

PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CLUB

Held at Ajani Centre,
Thompsons Road
Lower Templestowe
On Monday, 14 July, 2008 at 9:45am

1. President Ian welcomes members and visitors

2. **Apology:** Due to the death Judy Cooper's mother in law, she was not inducted as a new member. Judy will be inducted at our August meeting.

3. **Induction** of Dee and Rex Atkins, as per the guidelines in the 2008 Handbook. Dee is a daughter of Aimee Pretty and therefore joins her mother and sister, Judy Chapman, as a member of our Club. I expect that few Probus Clubs can claim to have a mother and two daughters as members.

4. **Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation** to Jan Shinnars and Irene Baird. Ian expressed his thanks on behalf of the club to Jan and Irene, for their efforts in collecting money and recording the names of those who plan to attend forthcoming events. Ian presented Certificates of Appreciation and a big thank you from all members.

5. Ian's Communicating Time

We are celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the first official meeting of this Club.

Ian summarized the Club's history:

Our Clubs formation began with a meeting held on Monday 12th June 2003 at the Lower Templestowe Community Centre Hall.

The meeting had been promoted by the Rotary club of Manningham through Newspaper Ads. Community Notices and by word of mouth and was convened by Manningham Rotarians Ken Murray and Max Didier. We are fortunate to have Ken and Max as our guests today. There were 40 interested persons in attendance along with 11 volunteers.

Ken Murray chaired the meeting and he introduced two speakers - Frank Maher, the Rotary District Probus Chairman and Edna Sayers Past President of the Probus Club of Bulleen Templestowe. The aims and ideals of Probus were outlined, there was a Question and Answer time and copies of the Probus Constitution were handed to interested persons. After a Tea/Coffee break 40 applications for membership were received and it was resolved that the Provisional Club of Templestowe Valley be formed and the Standard Probus Constitution and recommended Probus By-Laws were unanimously adopted.

Kerry McInerney; Margaret Cornell; Doug. Hayne; Lorraine Cooper; Gwen Young; Peter Fishley and John Mugridge, were elected by those present to be the Club Management Committee and it was decided that meetings should be held on the 2nd Monday of each month.

At a committee meeting held later the committee mutually agreed that, Kerry McInerney would be President, Margaret Cornell, Vice President, Doug Hayne, Secretary/Newsletter, Peter Fishley, Assistant Secretary, Lorraine Cooper, Treasurer and Gwen Young, Speaker Organiser.

On Monday 14th July 2003, exactly 5 years ago Kerry McInerney called a meeting of 50 people to order and the very first meeting of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley was underway.

The charm, friendship and good nature of the members quickly became known to the

community and by early 2004 the membership ceiling of 130 had been reached. Interestingly at the first committee meeting it was suggested that the ceiling should be 200.

Kerry was invited to come forward as he would have some reflections on those first days.

Kerry, before we hear from you I would like to quote some descriptive words about you that was in a letter that I received some months ago.

You were our first President and you contributed to that position for 2 years and with your commitment and your wit and personality you guided the club through those early days. You are the patriarch and corner stone of this club, you actively encourage all members to participate in the club's activities and you are keenly interested in the welfare and well being of our members.

You actively promote and foster Fellowship and Friendship and on many days you are the welcoming face at the front door of this meeting hall.

Kerry you are held in high esteem and highly regarded by all members of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley.

On behalf of the members of this club it is now my very great honour to bestow on you the privilege of being our first Life Member. Ian presented the Life Membership Certificate, Probus Badge and Name Badge to Kerry.

Ian invited Kerry to respond.

Kerry was speech less for a minute, and then addressed the meeting.

Since joining Probus, life has taken on a much busier, more interesting, and better aspect.

The Club has come a long way since 2003, and in Kerry's opinion, one of the great pluses is the "Fellowship". From day one, we have been fortunate in having a great, diverse and hard working committee, and we have been so well supported by the legion of volunteers, who have given willingly so much of their time, all of which has greatly assisted in the development and quality of our club. The number and variety of the activities is witness to these workers.

Before joining Probus, Kerry only heard good reports about Probus, and back in the formation days, Kerry fell in the door as President, he could never imagine we would grow so quickly and strongly. He is very proud to be associated with Probus and hopes that our club will continue to flourish and prosper, and that many more friendships will develop.

Kerry now has to allow more time on his shopping trips to Bulleen Village and Shopping town, as he is constantly bumping into fellow members, and what a lovely way it is to spend time with people that he would not have known prior to his Probus connection.

Finally, as the Irish would way,

"May the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends gathered below, never fall out".

Ian introduced the foundation committee: - Margaret Cornell, Peter Fishley, Doug Hayne, Lorraine Cooper, John Mugridge and Gwen Young please stand. Ladies and gentlemen of the very first committee we have you too to thank for guiding the club through those formative years. Thank you!

6. Ian then asked all foundation members to stand and be recognized.

Ian invited Ken Murray to speak.

Ken reinforced all the Kerry's words and wished the club all the best in the future.

Ian invited Max Didier to speak

Probus is the jewel in the crown of Rotary, roughly 1000 people have taken off the streets in Doncaster, the roads are now safer. The fellowship and friendship is heart warming, Probus is filling a great need for people in retirement.

7. **General Business**

7.1. Constitution Changes – Probus South Pacific

As required by the constitution there has been 21 days notice of 3 amendments to the Standard Probus Club Constitution. These amendments were published in our June and July Newsletter and for our continued accreditation as a Probus Club we need to formally adopt them.

Ian moved that the Amendments be adopted

Seconded: Kerry McInerney

Kerry spoke to this motion: These amendments have been well thought out and we have to accept them, they are very wise, we come under Probus and we have to abide by the Probus Constitution. Daryl Knight was instrumental in drawing up and implementing our By-laws. Get behind this and say YES.

Motion was put and **CARRIED**

7.2. Speaker this month: Dr Richard Sheill – Hair transplant surgeon – His Topic – “the funny side”

7.3. Birthdays: James Campbell, June Chambers, Terry Cummins, Jim Douglas, Laurine Eames, Peter Fishley and Fay Ford

7.4. Lunch today at Manningham Club

8. Attendance Report

Visitors: Ken Murray, Max Didier, Ron and Jan Higgins and Leon Magree

Attendance: 87

Apologies: Dawn and Bob Anderson, David and Elaine Dodds, Wendy and Peter Fishley, John and Lyn Hudgson, Ema Lim, Lyn Paice, Jeff Crosbie, Jill Dickason, Jan Harvie, Rose Cecchin, John and Val Reid, Allan and June Chambers, Don Boyd, Ron and Lyn McBain, Diane and Hugh McIntosh, Pat and Norm Edwards, Pat Burns, Yvonne and Tony Shembrey, George Thomas, Mary Wilson, Pat Ajani, Jan Hammond, Claire Douglas, Jan Pearlgood and Kay Mithen.

9. Treasurer’s Report - Jacob Kerseboom

(As at 30/06/08)

Balance on Hand	\$8,689.78
Deposits Held for Activities	\$1,467.21
Club Funds as at 30/6/08	\$7,222.57

Moved: John Mugridge Seconded: Hugh Cornell Carried

10. Secretary’s Report

The new club T-shirts were unveiled. Judy gave an overview of the material, cost and range of sizes available. Cost to Club members: \$23.20.

Judy gave thanks to Doug Haynes for his efforts in publishing our monthly letter and thanked him for the 60th edition. All members put their hands together in appreciation of Doug’s efforts.

Moved: Elizabeth Diffen Seconded: Ray Cooper Carried

11. Activities Report - Wayne Eames standing in for Ron McBain -

Bike Group	John Hudgson	John absent, James organising the next ride.
Book Group	Helga Braun	No Comment
Book Swap	Pat Edwards	No Comment

Glee Club singer. Richard has said he will try to integrate some musical items into the talk in case it is getting a bit boring, but I am sure this will not happen.

14. Thanks were given by John Mugridge and a bottle of wine was presented to Dr Richard Sheill.
15. Next Meeting to be held on Monday 11 August, 2008, at the Ajani Centre.
16. President Ian declared the meeting closed at 12:00

President:

Date:

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