

MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING
PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc.
Held at Ajani Centre, 284 Thompsons Road Lower Templestowe, 3107
On Monday 8th February 2016

1. **Welcome:** The President, Wendy Fishley welcomed members to the meeting.
Wendy informed the members of the sad news that Les Thompson had passed away last night.

2. **Confirmation of Minutes**

2a That the Minutes for the Special General Meeting regarding an addition to the special Resolutions at the Club meeting held on 9 November 2015 as circulated be confirmed.

Moved: Ellen Boyd Seconded: Bev Wignall Carried

2b That the minutes of the January 2016 Meeting as circulated be confirmed

Moved: Margaret McGregor Seconded: Wayne Eames Carried

3. **President's Report** **Wendy Fishley**

As this is my last full meeting as President I need to say what a tough year it's been, in many ways. We've had our ups and downs, our sad times and very many happy times. But we've come through, fortunately, and that shows what resilient and wonderful people you all are. I've been encouraged by really great support from my fantastic committee and from lovely members who have given me the strength to carry on. My heartfelt thanks go to all of you, for without your love and encouragement, I could not have got through.

My message to you all is this: be kind and caring to one another. Be mindful of other's pain and treat one another fairly and with consideration. Probus is about fun and friendship and I'm afraid that some of that has been lost along the way, during this year.

I want to wish Daryl all the best for his year as President and hope you will give him your support and help. We are pleased that we have good members who have been willing to take on the positions that are needed to run a successful club. I thank them for that and trust that they will have a pleasant and successful year ahead. I know, with your support, the new committee will achieve in the roles they have taken on and I wish them well.

In closing, my love and thanks to you all. May 2016 be a year of good health and happiness for you all and may this club continue in the way it started out, to be a place of friendship, fun and fellowship.

That's what we're here for!

3.1 **Induction of new member** The Inductees for February are Jill Van der Sluys and Peter Van der Sluys. The new members were introduced by Elaine Hayne who said she had met Jill 10 years ago at the OpShop.

Jill Van der Sluys said she had gone into the op shop to purchase some goods for the children she worked with in Children's Services, had met Elaine and then worked at the opshop. Jill knew several members of the club from when her children went to school, and from the craft group which she has been attending whilst being on the waiting list. Jill was looking forward to being an active member of the club. Peter said that they had been on the waiting list about a year, and had been in the Doncaster area since 1970. He was looking forward to joining in the activities the club offered.

Wendy Fishley read the Induction of a New Member from the PSPL handbook and gave Jill and Peter their Induction/Welcome Kits.

3.2 **Lunch:** will be held at Shoppingtown Hotel, Williamsons Road, Doncaster. A show of hands indicated that 24 planned to attend.

3.3 **Birthdays:** Helen Armstrong, Irene Baird, Diana Burton, Ross Chapman, Marjory Coronica, Neil English, Rhys Jones, Jenny Kerseboom, Ron McBain, Pauline Mugridge, Lyn Paice, Elizabeth Turner, John Wilson

The birthday song was sung to the celebrating members.

3.4 **Attendance Report:**

Present: 107 No Show: 6 Visitors: 0 Apologies: 34 Total: 147

4. Vice President's Report: Daryl Knight

The registration desk people asked that members wear their name tags as it makes it easier to see and recognize people.

In talking to members, some members are happy to help, but not wanting to take on a position on the committee or leader of activity.

Daryl has read the constitution, and noted that if a person finds the workload too much they may require an assistant to their position in some cases.

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| 5. Treasurer's report: David Moodie | |
| Balance brought forward as at 31.12.2015 | \$10,600.80 |
| Total Income | \$ 2,143.29 |
| Total Expenditure | \$ 1,317.91 |
| Balances on hand as at 31.1.2016 | \$11,426.18 |
| Club Funds | \$ 3,790.33 |
| Activities Funds | \$ 7,635.85 |
| Balances on hand | <u>\$11,426.18</u> |

A motion that the Treasurer's report be received

Proposed: David Moodie

Seconded: Kerry McInerney

Carried

6. Welfare Report: Lyn Paice

Lyn Paice report that Pauline Mugridge had a nasty fall and welcomed Gwen Young back after her fractured leg.

6a Membership Report Verity Moore

Verity explained that there were several types of membership.

Non-active members- these members are still part of the club, sometimes they are unwell or a carer. They are welcome to come at any time. As a result of the changes from full to non-active members it has meant that we can have new members join the club from the waiting list.

Verity wanted to reassure members that there had been no "queue jumping".

A question from James Campbell, - Can a Non-active member become a full member again?

Non-active members can attend at any time, however, the committee will look into this.

7. Secretary's Report: Libby Jones

Good morning everyone, I have quite a lot to say so I am going to read from my notes.

Many thanks to Judy Baker for attending to the minutes, and to Jenny Morcom who collected the mail in my absence in January. Your assistance was much appreciated, thank you ladies.

Please note that the AGM Minutes for March 2015 are now on the website, thanks to Doug Hayne, and are available for your perusal prior to the AGM next meeting, when you will be asked to accept the minutes as distributed.

A copy is available for you to view today and at the March meeting if you are unable to access a website. Please just ask me.

The Annual Report will be posted on the website before the March AGM. Please read this report that has been compiled by your Committee and Activity Group representatives.

All Nominations forms for members for the Management Committee 2016 must be presented to me, before the end of the Fellowship Break, that is before 1050 hrs today .

This is the last Secretary's report that I will be giving to a General Club Meeting and I would like to say a few words.

It has been a interesting three years as Secretary for this Probus Club and I have enjoyed my term of office and working for the Club and its members. I have been privileged to have had the support and friendship of so many people.

The first year, 2013 - had its challenges, with the introduction of The Victorian Incorporation Reform Act and the subsequent implementation of a new Constitution and Special Resolutions which are on our Probus website for you all to see.

Ellen Boyd guided me through my first year in the Club and on the Committee.

2014, - The second year's challenges, were the writing up of our Club's Policies and Procedures, also now on our website. The antics of PSPL and the subsequent formation of the PSPL Reform Group, required vigilance and Craig Lukeman capably managed the Committee and kept us informed about PSPL.

2015 - This last year, sadly, has not been external challenges causing extra work and disruption. I have found this very disappointing, in that the challenges and problems that occurred, came from conflict, division and disruption from within the Club. I have had many members who have voiced their concerns to me during the past few months.

Many extra hours have been spent trying to diffuse situations, talking and trying to understand the behaviours and situations caused by some people in the club, who seem to have forgotten the Probus Core Values of Friendship, fellowship and fun, Supportive Active Retirees, Adaptable Growth, and Diversity.

When Wendy Fishley accepted the nomination for Presidency, she knew that she had her husband, Peter's special 0 birthday and their big wedding anniversary holiday celebrations planned for, and would need to be away at some stage during the year.

I am sure she thought that it would be a happy year and a privilege to serve as the President to this great Club. This certainly has not been the case. It has not been an easy year, with conflict and disharmony within the Club. I would like to congratulate Wendy for her work as the President this year. For her tenacity, when at times she probably felt like walking away from all the hassles that never seemed to stop; and her kindness, general concern and support to people have been constant throughout her time on the Committee.

Well done and thank you Wendy.

All the members of the Club, are here, because they wanted to be, all the Activity leaders and the Management Committee are volunteers. We must not lose sight of this and need to start to repair the damage that has been caused, by becoming once again, the friendly, trusting, harmonious group that we were.

I wish the nominees all the best and trust that the Club and Committee will have a happy, wonderful, cooperative year for 2016.

I move that my report be accepted

Moved: Libby Jones Seconded: Judy Baker Carried

8. Correspondence Report: Libby Jones

A thank you letter was read out from Diane McIntosh

That the inwards be received and outgoing correspondence be endorsed

Moved: Libby Jones Seconded: Judy Baker Carried

9. Activities Report: Alan Baker

Good morning, I hope everyone is fit well.

This is the February Activities report

1 Bike Riding John Hudgson and Keith Marsh (1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday's)

Bike ride 9.30am

Next ride Lower Eltham Park, on the 17th February @ 9.30am, see John or Keith.

2 Book Reading Val Reid and Lyn Crosbie

Next Book Club meeting is on the 16th February at Dee Atkins home.

3 Book Swap Pat Edwards

4 Craft Barbara Green and Yvonne Boyall

Next meeting for Craft is at Elaine's on the 23rd of February at 10.00am.

5 Entertainers Marg Campbell

Marg and the team did a great job for the Australia Day Party on the 26th January at Scout Hall.

6 Events, Trips & Outings Elaine Hayne

* "A Day at the Zoo" Sand Sculptures at Frankston Waterfront on Wednesday the 17th January. Meet at the hall at 9.30am

* Hamer Hall "The Tap Pack", Monday the 7th March at 1.30pm cost \$20.00. Put your name on the list.

See Elaine for more information.

7 Fine Dining Anne Lukeman
See the list in the Newsletter for Fine Dining in February.

8 Games (Bridge) Marion Cummins
Put your name on the list for Crazy Whist on the 23rd of March.
Bridge every Thursday morning at Marion's

9 Garden Anne Doull and Jeni Moodie
Combined with the Walkers to the Fitzroy Gardens on the 24th of February. See Jeni for more information.

10 Genealogy Pat Marsh and Pam Brown
Next meeting tomorrow 9th February at 10.00am, at the Manningham Library. (See Pam or Pat)

11 Getaway Group Lyn Hudson
Kangaroo Island on the 15th of March 2016.
Eyre Peninsula in October 2016.
The Blues Train, Queenscliff, see Lyn

12 Golf Andrea Thomas
Golf is at Freeway every second Friday, next round 19th February at 8.20am.
* 2016 Autumn Cup is on the 2nd and 3rd of May at Fairways Resort Rosebud, see Colin or Trudy.

13 Investment Group Bob Anderson
Meeting on the 23rd February. Note new Meeting Room, see Bob. (Info in the Newsletter)

14 Movie Group Merrill Smead
Merrill looking at new venue

15 New Skills Group
Groups Learning how to play Mah-jong at 9.30am or 1.30pm on Tuesday the 1st March at Dawns,

15a Crocheting Dawn Anderson
Next meeting at 1.30pm on Wednesday the 10th February at Dawn's.

16 Photography Doug Hayne
Tomorrow February 9th, 7.30pm at Doug's.

17 Scrapbooking Verity Moore
Next meeting will be at Margaret McGregor's 10.00am on the 22nd February.

18 Singing Group Wilma Pontefract
Singing resumes for 2016 on Monday the 7th March at Wilma's, come and join the group.

19 Tennis Irene Beard
On Tuesdays at 10.00am See Irene.

19 Theatre Colin and Trudy Neal and Rhonda Sinclair
* Sunday the 6th March, 2.00pm at the Lilydale Theatre "Vicar of Dibley".
* Saturday the 9th April 8.00pm at the Whitehorse Theatre "Four Seasons in One Night" If you are going you have to pay today, cost \$49.00.

20 Walking Group Rhys Jones and Beverley Wignall (2nd & 4th Wednesday's)
Next walk 9.30am Noonan Way BBQ, at Ron and Lyn McBain's on the 10th of February.

Don't forget if you are interested in joining one of the activities have a talk to one of the leaders wearing their Pink Tags.

All this information and more is in the Newsletter, Please read it

BBQ this month is on Thursday night the 25th February at 5.00pm at Birrarung Park.

Wendy

On behalf of the Activity Leaders I would like to thank Wendy Fishley for all of the effort she has put into the club during the last 12 months, in her position as President, and to let you know you have had the support of the leaders during the past year. I know I value your friendship very much.

So Wendy, when you get home tonight you deserve to put your feet up and get Peter to organize a very large strong drink so you can toast your year as President.

Thank you again

I now call on Lyn to close this report with a joke

10. **General Business:** none

Fellowship Break

On return from Fellowship Break, Wendy Fishley announced that there were nominations for all positions and they would be announced prior to the March AGM

11. **Introduction of Speaker:** **Ellen Boyd** introduced our Mystery speaker who was our own member, Doug Hayne, who gave a most interesting talk about the island group of St Kilda.

Thank you was given by Ellen Boyd.

Wendy Fishley declared the meeting closed at 1200hrs

Next Meeting to be held on Monday 14th March 2016 in the Ajani Centre starting at 9.45am

Signed _____ Dated _____