

**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<sup>th</sup> January 2007.**

**1. Welcome by the Chairperson:**

President Peter Fishley called the meeting to order at 9.50 am.

- He welcomed all members present with a special welcome to those who have returned from holidays spent locally and overseas.
- He commented on the great success of the Christmas Lunch and on behalf of all members he congratulated and thanked Judy and Alan Baker for all their planning and effort in making it a great occasion.
- There had been a Christmas card received from Di Gibson and Peter read Di's comments to the meeting expressing her thanks for our best wishes and advising that she hoped she would be able to return to meetings very soon.
- Val Reid (Welfare Officer) had forwarded, on behalf of members, a "Get Well" card to Aimee Pretty wishing her a speedy recovery from her illness. In Val's absence Peter read Aimee's thanks and her hope to be able to return soon.
- The Victorian Police Show and Pipe Band are to give a Concert at the Whitehorse Performing Arts Centre on Friday, 16 February. Admission - \$22.00. The pamphlet advertising the concert would be posted on the notice board at the fellowship break.
- David Gilmour of "Gilmour Shoes" would be our guest speaker today.
- Lunch would be at the Templestowe Hotel.
- Judy Baker arrived at the meeting after President Peter's comments with regard to the success of the Christmas Lunch. Peter now asked her to stand for the members to show their appreciation by acclamation.

**2. Attendance:**

**Present: 79**

**Apologies: 37**

Jan Harvie, Hugh and Diane McIntosh, Irene Baird, Pat Burns, Verity Moore, Veronica and Ian Coleman, June Duncan, Marion Cummins, Jennifer Eaton, Bev Wignall, John and Val Reid, Lyn Paice, Les Thompson, Aimee Pretty, Mary Wilson, Helga Braun, Pat Edwards, Pat Sinclair, Andrea and George Thomas, Dawn and Robert Anderson, Elaine and David Dodds, June and Allan Chambers, Barbara and Ian Green, Ray and Esmā Lawley, Laurel Bishop, Yvonne and Tony Shembrey, Diane Gibson.

**3. Treasurer's Report: - Jacob Kerseboom  
(As at 31/12/06)**

Balance on Hand - \$5,425.70  
Deposits held for Activities - \$815.44  
Club Funds as at 31/12/06 - \$4610.26

**Moved:** Treasurer Jake Kerseboom. **Seconded:** Noel Hatton. **Carried.**

*Attached: Treasurer's Report as at 31/12/06.*

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

- Activity Leaders were requested to have their summaries of Activities that have been organized and run in 2006 to be to the Secretary as soon as possible.
- Activity Leaders' plans for the first 6 months of 2007 to be available for the Committee Planning Meeting to be held on Saturday, 20 January.
- Nomination Forms for Club Elections to be held on Monday, 12 February are available for collection today.
- All Committee positions are open for nomination with the exception of that of President which will be filled by the current Vice President – Helen Armstrong.
- Committee Positions available for nomination are: Vice President (men only), Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary/Publicity, Membership/Welfare, Activities, and Speakers.
- Nominations to be in the hand of the Secretary no later than at the end of the Fellowship Break on Monday, 12 February.
- The next meeting is scheduled to take place in the newly refurbished Thompson Road Community Hall. However it seems as if the refurbishment is behind time. Notice will be given in the February Newsletter of the meeting place for February.
- Deadline for February Newsletter is noon on Sunday, 4 February.
- There had been correspondence from the Combined Probus Club of Manningham advising of a presentation on a tour to Sabah – Borneo. A proposed itinerary was enclosed and the presentation is to be held on Thursday, 8 February at 10.00am at the Box Hill RSL. Further information to be posted on the notice board.
- Secretary Ian advised that there had been a plethora of Tour Promotion information emanating from Probus – South Pacific and this information could also be found on the notice board.

**Moved:** Secretary Ian Gault. **Seconded:** Margaret Campbell. **Carried.**

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

Activities Organising Officer John either gave on their behalf or requested them to address the meeting on proposed activities for the coming months.

### Craft – Yvonne Boyall

Craft will commence in March and the group is currently looking for a new venue to hold their meetings.

### Exhibitions – Wendy Fishley

Nil to report today.

### Golf – John Mugridge

John reported that plans were in place and confirmed that the Spring Cup Golf trip would be on the 23-25 September and would be held at Barham.

### Scrap Book – Verity Moore.

Scrap Booking would recommence on Monday, 22 January. Numbers attending have been down a little and old and new members would be very welcome.

### Theatre – Pat McInerney.

Some concern with regard to the numbers to attend Circus du Soleil. If wishing to attend please add names to the list on notice board or if now unable to attend and have previously advised of intention to attend please advise Pat. Pat advised if 12 adults attend (\$89.00) then children tickets are \$59.00. This event to be paid for at February meeting.

Theatre visits under consideration for 2007 are: Doncaster Playhouse; Morning Melodies; Ballet – “Nutcracker Suite”; Eltham Little Theatre.

### Trips and Events – Elaine Hayne.

The first Bar B Q for 2007 is to be held at Birrarung Park on Thursday, 25 January at 5.00 pm.

The trip to Wallaby Rise on 27<sup>th</sup> February is still expected to happen in spite of the recent bush fires. Elaine will check with the tour operator before the February meeting.

Train Trip to Geelong on Sunday, 4 March. This is an opportunity for members to use their free Seniors Train Pass. There will be a market at Geelong on that day as well as other shopping and fine restaurants to sample. Members intending to go should see Helen Armstrong.

Grimshaw Probus Club is planning a tour to Merimbula and Eden on 28 May to 1 June. Cost \$529.00 per person. For further information see Elaine.

### Proposed Easter 2008 trip to New Zealand – Doug Hayne.

Doug advised that Kirra Tours, who he has been in contact with, can fashion a very flexible tour itinerary. Attendance at the Wanaka Air show will not be compulsory and on the 3 days it is in action alternative itineraries will be planned. At the February meeting brochures will be available and an indication of those interested in joining the tour will be requested. The tour will commence at Queenstown.

### Photography Group – Doug Hayne.

A number of members have shown interest in the formation of this group. It will take the form of discussion of member's photographs along with photographic techniques. All cameras qualify and visits to photography exhibitions will be planned.

### Walks – Judy Chapman.

The program through to May is now available. The first walk for this year will take place on Wednesday, 10 January at Banksia Park. A relatively short 2.5 km walk with a BYO Bar B Q at Ron and Lyn McBain's home afterwards.

### Fine Dining – Hugh Cornell

Dining to re-commence in February.

### Garden Group – Faye Williams.

The first garden to be visited this year will be Maranoa Gardens, Balwyn on Monday, 5 February. One of the Maranoa gardeners will accompany the members. Faye suggested that a picnic lunch follow the visit.

Faye is investigating a visit to a city high-rise community garden. This to be confirmed.

## **6. General Business:**

President Peter advised:

1. The Committee Meeting to be held on Saturday, 20 January 2007 would be a Planning meeting and would be held at the home of Ian Gault, 41 Sunrise Crescent, Lower Templestowe at 1.00 pm.
2. To assist the Committee at the Planning Meeting, Activity Leaders are requested to submit their forward plans for the next 6 months and to be in the hands of the Secretary by the Saturday, 20 January.
3. Activity Leaders' yearly reports for the year 2006 should also be in the hands of the Secretary by that date for inclusion in the 2006 Annual Report.
4. Past President Kerry McNerney had requested a few minutes of meeting time to discuss the forthcoming club elections and made the following points:
  - A club is as good as its Committee of Management.
  - Members should not be frightened or nervous to nominate for a position that they would be interested in holding.
  - A change in committee is good for a club as otherwise it risks becoming stagnant if committee members are not replaced from time to time.
  - People do have their own style in doing and going about things and this input is good for a healthy club.
  - In answer to a question with regard to how long a member can stay on the committee Kerry advised that a committee member can hold a portfolio for a maximum of 3 years but could then nominate for a different committee position.

## **7. Fellowship Break.**

## **8. Other General Business.**

Activities Leader John Mugridge requested a few minutes of meeting time to discuss the Victoria Police Band Concert to be held on Friday, 16 February.

John advised that a number of members had shown interest in attending the concert and had indicated that they would like to attend. Those who would like to attend should give him their names and he would organize the booking and purchase of tickets for the concert.

**9. Guest Speaker.**

Bev McDowell introduced Mr David Gilmour to the meeting. David is a great grandson of the founder of “Gilmour Comfort Shoes” and gave an entertaining presentation on the firm that he and two brothers now operate. Gilmour’s first shoe store was opened by their great grandfather in 1919 in the Melbourne suburb of Glen Huntly. In the 1960s the family recognized that the specialized comfort area of the footwear trade was not well represented in Melbourne and consequently they changed their operation to fill this need. They are now Melbourne’s largest stockist of specialized footwear and have three stores in Melbourne and one in Brisbane. As fitting specialists they carry all sizes and widths and cater for all sorts of foot conditions. They stock shoes from very narrow to very wide, very small to very large and they stock the largest selection of sizes and widths in the Southern Hemisphere. The value of the stock that they hold is in excess of \$1.5 million. David explained shoe terminology and stressed that they specialize in comfort rather than fashion and the shoes they stock are expensive. A number of shoes were passed around as examples of the various shoe types. There were many questions from members that David was happy to answer. He distributed \$10.00 discount vouchers to members along with one pair of “beach shoes” to be used at the club’s discretion.

**10. Thanks to the Speaker:**

Bev McDowell called upon Gwen Young to thank David Gilmour for his interesting and amusing presentation and Gwen presented him with a bottle of wine as a small token of our thanks.

**11. Next Meeting:**

At the Thompson Road Community Hall on Monday, 12 February at 9.45am if renovation is completed otherwise at this meeting hall.

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

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

