

**MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING**  
**PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc.**  
Held at Ajani Centre, 284 Thompsons Road Lower Templestowe, 3107  
**On Monday 14/03/2022 at 9.45am**

1 President, Colin Neal declared the meeting open at 10.10am  
Welcome by President **Colin Neal**

**Visitors:** Kerry and Pat McInerney

2 **Confirmation of Minutes**

**That the minutes of the Club Meeting held on the 14/02/2022 as circulated be confirmed.**

**Moved:**Colin Neal      **Seconded:** Judy Baker      **Carried**

The confirmed minutes were signed by Colin Neal.

3 **President's Report** **Colin Neal**

Hi everyone, it is a privilege and honour to have been accepted as your President for the next 12 months. I trust that I can live up to the high standard that has been set by my predecessor, Rhonda, and the other seventeen Presidents that have gone before.

We have now lived through two years of COVID restrictions and lockdowns, during which time our daily lives have been disrupted, contact with our families and friends hampered and our normal busy Probus activities curtailed. We have even had to cope with a shortage of toilet paper, although no-one seems to be able to explain the rush!

Despite this, the past two years seem to have disappeared quickly.

Despite the pandemic and its effects, our club has still been able to get together occasionally, go on a few outings, play a bit of golf and socialise in small groups. When all else has failed, we have been able to catch up with each other virtually on Zoom. As a Club, we thank Peter, Rhonda, the Committee and various activity leaders for helping us through these frustrating times.

The introduction by Rhonda of mini speakers at our meetings has been a major success. We thank those members who have already shared some of their unique experiences over the years and look forward to many more insights. We all have different backgrounds, whether it be our early years, our adult lives, our favourite hobbies, special interests or unusual experiences. We all have a story to tell!

Last month, just over 40 of our members were finally able to get away together and enjoy some fun and camaraderie in the Spa Country around Daylesford. The accommodation was excellent and the scenery of course magnificent. While we were away we managed to play our annual golf cup which had been postponed from last October owing to Covid. This year's winner on handicap over the 2 days was David Powell. Congratulations David!

Unfortunately 13 of the members who attended the Getaway returned positive Covid tests on return. For most of us, the effects were mild and we are now well-recovered, no doubt due in part to the benefit of the vaccinations.

The assisted and co-opted positions for the club for 2022 will be determined by the management committee this afternoon and announced at next month's club meeting. Thank you once again for accepting me as President and we all look forward to a better year ahead with less disruptions from Covid.





Ron advised that a fishing trip was organised for 23rd March and that there were still a few vacancies.

**Motion: That the activities report for November 2021 - March 2022 be received.**  
**Moved:** Ron McBain                      **Seconded:** Keith Marsh                      **Carried**

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**General Business:**

Farewell to Pat and Kerry McInerney

Doug Hayne

I think that most of us are aware that our Foundation President and Life Member Kerry McInerney and his lovely wife Pat, have decided to resign from the club for personal reasons.

Kerry was appointed and accepted as our Foundation President when few of us knew who he was or how well he could do the job. Well, it all turned out OK as Kerry was the perfect choice for someone to see over the establishment of the club and all the associated decisions, meetings and activities. Not only that, but he continued over the years to be very helpful with solid advice to the committee and club members on many occasions.

Kerry was also our "Meeter and Greeter" at meetings for many years and welcomed members and visitors in a warm and friendly way. He also contributed to the meetings with many relevant questions, offers of advice and funny comments. He didn't need to be formally introduced as everyone knew who he was by voice recognition and his regular reference to his Irish heritage.

Kerry was awarded a life membership of our club in July 2008

Of course Pat was always there to support or correct Kerry and she also participated and contributed to activities over the years such as Walking, The Entertainers and Games.

Our great club that you, Kerry and Pat have contributed so much to, will miss you and hope you can keep in touch and visit us when possible.

Kerry is a life member so he can only be on parole and must report back to at least one meeting per year along with his supervisor Pat.

**Fellowship Break**

Special morning tea to celebrate the appointment of our new life member Lyn Hudgson who was inducted during the AGM.

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**Introduction of Speaker:-**

**David French**

Richard Olive  
"The Morris Dam Pennsylvania 1889"

Richard gave us a most interesting talk about dams, using the Morris dam disaster (Pennsylvania 1889) as an example of what can happen in the hands of ignorant people.

In the parlance of civil engineers a dam spillage is wasted energy and hence it is absolutely necessary to have "freeboard" up your sleeve.

Dams are constructed to allow enough freeboard to accommodate rising dam levels.

The dam site was bought by wealthy business men and the dams original structure altered to create an envisioned fishing resort.

The alterations reduced the "freeboard" and lead to the worst man made disaster prior to Sept 11 2001.

On May 31,1889 Large storms lead to the dam overflowing and ultimately to 2,209 fatalities.

Given the current floods along Australia's eastern seaboard this was a very topical talk.

Thank you given by Barry Murphy

Meeting closed at 12.01pm

Next Meeting is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in the Ajani Centre starting at 9.45am