

PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLUB

Held at Ajani Centre,

Thompsons Road

Lower Templestowe

On Monday, 12 November, 2007 at 9:45am

1. **President Helen** welcomes member's friends and visitors.

2. **Helen's Talk Time**

Thanks to Ian, the seat is warming for you. Helen gave an over view of her holiday. Home 8 days then off again to Mt Gambier with 20 Probus friends including extra friends.

Laurine Eames and Lyn McBain have put their hands up to check out eating venues for lunch after our club meetings. Thanks ladies your offer is accepted and very much appreciated.

Our picnic in the park was another big plus even the weather wild and woolly we still had a great turn up of 34 people enjoying life. Thanks Frances is keeping up the standard with the cooking of her famous pavlova. Next BBQ in the park is Thursday 29 November, about 5pm until stumps.

A mentor program was suggested to the committee, could each and every one of us be a little more vigilant and keep on eye out for anyone that is standing back, could we invite them to join us in our conversation.

Don't forget our Christmas Luncheon Revue next month, on the 10 December and remember the starting time is 11AM. Margaret and Wilma have put a lot of time and effort into the rehearsals, we hope we can do them justice on the day. It has been great fun rehearsing.

Smile well and often it makes people wonder what you have been up to.

3. **Business**

3.1. **Our Speaker today is Robin Bowles**

Speaking of her "Life in Crime"

3.2. **Lunch today is at the Templestowe Hotel.**

4. **Attendance/Guest/Apologies**

Attendance: 112

Guests: Colin Ellis, Michael Beach and Mary Ferraro

Apologies: 13 - Jan Shinnars, Graham Morcom, Jeff Crosbie, Val Sigg, Marjory Coronica, Daryl and Wendy Knight, Lorraine Cooper, Les Thompson, Pat Ajani, Veronia Coleman, Kay Mithen and Adrian Eltringham.

5. **Jacob Kerseboom Treasurer's Report**

(As at 30/10/07)

Balance on Hand	\$10,681.96
Deposits held for Activities	\$5,136.05
Club funds as at 30/9/07	\$5,545.91

Moved: John Mugridge Seconded: Leonard Williams No Discussion Carried

6. Judy Baker Secretary's Report

Thanks to Pam Baker at Le Pines Funeral Services for a donation of \$250, thanks to President Helen for organizing this donation for our craft group.

Read letter of thanks from Ringwood Private Hospital for the cushions and drainage bags. Gave an overview of the Combined Manningham Probud Club Meeting on 26 October. "Toy Boys" from another club receive donations from Bunning's for materials to make toys for under privileged kids. Manningham Festival 18 November at Ruffey Park. Austin Hospital Christmas Melodies with Denis Walters 6 December at "Palms" at the Casino.

Moved: Jenny Kerseboom Seconded: Margaret McGregor No Discussion Carried

7. Ron McBain Activity Reports

Summary of comments

Book Swap	Pat Edwards	No Comment
Book Group	Helga Braun	No Comment
Craft Group	Yvonne Boyall	Next meeting @ Elaine Hayne Home, 30 Pinehill Drive, Donc. East, Tuesday 27 Nov, Xmas lunch June Duncan's Home, 5 Kiewa St Donc. 17 Dec.
Fine Dining	Hugh Cornell	No dine out for December, January dine out organised, Hugh offered thanks for all those taking part in the dine out activity
Exhibitions	Wendy Fishley	County court visit great day for those that attended Wendy expressed disappointment to those members who say they are coming to an activity and do not show up, always happens on the no fee activities. Note in newsletter to indicate change in arrangement. Kenneth Park is putting together new walks for next year
Games	Marion Cummins	Games night Wed 13, Crazy whist night 27 Nov, Xmas break-up
Garden	Faye Williams	Visit to Heronswood 3 Dec. 26 members attending, more welcome \$8 entry fee, pay on day car pooling from hall car park, 9.30 am
Genealogy	Ray Lawley	Next meeting State Library, Monday 19 Nov. 1-00 to 12.00 noon Ray indicated that most local libraries have installed updated genealogy software
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	Astro tour @ Swinbourne College was a great success. Golf getaway to Benalla, 4 – 6 May 2008, names required, \$50 deposit required
Photography	Doug Hayne	Detailed activities of Photo group, group to have an outing on the 21 Nov. at docklands for photo shoot. Feed back from newsletter has been good. Asked members would they prefer their newsletter via email or post, members to indicate preference
Scrapbook	Verity Moore	Absent Photo's for scrapbook to be given to John Mugridge. Final meeting for 2007, 26 Nov. Xmas break-up 10.00 am Verity's home.

Theatre	Pat McInerney	Eltham theatre: Play “Trapped by a Treacherous Twin”. 23 Nov. Reminder to BYO drinks and glasses etc. 6 tickets still available
Trips & Events	Elaine Hayne	Tramboat booked for 22 November meet @Waterfront City on New Quay. BBQ Thursday 29 Nov, 5-00pm to stumps Mt Gambier trip was a great success
Walks	Judy Chapman	Changes as per notice board November walk cancelled, Xmas lunch with the bikies @ Retreat Restaurant Warrandyte 28 Nov. Meet @ Westerfolds park, Porter St entrance for walk, followed by lunch @ Retreat.
Getaway Group	Hudgson/McBain’s	Philip Island, Dates: 13 – 16 November all in readiness. 26 members to participate, pay on arrival at park.
Bike Group	John Hudgson	Have had some great rides, more members attending. Last ride had 10 members for 16Km ride. Have had 18 rides totalling 320 Km’s this year

Moved: Alan Baker Seconded: Ron McGregor No Discussion Carried

8. General Business:

8.1. Ellen Boyd presented books donated by club members to Beryl Jones.

Beryl accepted the books on behalf of the Smith Family. The gift of these books will encourage the love of reading in our young people, books are of life long value. The Smith Family distributes over 20,000 toy packs throughout Australia. Beryl congratulated our club for supporting the Smith Family.

9. Fellowship Break

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

10. Guest Speaker Robin Bowles

We heard many interesting stories and facts that perhaps will seem familiar to us. We probably had read and remembered hearing about the various crimes in newspapers or seen the tragic events on TV. Robin began writing true crime books on social justice issues in 1997. Since then she has been instrumental in having inquests re-convened, established support groups for parents and grandparents after abductions. After interviewing many people in jail claiming their innocence Robin examined both the jury system practices, and the increasing reliance on DNA, and other forensic evidence. Nevertheless she remains unafraid to ask the hard questions. To list just a few recognizable names to grab Robin’s interest, Jennifer Tanner, Jaidyn Leskie and Peter Falconio. Adding to the list Robin has just published a new book “Rough Justice” on unanswered questions from Australian Courts. After an early life moving around as a daughter of an army officer, many different types of jobs, being nominated for Businesswoman of the year in 1986, Robin has made a name for herself as a “Crime Writer” publishing seven best sellers in the past 10 years and now working on number eight, “The Curse of the Golden Yo Yo”. We all enjoyed a very interesting and entertaining talk.

Thanks to the Speaker.

Pat McInerney thanked Robin for her very entertaining talk, and did mention her son, son-in-law and uncle were all policemen.

11. Our Christmas Luncheon Revue will be held on the 10 December, 2007, no Club Meeting will be held on this day.

Next Meeting to be held at Ajani Centre on Monday 14 January, 2008.

President Helen declared the meeting closed at 12:10.

President Date

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