

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, 11th September 2006.

1. Welcome by the Chairperson.

President Peter Fishley opened the meeting at 9.45am and welcomed all present.

- Peter drew members' attention to the stand that Ron McBain had fabricated to support our Probus Banner. He thanked Ron on behalf of all the members for his excellent work. Members showed their appreciation by acclamation.
- The Guest Speaker for the meeting to be Mr Robert Coles, son of E.B.Coles who was one of the five sons of G.J. Coles.
- Lunch to be at the Templestowe Hotel.
- Ron and Lyn McBain were collecting money today for the Christmas Luncheon to be held on Monday, 11 December.
- A collection point would be established at club meetings for the deposit of bottle corks to assist Lois Mason in her fund raising effort for the Melbourne Zoo.
- Peter advised that following his message in the September Newsletter he had put together a display of the various degradable bags and bin liners that are available.
- Photos of the recent trip to Nagambie by some club members were on display for members to see.

2. Attendance.

Present: 85

Apologies: 39 –

Jennifer Eaton, Diane Gibson, Jacob and Jenny Kerseboom, Wendy and Daryl Knight, Lyn Paice, Elizabeth Turner, Wilma Pontefract, Jeff Crosbie, Margaret and James Campbell, Val and John Reid, Noel and Brenda Hatton, Laurel Bishop, Ross Chapman, Jill Dickason, Joan Planck, Maureen O'Brien, Adrian Eltringham, Heather and Michael Bindon, Tony and Yvonne Shembrey, Kay Mithen, Ian and Veronica Coleman, June Duncan, Marilyn Platford, Val Sigg, June and Allan Chambers, Frances Baldassarre, Dorothy Macaulay, Alan Baker, Elaine Dodds, Helga Braun.

Visitors: 2-

Michael Murphy – a member of Donvale Hill Probus Club and today a guest of Gwen Young.

Anita Ewing – a guest of Maurelle Thompson.

Luncheon Attendance: 38 today.

August Attendance: 31.

**3. Treasurer's Report: - Deputy Treasurer Lorraine Cooper
(As at 31/08/06)**

Balance on Hand - \$11,575.89

Deposits held for Activities - \$5,656.95

Club Funds at 31/08/06 - \$5,918.94

Moved: Deputy Treasurer Lorraine Cooper. **Seconded:** Ron McBain. **Carried.**

4. Secretary's Report: – Ian Gault

Notices had been received in the mail advising of:

- Schramm's Cottage Open Day on Sunday, 1 October.
- A Tour to Western Australia's South-West in November 2007.
- A 12 Day Tour to Vietnam in March 2007.
- An Open Garden Fundraiser for Cancer Research to be held by Rotary Club of Manningham on 7/8 October at Warrandyte.

Ian advised members that these notices would be posted on the notice board for members' interest during the fellowship break

Moved: Secretary Ian Gault. **Seconded:** Denis Wheeler. **Carried.**

5. Activities Reports: - John Mugridge.

John called forward Activities Leaders who had indicated that they had additional comments to make on events already reported in the Newsletter Event's Calendar.

- Judith Chapman – Walks.

Wednesday, 13 September - Kinglake Day Walk

Wednesday, 27 September – Westerfolds to Eltham.

- Pat McInerney – Theatre.

Friday, 20 October – “Chorus Line” cancelled as Theatre Company unable to find suitable cast.

Friday, 24 November – “Music Hall” at Eltham Little Theatre – 8.00pm – last theatre event for 2006.

Names being taken for those interested in attending “Cirque du Soleil” in 2007.

- Wendy Fishley – Exhibitions.

Thursday, 21 September – Visit to Supreme Court. Attendees to meet at 9.25am sharp as court doors are closed once court in session.

Activities Officer John advised that:

- The Bridge Group plays every Thursday. More members would be welcomed.
- Wednesday, 20 September – MCG Tour – meet at Gate 7 – Light Tower 4 at 11.00am.
- Thursday, 19 October – “Tramboat” Upstream Tour – Bookings and money now being taken.
- Saturday, 18 November – Mornington Races – bus will run from hall.
- Golf Autumn Cup event to be held at Tocumwal - 29 April – 1 May 2007.

- Garden Club – Monday, 2 October – to visit National Rhododendron Festival at Olinda.

6. General Business:

President Peter reported:

- a. The Committee to meet this afternoon.
- b. Profile for *October Newsletter* – Val Reid.
- c. There was no other general business.

7. Fellowship Break.

During this morning break Immediate Past President Margaret Cornell made a presentation, on behalf of members, of flowers and a birthday cake to Alice Pawelzig to celebrate the occasion of Alice’s 80th Birthday.

Margaret gave a brief outline of Alice’s life from her childhood in Poland up to her arrival in Australia.

This was followed by member’s singing “Happy Birthday” to Alice.

Alice thanked all present for their thoughts and best wishes.

8. Guest Speakers.

Gwen Young introduced to members the Guest speaker for the meeting – Mr Robert Coles, son of Mr E.B.Coles (later Sir) and grandson of G.J.Coles who was the founder of the well known group of retail stores.

Mr Coles is in the process of writing a book on the Coles Dynasty and we were privileged to hear the history of his family from early beginnings to the present time.

At the end of his presentation Mr Coles volunteered to answer a number of questions from members.

9. Thanks to the Speaker:

Gwen Young called on John Mugridge to thank Mr Coles for giving us some insight and background – “warts and all” into this “*Iconic Family*” and as a small token of our appreciation presented to him a bottle of wine.

Mr Coles and his wife joined members at the Templestowe Hotel for lunch.

10. Next Meeting: Monday, 9 October 2006 at 9.45am.

11. Meeting Closed: 11.45am

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

