

**MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING**  
**PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc.**  
Held at Ajani Centre, 284 Thompsons Road Lower Templestowe, 3107  
**On Monday 11/4/2022 at 9.45am**

1 President, Colin Neal declared the meeting open at 9.45am  
Welcome by President **Colin Neal**  
**Visitors:** No visitors

2 **Confirmation of Minutes**

**That the minutes of the Club Meeting held on the 14/03/2022 as circulated be confirmed.**

**Moved:** Colin Neal      **Seconded:** Rhonda Sinclair      **Carried**

The confirmed minutes were signed by Colin Neal.

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

Arguably one of the best Summers in Melbourne in a long time has come to an end and we are now enjoying some great Autumn weather. Daylight saving is over for another season!

We are looking forward to the Club getting back to some normality from now on with our monthly meetings and various activities. Let's hope that Covid becomes less of a restriction and that we can once again enjoy the fun and camaraderie of our wonderful Club.

As indicated at our last Club meeting, I am happy to announce the following assistant and co-opted positions for the coming year. They are:

**Appointed Positions**

Minute Secretary      Anne Lukeman

Speaker Officer      David French

**Assistant Positions**

Assistant Treasurer      Lorraine Cooper

Assistant Activities Co-ordinator      Alan Baker

**Co-opted Positions**

Newsletter      Phil Mithen

Council Liaison Officer      Pam Brown

Archivist and Webmaster      Doug Hayne

Welcome Officers      Bill Mirams & Laurel Bishop

Emergency Officers      Bob Anderson, Ray Cooper & Alan Baker

First Aid      Jen Moodie

Photographer      Wayne Eames

**Auditor**      Bob Anderson

Thank you on behalf of the Club to everyone above for your on-going contributions and support.

On another note, your Committee has been preparing an Extreme Weather Policy for the Club, with a view to protecting the health and welfare of our members. We hope to present the policy to the members for approval at our May Club meeting.

Our mini-speaker at our April meeting will be Wendy Fishley. We have further speakers lined up for May and June but we are looking for speakers from the July meeting on. Please let me know if you would like to share a particular interest or experience!

**Motion: That the President's report be received**

**Moved:** Colin Neal

**Seconded:** Ron McBain

**Carried**

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**Correspondence Report:**

**Pam Brown**

**Inwards Correspondence for March/April 2022**

PSPL Annual Return forms, Capitation Form and Member Listing Amendment forms.  
Port Phillip Ferries x two.

Trade Travel.

Probus Community News March 2022 forwarded to members.

Active Retirees magazines for March, April/May forwarded to members.

Hearing Australia re interest in a speaker for the club.

Driftwood – The Musical – forwarded to relevant leaders.

PSPL Staying Connected with Probus – Issue 57.

PSPL Sealink Partnership South Australia.

PSPL information package for new president.

Any business arising

I move that all inwards correspondence be received

**Seconded:** Gwen Young

**Carried:**

**Outwards Correspondence for March/April 2022**

No outwards correspondence.

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**Fellowship Lunch**

**Dawn Pratley**

Shopping Town Hotel

Williamsons Rd, Doncaster

Number attending:- 16

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**Birthdays**

Rex Atkins, Judy Chapman, Jill Dickason, Elaine Dodds, Judy Gaskell, Kathy Grimster, Beverley Morgan, Rhonda Sinclair, Beverley Wignall,

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**Treasurer's report for March 2022**

**Liz Turner**

**Balance as at 31/03/2022**

Club funds

\$ 9,273.37

Activity funds

\$ 315.00

Craft group funds

\$ 5,706.10

**Total funds**

**\$15,294.47**

Balance of funds is represented by:-

Westpac Cheque account	\$10,251.97
Westpac term deposit @ 0.33% p.a. Maturing 27/04/2022	\$ 5,042.50
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$15,294.47</b>

Activity Funds have now dropped to zero.

Today is the last day for paying fees.

Thank you to Lyn Hudson for donating her membership fees (no longer required due to Life membership) to the club.

**Motion**

**That the Treasurer's report be accepted**

**Moved:** Liz Turner    **Seconded:** Wayne Eames

**Carried**

**8            Attendance Report:**

Member Attendance: 92    No Show: 15    Apologies: 38    Visitors: 0  
Total number present: 92

**9            Welfare Report:**

**Maurelle Thompson**

There have been two Big O birthdays. Cards were sent.

Three members are not well. One member is in Donvale Rehab.

**10          Membership report:**

**Jeni Moodie**

Presently collecting membership subscriptions during April meeting, refer newsletter for details.

Reminder to register apologies if unable to come to meeting and if attending to wear your name tag

Our membership waiting list has decreased and the club is interested in new members, who are active retirees. We would prefer a few more males to improve the club diversity and certainly those willing to participate in the variety of club activities and club roles.

I attended Probus District Information zoom session on 1<sup>st</sup> April

Two facilitators, with twenty participants. Some came from country areas like Portland & Hamilton.

Aim of Probus, Fun, Friendship & Fellowship with Probus having about 100,000 members about 65% female - 35% male.

PSPL have a website which members can access using their Probus number on their Probus card. This includes PSPL Handbook and other information.

Discussion re member participation and retention with COVID, fulfilling club role and ageing members. These are common challenges that clubs face .

**Motion**

**That the attendance, welfare and membership reports be received**

**Moved:** Colin Neal

**Seconded:** Ellen Boyd

**Carried**

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**Report for approved activities**

**Ron McBain**

- \* The activities Calendar has been updated.
- \* The Aussie Pops Mothers' Day concert is on 8th May. Information is on the Web.
- \* Payment for Mornington Trip is required today.
- \* Crazy Whist is on 11th May.
- \* Laurine Eames requested that those leading fine dining groups returned their forms to her with comments on the restaurant attended. This feedback allows her to recommend restaurants to other groups. She noted that numbers in this group have fallen but she was pleased to have added one new member.
- \* The afternoon book club is looking for new members. Please see Sue Hudson if interested.
- \* Colin Gaskell reminded members of the Tikalara Park walk was on 13 April. Morning tea is BYO.

**Motion**

**That the activities report for April 2022 be received.**

**Moved:** Ron McBain

**Seconded:** Peter Fishley

**Carried**

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**General Business:**

None

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**Mini Speaker**

**Wendy Fishley**

Wendy Fishley (nee Olney) was born in Geelong and is thus a keen "Cats" supporter. Both Wendy and her husband Peter were Foundation members of this Probus club and they have both been Past Presidents, Peter in 2006/7 and Wendy in 2015/16.

Wendy loves music and singing and she has been a member of several choirs at school (PLC), at Templestowe Uniting Church and for three years she sang in a French choir called "La la la". She has also been a member of our Entertainers group and sang in a few Christmas productions, sometimes in French.

People may also remember that Wendy lead the cultural walks for many years. Wendy was an Infant teacher for 25 years, working in the Education Department for 10 years and then in the Independent school system for 15 years.

Wendy and Peter have been married for 56 years and they have three sons, all aged in their 50s, and one granddaughter.

Wendy's hobbies are reading, knitting, going to the theatre and classical music concerts, and enjoying TV most nights.

Wendy will talk today about her early childhood and her love of teaching, from which she has now retired.

Wendy gave a wonderful talk, full of anecdotes about her early childhood and teaching.

Any teacher would acknowledge what a talented teacher she must have been when we were told of teaching in a new school with no supplies, classes of 39 and large percentages of non English speaking migrants. How lucky were they when Wendy's goal was to have them all speaking English by the end of the year.

We were certainly reminded of seven degrees of separation when she revealed all the Probus people who had been part of that journey.

.....and we will never look at our past president, Peter Fishley, in the same way again, now that we know his nick-name was Fish-paste!

**Fellowship Break**

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**Introduction of Speaker:-**

**David French**

**“ Controlling Plastic Waste” in 21st century”**

**Ian Sutton**

A most interesting talk, which covered examples of natural and synthetic plastics.

The key aim of plastic is shelf-life extension to support our life style.

Currently packaging requires the following:-

product ID, impermeability to oxygen, H<sub>2</sub>O vapour, and odour. It needs to be hermetically sealed, tough, glossy, clear. To be able to accept labels, be easily opened and environmentally friendly.

Since one plastic cannot do everything plastics are laminated.

The talk discussed the problems of plastic waste and the need to find a solution quickly.

We will all look at the products we bring home from the supermarket differently after this talk.

Thank you given by Alan Baker.

Meeting closed at 12 noon

Next Meeting is on Monday 09 May 2022 in the Ajani Centre starting at 9.45am