#### PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc. MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING Held at Ajani Centre, Thompsons Road Lower Templestowe On Monday, 14 April, 2008

1. **Immediate Past President Helen** welcomed members, and thanked the committee and all members for making her year as President a year to remember. No more stress but Helen will find something else to do to fill the gap. Helen wished Ian and the committee all the best for the year ahead.

#### 2. Induction of New President

Helen then called Ian Gault forward to be inducted as the President of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc. for 2008. After reciting the words from the installation of a president as set out in the *Probus Club Handbook* Helen invested Ian with the Collar of Office. Ian then assumed the Chair to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

#### 3. Presentation of Badges

**Helen Armstrong Immediate Past President**, Ian thanked Helen for her year as President and confirmed it was a year of satisfaction and pride. Ian presented Helen with the Past Presidents Badge.

**Liz Turner, Vice President**, Ian congratulated Liz on her election to the position of Vice President, and invited Liz to join Judy and Jacob at the front table for the monthly Club meetings. Ian presented Liz with the Vice Presidents Badge.

#### 4. Presentation of Committee

Ian thanked the standing committee for accepting <u>re-nomination</u> to serve on the Committee over 2008/09.

## Judy Baker – Secretary

If the committee is the Engine Room of the Club then the secretary is the Engine. Judy works diligently and conscientiously in this position and we are fortunate to have her as our Secretary.

# Jacob Kerseboom – Treasurer

Jacob has his finger on the Financial Pulse of the Club. Our Finances are in good hands.

### Lorraine Cooper – Membership and Welfare

Lorraine keeps a close eye on attendances, and holds the general welfare of members close to her heart.

## **Ron McBain – Activities**

Ron works with the Activity leaders to keep their reports short, and to ensure there is no clash of dates in planned activities. No easy task and a job well done.

# Margaret McGregor – Speakers

Margaret is so successful in organizing Speakers that we are booked up until early

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Deleted: The Deleted: - next year, and we know we are in for a treat each month. **Doug Hayne – Assistant Secretary/Publicity** Doug has been Editor of our monthly newsletter since the inception of our club. The Newsletter is our source of communication and we would be lost without it. **Peter Fishley** – Retiring Committee Member Ian thanked Peter for his contribution over the past 5 years, it is now time for Peter

to sit back relax and enjoy the meetings.

## 5. President Ian's Communicating Time What does Probus mean to Ian

Ian retired from full time employment 4 years ago. Mary and Ian moved to Lower Templestowe in 1998, but were unable to become involved in the community until 2004. Mary is a Foundation Member of this Club and Ian squeezed in before membership ceiling was reached. Ian has enjoyed every moment over the past 4 years – even acting the fool at our end of the year celebrations.

From a time when Ian could walk through a local shopping centre and not see one familiar face it is now indeed rare for Ian not to see someone he has <u>met through</u> Probus.

This is what Probus means to Ian: it has given Ian a feeling of belonging to the community, friendly faces in the crowd and new friends to join with in so many activities and events.

"Friendship and Fellowship"

- 6. Speaker this month Joan Kirsten Survivor of the Holocaust
- 7. Lunch today is at Cherry Hill Tavern, 189 Reynolds Road, Doncaster East

#### 8. Attendance Report

Visitors: None

**Apologies:** Dawn Anderson, Emma Lim, Dominic and Dorothy Borin, Ian and Veronica Coleman, Merrill Smead, Craig and Anne Lukeman, Hugh and Diane McIntosh, Yvonne Boyall, Marilyn Platford, Alice Pawelzig, Jennifer Eaton, Daryl and Wendy Knight, George and Andrea Thomas, Claire Douglas, Allan and June Chambers, Kay Mithen, Pat Ajani, Verity Moore, Dorothy Macaulay, Jan Hammond, Tony Shembrey, Wilma Pontefract, Dennis Wheeler, Elaine and David Dodds.

Total in attendance: 96

9. **Birthdays:** Elsie Branchflower, Judy Chapman, Veronica Coleman, Jill Dickason, Elaine Dodds, Beverley Wignall, Pamela Young and Elizabeth Diffen

#### 10. Treasure's Report Jacob Kerseboom

(As at 31/3/08)	
Balance on Hand	\$8,798.20
Holding Deposits	\$4,878.80

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Actual Club Funds as at 31/3/08 \$3,811.95 This is the lowest our funds have ever been

Moved: Ron McGregor Seconded: Marion Cummins No Discussion Carried

## 11. Secretary's Report – Judy Baker

Probus news issue 1 2008 April/May is on the table at the back of the hall for collection Hawthorn Band Celebration of 120 years of music on Sunday 20 April, we have been invited by the Rotary Club of Croydon In response to Les Thompson's request to have the Annual Report before the AGM, if requested by any members Judy will e-mail during February 2009. Please feel free to use the Suggestion Box, it is a great way to communicate with your committee, only signed suggestions will be responded to. Thank you from Ringwood Private Hospital for the Oncology pillows, drainage bags and Palliative care bags.

Moved: Wayne Eames Seconded: Doug Hayne Discussion: John Mugridge asked why suggestions must be signed. Judy's response - all suggestions are responded to in writing by the secretary and without signature this is not possible. Carried

Bike Group	John Hudgson	Keep coming along and having fun biking. President Ian presented John with a First Aid kit for the Bike Group
Book Group	Helga Braun	As per newsletter
Book Swap	Pat Edwards	As per newsletter
Craft Group	Yvonne Boyall	We are learning how to crochet in April, so come and
		join us.
Entertainment	Margaret Campbell	As per newsletter
Exhibitions	Wendy Fishley	List up on the board.
Fine Dining	Hugh Cornell	Leaders of the fine dining group please fill in the XXXX
		form after you have dined out
Games	Marion Cummins	Thanked members for their good wishes, next games
		night is Tuesday 22, game of 500 with a difference
Garden	Faye Williams	Please put your name down for the 5 May.
Genealogy	Ray Lawley	John Reid has produced a book on his family tree, it is
		worth a look, come along on 14 May to John's house for
		more information.
Getaway Group	Hudgsons/McBains	Fully booked for Bright
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	As per newsletter.
Photography/	Doug Hayne	Photography no meeting last month – power off.
Newsletter		Newsletter articles must be in by noon on 4 May.
Scrapbook	Verity Moore	Not Present

## 12. Activities =- Ron McBain

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Theatre	Joan Plank	Guys and Dolls fully booked, Eltham Little Theatre book today
Trips and Events	Elaine Hayne	Come along to the Social on 19 April
Walks	Judy Chapman	Tourist Track Monbulk Kerry and Doug have organised 3-4pm finish.

Moved: Alan Baker Seconded: John Hudgson No Discussion Carried

#### 13. General Business

Ray Cooper - in the case of an evacuation, please take everything with you and go straight to the front door of the building and meet in the lower car park. Do not go into the toilet or worry about collecting your friend just walk do not run. A role call will be taken in the lower car park

14. Fellowship Break as we were running on time a full half hour break was taken

#### 15. Margaret McGregor introduced Joan Kirsten

Several years ago Margaret was fortunate to obtain a guest speaker for her VIEW Club – Joan Kirsten – Margaret has never forgotten Joan's story, we all sat listening intently of her survival during those war years, smuggled out of her country by her father in a knapsack on a bicycle, her time in an orphanage and many foster homes, migrating to Australia in 1948 and subsequent traumas. Like most stories, a happy ending which Margaret left for Joan to tell. We all wanted more, Joan's story would make a great film. Joan is married to Roger, lives in Warrandyte and has 4 adult children and of course grandchildren.

- 16. Thank you was given by Liz Turner and a plant was presented to Joan Kirsten.
- 17. Next Meeting: Monday 12 May, 2008, at Ajani Centre, Thompson Road, Lower Templestowe
- 18. Meeting Closed at 12:05

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

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

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