

PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc.

CLUB MINUTES

Held at Ajani Centre, Thompsons Road

Lower Templestowe

On Monday, 9 November, 2009 at 9:45am

1. President Liz welcomes members and guests.

2. **Ian Gault** led us in a tribute to commemorate Armistice Day which will be on Wednesday 11 November and then read "In Flanders Fields.

3. Liz's Talk Time

When we successfully negotiated with the Manningham City Council earlier this year to have our Monthly Meetings here on the second Monday of the month, it was also agreed that, if the second Monday fell on a Public Holiday, we would still have our meeting here. This will involve obtaining the key from the Council the previous Friday and setting up and dismantling the hall ourselves and this is what will happen on the Queen's Birthday holiday next June.

Our Monthly Meeting and AGM in March would fall on Labour Day and the Committee feel that this is too important a meeting to be held at a time when many members might be away for the long weekend. We have therefore negotiated with the Council to bring the meeting forward to Monday 1st March and it will be held at the Bulleen Templestowe Community Hall. Please put this date in your diaries now.

All requests for halls booking should come through the Committee and Judy and I have been delegated by the Committee to negotiate directly with the Council.

Despite "Inclement Weather" if a Probus activity goes ahead this will be classified as a "Probus Activity".

Liz reported that the long awaited blinds for over the skylights will be fitted in the next couple of weeks. Thanks to Grace La Vella. We have "the Ian Gault steps", these blinds should be known as "the Liz Turner Blinds".

At our last meeting we recorded 106 members present and 24 apologies. As this adds up to 130, which is our total membership, I feel that we should congratulate ourselves on this achievement and use this as a benchmark for the future. I think this is an indication of a very healthy and active club.

Best of luck to Wilma Pontefract, Denis Wheeler, Pauline and John Mugridge competing at the San Remo Probus Club golf tournament at Wonthaggi on Friday.

4. General Business:

4.1. Guest Speaker is Mark Rawson, a Lawyer and Amateur Explorer of tunnels and bunkers with tales of Australia's wartime past and what lies beneath the streets of Melbourne.

4.2. Lunch is at Box Hill RSL.

4.3. Members having Birthdays this month are: Alan Baker, Laurel Bishop, Anne Doull, Pat Edwards, Ian Gault, Wendy Knight, Craig Lukeman, Dorothy Macaulay, Beverley McDowell, Philip Mithen, Jane Pearlgood, Marilyn Platford, Denis Wheeler and Faye Williams. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to these members.

4.4. Last opportunity to buy tickets for our "Winter Wonderland" Christmas Break-up Monday 14th December. Members \$20 and Visitors \$25. See Wendy & Daryl Knight during the Fellowship Break.

5. Jeff Crosbie Treasurer's Report

Report on the Combined Manningham Probus Clubs Meeting Jeff attended on 30th October as the Templestowe Valley Representative.

Sixteen out of the twenty Probus Clubs were represented at the meeting. Jeff took 20 copies

of a list of our activities and guest speakers for the past 6 months. All clubs filled in a survey with the member payment per annum, number of members, number on the waiting list and number of vacancies at the club. The payment per annum is between \$20 and \$50, our club payment \$35 is midway. Some clubs are struggling for members.

(As at 31/10/09)

Balance on Hand \$10,689.13

Deposits Held for Activities \$ 4,503.79

Club Funds as at 31/10/09 \$ 6,185.34

Moved: John Mugridge Secoded: Kerry McInerney No discussion Carried

6. Judy Baker Secretary's Report

The activity planning day for 2010 is 16 November, any last minute activity please pass to Ron McBain. The Swanky Dinner was fantastic, thanks to Wendy and Kenneth Park.

Moved: Wayne Eames Secoded: Lyn Crosbie No discussion Carried

7. Ron McBain Activities Report

Bike Group	John Hudgson	Next ride 18 Nov meet Coach and Horses riding down East Link. Meet at Eaglemont Tennis Courts. Wed. 2 nd December Christmas break-up for walkers and riders will be at Lyn and John's place.
Book Group	Val Reid	No Comment
Book Swap	Pat Edwards	No Comment
Craft Group	Yvonne Boyall	No Comment
Cryptic Crosswords	Liz Turner	Liz thanked Adrian for running the meetings in her absence. Meetings 4-5pm Thursdays at Val Reid's place.
Cultural Walks	Wendy Fishley	Wendy thanked members for supporting the Swanky Dinner. Wendy will concentrate on walks of Melbourne in 2010.
Entertainers	Margaret Campbell	We have had a good year, now busy rehearsing for the Christmas Luncheon. New members always welcome.
Fine Dining	Hugh Cornell	Great year 94 groups dined out this year, no dine outs until January 2010.
Games	Marion Cummins	Tomorrow night at Marion and Terry's place for games that will be decided on the night, only 20 spots available. Lots more to come next year.
Garden	Faye Williams	Briars, Mt.Martha on the 16 November has a \$10 entry fee. African Violet flower show on 21- 22 Nov, free tickets available. Outing to the Blue Water Lotus Garden in January to be organised by Elaine Hayne.
Genealogy	Ray Lawley	Church of the Latter Day Saints was a rewarding day for all. 3 rd Tuesday of month at State Library, last meeting 3 rd Monday in December at Doncaster Library. Start again in February.
Getaway Group	Hudgsons/McBains	Please pay Jacob the deposit for Mungo Park Getaway
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	Thanks to golfers for their support. Phillip Island 18 – 20 April 2010, deposits are due. Christmas break up at the Urban Retreat. No golf on New Year's Day.
Photography/ Newsletter	Doug Hayne	This Wed bring 10-20 shots from your trip and 5-10 shots you left out, very important what you leave out. Newsletter: please confirm all articles from the previous month, Doug will not assume anything.
Scrapbook	Verity Moore	Meet 4 th Monday. Next meeting 23 November,

		workshop then Christmas Lunch, all welcome 2010.
Theatre	Janet Pulis	Mary Poppins and Fame next year, thanks to you all for your support.
Trips and Events	Elaine Hayne	Last outing for the year Beleura House Mornington, car pool from the hall. We have great plans for 2010.
Walks	Wayne Eames	Nov walks Mullum Mullum meet 9:30am, 2nd walk in Nov meet at Coach and Horses. Three walks not taken for next year - see Wayne if interested in leading these.

Lyn Hudgson requested all helpers for the Christmas Lunch to arrive just after 10am and guests not before 10:30 and don't forget BYO glass and drinks

Moved: Lyn Crosbie Seconded: Laurine Eames No discussion Carried

8. Liz introduced Ellen Body to once again present many children's books donated by our Club to Beryl Jones from the Smith Family.

Ellen reinforced as a club we have excelled ourselves with the quality and quantity of books donated, special thanks to Peter Fishley for 23 books donated by the Uniting Church.

Beryl Jones responded, she was delighted to represent the Smith Family and thanked all members for their generosity. The donation of these books makes a big difference to many children and they do appreciate these gifts.

9. Attendance Report:

Guests: One

Total Members in Attendance: 98

Apologies. 32: Terry and Jane Pearlgood, Norma Green, Yvonne Boyall, Jan Shiners, June Duncan, Lois Mason, David and Elaine Dodds, John Reid, Ross Chapman, Graham Morcom, Noel Hatton, Andrea and George Thomas, Anne Lukeman, Alan Baker, Anne Doulle, Jan Hammond, Pam Young, Rex Atkins, Jan Harvie, Lorraine and Ray Cooper, Ian and Veronica Coleman, Beryl Glover, Maureen O'Brien, Rose Cecchin, Alice Pawelzig, Fay Ford and Marjory Coronica

10. Fellowship Break

11. Margaret McGregor introduced Mark Rawson. Margaret's introduction:

Being so close to "Remembrance Day" Margaret thought it would be appropriate to look at "Australia's Wartime Past" from a different angle – that being "what lies beneath the streets of Melbourne". Our guest speaker Mark Rawson is a very busy Criminal Lawyer, but has an unusual hobby, of exploring bunkers and tunnels, not just any tunnels but mysterious voids that have existed under suburban Melbourne for 70 years or more, plus many sites all over Victoria. In fact these holes in the ground might have a bearing on what could have happened had Melbourne been invaded in World War II. Mark is one of a number of enthusiasts who are trying to establish just what was going on in Australia in the dark days around 1940.

Waynes Eames thanked Mark and presented him with a bottle of wine.

12. Next meeting will be on Monday 14 December, 2009, our Christmas Wonderland Lunch, remember the starting time is 10:30am and please bring your own glasses and drinks.

13. President Liz declared the meeting closed at 12noon

President: **Date:**