



Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc.

Annual Report

2013 - 2014

Compiled by Libby Jones, Secretary

Introduction

This is the eleventh 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 has filled a need for today's active retirees, so much so that the growth has been phenomenal. It is now a world-wide movement in twenty three countries. The Probus South Pacific Limited is the Administration and Service Centre for the South Pacific area and is dedicated to promoting the development of friendship and acquaintance and the advancement of intellectual interests of its membership.

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc.

Currently we have 150 club members, including two Life Members, Kerry McInerney and Doug Hayne. It is 10 years since our club had its inaugural meeting on 12th June 2003, when 62 Foundation members signed up in the hall at the Ted Ajani Reserve. This celebration year, 2013/2014 has seen many celebrations as a result of these successful 10 years. The Club members are very proud of our Club.

Our club was incorporated in 2004 and Doug Hayne was appointed as the first Public Officer.

By being incorporated, any litigation needs to be directed to the incorporated body and cannot be directed to individual members.

The Club Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month throughout the year and commence at 9.30am in the Ajani Centre, 284 Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe, 3106

Club Insurance

Probus South Pacific Limited provides a universal insurance cover for members and third parties attending official and approved Club events. Each Club is levied an annual fee to cover this insurance. The PSPL annual fee of \$10 per member has increased for 2014, however, our Member's Club fees will remain the same for 2014.

Probus Clubs within the Municipality of Manningham

The interest and growth of Probus has been outstanding in the Municipality of Manningham. Two delegates from each of the twenty two Clubs in the area, are invited to attend the twice yearly meetings of the Manningham Probus Interest Groups and items of mutual interests are discussed.

There are also meetings each year for Club Tour leaders, where information is exchanged between leaders. An Information Day is also organized in April for all interested members and Committees.

These meetings can be valuable resources for members.

Management Committee Meetings

The Management Committee meets on the afternoon of the Club Meeting day thus keeping all meetings on the one day. The Management Committee confirms that all minutes of meetings of the previous month are accurate and true records of those meetings. Inward and outward Correspondence is endorsed, the Treasurer's Report is presented and accounts for payment are approved. All proposed activities are presented to the Management Committee for approval and then the event, trip or function's details, regarding time, date, cost etc. are advertised in the newsletter to enable Members to sign up for the activity and make appropriate payments. A Suggestion Box is available for Members and the Management Committee makes decisions regarding all suggestions made and acknowledges them in writing. The Management Committee is responsible for ensuring the Members are aware of changes to the Constitution and Special Resolutions, and calls Special General meetings when appropriate. Relevant correspondence and information, including PSPL, is passed on to members. Minutes are always available for Members to read, and the Website has all Minutes posted on the site.

The Management Committee is ably supported by the 20 Group Leaders of the many and varied interest groups and activities that the Members can enjoy and attend.

Libby Jones, Secretary

The Management Committee for 2013 - 2014.

President	Ellen Boyd
Vice President	Craig Lukeman
Immediate Past President	Bob Anderson
Treasurer	Jacob Kerseboom
Secretary	Libby Jones
Membership/Welfare	Laurine Eames
Speakers	John Reid
Activities Leader	Andrea Thomas
Assistant Secretary	Jenny Morcom
Newsletter	Phil Mithen
Events Sub Committee Chairperson	Lyn Hudgson

President's Annual Report 2013/2014 Ellen Boyd

It is the purpose of an Annual report to list the achievements and activities of the Club and in the case of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley these are many.

To prepare for this report and reflect on the year from April 2013 to March 2014 I have gone over the many papers and the copious quantity of information that formed the basis of our 10th year of celebration.

It has been a privilege to work with the members of the Management Committee and to develop the friendship which has now been formed by working together as a team. Each member has brought a skill that has complimented the Committee and in doing so provided the Governance to establish a strong and effective Club.

A Sub Committee was formed early in 2013 with a focus on the 10th year of celebrations. The Chairman, Lyn Hudgson with her Committee planned a wonderful year filled with great entertainment and many surprises. We enjoyed the lunches at the hall with the amazing entertainment and as the year progressed each of our leaders provided individual presentations to add to the celebration.

On 7 July we held our Special Birthday luncheon at Natalie's restaurant and had the opportunity to personally thank members from the Rotary Club of Manningham who were responsible for establishing our Club in 2003. In addition we also thanked Council members from the City of Manningham for their support over the years. These organisations were then presented with our 10th year DVD produced by our Club depicting 10 years of fun and friendship formed by its members.

We welcomed ten new members over the year and sadly said goodbye to those we lost. Our membership now stands at 150 with a full list of 10 people on the waiting list.

This is an amazing achievement and reflects the high standard of activities provided by our Leaders.

The Governance responsibilities of the Management Committee were challenged during the year after the adoption of the PSPL Constitutional review completed in January 2013. This led into the legal changes under the schedules provided by Consumer Affairs Victoria and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act of 1981 which was replaced on 26 November 2013.

All members are to be congratulated for their tolerance and support during this period as the Management Committee followed the strict guidelines to ensure all procedures were open and transparent. You have embraced the new policies to ensure the safety and guidelines for our members and we thank all concerned for making this possible.

As we have grown, so too have our procedures that enabled us to expand our list of properties owned by the Club so we can enjoy the benefits of the videos and sound systems. A full list of these properties are available to all members. The Club was able to subsidise the cost of the December Australian Christmas party where we were all able to join in. What a wonderful group of entertainers who provided us with so much enjoyment.

Our theme for this term was Communication. As I reflect on the feedback from our members I am sure the strength, support and friendship gained by being involved in this wonderful organisation enhances all our lives.

We have nine special interest groups who organise twenty plus major outings not to mention the extra theatre and movies for us to enjoy. There are many more members who contribute in various ways, all with great enthusiasm and a commitment to provide an atmosphere of fun and friendship.

I choose not to name individual members in this report as each person in their own right is to be congratulated for an exceptional job well done.

The members of the Management Committee have all offered many extra hours to attend meetings and to ensure the detail of information is provided to our members in a professional manner.

To all these people I offer my most sincere thanks and consider it a privilege to have been a part of this amazing team at the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley. I wish all the new Management Committee members a successful term of office and above all enjoy the friendships formed as a result of being a part of a wonderful team

Secretary's Report Libby Jones

The year in office for 2013 was an interesting, busy, challenging and rewarding time. The introduction, in November 2012, of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, meant that all incorporated groups in Victoria were required to amend their constitutions to include all the requirements of the Reform Act. The Management Committee called two Special General Meetings and asked the Members to accept the changes made to both the Constitution and Special Resolutions. This was duly done, and the Consumer Affairs - Department of Justice accepted Probus Club of Templestowe Valley's new Constitution and Special Resolutions in November 2013. All Members received a copy of the Constitution and Special Resolutions. I have enjoyed the year as Secretary, and I would like to thank all Members for their support and encouragement during this busy year, particularly my husband Rhys, the Management Committee and Doug Hayne for his expertise and assistance in placing things on the website, where copies of Minutes, Forms, Constitution etc are always available for perusal. The friendships made and fun times had, are all things to cherish and help make life as a Probian so special. I look forward to another great year in 2014.

Management Committee Reports.

Treasurer's Report - Jacob Kerseboom

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Membership/Welfare - Laurine Eames

This year our membership was increased from 140 members to 150 members. The new members who joined from April 2013 to November 2013 are – Marjorie Dowd, Pamela Brown, Dennis Elliott, Percy Empey, Noel Freeman, Shirley Sims, Val Keyte, Rhonda Sinclair, Arthur Staron, Neil Sinclair, Guy Tuddenham.

We still have a wait list of 10 prospective members and have had enquiries from other interested people. Over this period a number of members have had serious health problems and we wish them well are on their road to recovery.

Speakers - John Reid

2013 was another busy and varied year for Speakers relieved only by a number of Tenth Birthday celebrations. Jill Dickason completed her long and excellent stint as Speaker Convener with Mark Squirrel and his adventures at Mount Everest, John McNaughton as an author and playwright, and a rip roaring finale with the Dunny Man.

John Reid assumed Jill's role and followed in April with Senior Constable Debbie Day helping us to keep ourselves safe in the community, Dr Robin Woods enlightened us on recent aspirin studies, Annette Alison elaborated on Today's Flying Doctor Service, Professor Geoffrey Blainey spoke to us (and former students) about what we could learn from the history of Victoria, Maria Metser took us back, literally, to the days and antics of the lift ladies of Myer, and the year finished on a high note with the Bush Ballads by Don McQueen.

Activities Co-ordinator - Andrea Thomas

With the addition of our newest activities – New Skills and Movie Club – we now have 20 activities to entertain us. Some of the older activities are not getting much support and look like “folding” i.e. Genealogy and Cultural Walks but the Entertainers are going from strength to strength –

And aren't they performing well?

We have everything from strenuous – golf, bike riding and walking to brain drain – bridge and book club to creativity at the craft group,, photography, scrapbooking and investment clubs.

We go the theatre and movies, fine dining and of course events and outings including visiting wonderful gardens

We swap books to take on our Getaways and play games and enjoy trivia nights.

In short we are the envy of most other Probus Clubs.

In order to keep this club so vibrant we need the support of not only our wonderful leaders but the support of you our members.

Make 2014 the year to join one of our extra activities and get the most out of our club!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank not only our leaders but my personal backup support in Lyn Hudgson.

10 year Celebration Events Chairperson - Lyn Hudgson

Our wonderful club reached a milestone in 2013.

Ten years of great new friendships and fellowship

I had the honour of heading up the committee to plan our year.

Our aim was to make all things a celebration.

Most of our great activity leaders contributed with a presentation

March Walkers Presentation.

April Lunch and entrainment from our Probus Singers in our hall.

May Movie and lunch at Balwyn Theatre

May Investment Group Presentation.

June " Remember When" Entertainment by our members.

July Sunday Lunch at Natalie's Restaurant with Honoured guests.

July Finger food and Champagne after our meeting.

Sep B.Y.O. Lunch in Hall

Oct Getaway Groups trip OS to Norfolk Island

Nov Book Group Presentation

Nov Melbourne Cup Hat Parade at our meeting

Nov Special Golf Group at Kingston Links

Dec Our wonderful Christmas in Australia

March 2014 Lunch and Bush Band to end our 10th Year

Thankyou to all the people who contributed to our special year

Lyn Hudgson & The 10 Year Committee

Summary of the Year's Activity Groups

Bike - John Hudgson

The Bike Riding Group rolls on as usual. New trails explored and old trails revisited.

New and old riders still enjoy our outings. New members to the club have joined in successfully

to our group to make it a fun day. Lady riders are really keen to show their skill and determination on their bikes.

Bike and Train also fits in well to our program, it is a good way to cover more mileage with something different.

Local and a few away rides also keep riders on their pedals

Anyone with a bike is welcome to come along. All care and any assistance as required will be shown to you.

Thankyou Riders for your continuing interest and company.

Book - Helga Braun

I am happy to report that the Book Reading Group is still in existence. 13 members (full capacity)are as eager as ever.

Since there are 3 members on the waiting list, :*"The Future"* seems secure.

Cultural Walks - Wendy Fishley

MARCH 21 – JOHNSTON COLLECTION

A visit to the Johnston Collection was enjoyed by a small group. We heard an interesting talk on Jane Austen, given in period costume by an actress, who read letters written by Jane Austen and her friends. We learned about parties and functions given in the 19th century in some of the grand houses, the clothes people wore and attitudes to behavior of those times. Pieces relevant to the times were displayed in cases around the room. This function was held to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the publication of Jane Austen's novel, *"Pride and Prejudice"*.

We had 12 attendees to this function.

JULY 3 – WALK IN ST. VINCENT PLACE , SOUTH MELBOURNE

A great walk around this beautiful street with its homes of the Victorian and Art Deco periods, many very large and luxurious. Kenneth Park led this tour, telling us the history of the homes, the previous owners of some of them, who were prominent Melbourne citizens, and the architectural features of interest. We enjoyed morning tea in a nearby restaurant in Bridport Street. 10 attendees.

NOVEMBER 27 – LUNCH AT UNIVERSITY HOUSE

I organized a lunch at University House in the beautiful Karagheusian Room, an historic room furnished with lovely pieces of antique furniture from the Paris apartment of the former Professor Karagheusian, who bequeathed it to the University. Fifteen people attended to enjoy a delicious lunch and to hear a talk given by my friend, Dr Deborah Seifert, former Principal of University College and a member of the University Club. Deborah told us the history of this room and its place in the university. She also told us of her experiences at University College, looking after students and guiding them through their studies at Melbourne University.

It has been a rather disappointing year for me and I'm wondering whether the interest in Melbourne's history is waning. I have had problems getting enough attendees to my walks and functions, so I am giving serious consideration to discontinuing as the interest seems not to be there. I will let the committee know the situation next year.

Entertainers - Margaret Campbell and Wilma Pontefract

We had a very full & exciting year with many members participating in the monthly rehearsals. we try to keep our selves fit by dancing, singing, remembering lines, playing small games, to keep us fit & social. This activity has grown in size over the years, helping us all to extend our skills, or to learn new ones. We were Thrilled to have 3 members & 1 visitor form a small but exciting talented band (we hope they will continue.) The singing group of 15 rehearsed diligently at Wilma's. The 20 members who rehearsed on the Tuesday at the Scout Hall became familiar with learning lines for the play plus singing & dancing.

We showed the members our achievements during the year, with the Grand Finale at Christmas, the Australian Theme, completing the 10 years of Probus so far, with 39 members Participating. A wonderful effort.

Probus is an activity Club, each year is different so looking forward we will see what 2014 will bring for us all. Many thanks to all who supported us especially those who have been ill, we are looking forward to seeing you all plus many new members.

Events, Trips and Outings - Elaine Hayne

Jan 16th Tall Ships
Feb 15th Queenscliff Ferry Trip
Mar 1st Sculptures Gardens Frankston
Apr 22nd Morning Melodies - Hamer Hall
May 29th Australian Ballet - Hamer Hall
Jun 26th William Angliss College
Jul 15th Government House - Latrobe Cottage
Jul 17th Monet Gardens Art Exhibition
Aug 19th Mystery Tour Werribee Zoo
Sep 23rd Morning Melodies Hamer Hall
Oct 21st Moonraker Cruise Corio Bay Geelong
Nov 29th Modern Fashion Exhibition Bendigo tram trip

Regular Outings

Morning Melodies at YV Country Club on first Thursday of each month

Barbecues Australia Day Finns Reserve
4th Thursdays - evenings October to March
4th Sunday - afternoons April to September

Fine Dining - Hugh Cornell

At present, we have 79 active members on our Fine Dining list who are enjoying lunching and dining in the many good restaurants of Templestowe, Doncaster and nearby areas. Since we started this activity in August 2005, 174 groups have enjoyed this way of getting to know each other a little better and our new members have embraced this concept enthusiastically.

Restaurants that obtained very good to excellent reports on food quality and service this year were Bucatini's (Mitcham), Vicky's (East Kew), Living Room (Templestowe), Fountain's (Box Hill), Vibrante (Templestowe), De Fazio's (Nunawading) and Carlucci's (Templestowe).

I would like to thank all members for their support, especially those who have been leaders and wish you all good health. It is very encouraging to hear that so many members are still enjoying these happy occasions.

Games - Marion Cummins

Bridge club welcomed 3 new members this year, Rhonda Sinclair and Val Keyte who are both seasoned players as well as Terry Cummins, beginner and tea maker extraordinaire, which makes 3 tables of players most weeks.

We are the only Probus Club in Manningham that play Bridge and we are looking forward to our 10th Birthday in 2015. Bridge is played weekly, mainly at Marion and Terry's home.

Our annual Bridge by the beach was held in February with the usual congeniality.

Most of the players came to Fairhaven on the Wednesday, played Bridge on Thursday followed by a great meal at Airey's Inlet then headed for home Friday.

Crazy Whist has proved popular and it is a wonderful, fun way for the new and old members to mix and mingle. We hold around 6 Games Nights per year and all are well attended.

We are self funded but with the kind support of our committee we were able to buy new boards and cards which have been appreciated by our players. Cheers for 2014

Gardening - Faye Williams

It has been my pleasure to lead the Garden Group again this year.

We began our year in February, when we visited the garden of Malcolm and Tammy Fraser at Red Hill.

It was very pleasing to me, to have so many of our group attend this outing with over 50 members enjoying a great day.

We wandered the beautiful gardens in small groups and sat under shady trees enjoying lunch and a drink together. The next outing to Farm Vigarno at Plenty Gorge was so popular with over 40 members attending, that the proprietor of the cafe rang me the day before to say they were unable to cater for such a large crowd. So rather than cancel, a group of 12 of us went to another cafe for lunch. Len and I were away for most of the winter, so the next Garden Group day was our Open garden Day..

I would like to extend my thanks to Mary and John Wilson, Gwen Young, Margaret and Ron McGregor, and Marion and Terry Cummings for generously giving up their Saturday to open their gardens to the Members of Probus. Although the numbers were down on last year, when over 50 people visited my garden in Surrey Hills, there was an enthusiastic group of about 30 people who supported this event.

We will start 2014 combining with The Events, Trips and Outings Group to visit Mont De Lancy Historic Homestead in the Yarra Valley. I am also planning a Visit to Duneira at Mt Macedon during Autumn, and a Spring visit to either the Australian Botanical Gardens, or Broughton Hall Gardens at Jindivick.

My thanks once again to all those who have supported this Group, your support makes my job enjoyable and worthwhile.

Getaways Group - Lyn Hudgson

Time is on the move again it only seems like yesterday when our Getaway Group started.

Two Getaways were well attended in 2013. Our trip to Echuca was the first one, some travellers used their train pass others arrived by car.

Our three night package included a trip by Paddle Boat on the Mighty Murray River.

Another interesting place to visit was the Beer Shed I think they had every can ever made on display, however no beer to drink.

At a working farm we watched cows being milked and were able to feed baby lambs with bottles.

All in all this was an enjoyable few days away.

Later in the year we set out for Norfolk Island.

Well what can I say. This place is just beautiful.

Our holiday was made enjoyable by the wonderful food, hospitality of the local people and their stories, also the best scenery you could wish for.

Evenings out at theme nights, great shopping, also the great company of our Probus Group

Thankyou for supporting our Getaway Group over the years. We will have many more to look forward to in the future.

Golf - Lyn Crosbie

A very good year for our fortnightly golf as the weather this year was certainly kinder to us than the previous two. Dawn Pratley became a regular golfer this year which increased the number of ladies in our group.

We had two getaways in 2013. The first with 44 members attending was to Bairnsdale in March where we stayed at Mitchell on Main Motel and played two rounds of golf at Bairnsdale Golf Course. The course was 12km from the town and it was a pleasure to play. We have found over the years that country people are very accommodating and ensure that visitors are made very welcome. Winner of the Autumn Cup was Dawn Pratley with an amazing score of 83 stableford points. On the day of arrival we visited The Radin Egg Gallery. We then drove to the lookout at Eagle Point Bluff and completed the day on the Mitchell River Silt Jetties. Ron McBain did a wonderful job

organising our non golfers spending Monday morning on Raymond Island followed by a luncheon sausage sizzle at his family's holiday house. The afternoon was spent in Metung with our members enjoying this lovely township. This getaway had more members on it than any other.

Our second trip with 27 members was to Shepparton in October where we stayed at Best Western Wyndhamere Motel. Our host was Sebastian and he provided our evening meals for us and they were absolutely delicious. As there are two golf courses in the Shepparton area we had the luxury of being able to play both. On Monday we played at Shepparton which is quite a difficult course and as it rained for the first few holes it made it that much harder. We still enjoyed the course and would like to play there again. The second game was at Mooroopna and even though this course was not as challenging the very windy conditions really made you stop and think about each shot. Our winner of the Spring Cup was Percy Empey with a total score of 66 stableford points. Thank you to James Campbell who looked after our non golfers. On Sunday 11 of us walked around Victoria Park Lake and then visited the Shepparton Art Museum. On Monday our non golfers car pooled to Murchison but due to inclement weather were not able to enjoy the boardwalks in the area. On Tuesday they were taken on an historical walk around the streets of Shepparton before returning home. At both getaways we had members join us for the first time which is always very pleasing.

To end our year we had a dinner at Malaysian Kitchen restaurant and it was a very happy and successful night.

To celebrate the tenth year of our Probus Club as well as the tenth year of golf, 18 members plus our two regular golfers from Lower Templestowe Probus had a game at Kingston Links on Friday 13th December. A good day all round and a closely fought game with Percy Empey winning on a countback from Jeff Crosbie. Both players had 35 stableford points.

Remember even if your golf game is not up to your expectations, think of the exercise and fun you have on the day.

Investment Group - Bob Anderson

It has been an interesting and successful year for our Investment Group. We had two Member changes over the year, however we still have twenty Members, the maximum number allowed by law for a "Partnership" such as ours.

As at the date of writing this report, our Group has investments in eleven diversified Australian Companies, all listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX). Some have produced solid "capital Gains" (not all) and most have paid "fully franked dividends".

Any Member of the Group can put forward a recommendation to buy or sell shares quoted on the ASX, and this has promoted many active discussions. In addition, various Members' have spoken on topics, such as:

- . Stock reviews (various)
- . Data available from ASX and Stock Brokers
- . Stop Loss Orders/Strategy
- . Computation of Franking Credits (on Dividends)

During November Meeting we had an outside Guest Speaker, sharing his knowledge and experiences of attending U3A courses on "Investing" over many years.

Thank you to Philip Mithen (Secretary), Jacob Kerseboom (Treasurer) and Joan Planck (Share Dealer) for your efforts and great support throughout the year. Also, thanks to George Thomas for chairing a meeting in my absence.

We look forward to another challenging and successful year ahead.

Movie - Merrill Smead

The Movie Group has been operating for just over a year with The Boomers Club of Manningham Council which organises movies for seniors each month on 3rd Thursday. The venue at Shoppingtown is convenient with free parking making the outing affordable for many.

We have seen a variety of genre during the year including, comedy, drama and thriller with some films based on true stories. It has been a good opportunity to see new releases at a discounted price. Some of the movies may not have been peoples' first choice but they enjoyed them nevertheless.

The numbers have ranged from 7 to 14 with a consistent core of members. The coffee and chat after has been a good opportunity to debrief especially after a thriller. There has been positive feedback and the group will continue next year.

Monday Mystery Movie Group

During this year after several members asked for a movie on another day, not Thursday, an expression of interest sheet was completed. Monday Mystery Movies were started at Pinewood Cinema, Waverley as Mondays were the cheapest and to view a wider range of movies. The titles of the movies are only known a week in advance and as there are 4 cinemas Probus members could select the movie of their choice. Tea/ coffee/light lunches have also been enjoyed. These have been most successful with around 7 members attending and will continue next year but may be on another day (not Thursday) due to my commitments.

Thank you to all the movie goers for their participation and co-operation.

New Skills - Dawn Anderson

Once again the New Skills group has had varied activities this year. The Crocheting group has become a regular activity each month, with many ladies joining in from time to time. It is a very relaxed group who come along to learn the skills of crocheting and also have a chat and a cuppa.

Other Activities this year have been:

FEBRUARY – BALLOON DÉCOR – Presented by Sean O'Kelly (Margaret Campbell's brother). A very interesting demonstration of the many ways you can use balloons for parties, functions, etc.

APRIL – UNDERSTANDING YOUR DIGITAL CAMERA by Doug Hayne – Doug's knowledge with cameras is really great.

JUNE – CARD MARKING by Janet Pulis. Janet is very skilled with making stitched cards.

JULY – SPONGEMAKING by Marion Cummins – Everyone loves Marion's sponges.

AUGUST – LOOK GOOD, FEEL GOOD MAKEUP DAY by Colleen Van Hemert – A very successful day helping us to all look and feel younger.

SEPTEMBER – WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY – A great success with 2 professional ladies speaking on nutrition and sleep strategies for the mature women.

I would like to thank all the people who have helped over the last year, for their dedication and time involved in making the above days really fantastic.

On the whole, most activities have been very well supported but some months, the activities have had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. It is disappointing when the people involved are giving up their time to show us a new skill. Also, preparations for some of these skills are done according to how many people put their names on the list and sometimes, there has only been 2 or 3 people turn up, so hopefully in the coming year we can look forward to lots of support for the New Skills activities.

Photography - Doug Hayne

We meet on the evening of the day after our fellowship meeting which is a Tuesday.

We set a theme for the year and in 2013 we decided to take pictures of animals and had an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo where there were many great images taken to show at our next meeting. Some animal shots from holiday trips were also presented and discussed as well as many other various themes over the year.

At our last 2013 meeting we decided to concentrate on the theme of "Movement In Photography"

Scrap Booking - Verity Moore

During the last year this group did not meet as often as usual, as the members travelled overseas at different times. However we are all working hard to record our adventures and those of all club members in the Club Scrapbook.

Theatre - Judy Baker and Lois Mason

Another fantastic year for the "Theatre Group" we attended thirteen outings with Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre being a favourite. As we all travel to Lilydale we make this a day out by meeting at the Crown Hotel in Lilydale for lunch then all walking over to the theatre. The theatre is a little museum with a special place for Dame Nellie Melba. We enjoy a sherry on arrival then the first act, tea, coffee and biscuits at interval then back into the theatre for the second act. At the end of the show we all share in a glass of "Champagne" cheese and biscuits and meet with the cast, then we all head for home after a great day out.

For the tenth anniversary celebrations of our club we produced a small DVD covering the many theatres and shows attended by members and friends over the ten year period of our club, this DVD was received well by our members at our special tenth anniversary meeting.

The following is a list of theatre outings attended by members and friends of our club during 2013.

War Horse: Wednesday 20th February at the Arts Centre, State Theatre

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang: Tuesday 5th March at Her Majesty's Theatre

Steel Magnolias: Sunday 17th March at Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre

Nonsense: Saturday 4th May at Peridot, Unicorn Theatre Mount Waverley

Laughter on the 23rd Floor: Sunday 2nd June at Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre

Agatha Crispie: Sunday 28th July at the Doncaster Playhouse

Tune in Tomorrow: Wednesday 7th August at the Whitehorse Centre

The Light in the Piazza: Sunday 25th August at Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre

The Women of the 60's: Wednesday 4th September at the Whitehorse Centre

The 39 Steps: Saturday 14th September at the Whitehorse Centre

Carousal: Saturday 12th October at the Whitehorse Centre

Are You Being Served: Sunday 10th November at Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre

Virtue: Sunday 17th November at Peridot, Unicorn Theatre Mount Waverley

A total of 187 members and friends attended these 13 outings. We are now very busy planning our 2014 calendar.

Thanks to our "Theatre Go'ers" for supporting us, we look forward to another great year in 2014.

Walking - Denis Wheeler and James Campbell

2013 was a year of fun & fitness for our group, we walked in stages from Warrandyte Bridge, To St; Kilda Rd; Melbourne, with a very dedicated group of Walkers.

We also had an adventure, to explore Settlers Style of living in East Melbourne with a guided tour of their old houses. There was an average of 15 members walking each week. We wish to thank all the members who supported the group, on our fortnight walks, those who shared their creative cooking, at morning tea, those who attended come rain or come sunshine, all looks great for 2014. Many thanks to all.

Webmaster - Doug Hayne

Our web site has been on line for 7 years now and has been useful for members to access information concerning the club including our newsletters from day one in July 2003.

We have several presentations from Probus outings and access to forms, and other information that can be downloaded for member use.

Due to privacy concerns our newsletters and some other documents containing members personal details have been quarantined from public access but can be accessed by using an unpublished link. We also have several external links to other Probus entities such as Probus South Pacific and Probus Association of Victoria.

In Conclusion

Templestowe Valley is a vibrant, active and resourceful club, where over the last 10 years Members have enjoyed fun, fellowship and many outings and events together. As the years pass, it is becoming obvious that less people are willing to take on positions on the Management Committee. Many have already served on the Committees and worked hard as Group Leaders, but according to our application form, ALL Members are expected to contribute in some way to the Club, and hopefully Members will feel comfortable offering themselves for election onto the Management Committee, where I am sure, they will find a great deal of satisfaction, fun and camaraderie in helping to progress our Club through the years.

It is good to have changes and both Activities and Committees benefit from new members ideas and input.

Voluntary positions usually are very rewarding and fulfilling, so as a Club we would welcome any Members volunteering to assist by taking an active role on the Committee or as a Group Leader in 2014/2015.

At the Annual General Meeting, the new Management Committee commences their term. Ellen Boyd, as retiring President will hand over the office of President to Craig Lukeman. Wendy Fishley has nominated for the position of Vice President for 2014/15 and as there is no other nomination there will be no election for 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 on 10th March 2014:

Proposed Management Committee for 2014

President	Craig Lukeman
Vice President	Wendy Fishley
Secretary	Libby Jones
Treasurer	David Moodie
Activities	Alan Baker
Membership/Welfare	Laurine Eames
Speakers	John Reid
Assistant to the Secretary	Jenny Morcom
Newsletter	Philip Mithen
Immediate Past President	Ellen Boyd

Libby Jones
Secretary, Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc

PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 January 2014

THE CLUB HAS FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:-

Total funds on hand as at 01/02/2012	\$10,720.48
Income for the Year:-	
Club Funds	\$5,362.59
Activities	<u>\$59,850.16</u>
Sub Total	\$75,933.23
Expenditure for the Year:-	
Club Funds	\$8,494.33
Activities	<u>\$54,741.37</u>
Balance on Hand as at 31/01/2014	<u>\$12,697.53</u>
These funds are held as follows:-	
Cash on Hand	\$292.25
Cash at Bank - Westpac	\$3,234.62
Investment A/C - Westpac	\$9,402.66
Less - Unpresented Cheque	<u>-\$232.00</u>
Balance on Hand as at 31/01/2014	<u>\$12,697.53</u>
Allocated as Follows:-	
Club Funds	\$2,443.54
Deposits for Activities	<u>\$10,253.99</u>

Treasurer's Annual Report for the Year Ended 31/01/2014

The finances for the Club decreased by \$2,702- whilst the deposits held on behalf of Activities increased by \$1,977-. Total turnover reached \$56,268- of which \$50,420 was associated with our many and varied activities and events with excellent participation rates.

The major increase in the club's expenditure was due to our club's 10th year celebrations (\$1,800-), purchase of additional equipment (projector, screen, stereo cables, remote presenter, etc.) \$600- and payment of two years of subsidies for the Christmas lunch celebration.

Although our club funds have decreased somewhat, the current Committee has decided not to increase the membership fees for the forthcoming year as some major expenses for the past year were non-recurring. This may need to be reviewed next year.

Jacob J Kerseboom
Treasurer