accepted as the Committee meeting day.

The Committee reviews the Secretary's minutes of the immediate past Club and Committee meetings and confirms that they are a true and accurate record of those meetings. Correspondence is reviewed, the Treasurer's report is considered and accounts for payment are approved

An important part of Committee meetings is spent considering trips and events that have been proposed for Club member participation. Once Committee approval is given, the trip or event can be advertised and money collected from members for attendance.

Members' suggestions that have been left in the Suggestion Box are also considered and decisions made with regard to these suggestions.

At the May meeting, Ron McBain was invited to attend the Committee meeting with the view of ascertaining if he would be interested in assisting John Mugridge in coordinating Club activities. Ron accepted the invitation and has since attended Committee meetings as an invitee.

His input has been invaluable and at the July meeting he was called on to deputize for John who was away at the time. In that same month he and Elaine Hayne attended a combined Manningham Probus Clubs Tour Leaders Meeting.

Committee Reports.

Treasurer's Annual Report for Year Ended 31/01/2007 – Jacob Kerseboom.

The past year has again been a financial success for the club with funds in excess of \$35,000 passing through the account. The actual club funds recorded a small profit of \$105-22 even after subsidising the very successful Christmas lunch to the tune of \$1,221-30.

As in the past, the majority of these funds (approx. \$30,000) consist of receipts and payments for the many activities and events conducted throughout the year. The major source of the club funds remains to be the Membership Fees (\$2,689) and Monthly Door Fees (\$2,286-90). Expenditure associated with the Hall Rental (\$816-50) and the production of the Newsletter, together with its postage cost etc. (\$1,540-69), remain the main items of expenditure.

In addition to the club funds, I have sighted records of other financial activities (namely for the Golf group and the Games group), where funds are not included within the club finances. These funds are insignificant and provide prizes etc. for functions conducted by the groups.

Financial reports will again be audited by Terry Pearlgood and are available for inspection if requested.

Immediate Past President – Margaret Cornell.

It has been my privilege to have served on the committee since the inception of the club in June 2003. On reflection it has been both rewarding and satisfying to take part in the establishment of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley. The implementation of activities and management of the club

have been handled very enthusiastically. The way in which all matters were brought to the committee and genuinely considered with the best interest of all members was most commendable.

The dedication of all committee members has to be applauded. They give their time freely, and their interests and concerns showed their devotion to their role on the committee.

There will always be new goals to achieve and interests to consider, and to the incoming committee I wish them well. May we look forward to this coming year with much anticipation of more fellowship, friendship and fun.

Membership – Lorraine Cooper.

We currently have a full membership of 130 members. Most of our members are able to attend our monthly meetings and many of them support our many varied outings and activities.

Whenever any of our Committee members or activity leaders asks for some assistance from our members that assistance is always readily provided. As an example, at our recent Christmas luncheon over 60 of our Club members were involved in assisting with the entertainment, making Christmas decorations, laying the tables and cleaning up the hall at the end of the luncheon. That assistance made our Christmas luncheon a fun day for everybody.

There are currently 36 people waiting to join the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley. 17 of those people are male spouses and they are still employed and are not in a position to join the Club at the present time. The remaining 19 people have submitted their application forms; they have all had confirmation letters sent to them in which it has been explained that we have a full membership list and that they may have a lengthy waiting period before they are able to join the Club.

Between the period March 2006 to December 2006 the Club has had an average attendance of 96 members at our monthly Club meetings and during that same period one member has resigned owing to family commitments.

The 130 members of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley consist of 89 females and 41 male members.

The members of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley are a group that could be best described as being enthusiastic, happy, adventurous, friendly and young minded.

Welfare – Val Reid.

The Welfare Officer is due, at the next AGM in March 2007, to be combined with the role of Membership Officer. After spending 2 years as Welfare Officer, I support this move.

The age and circumstances of Probians means that the Welfare Officer role is an important one. Members often need a word or a card of support during illness or bereavement, although our comparatively “young” membership has made my job very easy. I have enjoyed my role and wish all members good health and happiness in 2007.

Activities – John Mugridge.

President Peter requested that reporting of activities at Club meetings take a different format this year.

To reduce the time taken for the reports to be delivered at meetings the Activities Leader directed and controlled the reporting of new and amended activities. Group leaders were called forward only to make an announcement of a new or of an amendment to an activity planned.

The Activities Leader liaised closely with the Editor of the Newsletter with regard to new and/or amended activity to ensure that the information was accurately included in the monthly newsletter.

Speakers – Bev McDowell.

Our Guest Speakers have been enjoyed by Club members and the topics presented have been interesting and informative.

The Video presentation by member Liz Turner and her husband George of a 28 day sea excursion to the Antarctic was one of the year’s highlights.

I must acknowledge the assistance and advice I have received from Gwen Young in the procurement of the speakers.

- April Mr Paul Sheahan Headmaster – Melbourne Grammar School
- May Mr Don Horsburgh “Puffing Billy” Preservation Society
- June Mr Mel Higgins RACV – “The Year ahead for Seniors”
- July Ms Patricia Fincham “Women in Prison”
- August Liz and George Thomas Antarctic Video presentation
- September Mr Robert Coles “G J Coles Family Dynasty”
- October Ms Carol Heath “Pixel to Pixel”
- November Mr Ron Austin “Gallipoli”
- December Club Christmas Lunch entertainment by Club members
- January Mr David Gilmour “Gilmour Comfort Shoes”
- February Dr Keith Hill “Falling Accidents in Aged Folks”
- March Mrs Adele Thompson “Early Pioneers”

A Summary of the Year’s Activities:

Walks – Judy Chapman.

Since July, when we took over from Margaret Campbell and Lyn Hudgson who had done such a sensational job previously (remember the Portarlington weekend), Ann Chatland and I have acted as “organizers” and called for volunteers from within the group to assist with selecting and leading the walks.

Most of the regular 2nd and 4th Wednesday morning walks have taken place in our local area and we are fortunate to have a fantastic range of parklands close by to enjoy.

Some Day Walks were included in the program with a City Walk and a day in the Kinglake National Park being very popular.

After the walks we always enjoy getting together for coffee and the occasional lunch.

The Walking Group Christmas Party was a lot of fun and we look forward to further walking activities in 2007.

Events and Activities – Elaine Hayne.

Barbecues:

We had many lunch and evening barbecues where up to fifty or more members and friends had a good time, singing, laughing, and talking and for exercise some bocci bowling.

A big thank you to John Hudgson for always being there with his barbecue.

Christmas in June at Valley View:

A delightful day at a delightful place where we enjoyed the views, the Christmas style lunch and the wines we purchased from their cellar and consumed.

We keep going back to Valley View and probably will return there next year.

Tramboat:

The Tramboat cruises on the Yarra were another fun filled activity. We had some marvellous evening trips and a great trip along the Maribyrnong River with a lunch stop at the “Angler’s Rest”.

Heritage Visits:

- A visit to beautiful Mont De Lancey and its gardens.
- The Briars homestead with its connection to the famous and its collection of Napoleonic memorabilia.
- A nostalgic visit to TV world and its TV memories.
- A tour of the MCG with past member, Leon Magree as one of our guides. Very enjoyable and pleased our sports and heritage happy members.

Social – Dance:

A Social – Dance was a great night and well attended. We danced the night away to lively music provided by Mrs Mayne’s dance band.

Chateau Tahbilk Winery:

A bus trip, a visit to an historic winery and lunch on board a paddle steamer on the Goulburn River made for an enjoyable day.

Point Nepean:

A great day which included a lot of our local history at the old forts at the entrance to Port Phillip Bay.

Mornington Races:

Where we ended our year with the mandatory champers in the car park and a full flow of cash between the TAB and the Probus punters

Vietnam and Cambodia:

We had a great overseas trip to Vietnam.

Our "Family of 12", as our wonderful guide called us, travelled in comfort and style along the length of this beautiful country. Great guides, great buses, great accommodation, and great meals.

We saw exciting people in interesting cities, war history, wonderful historic buildings, artifacts, beautiful scenery and hot weather which suited the swimming activities.

We all agreed that to travel with those you can share the experience with when you return, makes a great "family" outing.

We hope to do another "family" trip to New Zealand in 2008.

A very busy year with thanks to Helen Armstrong and to Irene Baird and Jan Shinnors for their assistance at Club meetings.

Thank you, the members, for your support over the year and we will work hard to make 2007 even better.

Theatre – Pat McInerney:

During 2006 Pat McInerney, Norma Green and Yvonne Boyall arranged outings to a mixture of professional and amateur live productions.

- February – "The Lion King" at the Regent Theatre
- March – "Dusty" at the State Theatre
- May – "Crazy for You" a production by the Whitehorse Musical Company
- June – "Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks" at Her Majesty's and "Swan Lake on Ice" at Princess Theatre
- July – Australian Pops Orchestra at Hamer Hall and an amateur production – "Busybody" at Doncaster Playhouse
- August – "Mum's the Word" at the Comedy Theatre
- November – "Dirty Work at the Crossroads" at Eltham Little Theatre

A very successful year for theatre attendance.

Scrap booking – Verity Moore:

During the year the number of Probusians who met at my home varied from 2 to 6 depending on family commitments and holidays. We worked on the Probus album or our own projects during which time we developed a close relationship. Looking at and working with photographs is a very personal occupation; it revives memories which are wonderful and some evoke painful memories. Sometimes insights into personalities are revealed.

Many who attended the Genealogy group are involved in scrap booking as well, as the two go hand-in-hand; other members are compiling their family histories and preserving them in albums. Scrap booking will continue in 2007.

Golf – Lyn Crosbie:

2006 has been a very successful year for our golfing group. We have played every fortnight for the entire year at Freeway Golf Course and had two Getaways. The first trip in April was to Corowa for the Autumn Cup with 37 members attending. The second trip in September was to Barooga for the Spring Cup and 26 members went along. Both trips were great fun with many new friendships being formed.

The fortnightly golfing group continues to go from strength to strength and I am looking forward to staying on as activity leader in 2007.

Genealogy – Ray Lawley:

John Mugridge was instrumental in the formation of this new interest group.

The group of 17 met monthly at the Westfield Shoppingtown Library Resource Centre.

Visits were made to the Public Records Office, National Archives, Genealogical Society of Victoria, State Library of Victoria, Latter Day Saints in Blackburn and the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies. Much information was researched with success and also some disappointment.

A new meeting place will need to be found for 2007 due to the forced closure of the Library.

Garden Group – Faye Williams:

The Garden Group met for the first time in April 2006 with 10 enthusiastic gardeners. Since then the group has grown to about 20 and has visited several nurseries where plants are admired followed by a mandatory adjournment to a café for lunch or coffee.

There has been a day trip to the National Rhododendron Garden at Olinda and in December a visit to the State Rose Garden at Werribee followed by a shared picnic lunch.

Plans for 2007 include a visit to the Maranoa Gardens in Balwyn and a visit to a community garden in the high rise apartments in the inner city.

New members are encouraged and having a garden or being a gardener is not a prerequisite.

Games Group – Marion Cummins:

The Games Group met on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the Templestowe Uniting Church Hall. Crazy Whist, Trivia nights, “500”, Canasta and lessons for beginners have been highlights. A lot of fun was had by all who attended.

A bridge group meets most Thursdays and new bridge classes are to commence in February.

Exhibitions – Wendy Fishley:

Visits were made to the following:

- February The Immigration Museum
- March The Holocaust Museum
- May Collins Street Landmarks – Block Arcade to Spring Street
- June Fitzroy Walk
- June Lanes and Arcades
- July East Melbourne Walk
- August State Library
- September Supreme Court
- October Shrine of Remembrance
- November Johnston Collection

All these visits were interesting and informative. Again the walks with Kenneth Park proved to be great favorites. The Holocaust Museum moved many to tears and left a lasting impression. We learned a lot about the Justice System at the Supreme Court. It was great to have Ian Gault’s guiding skills at the Shrine and the Johnston Collection, as always, was fabulous.

I look forward to showing members some more of Melbourne treasures next year and I thank my faithful supporters for their interest in 2006.

Fine Dining – Hugh Cornell:

The feed-back from participants indicates that everyone is enjoying the opportunity of dining in groups of six, allowing them to get to know their fellow members a little better.

This activity began in 2005 and we now have a total of 78 members on the fine dining list. In all, 22 different restaurants have been visited, the most frequently used being Di Palmas, East Kew and Kim Jade, Doncaster. Diners have generally been well satisfied with the quality of the food and service offered.

The leaders are responsible for letting me know where and when the group went for their meal so that it can be noted in the Trips and Events Register, and they also provide a brief comment of their degree of satisfaction.

I trust that the dining in 2007 will be a joy to all and reflect the camaraderie we have in our Club. I thank everyone for their cooperation and my special thanks to those who have been leaders.

Craft Group – Yvonne Boyall:

The Craft group had a busy year and special thanks must go to Helen Armstrong, June Duncan and Beryl Glover for the use of their homes as a meeting place. To Claire Douglas, Esma Lawley and Lois Mason a big “thank you” for the Craft ideas you have suggested.

Many hours were spent making the beaded Christmas brooches and the decorations for the hall for the Christmas luncheon. The brooches were much admired on the day and the hall decorations did create a Christmas party atmosphere.

A new meeting place is to be found for our activities in 2007.

Book Group – Helga Braun:

There was good discussion of the books read of which most were enjoyed and some not so enjoyable. For one meeting the group went to the Cinema and saw "Jindabyne".

In 2007 the book group will be a mixed group of Probus members and others so will no longer be a dedicated Probus group. I will step down from being "leader" however I am happy to remain the Probus contact for this group.

Book Swap – Pat Edwards:

One box of books has now grown to seven boxes and it is now a logistic effort to transfer them to and from the meetings. More modern books are planned for 2007.

Newsletter – Doug Hayne:

The Newsletter had many contributions from members during 2006 including several profiles which are generally very well received.

The events list we publish has proven to be very useful to both members attending events and those organising them.

The accuracy of the information provided is very good with few errors and omissions.

Web Site – Doug Hayne:

Our Web Site has been well received by members from the 30 or so who have internet access. During 2006 we set up a web site and link on the Probus – South Pacific site which now means the public at large can find out about our club and its activities.

Fine Photography Group – Doug Hayne:

Expressions of interest in a Fine Photography Group were asked for via the notice board and 16 members have expressed an interest in such a group.

A visit to a Photography Studies Student Exhibition was arranged for January and a meeting in February, to plan activities for 2007.

In Conclusion.

To read this report gives the reader an insight into a Probus Club that is active, resourceful and over the past year many events and outings were organised for members to enjoy.

In April, Peter Fishley will retire from the position of President and Helen Armstrong will be installed as our new President. I anticipate 2007 will be a year of fun and goodwill

There will be some new faces on the Committee in 2007/08 and this is a good for the club as we must guard against becoming complacent or stagnant. Fresh thoughts and ideas will guarantee our future strength and satisfaction.

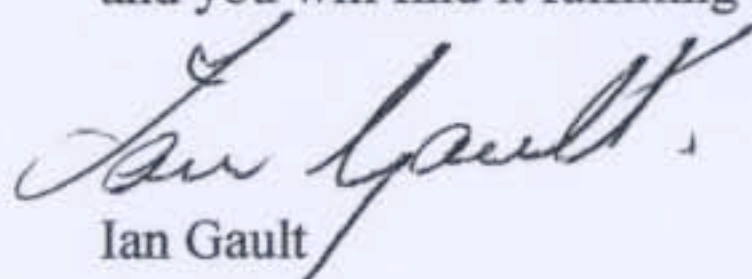
Ian Gault and John Mugridge have nominated for the position of Vice President for 2007-08 and therefore an election will be required at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday, 19 March 2007 to elect a Vice President.

All other Committee positions have un-opposed candidates and they will be formally announced as being duly elected at the Annual General Meeting.

- Secretary – Judy Baker
- Treasurer – Jacob Kerseboom
- Assistant Secretary/Publicity – Doug Hayne
- Activities – Ron McBain
- Membership/Welfare – Lorraine Cooper
- Speakers – Margaret McGregor

Not only Committee positions need to be refreshed, but Activity group leaders will, from time to time, feel that they would like a break and 'handover' their responsibilities to another member.

Do consider volunteering for everything and anything as you will find it will not be a chore and you will find it fulfilling and rewarding.



Ian Gault

Secretary, Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc.