

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, 10 July 2006.

1. Welcome by the President.

President Peter opened the meeting at 9.48am.

- He welcomed all members with a special welcome to Jan Hammond who up until now has been unable to attend meetings regularly.
- Peter drew members' attention to the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Banner that was on display.
- He thanked Yvonne Boyall for organizing its making through her son-in-law Stephen Blight who lives in Echuca.
- The Banner will be displayed at monthly meetings and will be invaluable in identifying our whereabouts at outdoor functions.
- Peter outlined new arrangements for presenting Activity matters to the meeting. Ron McBain, Assistant to John Mugridge, would be making a combined report on behalf of all activity leaders. Peter hopes that this will create more time for General Business.
- An induction today of 2 new members – Anne and Craig Lukeman.
- Guest Speaker today is Patricia Fincham whose topic will be "Women in Prison".
- Lunch will again be at the Templestowe Hotel, 23 Parker Street, Lower Templestowe.

2. Induction of New Members.

Craig and Anne Lukeman were called forward to be inducted by President Peter as our newest members. After Peter's induction speech he presented them with their Probus badges and name badges.

Members welcomed the Lukemans by acclamation.

3. Attendance.

93 members were present.

There were no guests of members or visitors.

Apologies: 30 - Mary Amarego, Robert and Dawn Anderson, Lyn and John Hudson, Pat and Norm Edwards, Ema Lim, Jo Danahay, Beryl Glover, Allan Chambers, David and Elaine Dodds, Dorothy Macaulay, George Thomas, Diane Gibson, Alice Pawelzig, Lois Mason, Judy and Ross Chapman, Aimee Pretty, Kay Mithen, Daryl and Wendy Knight, Tony Shembrey, John and Pauline Mugridge, Wilma Pontefract, Denis Wheeler, Marion Cummins.

**4. Treasurer's Report: - Jacob Kerseboom
(As at 30/06/06)**

Balance on Hand - \$7,403.84

Deposits held for Activities - \$1,465.95

Club Funds at 30/06/06 - \$5,937.89

Moved: Treasurer - Jacob Kerseboom. **Seconded:** John Reid. **Carried.**

5. Secretary's Report: – Ian Gault

- This year is the 30th Anniversary of Probus in Australia
- To celebrate, the Probus Centre-South Pacific Inc. has commissioned a Limited Edition Special Event Stamp Sheet with Australia Post.
- \$10.00 per sheet – limit one sheet per member – full details displayed on the notice board.
- Members advised of a notice on the notice board advertising “*Probus Retreat 2006*” to be held on Norfolk Island.
- 15 copies of the June/July edition of *Probus News* available for collection. The number of copies ordered has been reduced from 50. If it is found that demand for copies exceeds the current number ordered the order can be increased.
- No additional members volunteered that they have had CPR experience.
- Newsletter Deadline for August – Sunday 6th August.
- Next Meeting at this venue on Monday, 14th August at 9.45am.

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

6. Membership Report:

- President Peter advised that due to family commitments Annamaria Cremasco has resigned as a member.
- Current membership is now at our maximum of 130.

7. Activities Reports:

Ron McBain, deputizing for Activities Officer John Mugridge, presented reports on behalf of the Activities Leaders.

See Attachments.

8. General Business:

- Committee to meet this afternoon – entries for the Suggestion Box most welcome.
- Profiles for Newsletter – August – Ron McBain. September – Pat McInerney.
- Members were asked if they were happy to have this year's Christmas Party at this hall and to follow a similar format to the event held last year. Judy and Alan Baker have agreed to again organize the function.

Members indicated by a show of hands that they were in favour.

- First Aid Kits have now been clearly identified. One has been placed in the secure cupboard in the kitchen and the second is to be passed on to the walking group

9. Fellowship Break.

The meeting had progressed in excellent time and the Fellowship Break was taken at 10.20am for the meeting to re-convene at 11.00am.

10. Guest Speaker.

Bev McDowell introduced Ms Patricia Fincham whose topic for her talk was “Women in Prison”.

Ms Fincham is a volunteer at the Deer Park Women’s Prison.

She gave a most enlightening talk on the facility and the problems that face its inmates.

Disturbingly, in 10 years the number of inmates has increased from 120 to 250.

There are an increasing number of young women who are in the 17 to 18 year age group. 80% of inmates are in prison for drug related offences. Many are unable to read or write and boredom and lack of motivation are big factors.

She has befriended a long term prisoner and sees her as an extension of her family.

The inmates show the volunteers respect however she finds that it can be emotionally draining.

11. Thanks to the Speaker:

Bev McDowell called on Gwen Young to thank Ms Fincham for her presentation. Gwen thanked her on our behalf and presented to her as a token of our appreciation a pot of hyacinths.

12. Next Meeting: To be held at this hall on Monday, 14 August 2006 at 9.45am.

13. Meeting Closed at 11.47am.

President..... Date.....

Attachments: Activities Reports presented by Ron McBain.

