

**PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc.**  
**MINUTES OF THE CLUB MEETING**  
**Held at Ajani Centre,**  
**Thompsons Road**  
**Lower Templestowe**  
**On Monday, 10 November, 2008 at 9:45am**

1. **President Ian welcomes members and visitors** – Ray Windle from Manchester and Ken Joseph.
2. **Dad’s Army** was a surprise act for our club meeting. Margaret Campbell presented each member of the cast with a small token of appreciation of their efforts. The members had their socks knocked off with this performance. Margaret has great plans for the “Entertainers” so please give her your support. Ian thanked Margaret and presented her with flowers from the group.
3. Ian spoke of the significance of the Shrine of Remembrance, and gave a brief history of the building and invited all members to visit. Ian is a volunteer guide at the Shrine on Thursday mornings.
4. **Ian’s Communicating Time**  
Ian report on the safety of the step to the stage at the Ajani Centre. Daryl Knight is a member of the Manningham Safety Committee and Daryl took our clubs concerns to the Safety Committee. This concern fell on deaf ears. Ian wrote to all members of the Manningham Council, and was fortunate enough to meet with Cr Grace La Vella and she has been very helpful. Ian also received a call from Cr Bill Larkin advising of his support to have this problem fixed. Ian received two calls on Friday from Council employees advising the hand rails will be installed and the step painted. Shaking the can sometimes does work. Vote 1 La Vella at the coming election – she is a friend we need.

Time to think about committee elections in March and General Business agenda items to be discussed at the AGM. Nominations and Agenda items need to be with our Secretary by February.

Ian intends to invite a member to attend the clubs committee meeting as an observer of how the committee works. Wayne Eames sat in on a number of meetings on behalf of Ron McBain. Jenny Morcom has accepted an invitation to attend the committee meeting this afternoon.

Ray Lawley who has been in hospital is doing well and hopes to be home soon.

Finally Ian thanked the Craft Group for their display and recommended all members to view their exhibition at fellowship break.

5. **General Business**

5.1. Speaker this month: Jack Bleakley – Author of “Memoirs of RAAF wireless interceptor”

5.2. A good month for birthdays – all the really important people – Scorpios and Sagittarians. Birthday girls and boys are: Alan Baker, Laurel Bishop, Anne Doull, Pat Edwards, Ian Gault, Wendy Knight, Craig Lukeman, Dorothy Macaulay, Bev McDowell, Philip

Mithen, Jane Pearlgood, Marilyn Platford, Denis Wheeler and Faye Williams.

5.3. Lunch today at the Eltham Hotel, 746 Main Road, Eltham.

6. Attendance Report

Visitors: Ray Windle from The UK and Ken Joseph

Attendance: 102

Apologies: Helen Armstrong, Jo Danahay, Faye Ford, Jan Harvie, Diana Burton, Peter and Wendy Fishley, Craig and Anne Lukeman, Claire Douglas, Ray and Esma Lawley, Dorothy Macaulay, Jan Shinnars, Yvonne Shembrey, Bev McDowell, Jill Dickason, Merrill Smead, Allan Chambers, Gwen Young, Kay Mithen, Diana and Hugh McIntosh and Andrea Thomas.

7. Treasurer's Report - Jacob Kerseboom

(As at 30/10/08)

Balance on Hand \$13,383.93

Deposits Held for Activities \$7,271.11

Club Funds as at 31/08/08 \$6,112.82

Moved: Wayne Eames                      Seconded: Faye Williams                      Carried

8. Secretary's Report - Judy Baker

Judy thanked all members for wearing their polo shirts, a photo will be taken at fellowship break. Any member that would like to order a polo shirt, please see me.

Our club received an invitation from Glaucoma Australia to attend an information meeting. The topic: "Floaters, Flashes and Dry Eyes".

Our craft display is fantastic, what a wonderful job they all do, and what a great job Yvonne Boyal does keeping the girls on track at craft meetings.

Thanks to all the performers of Dad's Army, what talent we have in our club. I do have one ticket for Wednesday's concert if anyone is interested.

Moved: Dawn Anderson                      Seconded: George Thomas                      Carried

9. Activities Report - Ron McBain -

The "Activity Calendar for 2009" is now displayed for all members. If you have any updates or changes please pass them onto Ron.

Bike Group	John Hudgson	We now have a Novice Bike Group with 10-12 members next meeting 24 November. Program as per flyer for the advanced group.
Book Group	Helga Braun	No Comment
Book Swap	Pat Edwards	No Comment
Craft Group	Yvonne Boyall	Next Craft Meeting is 18 November at Elaine Hayne's home.
Entertainers	Margaret Campbell	Margaret thanked all the entertainers and wished them "Good Luck" for Wednesday, Next meeting is 24 January'09.
Exhibitions	Wendy Fishley	No Comment
Fine Dining	Hugh Cornell	No Comment
Games	Marion Cummins	Trivia Night 11 November all come along and have fun, bring a plate to share for supper cost is \$5 per person

Garden	Faye Williams	Great response to Mt Eliza trip, meet 10am in carpark.
Genealogy	Ray Lawley	John Mugridge reported next outing 17 November to Family History Centre Wantirna – mainly Irish history.
Getaway Group	Hudgsons/McBains	Meeting for all interested in Perth or South Australia Getaway at 7:30pm, Monday 17 November at the McBains place.
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	End of year celebrations at the Urban Retreat on 11 December. Pt Lonsdale deposit required today. Golf on 21 November start at 7:30.
Photography/ Newsletter	Doug Hayne	Presented the winnings from the Melbourne Cup Sweep and thanked Judy for printing and distributing the November newsletter.
Scrapbook	Verity Moore	Christmas break up 24 November at Verity's home please bring a plate to share.
Theatre	Ellen Boyd	Enjoyed Cabaret met at Mitcham Hotel for dinner, great night at the Nova. Billy Elliot booked for 40 have 48 on the list will book another night for the extra people.
Trips and Events	Elaine Hayne	Apron was made by Beryl Glover and worn at the Breast Cancer Lunch. Healesville Sanctuary 21 November meet in the car park bring your own lunch.
Walks	Wayne Eames	Program for next year ready for collection at fellowship break. Christmas break up is 3 December.

Moved: John Reid      Seconded: Hugh Cornell      Carried

Ian invited Ellen Boyd to present to Beryl Jones the many books that members had generously donated to the "Smith Family".

Beryl thanked the members for again being so kind in giving the books to help make so many children's Christmas Day happier. Ellen has been a great driving force in this wonderful activity over the past five years.

#### 10. Fellowship Break.

Members with their club polo shirts on had there photo taken.

#### 11. President Ian called on Margaret McGregor to introduce our Guest Speaker John Bleakley Margaret's Introduction:

Tomorrow is Armistice Day and we remember our loved ones and those that fought to give us the great lifestyle that we enjoy today. We are especially grateful to have Jack Bleakley, a RAAF wireless interceptor who in his way helped end the war with his knowledge of the Japanese language and harder still he was able to master the Japanese Kama morse code as a decoder. Our decoders soon became a plus factor in General McArthurs campaign to oust the enemy and save Australian and other Pacific countries from invasion. Jack a member of Camberwell Probus and the author of the book "The Eavesdroppers". Jack's topic is "behind the scenes in the war against Japan during World War 2".

12. Thanks were given by John Reid and a plant was presented to John Bleakley.

13. Liz Turner read the poem "In Flanders Fields" in tribute to the fallen.

14. Being the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armistice signed on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918 Ian led the club in a minute silence to remember the sacrifice so many made in the World Wars.

15. Next Meeting to be held on Monday 8 December, 2008. This is our Christmas Luncheon and no formal meeting will take place, remember it is an 11am start. Ian encouraged all members to dress up for this Festive Celebration for a great Christmas Party.
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)