

**PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc.**  
**MINUTES OF THE CLUB MEETING**  
**Held at Ajani Centre, Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe**  
**On Monday 22nd June 2009 at 9:45am**

1. **President Liz welcomed members and guests:** Gordon & Evonne Pendlebury, Brendon Faulkner, Marg & Neil Morrey, Joan Iser, Bev Caruana, Wayne Bishop, Anne King, Trish Atherton, Janice Miller, Kathy Withers, Barry & Margaret Hardman, Sue DeBono.

2. **Liz's Talk Time**

Good news about the Hall. Next year we will only be affected by two Public Holidays- one in March and one in June. Some years there are three Public Holidays. Doug Hayne, Jeff Crosbie and I attended a Council briefing on their plans and I will pass around pamphlets regarding the Doncaster Hill Precinct project and the Ted Ajani Reserve Draft Management Plan.

Liz read out a letter sent to Yvonne Boyall of the Craft Group from The Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre thanking her and the group for their donation of drainage bags and breast cushions.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Robert Anderson and Jenny Morcom for their three years of welcoming members and guests and recording the attendance.

Jenny Kerseboom was presented with a bottle of champagne for 'cracking the code' of Liz's clues. Answer was Royal Exhibition Building. Another set of clues will appear in the Probus Newsletter for Probians to try and solve.

Liz encouraged those present to attend next month's meeting, which is on 13<sup>th</sup> July, when there will be a mid-winter lunch in the Hall with food supplied by First Choice Gourmet Catering for \$15.00 per head. BYO drinks and glasses. Payable today to Laurine Eames.

3. **General Business**

3.1. Our Guest speaker was John Silvester, Crime Reporter for the Age, 3AW "Sly of the Underword" as well as co author of 'Underbelly'. He spoke on the 'Melbourne Underworld'.

3.2. Lunch is at the Warrandyte Grand Hotel.

3.3. Birthdays

Pat Ajani, Dawn Anderson, Bob Anderson, Ian Coleman, Margaret Cornell, Norman Edwards, Lois Mason, John Mugridge, John Reid, Merrill Smead and Les Thompson. Happy Birthday was sung.

3.4. Attendance Report:

Visitors: 14

Total in attendance: 116

Apologies: George Thomas, Yvonne Boyall, Pam Young, Elaine & David Doods, Marjory Coronica, James Campbell, Alan & Judy Baker, Lyn Paice, Jill Dickenson, Merrill Smead, John Reid, Lyn & Ron McBain, Ross Chapman, Marilyn Platford, John & Lyn Hugdson, Ann Doull, Heather Bindon, Elizabeth Diffen John & Mary Wilson.

3.5. Treasurer's Report – Jeff Crosbie

(As at 31/5/09)

Balance on Hand                                   \$ 9,690.42

Deposits Held for Activities                   \$ 2,476.94

Moved: Ian Coleman      Seconded: Faye Williams      No Discussion      Carried

4. Secretary's Report – Jenny Morcom - none

5. Activities Report - Wayne Eames (standing in for Ron McBain) -

Bike Group	John Hudgson	No comment
Book Group	Helga Braun	No comment
Book Swap	Pat Edwards	No comment
Craft Group	Yvonne Boyall	No comment
Cultural Walks	Wendy Fishley	Kenneth Park walks in Hawthorn 16 July, payment needed today for this walk. Richmond 13 August and Carlton 3 September. Night planned at Savage Club 29 October. Please add your names to the list at fellowship break. Need at least 40 people for Dinner to go ahead. Approximately \$80.00 p/head all inclusive.
Entertainers	Margaret Campbell	Fourth Tuesday of the Month
Fine Dining	Hugh Cornell	No comment
Games	Marion Cummins	Games/cards at Marion's home 23 <sup>rd</sup> June \$2.00 p/head. BYO small plate for supper. Crazy Whist Night at Uniting Church Hall 22 <sup>nd</sup> July.
Garden	Faye Williams	No comment.
Genealogy	Ray Lawley	Meet at Ajani Centre, 30 <sup>th</sup> June for car pool to National Archive Centre, Nth Melbourne.
Getaway Group	Hudgsons/McBains	No comment
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	There are still vacancies for the Mansfield Golf Trip on 4 -6 October. There are some deposits still to be paid. Please see Lyn during Fellowship Break
Photography/ Newsletter	Doug Hayne	No comment
Scrapbook	Verity Moore	No comment
Theatre	Andrea Thomas	There are some tickets still available for Dennis Walter and Jersey Boys. Tickets also available for 3 Tenors on 12 <sup>th</sup> August . Would like feedback on whether to book tickets for a matinee or night time performance for South Pacific at the Nova Theatre. High School Musical will be a Saturday matinee to allow members to take their grandchildren, if desired.
Trips and Events	Elaine Hayne	Next BBQ is on 28 <sup>th</sup> June at Birrarung Park. BYO food and drinks. Heritage Tour of Victoria Market 21 <sup>st</sup> August: 3 <sup>rd</sup> September Darnum Musical Village- car pool \$20.00.
Walks	Wayne Eames	Pat McInerney advised last week's walk was cancelled due to bad weather. Meeting place for next walk is Melway map 32 B4, near football ground off Beverley Road. Wayne said new walk list is available in Tea room for collection.

Moved: Margaret Campbell      Seconded: Dawn Anderson      No Discussion      Carried

6. Ian Gault advised the Shrine of Remembrance is holding an exhibition titled ‘Shell Shock’ which is on show until end of August.

7. Fellowship Break.

8. President Liz called on Margaret McGregor to introduce John Silvester, Crime Reporter for the Age and 3AW ‘Sly of the Underworld.’

Margaret’s Introduction

Having heard Sly of the Underworld on Radio 3AW numerous times and then of course all the publicity about “Underbelly” John being Co-Author and then subsequent viewing on TV once we were allowed to watch the TV hit series, made me convinced what a great speaker our man today would make - John Silvester of course is also the Senior Crime Reporter for “The Age.” I have been reading his stories for sometime and also read with much interest last June, 2008 in the Age Extra supplement naming John Silvester as Journalist of the Year and listing all his numerous credits and awards for excellence, plus noting with interest a quotation from the judging panel – John Silvester is an old fashioned hard news reporter and a damned good one, who has adapted and expanded his repertoire with impressive investigative reporting, colourful descriptive writing, the finest explanatory journalism, entertaining radio commentary and most recently, online storytelling. The jewel in his gilt edged portfolio was a narrative explaining Melbourne’s Underworld battlefield, and today we will hear straight from the horses mouth about all these crimes, John having also produced documentaries on murderers Peter Dupas, Derek Percy and influential identity Tony Mokbel - proving a reporter’s greatest assets are a contact book and trust of a broad range of sources. Ladies and Gents please welcome John Silvester with his tales on the “Melbourne Underworld”

9. Ray Cooper thanked John for his very interesting and informative talk and presented him with a bottle of wine.

10. Next Meeting to be held on Monday 13 July 2009.

11. President Liz declared the meeting closed at 12:00.

President: .....

Date: .....