



Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc.

Annual Report

2015 - 2016

Compiled by Libby (Elizabeth) Jones - Secretary

Introduction

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

What is Probus ?

The Probus movement had its genesis in two ancestors – both in the UK and both established by Rotary Clubs. The first was formed in 1965 and was known as the Campus Club – its name was derived from the area of the town in which it was conceived – the Campus. The second was formed by the Rotary Club of Caterham in 1966 and was named the Probus Club for the “PRO” in professional and the “BUS” in business and which also made up the Latin word from which “PROBITY” is derived.

Both were formed to meet the need for companionship of their peers and mental stimulation for retired business and professional men. Today there are Clubs for male, female and combined gender.

The first Club in Rotary’s South Pacific area was the Probus Club of Kapiti Coast, New Zealand in 1974. The first Club in Australia was the Probus Club of Hunter’s Hill, NSW in 1976.

Today Probus is a world-wide movement in twenty three countries with Probus South Pacific having some 50% of the world number of Probus Clubs.

Probus South Pacific Limited

What is now known as PSPL was formed in 1981 in Sydney when five Rotarians, all of whom had been involved in the formation of Probus Clubs got together to share their experiences. They recommended the provision of an information service to Rotary Clubs throughout the region. The result was the Probus Information Centre.

At the time of formation it was noted that “It was important however that the Centre would not be a controlling body, or Probus Head Office, but rather a service or information centre.”

In 2010 the Board of Probus Centre – South Pacific created a new organisation to replace the Centre. The new organisation is a company limited by guarantee, and Probus South Pacific Ltd. (PSPL) is formed under NSW law. It is a commercial organisation but simultaneously takes for itself the right to control all non-profit Probus Clubs and organisational structures in the South Pacific.

MISSION

PSPL is dedicated to promoting the development of friendship, fellowship and the advancement of intellectual interests for active retirees through Probus Clubs in the South Pacific area.

VISION

The vision of PSPL is to co-ordinate the growth, development and ongoing support for Probus Clubs, as the most widely recognised organisation for active retirees, in fostering the true spirit of Probus – friendship, fellowship and fun.

CORE VALUES

- Friendship, fellowship and fun
- Supportive Active Retirees
- Adaptable Growth
- Diversity.

MOTTO

PROBUS – Tomorrow’s vision for Active Retirees™
Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc.

Currently we have 150 Club Members, including two Life Members, Kerry McInerney and Doug Hayne. It is 12 years since our Club had its inaugural meeting on June 12, 2003, under the guidance of Manningham Rotarians, Ken Murray and Max Didier, when 62 Foundation Members signed up in the hall at the Ted Ajani Reserve.

The Club was incorporated in 2004 and Doug Hayne was appointed the first Public Officer. Today this position is held by the Club Secretary.

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 9.45am in the Ajani Centre, 284 Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe, 3107.

Club Insurance

PSPL provides an 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 has increased for 2016, to \$12.25 per Member, however our Member's Annual Club Fees will remain the same for 2016.

Manningham Probus Interest Group.

There are over 20 Clubs in the Municipality of Manningham and these have formed the Manningham Probus Interest Group. Two delegates from each of the Manningham Clubs are invited to attend twice yearly meetings of the Group (usually held in March and October) where items of mutual interest are discussed and information on speakers and outings exchanged.

An Information Day is also organised in April for any interested Members. This day can be a valuable resource for Committee Members.

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc. Management Committee Meetings

These meetings are held monthly at 2pm on the second Monday of the month in a Committee member's home.

The Management Committee for 2015-2016

President	Wendy Fishley
Vice President	Daryl Knight
Treasurer	David Moodie
Secretary	Libby Jones
Membership	Verity Moore
Welfare	Lyn Paice
Speakers/PSPL	Ellen Boyd
Activities Leader	Alan Baker
Assistant Secretary	Jenny Morcom
Newsletter	Phil Mithen

Our Past President, Craig Lukeman, passed away in June 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ANNUAL REPORTS 2015 - 2016

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Wendy Fishley

It's been a year of mixed blessings for many of us but as the year draws to a close we can be assured that we did the best we could to cope with all that has happened.

I want to thank my wonderful committee for all their hard work and attention to detail and for their handling of the few tricky moments we had with getting through some matters of meeting procedure and the troubling problems with the Golf Group.

So my thanks to everyone for their support and help in dealing with these problems.

It's been so distressing to me personally and to many others, I know, that we've lost a number of valued members this year. I guess it's that time of our lives when health problems arise and we just have to deal with them as best we can.

We are lucky to have such a caring and loving group of members who are mindful of others' problems and who really want to support each other.

However, it was pleasing to see how well all the activities worked and the enjoyment members received from participating in many of these activities.

So we look forward to 2016 and the hope that we can get some more good people to carry on the various roles of responsibility of our club.

My best wishes to all

Wendy Fishley

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Libby Jones

My term as Secretary finishes in March 2016. I have enjoyed my three years in the secretarial role and met many members as a result of being in this position. It is good to see the "sea of faces" when sitting up on the stage, and I have been fortunate with the three Presidents, Ellen Boyd, Craig Lukeman and Wendy Fishley who were a pleasure to work with.

The actual duties and obligations of this Secretarial job are not onerous, and although some items, such as the Minutes for the meetings, take a certain amount of time each month, most things flow well and are easily organized.

I would like to congratulate and wish the Committee for 2016-2017 all the very best, and I look forward to attending the wonderful activities that our Activity Leaders continue to provide for us and thank them sincerely for their input.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2015

David Moodie

The Treasurer's Report and Auditors Report are attached at the end of the Annual Report.

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Alan Baker

I would like to thank Lyn Hudgson for filling this role on numerous occasions during the year as I have been unable to attend. I have enjoyed working with the Activity Leaders in 2015 and as I have stated before the club is fortunate to have such a dedicated team of 28 "Activity Leaders" who work very hard managing the 21 groups that provide a wide range of activities for the members to participate in. I thank the members who have supported the groups and enjoyed the activities and I hope they have formed new friendships within the club. The many activities that are organized are what makes our club so strong, and I thank all the leaders for their hard work in 2015 and look forward to another good year in 2016.

Regards,

Alan

April - Wally Smilie, 'An update and information from Ambulance Victoria'

We were all entertained as well as being informed by our April speaker. Wally Smilie is the Community Presenter from Ambulance Victoria.

Wally joined Rural Ambulance Victoria in 2002 as a First Aid Instructor so his knowledge of simplifying the CPR techniques and demystifying the use of the Defibrillator was most enjoyable.

May - Probus Club Entertainers & Singers, 'A tribute to our war veterans'.

At our May meeting our members joined in with the choir to sing the many old songs from the previous wars era. We are very thankful of the time and effort that goes into producing the entertainment for our Club and thank all those who participated in this memorable morning.

June - Kevin Trask, 'My Career in the Media & the Life of my cousin Diana Trask'.

Kevin Trask was an unexpected guest speaker at our June meeting. He agreed to step in for Dorothy Baker who was unwell on the day. He reminded us of the wonderful live artists we enjoyed in the 50's and 60's and many of our members bought the CD and book memorabilia of his cousin Diana Trask.

July- Wendy Lewis, 'Girl Guides in Victoria - 100 years on'

It was very interesting to hear from Wendy Lewis, former CEO of Girl Guides Victoria how an organisation in existence for over 100 years can adapt to the many changes in technology to accommodate the young female leaders of tomorrow.

August- Jan de Kretser, 'Life beyond the Gates'.

Jan de Kretser spent five years living in Government House as the wife of the Governor of Victoria David de Kretser. She gave a lighthearted view of her experiences and an insight into the privileged life she shared in her position.

September - Bernie Geary, 'Disadvantaged children and young people in care'

Bernie Geary gave us an insight into the issues associated with his work as Victorian Commissioner for Children and Young People. His work over many years has produced a report to generate an inquiry into the adequacy of the provision of residential care services to Victorian children and young people who have been subject to sexual abuse exploitation whilst in residential care.

October - Graeme Robin, 'The Bigger things in Life'.

We welcomed Graeme Robin back for the second time after we enjoyed his travel adventures. He gave us a surprise when he presented his topic The Bigger Things in Life. It challenged many members into giving serious thought to world population in the next century. Another great presentation from Graeme.

November - Sarah Martin, 'The biography of David McCaughey'.

Sarah Martin after nine years as Development Manager at Ormond College at the University of Melbourne talked about her research into the background of David McCaughey, his life work in the church and later as Governor of Victoria. An absorbing account of the passion of an amazing man.

December - 'Probus Christmas Party'.

The Annual event replaces the speaker at the December meeting to provide the members with fun, friendship and entertainment provided by our member entertainers and singers. Many thanks to all concerned for a great celebration of our amazing Club.

January - Anne Miller, 'Melbourne's Streets - the characters behind the names'.

Anne Miller is a Volunteer with the Melbourne Museum and has a great knowledge of the history of the stories behind Melbourne streets. We learned much about our city and enjoyed Anne's presentation.

February - Life Member, Doug Hayne. 'Village at The Edge of the World'.

Our mystery speaker turned out to be one of our own members Doug Hayne. His amazing photography took us on a journey to a part of the world that most of us have never seen. We always enjoy our members' participation and Doug's presentation was enjoyed by all.

March - Warren Joel, 'From the find in the Attic to the fall of the hammer'.

Warren has agreed to be the Guest Speaker at our 2016 Annual General Meeting. We look forward to Warren's expert advice on the real value of our treasures.

I have enjoyed my term as Speaker Co-ordinator and also presenting some very interesting Guest Speakers during the year. I thank them all for giving their valuable time.

Ellen Boyd

PSPL REPORT

Ellen Boyd

I was privileged to be asked by the President, Wendy Fishley to continue the outstanding work of Craig Lukeman to ensure our Club was kept abreast of the activities of PSPL.

I have received from Anne all Craig's papers in relation to the work he was doing to keep us informed of the issues arising with PSPL. I have compiled all the information accumulated and will continue to report on his behalf.

As Craig reported, the PSPL Reform Group have highlighted major governance issues arising from the excessive expenditure by PSPL and the lack of communication with the District Rotary representative to clarify our concerns.

Amongst the papers there are the newsletters of Probus New Zealand Inc. who report a membership of 261 Clubs as at 3 March 2015. This represents 62% of all Clubs in New Zealand who have separated from PSPL Australia and formed their own Incorporated body. This figure increases dramatically each month and I will try to continue our links with New Zealand.

In the PNZI newsletter dated 1 December 2014, the Chairman Ross Gurney states:

PSPL seems to be trying to move Probus Community towards the commercial user-pays end of the spectrum. If that is the case, what are the goods and services that we as users are paying for?

Are they value for money?

He goes on to say:

Recalling that Probus from the outset has had a rule to not be engaged in fund-raising activities, did not pay capitation to anyone, and organised their own insurance, why is there such secrecy about the PSPL Board meetings?

I note from the July 2015 Rotary District 9810 Probus Newsletter distributed to our Committee, the PSPL Annual General Meeting was held on 11 June 2015. I requested that our Committee apply for a copy of the Annual Financial Reports 2014 and 2015 which I have now received.

I also note from the District Newsletter, our Rotary District 9810 Probus Chair, Robert Renshaw has been appointed a Director on the Board of PSPL and represents Victoria & Tasmania. I do not recall any nomination or election process as our representative.

I am deeply disturbed by Robert's comment in the third and fourth paragraph of the Newsletter where he refers to Rotary Clubs to engage more with Probus, he further states:

" the benefit is a two way street where you may be able to assist the Rotary Club in some of their fund raising efforts as individuals, and also attract some of their members nearing retirement".

This is not the original charter of Probus Clubs to support Rotary and disturbing that ' our Vic/Tas representative believes this to be the new direction.

I have been advised that a Probus Club in another District has requested their Rotary/ Probus Chair to address the Management Committee. Robert Renshaw has been invited to address our Management Committee in the past but did not respond.

I will try to keep you informed to the best of my ability and in doing so pay our respect to the wonderful work Craig did for our Club.

Ellen Boyd

MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Verity Moor

This year 2015-2016 has been a sad one with the passing of seven members. Health issues have necessitated four members to become Non-active members. We have witnessed the Induction of new members who have been made welcome and are now actively participating in Club events. There has been great movement on the Waiting List as vacancies were filled and others found with changing circumstances they were unable to take up the offer of becoming members of Templestowe Valley Probus.

At the moment we have 7 on the Waiting List.

WELFARE ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Lyn Paice

Sadly we have had seven bereavements this year, Maureen Dubock, Joan Jackson, Craig Lukeman, Ian Green, Hugh McIntosh, Graham Morcom and Les Thompson. We continue to miss these people at our meetings and activities. Also we have several members who have been ill or had operations during the year. I hope you have all returned to good health.

I would like to thank our members who have supported these people and their families during difficult times.

Hearty congratulations to many of our members who have celebrated "Big O" birthdays in 2015.

Lyn Paice

GROUP LEADERS ANNUAL REPORTS 2015 - 2016

Bike Riding

John Hudgson

Welcome to Keith Marsh, he and I will be co leading the Bike Group from now on.

Our group of riders are still enjoying their regular rides around the great network of bike paths in Manningham and elsewhere.

Some of us feel a bit tired in the legs after a long day.

However old bikers always peddle on.

This year we combined with the walking group for an overnight stay in Mill Grove. Warburton Trail was our aim, while the walkers enjoyed the lovely scenery in and around the area.

The intention to do this again as well as longer day out rides will be on next years program.

Thankyou for supporting this Group

Happy and Safe Riding

John Hudgson

Book Reading

Val Reid

Our book group (for some of us) is now in its 13th year and we have gradually grown to 14 members who enjoy each other's company as well as our book discussions.

This year we decided to change receiving books from C.A.E. and instead have been receiving a good selection of books from our local Doncaster Library. The Library staff have been most helpful.

Many thanks to those members who have each month led the discussion and for those hostesses who have provided unnecessary but delightful champagne suppers.

We would also like to thank Lyn Crosbie who picked up the books from the Library and returned the read books each month.

We have had a fun year with some ardent discussion amongst a great group of ladies.

Val Reid. Lyn Crosbie

Book Swap

Patricia Edwards

Another successful year for the book swap activity. Many books are exchanged each month. Thank you to all who help to make this activity a success.

Craft Group

Yvonne Boyall

2006 – 2016 – Still Going Strong The “Craft Ladies” meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month throughout the year, making many different items for comfort of mainly cancer patients in local and other hospitals.

Items we make are:

Breast Pillows, Drainage Bags, Gynaecology Bags, for ladies and shower cylinder holding bags for men’s oncology wards.

Our knitting people provide head wear such as scarves and berets as well as knitted rugs for chemotherapy patients and people in palliative care.

We also make special bags for toys for children in hospital.

We would like to thank Kerry McInerney and Doug Hayne for donating the equivalent of the yearly subscription for which they are exempt as Life members.

Entertainers Report

Margaret Campbell and Wilma Pontefract

2015 has been a very successful year for the entertainment groups.

In May we held a Memorabilia Revue commemorating 100 years since World War 1 with songs that were very moving.

Together with very suitable scenes on the large screen. We had letters and poems read by members of our Probus group, and we had the men and women marching in memory of the soldiers & Nurses.

These items were accompanied by our very competent band at the Ted Ajani Hall.

We organised a great B.Y.O. music night In October at the Scout Hall, where we had Quizzes, dancing and singing, along with items from the entertainers and singers, and of course the Tee Vee Pee's.

The Christmas Revue was held at the Probus Christmas Celebration with The Entertainers performing the Christmas Great Escape.

The Singing group performed a Medley of Christmas songs with actions, with the Tee Vee Pee's accompanying them and of course the arrival of Father Christmas.

We sincerely thank all the members who rehearsed each month and supported each other in this great social activity,

We look forward to 2016 with some new members joining this very faithful group of Probarians

Margaret Campbell & Wilma Pontefract.

Event Trips and Outings

Elaine Hayne

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley members enjoyed many trips and outings during 2015 with between 30 and 50 members and friends attending most events.

Helen Armstrong, who has done a great job working with us on our plans for trips and outings, and Jan Shinnars and Irene Baird who have managed our funds and bookings at the meetings, have all now decided to move on and we thank them for their contribution over the years.

Jenny Kerseboom and Margaret Johnston have volunteered to join in and help us this year. We thank them very much.

The plans for our outings are presented to the Activities Officer for approval by the Committee during 2015 we organized the following events which all had good attendance.

Barbecue

Monthly Barbecues at a local park are popular. During daylight saving time these were held in the evenings and at other times Sunday afternoons. An attendance of up to 40 members and friends is typical for these events and members often say these outings are their favourite. Barbeques are now managed by the Activities Officer.

Day Trips and Outings

Most months we have trips which can involve car pooling or a hired bus and lunch. Sometimes we find our own way by public transport.

January

Australia Day BBQ at Finns Reserve.

February

Visit to The Healy Factory in Ringwood. (Wayne Eames)
Bus trip to Desal Plant at Wonthaggi

March

Tour of Flinders Street Station
Tour of Old Melbourne Jail

May

Tour of The Shrine of Remembrance

June

Yarra Valley Races at Yarra Glen

July

Christmas in July at Swipers College Restaurant

August

Bus Trip - Mystery Tour – Sunbury

September

Lunch at William Angliss
Melbourne Laneways Walking Tour

October

Bus trip Broughton Hall Gardens Jindivick

November

Suzuki Market

December

Bus trip. City. Star Wheel and Christmas Lights

Fine dining**Anne Lukeman**

Fine Dining 2015. Once again 50% of club members have enjoyed the fine dining experience this year. For those of you not on the list why not make 2016 the year you give it a go? While every endeavour is made to put you with people that you haven't dined with before, the size of the group determines that sometimes this will not be the case. My apologies if this has happened to you. I will try and do better in 2016!

Please continue to let me know if you are unavailable for periods of the year so that I don't add you to a group during that time.

This year, 'fine diners' enjoyed meals at the following restaurants. Bucatini in Mitcham, Carluccis in Templestowe, Condotti in East Ivanhoe, Di Palmas in Kew, Dunyazad in Balwyn, Limelight in Doncaster East, Manningham Club in Bulleen, Manorom Thai in Bulleen, Poppies on Canterbury in Blackburn, Sensis in Templestowe, The Firehouse in Ringwood, The Livingroom in Templestowe.

Anne Lukeman

Games Report**Marion Cummins**

This year we have had six Crazy Whist Nights which has seen an average of 28 players, per night, attending over the year. New members have been slow to join but it is one of the best ways of mixing and getting to know new faces. Hope to continue the fun and frivolity during 2016.

Our band of 14 Regular Bridge players meet each week for 3 hours and we hope to welcome a few new people next year.

The Annual Beach getaway is a big hit with Bridge, food and wine making a pleasant mix. This year we celebrated our 10th Birthday.

We are a self generating financial group with very low key finances.

2016 will be an opportunity for club members to take lessons at Waverley Bridge Club probably at the commencement of the new year.

Yours Cheerily
Marion Cummins

Gardening Activity Report

Anne Doull and Jeni Moodie

Burnley Garden tour

Three volunteer guides (Sandy, Jane & Sue) at Burnley Gardens (campus of Melbourne University) on 2nd March, gave 20 attendees a walking tour of the gardens, with information about the landscaping, heritage trees and research plots. Morning tea (BYO) was enjoyed on a table of red gum and some members purchased plants from the Friends of Burnley Gardens.

Coombe Cottage Garden Tour

A magic day and the magnificent gardens of Coombe Cottage home to Dame Nellie Melba and later her family was visited by 44 Probus members on Monday 4th May. An informational tour of the gardens, trees, summer gardens, pool area and orchard, was complimented with a delicious Devonshire tea. Members also visited the small museum and various retail outlets in the stable areas.

Heritage House, Museum & Garden Tour

A drive to Dandenong on Wednesday 7th Oct took the garden group on a tour of Benga house and garden home to Dr & Mrs Hart (1936), Laurel Lodge an early boarding house and garden (1869) and St Mary's Church built in 1864,. A magnificent Moreton Bay fig shared the front garden of Laurel Lodge with a Kauri pine; Benga house had a prolific vegetable garden and many rare plants. Devonshire tea finished our visit of 28 attendees.

Heide Sunday Roses Tour

On Thursday 5th November, 6 attendees braved the elements (rain and sun) to hear about the wonderful roses planted at Heide by Sunday Reid during her residency (about 150 remain of an original 250 species). Dugald Noyes, head gardener for roses, took us on an informative tour of the gardens in Heide 1 & Heide 2 explaining the various species, their growth patterns and care.

Rippon Lea House & Garden Tour

Volunteer guide Alan took 15 attendees on Monday 7th December on an historical tour of the Rippon Lea house and gave explanations of the beautiful gardens. We were able to explore some of the garden features including lawns and significant plants, lake and waterfall, tower, windmill, fernery, orchard and vegetable gardens. Our morning was completed with a delicious 'Devonshire tea'.

Anne & Jeni would like to thank all those who joined us, thank you for your suggestions and hope you can ramble again with us through various gardens next year.

Genealogy

Pam Brown & Pat Marsh

Our group has continued to research our ancestors this year and has grown to twelve regular members with meetings held at MC². We enjoyed very informative visits to the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies in Blackburn and the State Library of Victoria where we were shown various ways to find our elusive great-great-grandparents.

We look forward to many more discoveries in 2016 and welcome any new members.

Getaway Group

Lyn Hudgson

Once again the year has passed with our Getaways being well attended. Thank you to the members for supporting our trips, we have been enjoying Probus friendship with our fellow travellers since 2007.

August 2014 our trip started in Cairns for our adventure to the tip of Australia Cape York. We had our own Safari 4WD bus and driver, many rough roads were travelled, and many stories told. Happy evenings were enjoyed in the communal eating area set aside for our group.

March 2015 Canberra and the Snowy Mountains was the destination. Cabins and our own Caravans were used, we stayed in a very nice park with close proximity to most sightseeing. Some travellers moved on to Cooma for a few days one highlight was a Gondola ride to the top of Kosciuszko.

2016 will see Getaway Group on a Cruise to Kangaroo Is and later in the year we are venturing to the Eyre Peninsula.

Happy and Healthy Travelling.

Lyn Hudgson. Getaway Group Leader

Golf Report

John Mugridge

Not a year we would want to repeat.

Our major events of the Spring and Autumn Cup were well supported, and favourable comments have been pleasing to hear.

Freeway has declined, partly as golfers travelling habits have changed and the inclement Friday mornings has made bed more inviting.

In many cases nine holes has been preferred to eighteen. The average number turning out is eight which includes two guests.

Discussions over this matter are taking place at this moment.

From the Groups commencement 11 years ago, I have been privileged to be organising and participating in the events and relinquish the role through personal reasons.

Best wishes and good golfing to those who take us forward.

John Mugridge

Investment Group

Bob Anderson

In spite of the Australian Share Market turning flat during the second half of 2015, our Group managed to make headway with a positive result for the full year.

Our current Investments cover a broad range, including Banks, Mining, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Services, etc. At close of 2015 we held investments in 18 different companies. We sold out of 3 companies and invested in a further 7 companies.

Any Club Member who has an interest in joining our Group is encouraged to let one of our Investment Group Members know and we will endeavour to admit you to the Group, when a vacancy occurs.

A significant lift in the Australian Stock Market will make for an exciting 2016.

Many thanks to Joan Planck who has done a great job as both Secretary and Share Trader/Dealer and to Jacob Kerseboom as Treasurer for your efforts and support during the year.

Movie Group

Merrill Smead

The movie group continued to be a part of the Manningham Boomers' Club in 2015. In October the Manningham Council decided that the priority for seniors was to be out and about instead of sitting down and the group ceased.

During the year a small group of people watched a variety of movies. The discussion after the movie was always lively with many laughs and was a good way to get to know Probus members better.

It was disappointing that no new members came to see a movie.

I would like to thank Bob Anderson for standing in for me when I was unable to attend sometimes.

In 2016 I am going to trial lunch and a movie at the Palace Cinema in Balwyn as this was very well attended for Probus's 10th birthday.

Merrill Smead

New Skills **Dawn Anderson and Margaret McGregor**

It has been a fairly quiet year for New Skills.

Crocheting has been held several times throughout the year.

In May, June and August, Prue Jefferies demonstrated the amazing use of her Thermomix in her home and treated 18 ladies to a scrumptious lunch, all made in the Thermomix. Thank you Prue.

In November, a very successful Fashion Parade by W-Lane was held with 68 ladies attending, which included 8 of our own models, along with Ray Walker who provided the music and the "Two Ronnies" (alias Ron McBain & Ron McGregor), who performed very funny skits.

I would like to thank Margaret McGregor for now being a Co-Leader of New Skills with me and hopefully we can look forward to many more new skills in 2016. If anyone has any ideas please let us know.

Dawn Anderson & Margaret McGregor

Photography Group **Doug Hayne**

We meet on the Tuesday evening the day after our fellowship meeting,

For 2015 we decided to concentrate on home movies as our subject for discussion. We also started looking at a series of lessons from a National Geographic Photographer Joe Sartori on travel photography.

Scrapbooking **Verity Moore**

We did not meet so many times in 2015 as we are a group of happy travellers. However many memories were created to look back on when our joints start to complain too much.

Verity Moore

Theatre **Lois Mason, Judy Baker, Rhonda Sinclair, Trudy and Colin Neal**

The group started 2015 with a trip to Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre being one of our favourite theatre outings. We travel to Lilydale and meet at the Crown Hotel, for lunch and a glass of wine then we walk to the theatre. The theatre is old fashioned with a small museum of Dame Nellie Melba memorabilia. 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, followed by a discussion about the show and meet with the cast, crew and producers. We all find this very interesting to hear the stories of all involved in the production of these shows. Then it is time to head for home after a great day out.

The following is a list of theatre outings attended by members and friends of our club in 2015.

Vicar of Dibley: Sunday 15th March at Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre

Dirty Dancing: Wednesday 29th April at Her Majesty's Theatre

Strictly Ballroom: Wednesday 27th May at Her Majesty's Theatre

Secret Bridesmaid's Business: Sunday 31st May at Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre
The Best of British: Sunday 28th June at Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School
Diana Trask in Concert: Sunday 27th September at the Whitehorse Centre
The Mystery of Edwin Drood: Sunday 15th November at Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre
Don't Dress for Dinner: Friday 4th December at Heidelberg Theatre

July 2015, Rhonda Sinclair, Trudy and Colin Neal took over the reins of the "Theatre Group", they are doing a fantastic job and we wish them all the best in this role. Lois and Judy would like to thank all members for their support over the past years.

A total of 208 members and friends attended these eight outings.
Lois, Judy, Rhonda, Trudy and Colin.

Walking Group

Beverley Wignall and Rhys Jones

The walking group has had a good year with 19 walks and an average of 17 people attending.

We had to cancel one walk due to heat in February 2015.

Some new members have joined us which is encouraging.

We had three walks over the year away from our area; one to Brighton Beach, another to The Botanical Gardens in the city.

The third was a combined walk and ride. Four riders rode from Mt Evelyn to Warburton, a great achievement. Twenty-nine people enjoyed themselves walking and sightseeing and twenty-five had an overnight stay in Millgrove at Pollotti College.

Our breakup breakfast at Carlucci's Restaurant at Templestowe village was a huge success with 27 attending.

We thank you for your participation and hope to see you attending again in 2016.

Beverley and Rhys

Webmaster

Doug Hayne

Our web site has been on line for nine years now and has been useful for members to access information concerning the club including our newsletters which are all available from our first edition.

Minutes of our Club meetings and AGMs and other documents of interest to members and our forms are also available for viewing and download if necessary for member use.

We have a Gallery Page with photo presentations from Probus outings, and also our Scrapbook which is put together by our Scrapbooking group lead by Verity Moore.

We also have several external links to other Probus entities such as Probus South Pacific and Probus Association of Victoria for information on Probus travel insurance and other club activities.

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 which can be obtained from the Webmaster for members only.



PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.

Treasurer's Annual Report for Year Ended 31 January 2016

Our balance of Club Funds at the start of this financial year was \$3,071. This year's Club income was \$6,048 and our expenditure was \$5,329, leaving a balance of \$3,790 in Club Funds.

The deposits held for Activities at 1 February 2015 were \$7,542. The Activities income for the year amounted to \$56,677 and the expenditure was \$56,584 leaving a balance of \$7,636 held for Activities at the end of the financial year. The income and expenditure figures only represent funds that have gone through the club's accounts.

The club spent \$82- on glass water jugs and storage tubs which were used at the Christmas lunch and will now be available for future functions. These items have been added to the clubs assets register.

Some activities and event's income and expenditure is understated (as indicated on the attached report) owing to the fact not all funds were handled in line with the club's 'Tours & Refund Policy' i.e. passed through the club's accounts. This also resulted in the funds not being covered by the Probus insurance policy. This matter is a concern for myself and the some of the management committee and will hopefully be addressed when the 'Tours & Refund Policy' is reviewed shortly.

The financial records have been progressively audited by Kerry McInerney and his report is attached to my reports. His time and expertise in undertaking this audit is appreciated and I thank him on behalf of the club.

David Moodie
Treasurer
18th February 2016

Please note all figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.



PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.

Statement of Financial Position as at 31st January 2016

Balance Brought Forward as at 1st February 2015 **\$10,613.41**

INCOME

Club:	6,048.60	
Activities:	56,677.38	
Total Income		\$62,725.98

EXPENDITURE

Club:	5,329.64	
Activities:	56,583.57	
Total Expenditure		\$61,913.21

Balance on Hand as at 31st January 2016 **\$11,426.18**

RECONCILIATIONS

Club Funds			3,790.33
Activities Funds			7,635.85
			<u>\$11,426.18</u>

	Club	Activities	
Cash on Hand	126.90	0.00	126.90
Westpac Bank - Cash Reserve A/C. 30-4577	2,005.34	4,000.00	6,005.34
Westpac Bank - Cheque A/C. 17-8945	1,658.09	3,635.85	5,293.94
Balances on Hand	<u>3,790.33</u>	<u>7,635.85</u>	<u>\$11,426.18</u>

Westpac Cheque Account

BALANCE			5,293.94
LESS - Cheques on Hand			0.00
PLUS - Unpresented Cheques	Total Items 1		10.00
Westpac Bank - Cheque A/C. 17-8945 - Balance			<u>\$5,303.94</u>



PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.

Club's Income & Expenditure

Summary For The Year Ended 31 January 2016

	\$	\$
Balance Brought Forward as at 1 February 2015		\$3,071.37
 <u>INCOME:</u>		
Membership Fees	5,225.00	
New Member Joining Fees	180.00	
Donations from Visitors	40.50	
Bank Interest Received	97.15	
Stopped Cheque	41.00	
MCC Key Refund	30.00	
Net Surplus from Activities	434.95	
Total Income		\$6,048.60
 <u>EXPENDITURE:</u>		
Rent of Meeting Hall	899.00	
Refreshments	460.78	
Stationery	177.71	
Postage	290.00	
Post Office Box Fee	115.00	
Printing & Photocopying	37.00	
P. S. P. L. Annual Capitation Fee & Insurance	1,840.00	
Probus Badges/Certificates/Magazines	231.14	
M. P. I. G. - Affiliation/Meetings	95.00	
Annual Return Fee - Consumer Affairs Victoria	53.00	
Speaker Expenses	250.00	
Gas Refill for BBQ	22.98	
Engraving President's Bar etc	5.50	
Life Members Donations to Craft Group	70.00	
Welfare Expenses	117.85	
Welfare Payment	424.00	
Audio Equipment	30.36	
First Aid Kits Supplies	8.69	
Glass Jugs & Storage Tubs	81.85	
Christmas Lunch Subsidy	119.78	
Net Deficit from Activities	0.00	
Total Expenditure		\$5,329.64
Balance on Hand as at 31 January 2016		\$3,790.33



PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.

Activities Income & Expenditure

Summary For The Year Ended 31 January 2016

Functions / Events	Balance B/Forward 31/1/2015	Income	Expenditure	Transfer to Club Funds	Balance C/Forward 1/2/2016
Club Functions					
Club Social		0.00	0.00		0.00
Christmas at Ted Ajani Centre		3,735.00	3,854.78	-119.78	0.00
Aust Day BBQ *		211.95	50.00	161.95	0.00
Other Activities Groups					
Craft Group	4,466.04				6,113.85
Supplies			2,365.39		
Donations		1,485.20			
Breast Cancer Luncheon*		2,528.00			
Events, Trips & Outings					
Beans & Bagels	180.00		180.00		0.00
Desal Plant Tour	2,552.00	212.00	2,709.00	55.00	0.00
Flinder's Street Station		469.00	469.00		0.00
Old Melbourne Goal Tour		60.00	60.00		0.00
Swipers Restaurant		1,474.00	1,474.00		0.00
Yarra Valley Races		561.00	561.00		0.00
Mystery Tour		1,575.00	1,575.00		0.00
William Angliss		480.00	480.00		0.00
Laneways Tour		504.00	504.00		0.00
Broughton Hall		2,665.00	2,665.00		0.00
Fashion Parade *		240.00	240.00		0.00
Melbourne Star Tour		1,050.00	1,050.00		0.00
Morning Melodies		100.00			100.00
Melbourne Cruises		400.00	400.00		0.00
Entertainers					
Music @ Finns *		300.00	100.00	200.00	0.00
Games					
Crazy Whist *		300.00	300.00		0.00
Gardens					
Burnley Gardens	35.00	98.00	133.00		0.00
Coombe Cottage	275.00	825.00	1,100.00		0.00
Heritage Hill Museum		511.50	511.50		0.00
Rippon Lea		314.00	314.00		0.00
Getaways					
Canberra	34.00	0.00	16.00	18.00	0.00
Kangaroo Island		8,490.00	8,490.00		0.00
Palloti College		2,734.00	2,734.00		0.00
Eyre Peninsula Tour *		500.00			500.00
Golf Group					
Bendigo Trip		6,435.00	6,435.00		0.00
Spring Cup - Swan Hill		7,920.00	7,920.00		0.00
Christmas Party		1,120.00	1,120.00		0.00
Autumn Cup		1,000.00	950.00		50.00
Theatre Outings					
Dirty Dancing		1,947.00	1,947.00		0.00
Vicar of Dibley - 15/3/15		400.00	400.00		0.00
Strictly Ballroom		2,154.95	2,154.95		0.00
Secret Bridesmaid's Business		380.00	380.00		0.00
The Best of British		702.00	702.00		0.00
Diana Trask		572.00	572.00		0.00
Edwin Drood		440.00	440.00		0.00
Don't Dress For Dinner		792.00	792.00		0.00
Vicar of Dibley - 6/3/16		480.00			480.00
Four Seasons		392.00			392.00
SUB TOTALS		56,557.60	56,148.62		
Adjustments					
Net Surplus from Activities			434.95		
Net Deficit from Activities		0.00			
Christmas Lunch Subsidy		119.78			
TOTALS	<u>7,542.04</u>	<u>56,677.38</u>	<u>56,583.57</u>	<u>315.17</u>	<u>7,635.85</u>
				434.95	
				-119.78	
				<u>315.17</u>	

* Indicates Activities & Events where the income & expenditure was understated due to funds not being handled in line with the club's "Tours & Refunds Policy". This also resulted in the funds not being covered by the Probuss insurance policy.



PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.

Independent Auditors Report

I have reviewed the club's 'Statement of Financial Position' as at 31 January 2016 and the 'Statement of Income and Expenditure' for the year ended 31 January 2016 for both the clubs' and activities' funds.

I have also examined the records, comprising cheque butts, bank statements, payments advices, expensed claims (with receipts where supplied), cheque requisitions forms and other supporting documents.

The accounts are prepared on a "cash basis" with Nil accruals or provisions for income or costs, apart from "activities" that have not been completed in the current year and net funds of the Craft Group, which are recorded in the 'Statement of Financial Position' and detailed in the 'Activities Statement of Income and Expenditure' report for the year ended 31 January 2016

Based on the records and information presented to me, it is my opinion that the Financial Statements of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc. are properly drawn up so as to give a proper and fair view (for funds going through the clubs accounts) of the "Statement of Income and Expenditure" reports for the year ended 31 January 2016 and Total Members Funds, as reported in the "Statement of Financial Position" as at 31 January 2016.

Kerry McInerney
12th February 2016