

**MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING**  
**PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc.**

Held at Ajani Centre, Thompsons Road Lower Templestowe  
On Monday 11th November 2013

**1. Welcome:** The President, Ellen Boyd opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed all attendees and commented on how fantastic the members looked in their hats.

The President formally welcomed all Guests and asked them to stand, and also welcomed back the people who had been away and sick .

**2. Inductions:** Peter Fishley introduced Guy Tuddenham, whom he described as a family man, lives locally, had worked for the meteorology bureau, was civic minded and had connections with the Lorne area.

The President, Ellen Boyd, then inducted Guy Tuddenham and presented him with the "New Member Introduction Pack" and welcomed him to the Club. Guy Tuddenham replied and thanked the Club for accepting him and looked forward to his wife becoming a member too.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes of the October Meetings:** Due to an oversight, the minutes of both the Club Meeting and Special General Meetings held in October were not confirmed. This will be placed on the Agenda for January 2014.

**4. President's Report** Ellen Boyd

4.1 Ellen said that it was great to see everyone participating in our Spring Carnival Meeting by wearing hats.

4.2 Thank you to Faye Williams for the fabulous garden day and to all the contributors on the day.

4.3 We are not able to advertise any personal member items in our Newsletter, but I would like to know what our members think of a notice board being available at our meeting should members have anything they wish to advertise.

4.4 We have booked the hall until 3.00pm. today to allow for the entertainers to have a rehearsal. The formal meeting will conclude at 1200 noon as normal.

4.5 Many thanks to Laurine Eames and Irene Baird for the Recipe Book

4.6 Book collection for the Smith Family

4.7 95 years since Armistice Day. We will observe Remembrance Day with a minute silence.

**Lunch** today will be at The Cherry Hill Tavern in Reynolds Road, East Doncaster.

**Birthdays for October:** : Alan Baker, Laurel Bishop, Anne Doull, Patricia Edwards, Anne Franklin, Wendy Knight, Craig Lukeman, Dorothy Macaulay, Keith Marsh, Beverley McDowell, Philip Mithen, Denis Wheeler, Faye Williams, Gwen Young

**5. Vice President's Report:** Craig Lukeman

Craig discussed the Registration form for tours and events and emergency contacts for these events, and reminded members that the forms are to be filled in for insurance purposes. Craig suggested that all members look at the form and ask for assistance if unsure of how to complete them.

**6. Treasurer's report:** Jacob Kerseboom

Cash on hand: -	\$ 556.85
Bank Balance as at 31.10.2013	\$4,598.02
Investment Account	\$9,351.27
Balance as at 31.10.2013	\$13,996.14

An amendment to the Treasurer's report for the October meeting was proposed by Jake Kerseboom

That there were two cheques still unrepresented at the Bank. These were for \$58.00 and \$240.00, which accounted for the \$298 discrepancy in the total funds amount

A motion that the Treasurer's report be received

Proposed: Jacob Kerseboom

Seconded: Jenny Morcom

Carried

**7. Welfare Report:** Laurine Eames

There are now 150 members and 10 on the waiting list

**8. Secretary's Report:** Libby Jones.

Thank you everyone for your support during the long process of changing the Constitution and Special Resolutions. They are now on our Templestowe Valley PC website for your perusal, along with the forms and policies.

Hopefully, now, it should be fun and fellowship and no "red tape issues"!!

Many thanks to the Committee, particularly Ellen and Craig for their assistance and support, and to Doug Hayne for his expertise in placing the items on the website.

Please consider becoming a member of the committee for 2014. Nomination forms will be available from December and should be returned to the secretary in the new year.

Some of the present 2013 Committee are willing to stand for re-election, however your Probus club requires a female Vice President, a Treasurer, an Assistant Secretary, and an Activities Coordinator to be nominated.

All Group Leaders and Committee members, please start thinking about, and preparing your reports for the Club's Annual Report. These will be required to emailed/sent to me by 13th January please.  
Members have been advised that Termites are on the move at this time of year, and professional pest control persons were warning of the prevalence of these pests.

**9. Correspondence Report:** Libby Jones  
There was no relevant incoming correspondence to read out this month.

**10. Activities Report:** Lyn Hudgson for Andrea Thomas

The Australia Day Picnic will be held on Sunday 26th January 2014 at Scout Hall Finns Reserve.

The Christmas party Luncheon is on December 9th 2013 and the commencement/arrival time is 10am. Members will be greeted at the door and taken to their allocated seats. Drinks would be at the back of the hall. Please speak to Lyn Hudgson regarding any inquiries for this day.

Bike Group	John Hudgson	Bike group break up 4.12.2013, lunch will be at The Retreat, please ring John for further information. All rides will commence at 9.30 during daylight saving An email will be sent to riders.
Book Group	Helga Braun	The book group did a presentation with its members presenting a book title and being introduced to the members.
Craft Group	Elaine Hayne	Tuesday 19th Breakup lunch
Cultural Walks	Wendy Fishley	University House Lunch 22.11.2013 Payment today please
Events, Trips, Outings	Elaine Hayne	Exhibition in Bendigo 29.11.2013. payment today. Get train tickets and meet at Southern Cross station. 2 hours train trip, buy lunch then walk to gallery for 1pm. Suzuki night 13.11.2013 at the market, meet at 5.30pm at Jeff's shed
Getaway Group	Lyn Hudgson	Norfolk Island getaway participants had a great time.
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	Thanks to John Reid for taking the golf groups in Lyn's absence at Freeway. Successful getaway at Shepparton. Break up on 6.12.2013 Kingston Heath x1 vacancy Bright 2014, 55 people going, put your name on the list. \$50 deposit. David Moodie doing a bike ride group. Ron McBain taking non golfers
New Skills	Dawn Anderson	Wednesday crocheting Christmas decorations. Thanks for attendance during the year 4.2.2014 Mosaics workshop. How many interested, please choose your shape to enable boards to be prepared and sealed beforehand. Save old china/tiles etc Please put your name on the list
Walks	James Campbell	Walking 13.11.2013 starting from Yarra Bend Road up the Merri Creek Break up walk in 2 weeks
Sinfonia Concert	John Wilson	Concert on 29.11.2013 tickets available today
Zoo news	Lois Mason	Bags are available for your old phones, please collect bags from Lois

## 11. General Business:

### 11.1 Presentation of Children's Books

Ellen Boyd introduced Beryl Jones, a representative from the Smith Family, to the members. Beryl was our Probuc Groups' first guest speaker and this year was our 11th presentation of books to the Smith Family. Beryl Jones thanked the Club members for their eleven years of support. In December, 2800 toy packs will be delivered to children and the donated books would be going into some of these packs. Beryl gave Ellen a Newsletter for members to read.

### 11.2 Spring Carnival Hats

Ellen Boyd stated that all the hats and head attire looked great and that there would be a presentation of a box of chocolates to the winners of each section. The judging panel (members sitting on the stage, who had the best view!) declared the following:-

Biggest Hat -Men - Alan Baker

Biggest Hat - Ladies - Merrill Smead

Smallest Hat - Men- Wayne Eames

Smallest Hat - Ladies - Lyn Crosbie

### 11.3 Remembrance Day John Reid

John Reid spoke about this special day: 11th Hour of 11th Day of 11th Month, and his memories, annually, of when the clock struck at 11am and everything stopped for the minute of silence and then gradually started again. Remembering the horror of war.

He spoke of his and Val's visit to Gallipoli and then their experiences at the Somme as a sad beautiful landscape of open country, without animals, and every few kilometres a small wood. There were small, well tended cemeteries with about 50 graves in each. Poppies in the fields, and both big towns and small hamlets in the area. Pozieres, a small hamlet where homes are along the road and a landmark windmill, is said to have been more soaked with Australian blood than any other place in the World.

John and Val Reid both had family members involved and buried in Pozieres British Cemetery. Great Uncles of both John and Val were buried within a cricket pitch length of each other.

John mentioned the wives, mothers and families of those left behind and the struggle they had after this dreadful war.

The Australians saved Villers Bretonneaux, and the people of the town have never forgotten. There are Rue Victoria and Melbourne in honour of our soldiers.

Bob and Dawn Anderson were there a few years ago after our severe bush fires in Victoria, and the local school had newspaper clippings of the fires up on the walls of the classrooms. The residents had also given generously to the fire victims. The school has wooden carvings of Australian animals and a sign in yellow with NEVER FORGET THE AUSTRALIANS.

Ellen Boyd thanked John Reid and Bob Anderson for their input for our Remembrance Day segment.

### Attendance Report:

Present: 117

No Show: 5

Visitors: 7

Apologies: 28

### Fellowship Break

Members were seated promptly after Fellowship Break, by 1058hrs and, at 1100hrs, all members stood for a one minute respectful silence for this solemn occasion.

### 12. Introduction of Speaker: John Reid

John Reid introduce the Speaker Don McQueen, who proved to be a most entertaining Balladeer and self confessed cricket tragic. His expertise was most appreciated and his poetry delivery was wonderful.

The vote of Thanks was given by Kerry McInerney

Meeting closed at 1155am

The next Meeting will be held on Monday 9th December 2013 at the Ajani Centre starting at 10am and is our Christmas Break up luncheon and Entertainer's concert.

Signed President, Ellen Boyd: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 11.11.2013

Secretary: Elizabeth Jones \_\_\_\_\_