

**Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc.**

**Minutes of Meeting of the Club**

**Held at the Ted Ajani Centre,  
Thompsons Road  
Lower Templestowe**

**On Monday, 16 April 2007 at 9.45am**

**1. Induction of President.**

Immediate Past President Peter Fishley took the chair and welcomed those present to the meeting.

Peter then called Helen Armstrong forward to be inducted as the President of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc.

After reciting to her the words for the installation of a president as set out in the *Probus Club Handbook* he invested Helen with the Collar of Office.

Helen responded by thanking the members for their support and good wishes. She then assumed the Chair to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

**2. Presentation of New Committee.**

President Helen called on members of her new committee to come forward to the stage to be recognised and officially welcomed. Vice President Ian Gault (Helen asked Ian to join the front table on the stage for all club meetings), Jacob Kerseboom, Treasure, Judy Baker, Secretary, Doug Hayne, Assistant Secretary/Publicity, Ron McBain, Activities, Margaret McGregor Speakers, and Lorraine Cooper, Membership/Welfare (Lorraine was an apology)

**3. Presentation to Retiring Committee Members.**

President Helen presented Immediate Past President Peter with the past President's Badge, Helen then presented Probus Pins to John Mugridge, Val Reid, Beverley McDowell, Margaret Cornell and thanked all members of the outgoing committee for their efforts over the past year. Applause of appreciation from the members followed.

**4. President Helen's Talk Time**

President Helen delighted the members with her story of becoming the fourth president of our Probus club. From the lonely start in May 2003 not knowing one person at the club meeting and vowing never to come back, then plucking up the courage and returning to meet up with an old friend of Helen and her late husband John, Joan Plank (thanks Joan). Helen is passionate and positive about Probus and she will give her all. Her closing statement was, "We are looking forward to a fun filled year".

Enthusiastic Applause followed.

## 5. Business

- 5.1. Reminder that subscription of \$20 are now overdue, contact Lorraine Cooper or Jacob Kerseboom
- 5.2. Speaker Ms Polly Williams, Retired NYPD Police Officer
- 5.3. Lunch at Templestowe Hotel

## 6. Attendance/Guests/Apologies

**Attendance:** One hundred and two members attended the meeting

**Guests:** There was three guests: Anne Chatland, Emma Erwin, Ken Falconer

**Apologies:** 25 – Les and Maurelle Thompson, Marion Cummins, Margaret Campbell, George Thomas, Pat Sinclair, Judy and Ross Chapman, Aimee Pretty, Faye and Len Williams, Dorothy Macaulay, Kay and Phil Mithen, Tony Shembrey, Allan Chambers, Verity Moore, Marjorie Coronica, Lorraine Cooper, Norma Green, Terry and Jane Pearlgood, Beverley Wignall, Jeff and Lyn Crosbie.

## 7. Treasure's Report - Jacob Kerseboom

(As at 31.3.07)

Balance on Hand	\$6134.39
Holding Deposits	\$3059.35
Actual Club Funds as at 31/3/07	\$9193.74

**Moved – Ron McBain, seconded Ray Cooper, CARRIED**

## 8. Secretary's Report - Judy Baker

Thanked Ian Gault for the time and effort put into handing over the secretarial books, Judy will continue in President Helen's vein of Fun, Frivolity and most of all Friendship.

### Correspondence In:

Rotary Club of Manningham - May is BOWEL SCAN MONTH, kits \$6 each from participating Pharmacies in Manningham and Warrandyte, Ian Coleman will have kits available at our next meeting.

**Moved Kerry McInerney, Seconded Doug Hayne, CARRIED**

## 9. Activities Report Ron McBain

### Summary of comments

Book Swap	Pat Edwards	As per newsletter
Book Group	Helga Braun	Group is continuing, needs assistance
Craft Group	Yvonne Boyall	Meeting @ Helen Armstrong home, 17 April
Fine Dining	Hugh Cornell	As per newsletter
Exhibitions	Wendy Fishley	Discussed Collingwood walk with Kenneth Park, Knitting for world vision
Games	Marion Cummins	As per newsletter
Garden Group	Faye Williams	As per newsletter

Genealogy	Ray Lawley	Discussed meeting @ Nunawading Library and possible future meetings
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	Mike Bindon asked for attendees who are going to the Tocumwal Golf to meet after meeting, possible changes.
Photography	Doug Hayne	As per newsletter
Scrapbook	Verity Moore	Asked for any photos of recent events to handed to John Mugridge
Theatre	Pat McInerney	Discussed new changes to theatrical events, refer newsletter
Trips & Events	Elaine Hayne	Discussed upcoming events: BBQ on 22 <sup>nd</sup> April Mt Gambier Trip, numbers required Telstra Dome visit, change to luncheon details Social Dance, reminder to members
Walks	Judy Chapman	Ann Chatland gave details of next walk and details for overnight stay @ Pallotti College. James Campbell gave details of walk from Clifton Hill to City, Car pool from hall
Getaway Group	Hudgson's & McBain's	Introduction of group and its aims offered by Lyn Hudgson
Bike Group	John Hudgson	Introduction of group and its aims

## 10. General Business

There was no general business

## 11. Fellowship Break

As the meeting was running to schedule a full 30 minute break was taken

## 12. Guest Speaker

Margaret McGregor introduced Ms Polly Williams, retired New York Police Department Officer. Polly gave an entertaining overview on work in NYPD, some of the topics covered were:

- how she was outnumbered by the men on a ratio of 1 to 378
- no rights for women
- no toilets for women
- women were issued with a handbag to carry their gun
- men never fought with a police women they just give in - very different today
- she spoke of being the only white person visiting her friend Benny in a Harlem hospital
- was a nurse before entering the Police Force- could not survive on the wage of a nurse

**13. Thanks to the Speaker**

Ray Cooper gave a vote of thanks on behalf of our club to Polly, including some of his own analogies of our Victorian Police Force. Polly then gratefully accepted a beautiful rose plant.

**14. Next Meeting:** To be held at the New Ted Ajani Hall on Monday 14 May, 2007.

**15. Meeting Closed at 12.05pm.**

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

**(Jacob and Ron, thanks for forwarding info to me, many hands make light work)**

The *Financial Report for April* was distributed at the Committee meeting following this club meeting.