

PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLUB

Held at Ajani Centre,

Thompsons Road

Lower Templestowe

On Monday, 14 January, 2008 at 9:45am

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

2. **Helen's Talk Time**

Our Christmas lunch was beautiful, I looked around the room on the day at the spectacle, of the colour added to the laughter and the chatter that made the day a resounding success.

No show at events has come back to bite us, an outing was organized to Heronswood Gardens in Dromana, numbers were confirmed on the morning of the outing. Five people did not turn up and their lunch had to be paid for. Helen paid the \$75, \$30 is still outstanding. If you think you have put your name down please see me and I will relieve you of your dollars if not I will see you. Maybe we have to handle no cost outings differently this is under discussion.

I made a suggestion last month to share around the crime books that some members purchased when Robin Bowles spoke at our club meeting, well Doug and I have started the ball rolling we have exchanged our first book.

It is now time to be thinking and considering nominations for our next years term, please give it some thought, it is so very rewarding and a great lot of people to have fun with, I don't call it work, just fun. I have had a ball, cannot believe it will be all over soon. Even the stress goes out the window, the stress of putting words together each moth for my talk time, I keep hearing I am never lost for words, don't you believe it.

Letting go and moving on is the stairway to happiness.

3. **Business**

3.1. **Our Speaker today is Beth Wilson**

Beth is the Health Services Commissioner

3.2. **Lunch today is at the Ivanhoe Hotel, 120 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe.**

4. **Attendance/Guest/Apologies**

Attendance: 101

Guests: Mavis Stapleton

Apologies: 23 - Diana Burton, June Duncan, Pat McInerney, Jan Hammond, Jennifer Eaton, Bob and Dawn Anderson, Val and John Reid, Tony and Yvonne Shembrey, Aimee Pretty, Mary and John Wilson, Laurel Bishop, Ellen and Don Boyd, Allan Chambers, Lyn Paice, Graham Morcom, Mike Bindon, Jan Shinnars and Elsie Branchflower

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

(As at 31/12/07)

Balance on Hand \$9663.56

Deposits held for Activities \$4107.75

Club funds as at 31/12/07 \$5555.81

Moved: Peter Fishley Seconded: Wayne Eames No Discussion Carried

6. Judy Baker Secretary's Report

Ring Pull from Cans seem to be hoax, Merrill will investigate further and an update will be published in the February Newsletter.

Received thank you letters from:

The Smith Family for the gift of books and Jenni Bras for the "Cushion" from the Craft Group

Committee "Nominations Forms" are now available.

Ian Gault will now outline the Committees intention to put the following motion to members for their approval at the Annual General Meeting on Monday 17 March.

"To increase the Club Membership of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley from one hundred and thirty members (130) to one hundred and fifty (150) members".

- a) Forty names on our waiting list – **If you approve of the increase we will at least halve the list.**
- b) The present energetic enthusiasm of Members may well wane. **Therefore the Committee believes that we should have an infusion of new blood that will bring new and fresh ideas.**
- c) There are occasions that we do struggle to have sufficient members for a planned event. **New members should assist in filling those empty seats and make the outing a little less expensive.**
- d) Finally, a number of present members have friends and partners on that waiting list. **Let us give them that opportunity to join our club.**

There will be an open discussion at our February meeting.

The vote at the AGM will be by secret ballot and will not be compulsory although we would appreciate a clear message from you the members

Moved: Ron McGregor Seconded: Margaret Campbell No Discussion Carried

7. Ron McBain Activity Reports

Summary of comments

Book Swap	Pat Edwards	No Comment
Book Group	Helga Braun	Diminishing in numbers, needs new starters
Craft Group	Yvonne Boyall	Not starting until March '08. TBA
Fine Dining	Hugh Cornell	As per newsletter
Exhibitions	Wendy Fishley	Wendy again expressed disappointment at those members who say they are coming to an activity and do not show up, always happens on the no fee activities. Kenneth Park has put together new walks including: Williamstown walk 18 February, time and meeting point TBA Flinders lane walk 13 March. Time and meeting point TBA
Games	Marion Cummins	Crazy Whist night 26 February Games this year to be held on the 4 th Tuesday of each month Refer list on board
Garden	Faye Williams	Start up in March, functions and venues TBA
Genealogy	Ray Lawley	First meeting Doncaster Library 10-12am Monday? Spoke about the latest SBS offering, "Who do you think

		you are” and the ability to contact SBS via e-mail and register your interest in learning about genealogy
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	Very happy with attendances, a number of members played through the Xmas break. Golf getaway to Benalla 4 – 6 May,2008, 2 vacancies available
Photography	Doug Hayne	Detailed activities of Photo Group, next meeting 6 February. Feedback from newsletter has been good. Asked members if they would notify of their birth month so that a birthday greeting could be forwarded to them and birthday wish published in the newsletter. Asked member for input to magazine
Scrapbook	Verity Moore	Scrapbook meeting 28 January, needs photo’s for scrapbook
Theatre	Joan Plank	Theatre night preview TBA
Trips and Events	Elaine Hayne	BBQ Thursday 24 January 5pm to stumps Winery Tour 21 February, leave hall at 9am Pakenham races 8 April Social night 19 April King Island trip TBA Floriart Canberra TBA
Walks	Judy Chapman	Walks as per notice board BBQ after next walk at McBains home
Getaway Group	Hudgsons/McBains	Daylesford trip 3 – 6 March Bright Oct/Nov, need firm bookings 4 day minimum Details of Point Lonsdale visit next meeting
Bike Group	John Hudgson	Wednesday ride 16 January, Inner circle ride

Ron reminded activity leaders to provide a written report of the years activities for inclusion in the Annual Report and to provide a brief overview/presentation at the AGM

Moved: Alan Baker Seconded: Mary Gault No Discussion Carried

8. General Business:

8.1. President Helen conducted the raffle draw - 10 tickets to the movies (Donated by ACMI)

9. Fellowship Break

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

10. Guest Speaker Beth Wilson

Beth Wilson, known as the unorthodox bureaucrat who handles complaints in the health system with humour, heart and humanity. Beth has been the Health Services Commissioner since May 1997 notching up 10 years of investigating and conciliating complaints from patients about their treatment within the health system, a brief that covers approx 2,000 per year - from top surgeons to suburban naturopaths. Beth was a lawyer by training rather than by inclination and has worked mainly in administrative law with interests in medico legal and ethical issues. Prior to becoming Commissioner Beth was the President of the Mental Health Review Board, a Senior Legal Member of the Social Security Appeals Board and the Workcare Appeals Board also conducting seminars, lectures and classes for consumers, health service providers and others. A past President of Victorian Branch of Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law and was awarded Monash University’s distinguished Alumni Award for outstanding professional achievements and inspirational leaders, Beth also received a Centenary Medal for her services to Health and an Honorary Doctorate from RMIT for her contribution to health education. We have a

very talented and dedicated lady who also in her spare time plays blues harmonica, mandolin, guitar and sings. Beth Wilson – Victoria’s Health Services Commissioner.

Thanks to the Speaker.

Marilyn Platford gave the vote of thanks to Beth Wilson for her very interesting and entertaining presentation on the Health Services.

11. Next Meeting to be held at Ajani Centre on Monday 11 February, 2008

President Helen declared the meeting closed at 12:00.

President Date

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