

**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, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006.**

**1. Welcome by the Chairperson.**

President Peter Fishley opened the meeting at 9.48am and welcomed all present.

- Peter introduced Ken Murray from the Manningham Rotary Club who had been in the foyer selling Rotary Club Christmas cakes and plum puddings. As there were now so many Probus Clubs in the area this would be his only visit this year.
- Mr Ron Austin, a war historian and author of a number of books on Gallipoli and other WW1 battlefields would be our guest speaker today and his topic would be "Gallipoli".
- Lunch would be at the Templestowe Hotel.
- Lyn McBain and Laurine Eames were taking money for our Christmas lunch.
- A large receptacle was at the door for the cork collection.
- Books for the Smith Family Collection should be left on the table at the back of the hall. Later in the meeting there would be a presentation of the books to Ms Beryl Jones of the Smith Family by Ellen Boyd.

**2. Attendance:**

**Present: 105**

**Apologies: 20**

Alan Baker, Ann Chatland, Alice Pawelzig, Rose Cecchin, Andrea and George Thomas, Merrill Smead, Ron McBain, Phil and Kay Mithen, Allan Chambers, Joan Planck, Jo Danahay, John Wilson, John Reid, Ross Chapman, Tony Shembrey, Patricia Burns, Anne Lukeman, Jan Hammond.

**Visitors: 3**

Michael Murphy (Donvale Hill Probus Club)

Ron and Laurie Grace from Gippsland (guests of Ian and Barbara Green).

**Luncheon Attendance: 36** (including the 3 visitors and Ron Austin and his wife).

**3. Treasurer's Report: - Jacob Kerseboom  
(As at 31/10/06)**

Balance on Hand - \$9,120.74  
Deposits held for Activities - \$3,325.10  
Club Funds at 31/10/06 - \$5,795.64

**Moved:** Treasurer Jake Kerseboom. **Seconded:** Les Thompson. **Carried.**

**4. Secretary's Report: – Ian Gault**

- Ian advised members of the perceived advantages of the club now being an affiliate member of the Probus Association of Victoria.
  - a. Enhanced communication with Probus Clubs outside our immediate area.
  - b. The opportunity to send delegates to quarterly meetings where participation in an Open Forum is invited.
  - c. A regularly revised "Guide to Guests Speakers and Outings".
  - d. Receipt of quarterly editions of the "Victorian Probian".
  - e. Annual subscription for affiliation with the association is 60 cents per member.
- An invitation from Manningham City Council inviting our club to submit a nomination for the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Award.
- For the Lawn Bowlers – an invitation to participate in the Annual Open Probus Bowls Event to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2007.
- Red Cross Calling – March 2007 – Red Cross requires volunteers to assist in this door knock appeal.
- October/November edition of "Probus News" now available for collection. Fifteen copies per edition were ordered this year (last year -50). Feedback from members would be appreciated if they would like more copies ordered in 2007.
- "4 Steps for Life" DVD videos and VCR tapes are available for members to refresh their memories on this life saving technique.
- On the notice board there are a number of "Flyers" advertising proposed trips in 2007 to Vietnam, Western Australia and North East Victoria.
- Newsletter Deadline – 12 noon, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2006.

**Moved:** Secretary Ian Gault. **Seconded:** Doug Hayne. **Carried.**

**5. Activities Reports: - John Mugridge.**

- Esma Lawley has a painting in the "Art of Botanical Illustration" Exhibition that opened on 11<sup>th</sup> November. There are some 170 illustrations on display.
- John announced that he had made a preliminary reservation for 10 seats at the "Australian Pops Orchestra" Concert to be held at Hamer Hall on New Year's Eve. Cost - \$74.73 per seat. He requested a "show of hands" for those interested in attending.

- A “Melbourne Sinfonia Concert” is to be held at Melba Hall, University of Melbourne on Friday, 24 November. Tickets are available from Mary Wilson.
- Games - Marion Cummins reported that the last Games Night for this year would be held on 14<sup>th</sup> November. “Crazy Whist” to be played.
- Golf – Lyn Crosbie
  1. Wayne Eames was the winner of the competition held on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November.
  2. The “Urban Retreat” restaurant is the venue for the golfer’s break-up dinner to be held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December.
  3. A \$50.00 per person deposit is to be paid at this meeting for those attending the autumn event at Tocumwal on 29<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2007.
- Genealogy – Ray Lawley reported that there was a visit scheduled to the Public Records Office on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. On 20<sup>th</sup> November there will be a meeting at Shoppingtown Library. This will be the last meeting at Shoppingtown due to the re-development of the centre.
- Trips and Events – Elaine Hayne
  - i. Mornington Races on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Coach will depart from club rooms at 9.00 am and should return at approximately 5.30pm.
  - ii. Last BBQ for the year at 5.00pm on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Venue – Birrarung Park.
  - iii. 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Day trip to Gippsland. Details on notice board. Money can be paid today.
- Garden Group – Faye Williams.  
On Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December – a visit to the Victorian State Rose Garden at Werribee . Participants to meet at the club rooms at 10.00am for a car pool to be organized.
- Walking Group – Judy Chapman.  
The program for 2007 is to be presented to the Committee for approval. Walkers attending the Christmas Party should pay Judy today.

## **6. General Business:**

### **6.1 President Peter reported:**

- The Committee will meet this afternoon.
- Christmas Party will be held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December.
  - i. 10.00am – Morning Tea for 45 minutes followed by a 60 minute business meeting.
  - ii. Judy Baker has requested that each activity leader should give a 5 minute report on the activities they organized in 2006.
  - iii. Entertainment and Spit Roast lunch to commence at conclusion of business.

### **6.2 Probus Web Site**

Doug Hayne advised members that the Club now has its own link on the Probus – South Pacific Web Site. He has placed some general club information on the site and more will be added in the future. This information will be for the benefit of members, other Probus clubs and for future members. Entry to our initial site (Doug’s site) is still possible via a link from the Probus site. To access this site the original validating password will be still required.

**6.3 Presentation of Books.**

On our behalf, club member Ellen Boyd made a presentation of books donated by club members, to Ms Beryl Jones of The Smith Family. The books will be included in the parcels that the Smith Family distributes to children at Christmas time.

In thanking the club for their donations Ms Jones commented on the quality of the books and on the thought that had gone into their selection.

Ms Jones noted that over 50% of parcels distributed last year contained books and their hope is that eventually 100% of parcels will have at least a book included.

**7. Fellowship Break.**

A 30 minute Fellowship Break was taken.

**8. Guest Speaker.**

Bev McDowell introduced Mr Ron Austin, a member of the McCrae RSL and well respected author of many books relating to the 1915 Gallipoli Anzac campaign and the World War One battlefields of France and the Western Front. He has been a tour leader to these battlefields for many years.

In his address he gave a detailed and graphic account of the Gallipoli landing outlining the difficult and impossible terrain that confronted the troops, the foolhardy decisions made and the incredible bravery and tenacity shown by the men throughout the 8 months that they were entrenched on the peninsula.

At the conclusion of his presentation he answered many questions asked by those present.

**9. Thanks to the Speaker:**

Bev McDowell called upon Elizabeth Diffen to thank Mr Austin for his presentation.

**10. Next Meeting:**

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am and President Peter reminded members to BYO Drinks and Glasses.

**11. Meeting Closed: 12 noon.**

**President..... Date.....**

*Attached: Treasurer's Report as at 31/10/06*

