

REARRANGE

AGENDA CLUB MEETING

9th. MAY, 2005

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9.45AM WELCOME – Next Meeting **FRIDAY** 10/6/05 due to Queen's Birthday.

Speaker Mr. Graham Couch (Travel Industry)

✓ TREASURER'S REPORT- Lorraine Mov.Sec. Discus.Carried

✓ SECRETARY'S REPORT- Doug “ “ “ “

ATTENDANCE , APOLOGIES & VISITORS

ACTIVITIES – Reports:

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| ✓Wendy | Galleries etc. |
| ✓Elaine/Helen | Trips/Outings |
| ✓Leon / Lyn | Golf |
| ✓June/Lois | Theatre |
| ✓Margaret/Lyn | Walks |
| ✓Marion/Dawn | Cards/Games |
| Wilma | Singing |
| Helga | Book Club |
| Irene | Tennis |
| Verity | Scrapbook |

OTHER BUSINESS.

10.30AM FELLOWSHIP BREAK

11.00AM Gwen Young : Guest Speaker' Mr. **GRAHAM COUCH**.
(TRAVEL INDUSTRY)

LUNCHEON – Manningham Club Bistro

NEXT MEETING – **FRIDAY** JUNE 10TH ✓

COMMITTEE MEETING - Monday 23rd. May. 7.30pm at
The Fishley's ✓

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc.

Minutes of Meeting of the Club

**Held at the Community Centre, Ted Ajani Reserve, Thompsons Road
Templestowe**

On Monday, 9 May 2005, at 9.45am

1. The President, Margaret Cornell, took the chair.

2. ATTENDANCE:

Ninety-one members attended the meeting.

Apologies: 31 Helen Armstrong, Alan and Judy Baker, Ross Chapman, Marjory Coronica, Jeff Crosby, Josephine Danahay, Jill Dickason, Elizabeth Diffen, Anne Doull, Laurine Eames, Jennifer Eaton, Pat Edwards, Denise Faulkner, Ian and Mary Gault, Jan Harvie, John and Lyn Hudgson, Ray and Esme Lawley, Dorothy McCaulay, Ron and Lynette McBain, Lois Mason, Kay Mithen, Verity Moore, Lyn Paice, John Reid, Tony Shembrey, Fay Williams.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

The President welcomed all those present. She alerted members to the fact that the book exchange was now operating and that the day and date of the next Club Meeting is FRIDAY, 10 June.

4. REPORTS:

4.1 Treasurer's Report:

4.1.1 Preamble – Spit Roast Costs: The Treasurer informed the members that the Club had ordered 111 spit-roast meals for the April Club Meeting and that 113 people paid in advance as requested. However, a small but unspecified number of those who had paid did not attend the function, unfortunately forfeiting their payment. She reported that the Club subsidised the event by \$226.00. The subsidy reduced the cost to each participant, provided diners with steel cutlery, ceramic plates and disposable cups, provided two extra staff for the caterer (Go for Gold Catering) and paid for an extra two hours of hall hire.

4.1.2 Financial Report for April: The Treasurer presented her report. The balance at the bank at 30 April was \$7,695.70 of which actual club funds were \$5,750.71, the remainder being cheques yet to be presented and money held for trips and excursions. The report was accepted on a **motion** from Kerry McInerney **seconded** by Bev Wignall. The full Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes.

4.2 Secretary's Report:

The Secretary presented his report. The points were:

- On 29 April the President and Vice President attended the first meeting for the year of the bi-annual gathering of the Probus Clubs of Manningham
- The Club is obliged to pay an annual fee to Probus South-Pacific as an affiliate and for insurance and copies of *Probus News*
- The Club is obliged to pay an annual fee to the Vic. Dept of Consumer Affairs for Incorporation. The Treasurer's Report reflects both these items
- New up-to-date name badges are available
- Probus lapel badges are available from the Secretary at \$4.50 each
- For the *Newsletter*, profiles and reports of trips are required

The report was received on a **motion** from Ray Cooper, **seconded** by Noel Hatton.

5. Lunch:

Forty-six people wished to attend lunch at the Manningham Club today.

6. Rotary-Sponsored Bowel Scans:

Ian Coleman was given the opportunity to promote and sell early-detection bowel scanning kits on behalf of Rotary BOWELSCAN, which hopes to reduce the 12,000 cases of bowel cancer reported in Australia annually.

7. ACTIVITIES REPORTS:

The President invited the Activities Leaders to address the meeting about aspects of the events they were organising: details of the activities may be found in the *Newsletter*. However, the main points to note are:

- Golf: a three-day trip is being arranged for 25, 26 and 27 September at the Rich River Tournament, Echuca – non-golfers welcome
- Scrapbook: photographs required of each and every event
- Theatre: The Lion King will be added to the program for December
- Walking: Senior's (60+) bus tickets will be available at cost for the return leg of the walk across Melbourne
- Book Group: Is associated with the Council of Adult Education – eclectic subjects to suit everyone
- Music/Singing: The Melbourne Symphonia has a concert coming up
- The Games Group is attracting up to 40 people to a card night

8. FELLOWSHIP BREAK:

The meeting took its usual half-hour Fellowship Break. Unfortunately, the President was unable to continue chairing the meeting because of a fall she had sustained upon arrival and went off to seek medical attention to her arm. *Note: Margaret was subsequently diagnosed as having a fracture of the upper humerus and an associated torn muscle.* The Vice President took over the running of the remainder of the meeting.

9. SPEAKER:

Gwen Young introduced the guest speaker, Mr Graham Crouch, the principal of a travel consultancy specialising in hotel and motel accommodation and a member of her (local) Rotary Club.

Mr Crouch took us on a nostalgia trip around the few hotels and motels in Melbourne and its environs in the 1970s, comparing the scant number of beds and low level of service then with the thousands of beds and high level of service available now. The advent of serviced apartments had also boosted the availability of beds.

International travel to Australia has grown and now takes up 33 per cent of the business, he said. However, domestic tourism is again on the increase. He predicted more and better amenities would become available in paid short-term accommodation but he said it would be counter-balanced by the provision of more "no-frills" accommodation / service at reduced tariffs.

Travel to tourist destinations by motor vehicle is outstripping other modes of transport as roads, cars and accommodation improve. Cruising by ship is enjoying a resurgence, he said.

10. THANKS TO SPEAKER:

Gwen Young called on Kerry McInerney to thank Mr Crouch. This he did, congratulating Mr Crouch for his interesting, humorous and lively talk. He presented him with a bottle of wine on behalf of the members.

11. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSING REMARKS:

The Vice President thanked members for their attendance, reminding them that the next Club Meeting would be on Friday, 10 June. The Committee would meet on Monday, 23 May at the Fishley household at 7.30pm.

12. CLOSE:

The meeting closed at 11.55am, whereupon 46 people adjourned to the Manningham Club for lunch.

President..... Date

Note: The Treasurer's Report for the Month of April and a report on the first meeting for the year of the bi-annual meetings of the Probus Clubs of Manningham are attached.

Templestowe Valley Probus Club

TREASURER'S REPORT

Meeting held on Monday May 9, 2005

Bank Balance B/Forward

\$ 9,088.01

INCOME

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Deposits for :- | Spit Roast | \$ 201.00 | |
| | Rupertswood | \$ 432.00 | |
| | Lord Melbourne | \$ 350.00 | \$ 983.00 |
| | Membership fees | \$ 300.00 | |
| | Lord Melbourne | \$ 105.00 | |
| | Hello Dolly (\$540.00) | \$ 265.20 | |
| | Mumma Mia (\$897.60) | \$ 346.20 | \$1,016.40 |
| | See how they run (\$28.00) | \$ 718.20 | |
| | Door fees | \$ 206.00 | \$ 924.20 |
| | Dirty Dancing (\$49.99) | \$ 185.99 | \$ 185.99 |
| | Mumma Mia | \$ 316.80 | |
| | Hello Dolly | \$ 54.00 | \$ 370.80 |
| Total Credits | | \$3,480.39 | \$ 12,568.40 |

WITHDRAWALS

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|---|-------------------|
| BAD Tax | \$ 6.20 |
| Probus Centre South Pacific (121) | \$ 395.00 |
| RDV Pty Ltd (^{Probus} Newsletter) (122) | \$ 244.00 |
| Horsham Mid City Court Motel (123) | \$ 150.00 |
| Manningham City Council (Feb rent) (124) | \$ 69.00 |
| Whitehorse Musical Theatre (127) | \$ 594.00 |
| Go For Gold (Spit Roast) | \$1,608.45 |
| Ticketek (128) | \$1,214.40 |
| Margaret Cornell (129) | \$ 100.85 |
| Doug Hayne (130) | \$ 340.00 |
| Consumer Affairs (131) | \$ 35.80 |
| Manningham City Council (March rent) (132) | \$ 115.00 |
| Total Debits | <u>\$4,872.70</u> |

Balance at Bank

\$ 7,695.70

* Actual Club Funds, as at April 30th, 2005

\$5,750.71

Holding Deposits for trips
Unpresented Cheques

\$1,404.99
\$ 540.00

Unpresented cheques:

Victorian Art Centre (119)

\$ 330.00

Eltham Little Theatre (125)

\$ 210.00
\$ 540.00

Report to the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley on Bi-Annual Meeting of the Probus Clubs of Manningham - held at the East Doncaster Baptist Church, Tunstall Square, Donvale on Friday, 29 April, 10 am.

House Keeping Matters:

Attendance from Our Club: Pres. Margaret Cornell; Vice Pres. Peter Fishley.

Documents Provided by Our Club: 17 lists of speakers in 2004-5
17 lists of trips & outings 2004-5
17 Newsletters (April 2005)

(A copy of each of these documents is attached to this report)

Fee: \$10 cash (paid)

Business of Interest to Our Club:

Reports from Clubs:

Club reports should state the Club's years of operation and membership strength.

The Dilemma of Membership Numbers and Waiting Lists:

Of the 17 clubs represented, most Combined clubs had memberships of above 100 members: only two other clubs (Lower Templestowe (Combined) and Bulleen-Templestowe (Combined)) had 130 members and no club more than that, although the latter was now aiming for 150 members. Many clubs had absorbed their waiting lists to raise their pool of members and, as pointed out by Ken Murray of Bulleen - Templestowe, to lower the average age of members, now that their clubs were mature and the band of early organisers was into their mid-70s and needed to give way to younger people. He said that all clubs should aim for a pool of 20 potential organisers aged 65 or younger.

One men-only club, Templestowe Men's, said that it was considering opening its doors to women, now that its membership had dropped to 85 and it had an average age of 76 (25 members were over 80 years of age). The club's temporary solution, they said, was to invite Templestowe Ladies' Club to take part in its touring program.

(Note: No women-only clubs ventured an opinion on this matter.)

Correspondence Received:

A copy of a letter received from a member club will be sent out with the minutes. The gist of the letter is that it should be possible for this group (Probus Clubs of Manningham) to organise tours of an extended nature, thus ensuring that such tours get wide local circulation and, therefore, are filled more readily. A reply to this idea is required from clubs by 30 June so that the Committee can answer the letter. Manningham (Combined) posts its tours on its web site as a way of getting tour participants, not necessarily local.

List of Excursions and Trips Co-ordinators:

A list of names of the officer in charge of tour co-ordinators (excursions, trips and outings) in each club was distributed to club secretaries in June 2004. It was vital that clubs keep Probus Clubs of Manningham informed about changes of executive.

Privacy:

- Phone numbers will not be published with the List of Attendees, by the P C of Manningham because it could breach the requirements of the Privacy Act.
- Clubs wishing to dispose of out-of-date lists of members should shred them.
- Newsletters: Although these were distributed to the delegates present, they too contain information of the above type. The Chairperson promised to report at the next meeting on what might be done about this.

Risk Management:

Clubs were urged to attend a course on risk management to lessen the chances of encountering situations of risks to club members and, through implication, to the parent club. The Probus Association of Victoria has produced a sample risk policy which may be purchased for \$5.00 and is available on CD Rom. as well.

Insurance:

- All clubs should look at the letter sent out by Probus-South Pacific recently to all secretaries concerning P S-P low rates and (low) cover for travel insurance.
- The Chairperson, Ken Falconer, said it was better for individuals booking club trips of an extended nature to take out their own travel insurance, because there were too many complications for a club to handle.

Probus Song:

The Chairperson urged us to use the Probus Song (see a recent ed'n of *Probus New*).

Minutes:

The minutes will be sent to the all club secretaries within a week, as was done last year also.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Probus Clubs of Manningham will be on Friday, 28 October 2005, same venue, same time.

Peter Fishley, 4 May 2005.

Note: Margaret Cornell will report on superior speakers and excursions highlighted by other clubs at this gathering.