

PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLUB

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

On Monday, 8 May 2006.

1. Welcome by the President.

President Peter Fishley took the chair and welcomed those present.

- He outlined a synopsis of matters to be dealt with at the meeting and he then took the opportunity to explain to the meeting that his message in the May Newsletter was incomplete as the second page of the message had been missed by the editor.

Peter then read his complete message to the meeting.

- A short report was given on the meeting he and Vice President Helen Armstrong had attended of the Combined Probus Clubs within the Municipality of Manningham held on Friday, 28 April.
 - 1) It was a good meeting with 16 clubs represented.
 - 2) Risk Management had been mentioned briefly.
 - 3) Each club representative gave a 2 minute report on their clubs' activities.
 - 4) Emily England from Ambulance Victoria was the guest speaker and a DVD on "4 Steps for Life" was shown. A representative from each of the clubs present was given a "4 Steps for Life" kit and encouraged to run the program at their club.
 - 5) The next combined meeting is to be held on Friday, 27 October 2006.
- As a trial, a new lunch venue has been arranged for today at the Templestowe Hotel, 23 Parker Street, Lower Templestowe. Cost \$13.50 per head for a buffet style meal including tea and coffee.

2. Attendance.

91 Members were present. There were no visitors.

Apologies: 31 – Wendy Fishley, Diane Gibson, Elsie Branchflower, Jeff Crosbie, Jacob Kerseboom, Alan Baker, Aimee Pretty, Judy and Ross Chapman, James Campbell, Jan Hammond, Patricia Burns, Jan Shinnars, Irene Baird, Kay Mithen, Jane and Terry Pearlgood, Anthony Shembrey, John and Val Reid, Annamaria Cremasco, Doug and Elaine Hayne, Kerry and Pat McInerney, Norma Green, Frances Baldassarre, Helga Braun, Valma Sigg, Bev. McDowell and Alice Pawelzig.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Money at the Bank = \$8,216.41

Deposits held for Activities = \$2,298.00

Actual Club Funds = \$5,918.41

Moved: Deputy Treasurer – Lorraine Cooper. **Seconded:** Faye Williams. –

Carried.

4. Secretary's Report:

- 1) The next club meeting is to be held on Monday, 19 June
- 2) June newsletter deadline: Sunday, 11 June.
- 3) An updated list of member's names and telephone numbers is to be published in the June edition of the newsletter. If for privacy reasons a member would prefer any of their details not to be published please advise Doug Hayne by the newsletter deadline.
- 4) April-May edition of "*Probus News*" available today.
- 5) Agenda Items to be advised to the President or Secretary prior to commencement of the meeting.

Correspondence Out:

- Letter to Manningham Council with regard to having a handrail fitted to the stair to the stage.
- To Combined Probus Clubs within Manningham Municipality advising the names of our representatives to the meeting to be held on Friday, 28 April.

Correspondence In:

- Minutes of the Combined Probus Clubs Meeting held on Friday, 28 April.
- Notice of a Combined Meeting of all Probus Clubs Tour Leaders within Manningham to be held on Friday, 28 July.
- Notice of the next Combined Meeting of all Probus Clubs within Manningham to be held on Friday, 27 October 2006.

Risk Management:

The Guidelines for Risk Management Document had been distributed to all members prior to the commencement of the meeting.

The Secretary made the following comments:

- Common sense to prevail; e.g. lifting of tables – always 2 persons per table – lifting of chairs – 2 persons per stack.
- Members encouraged using the stair if accessing the stage. A request has been made to Manningham Council for an additional hand rail to the stair.
- Wayne Eames has volunteered to organize taping of cords to the floor.
- Ray Cooper, Ian Coleman and Daryl Knight have agreed to be our "Safety Officers".

- Ian Coleman will outline an Evacuation Plan during General Business.
- Event Leaders should be aware of any possible hazard at any event they have organized and should bring the hazard to the attention of those attending that event.

Moved: Secretary – Ian Gault. **Seconded:** - Ray Cooper. – **Carried**

5. Activities Reports:

Lyn Crosbie – Golf.

38 attended Corowa for the Golf/Walking 2 days visit.

A good time was had by all.

Winner of the Golf Autumn Cup: Jenny Kerseboom

Runner up: Wayne Eames

A full report of Golf and Walking activities for the trip to be in the June Newsletter.

Next Golf Day: Friday, 12 May at Freeway Golf.

Margaret Campbell – Day Walks.

The 12 kilometre walk at Albert Park was a great success.

Both May walks are in Warrandyte

A “Back to the Future” 8 kilometre walk is planned for July 12.

Yvonne Boyall – Theatre.

Bookings being taken for “Busy Body” Doncaster Playhouse on Sunday, 16 July.

Helen Armstrong- (for Elaine Hayne) Trips and Events

Point Nepean Quarantine Station – Wednesday, 19 July. 25 have booked – require 30 for trip to proceed.

BBQ lunch at Birrarrung Park on Sunday, 21 May.

Social/Dance – Saturday, 27 May.

Faye Williams – The Gardener’s Group

A group has been formed.

Meetings to be bi-monthly.

Visits to gardens and nurseries in the vicinity of Templestowe and further afield to be planned – e.g. 5 June – Beasley’s Nursery; 7 August – “Lilies on Brougham”; 2 October – Rhododendron Gardens; 4 December Werribee Mansion and State Rose Gardens.

Plant cuttings could be exchanged within the group.

Outings to be self funded.

Peter Fishley – (for Wendy Fishley) – Exhibitions and Guardian Angel Knitters.

Collins Street Walk this Thursday, 11 May with Kenneth Park.

Patterns for knitting will not be available from Guardian Chemists until June.

Marion Cummins – Games.

Lessons in “500” have been successful – thank you to those who have given the lessons to the beginners.

Canasta is planned for July and Crazy Whist soon.

John Mugridge-Genealogy.

A recent visit to the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies was very good. Another visit to be planned in the future.

A letter has been written to the Whitehorse and Manningham Regional Library Corporation requesting use of the meeting room in the Doncaster Shoppingtown Library once per month.

Lobbying of Manningham Councillors with regards to use of this room is also taking place.

Lois Mason – (for June Duncan)-Craft

People interested in joining the Craft Group to see Yvonne Boyall.

The first project will be a Beaded Christmas Tree.

A meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 23 May at the home of June Duncan.

6. General Business:

Safety Officer - Ian Coleman – Hall Evacuation Plan.

Ian Coleman, Ray Cooper and Daryl Knight are the designated Safety Officers.

In the event of any incident taking place at or near the hall involving potential danger or injury to members an announcement will be made by the Safety Officers as to what will be done to minimize the risk.

If it is necessary to evacuate the hall all members will quietly exit the hall row by row through the nearest safe exit point and assemble on the oval.

The Safety Officers will ensure that every one is safely out of the hall and they will request the appropriate emergency response that they decide to be necessary.

Members should not leave the oval until their names have been checked off against the attendance list that was prepared on their arrival at the meeting.

The Safety Officers will be responsible for liaison with any emergency response personnel or news media.

Rotarian – Ian Coleman- Bowelscan Kits.

Ian advised that Rotary was again taking the initiative in promoting the DIY kits.

Bowel Cancer is the cause of many deaths and it is recommended that all persons over the age of 40 should take the test once per year.

Kits could be purchased from Ian, today, at a cost of \$6.00. They can also be purchased from many Manningham Pharmacies in the month of May.

Other General Business: Nil

Fellowship Break.

As the meeting had run to schedule a full 30 minute break was taken.

7. Guest Speaker.

Gwen Young introduced Mr Don Horsburgh a volunteer with “The Puffing Billy Preservation Society”.

Don gave an interesting and informative talk on the history of “Puffing Billy”.

- A recession in 1892 forced the Victorian Government to consider building narrow gauge railways to carry freight and to connect the goldfields to the wide gauge railheads. Fourteen localities were investigated and four lines were identified to be built.
- The second narrow gauge railway to open was the line - Upper Ferntree Gully to Gembrook in December 1900.
- 2 Baldwin type locomotives were imported from the USA and another 15 copy locomotives were built at Melbourne Newport Workshops.
- By the end of WW1 the railway was popular with tourists.
- In 1919 carriages, similar to those we see today were built. Before then tourists rode on the flat top freight cars.
- After WW2 “Puffing Billy” was losing money – it closed and then due to public outcry it re-opened. In 1954 there were 2 landslides over the line and it was again closed.
- 14,000 people signed a petition in 1955 for the line to re-open.
- In 1955 the “Puffing Billy Preservation Society” was formed.
- Using volunteers and with the help of Army engineers the track and bridges were rebuilt and part of the line re-opened in 1962.
- Since 1985 the train has operated every day except Christmas Day.
- On 18 December, 2000. – now called “Centenary Day”- the train ran on its original run from Lakeside to Gembrook.
- “Puffing Billy” carries a quarter of a million passengers per year.
- There are 1100 volunteers with 400 active members.
- The Society has an annual turnover of \$5,000,000.
- “Puffing Billy” is a popular tourist attraction. Tour operators include the attraction in their itinerary and it is often visited by groups from visiting cruise ships.

Gwen Young thanked Don for his attendance and informative talk and presented him with a bottle of wine in appreciation.

8. **Next Meeting:** To be held at this hall on Monday, 19 June 2006 at 9.45am.

9. **Meeting closed at 11.47am.**

President.....

Date.....

Attachment: The *Financial Report for April*.

