

PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc.

**MINUTES OF THE
GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLUB**

**Held at the Bulleen and Templestowe Community Centre,
Ted Ajani Reserve,
Thompsons Road
Lower Templestowe
On Monday, 19th March 2007.**

1. President Peter Fishley opened the General Meeting.

2. **Treasurer's Report: - Jacob Kerseboom
(As at 28/02/07)**

Balance on Hand - \$6,446.23

Deposits held for Activities - \$1,054.95

Club Funds as at 28/02/07 - \$5,391.28

Moved: Treasurer Jake Kerseboom. **Seconded:** Kerry McInerney. **Carried.**

Attached: Treasurer's Report as at 28/02/07.

3. **Secretary's Report: Ian Gault**

Nothing to report.

4. **Activities Report: - John Mugridge**

Garden Group – Faye Williams.

Monday, 2 April – John reported on Faye's behalf that there would be a car pool from the Ted Ajani Centre at 10.00am to visit the Inner City Apartment Garden.

Theatre – Pat McInerney.

- Thursday, 27 September - "Nutcracker Ballet". A group booking for 30 tickets has been made.
- Thursday, 31 May – Whitehorse Musical Company production of "Chorus Line" – Tickets - \$30.00. Must be paid at next meeting.
- Morning Melodies Program – Hamer Hall – information on notice board for members to make independent arrangements.

Walk Group – Judy Chapman

- Wednesday, 28 March – "Zoo Mystery Day Walk". 9.00am car pool from hall.
- May 22 & 23 – Warburton Overnight Stay - \$70.00 due now.

Games – Marion Cummins

- Tuesday, 27 March – "Crazy Whist" night at Uniting Church Hall – 7.45pm.

Trips and Events – Elaine Hayne

- Sunday, 25 March – BBQ at Birrarung Park – 12 noon
- Sunday, 22 April – BBQ at Birrarung Park – 12 noon
- Saturday, 19 May – Supper Dance – Thompsons Road Community Hall – live band - \$20.00 per person – BYO supper and drinks.

- Tuesday, 29 May – Tour of Telstra Dome - \$7.00 for tour and \$15 for post tour lunch.
- Thursday, 26 July – “Gown of the Year” – names required
- Tuesday, 23 to Friday, 26 October – Mt Gambier Bus Trip - \$320.00 per person – 25 minimum required.

Golf – Lyn Crosbie

- Sunday, 29 April to Tuesday, 1 May – Golfers and Walkers at Tocumwal for “Autumn Cup” – Payment due now, however, if paying after 30 March pay Mike Bindon as Lyn will be on holidays.

Entertainment Books – John Mugridge

- Cost - \$60.00. Members to advise John if they would like to purchase a book and he will organize their purchase. The book gives a considerable discount to varied events and restaurants.

5. General Business:

There was no other business.

6. Fellowship Break:

7. Guest Speaker:

Gwen Young, deputizing for Bev McDowell introduced Adele Thompson to present her speech on “The First Fleet and our Early Settlers”.

Adele is a descendant of a ‘First Fleet’ convict who was just 16 years of age when convicted for a minor offence and initially imprisoned on a ‘prison hulk’.

In her interesting presentation she outlined:

- The draconian sentences handed down for what we would now consider to be a minor offence.
- The decision to establish a penal colony after England lost the American Colonies after the War of Independence.
- The size of the “First Fleet” and the names of the ships that formed it and how small they were compared to today’s seagoing ships.
- The number of people transported – convicts (male and female), sailors, marines and officials and explained the course the fleet sailed on its 8 month journey.
- The quantity of stores carried.
- Captain Arthur Philip, in charge of the convoy, knew of the risk of scurvy on such a long journey and provisioned the ships with food that should help prevent that disease. He was a humane man and ordered that the convicts were not chained during the journey and were to be exercised regularly on deck. Few died on the journey.
- They found the destination of Botany Bay to be unsuitable and moved the settlement to Port Jackson – 26th January, 1788.
- Captain Philip became Governor Philip once the colony was established and had total authority.
- Many difficulties were overcome to establish the colony as a viable and self supporting settlement.

7. Thanks to the Speaker.

Gwen Young called on John Mugridge to thank Adele for her talk and in doing so he mentioned the memory that he has of a derelict “prison hulk” still in Portsmouth Harbour when he was a boy.

8. Next Meeting: at the **Thompsons Road Community Hall**, Ted Ajani Reserve on Monday, 16 April.

9. Meeting closed: 12 noon.

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