

MINUTES OF CLUB MEETING
PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc.
Held at Ajani Centre, 284 Thompsons Road Lower Templestowe, 3107
On Monday 09/02/ 2026

1 President, Pam Brown declared the meeting open at 9.47am

Visitors: Heather Gordon

2 **Confirmation of Minutes**
That the minutes of the Club Meeting held on the 10/11/2025 as circulated be confirmed.

Moved: Pam Brown **Seconded:** John Reid **Carried**

The confirmed minutes were signed by the President.

3 **President's Report** **Pam Brown**

Welcome back to our first “official” Club meeting for 2026. The “unofficial” meeting held at Birrarung Park on 12th January was attended by 31 members who enjoyed the camaraderie of each other’s company on a perfect summer’s day. It looks like this will become an annual event.

With many of our activities now commencing for the year, I strongly encourage you to support our activity leaders by joining one (or more) of the groups or by attending some of the outings to gardens, theatre, and other events. Our leaders do a wonderful job giving their time and sourcing interesting activities for us to enjoy while making new friends.

While all committee positions are declared “vacant”, except for President at the close of the February meeting, we are particularly searching for a Vice President for this year who will assume the role of President in 2027. This is a great opportunity to be involved in the running of our successful club.

Motion: That the President's report be received

Moved: Pam Brown **Seconded:** David French **Carried**

3.1 **Induction Margaret Guy** **Pam Brown/Graham Mitchell**

Introduced by Pam Brown. Margaret has been a friend since she moved into Templestowe.

Margaret thanked the Club for accepting her application, said she knew people in the club and was very happy to be here.

4 **Secretary’s Correspondence Report for November/December 2025, January/February 2026** **Jenny Mirams**

INWARDS

CAV re change of rules, tax invoice receipt etc.

October Statement from Bendigo Bank.

Eastern Health Special Care Nursery. Thank you for hand knitted beanies.

Trade Travel re Mildura Trip.

PSPL re increase in capitation fees to \$21.50 per member.

Thank you to Craft Group from Linda Nicholson.

PSPL with Management Committee update.

PSPL re their website update.

PSPL re invitation to attend Govt. House afternoon tea to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Probus in Australia.

Manningham Council Community Venues Newsletter

November 2025 Statement Bendigo Bank

CAV re Annual Statement requirements.

PSPL Management Committee updates, 50th anniversary 3.2. 2026 , Trade Travel Tours adverts etc.

PSPL Reminder re afternoon tea at Govt. House.

Trade Travel advertising Tours.

December2025 Statement from Bendigo Bank.

PSPL. 50th Anniversary of Probus, Club Promotion and Activities Kit

January 2026 Statement from Bendigo Bank

OUTWARDS

From Membership Officer to Margaret Guy re induction at February meeting.

From Membership Officer to Wayne and Laurel Bishop regarding their non active membership.

I move that the inward correspondence be received and the outward correspondence be endorsed.

Seconded Jenny Kerseboom **Carried**

5 Fellowship Lunch
Blackburn Hotel

Number attending = 18

6 Birthdays
Jan

John Abery, Ellen Boyd, David French, Sue Hudson, Lynette McBain, Jeni Moodie, Rita Webb, Denis Wheeler.

Feb

Irene Baird, Diana Burton, Colin Gaskell, Ted Hayes, Jenny Kerseboom, Ron McBain, Pat McCormack, Julie Marshall, Bill Mirams, Lyn Paice, Liz Turner, George Turner, Jenny Buckland.

7 **Treasurer's Report:- December 2025** **Frank Schlechta**

Balance as at 31/12/2025

Club funds	\$ 4,830.49
Activity funds	\$ 643.00
Craft group funds	\$ 8,109.06
Total funds	\$13,582.55

Total funds represented by:

Bendigo Bank- Business Everyday Account	\$13,582.55
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- January : 2026

Balance as at 31/01/2026

Club funds	\$ 4,830.49
Activity funds	\$ 1,294.40
Craft group funds	\$ 7,904.21
Total funds	\$14,029.10

Total funds represented by:

Bendigo Bank - Business Everyday Account	\$14,029.10
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Motion:

That the Treasurer's Report for December 2025 & January 2026 be accepted.

Moved: Frank Schlechta **Seconded:** Alan Baker **Carried**

8 **Welfare Report:** **Sue Hudson**

Happy Birthday to George Turner who is turning 90!

if you are having difficulty getting to places the Council has a driving service. See Sue if you would like details.

A number of members are struggling with their health. Please be mindful of them but also of their carers who need a break.

9 **Membership report** **Bernadette Mithen**

Welcome back to another year of Probus fun, friendship and fellowship. Our gathering in Birrarung Park in January saw 31 people in attendance and all keen to catch up after the Christmas break. A great day in perfect weather conditions! This month we welcome Margaret Guy as a new member. Margaret's induction takes our membership to 136.

Membership fees for 2026 will be due again in March/April.

A reminder of the usual protocols for a meeting:

- Register at the table on arrival. Let us know if you are leaving early.
- Remember to send an apology via a friend or an email/text to me prior to the meeting.

- Remember to seek out the newer members at the fellowship break and have a chat.

Registration Table helpers for February

Verna Carter and Marion Cummins

10 **Attendance Report**

Member Attendance: 98 Visitors: 1 Speaker: 1 Total number present: 100

Apologies 38

Motion

That the Attendance, Welfare and Membership reports be received

Moved: Pam Brown **Seconded:** Wayne Eames **Carried**

Day activities-special outings & theatre please check out our newsletter.

Don't forget Grumpy Lads first & third Tuesday. John Reid

BBQ is on the to 4th Thursday night at Ruffey Lake Park.

Needles & stitches at Dawn Andersons on the second Wednesday at 1.30

A big thank you to Pam Walker for her contribution in organising trips & outings:

Marion Cummins advised that Crazy Whist needed new members. That it was a great way to meet people, a fun activity that didn't need any card skills and was held at 'The Orchards Retirement Village' on Sunday afternoons. Next meeting was Sunday 22nd at 2pm.

Wilma spoke about the entertainers and encouraged new and existing members to come along. Their meetings were the Tuesday following the Club meeting.

THEATRE:**Approved :****Upcoming Events in 2026**

Anne Rossi presented the following report.

PAUL TABONE SALUTES ANDREA BOCELLI and THE SOUND OF MUSIC both of these events are in March and final numbers and payment need to be finalised by the end of today. Tickets will be distributed at the March meeting.

SPIRIT OF THE ANZACS Midweek Matinee preceded by morning tea in the Foyer is on Tuesday 21st April at 11 am. Tickets \$22.00 – The Round Nunawading. Final numbers need to be paid for at the March meeting. An outing in July at Hamer Hall has been booked and I need to get an idea of anyone interested as soon as possible to decide if this event should go ahead. It is Caroline O'Connor with Orchestra Victoria.

13 March	Paul Tabone – The Round Nunawading
22 March	Sound Of Music – The Round Nunawading
21 April	Spirit of the Anzacs – Mid Week Matinee 2pm – The Round Nunawading
6 June	42 nd Street - The Round Nunawading
20 July	Orchestra Victoria with Caroline O'Connor – Morning Melodies – Hamer Hall
23 August	Promises, Promises – Songs & Music of Burt Bacharach & Hal David Luncheon and Show at The Round Nunawading

See newsletter for more information.

GARDEN

Jeni Moodie reminded members of the three garden events coming up. that there would be car pooling for McLelland Sculpture Park and Wilson Botanic Park. Let Jeni know whether you can drive others or need a drive yourself. The 'Garden of Hope' in Templestowe has a \$10 entry fee.

Wednesday, 25 February 2026 Mclelland Sculpture Park and Gallery in
Langwarren
Thursday, 26 March 2026 Wilson Botanic Park Berwick
Sunday 19 April 2026 Garden of Hope in Templestowe
See newsletter for more information.

EXHIBITION

Pat Marsh spoke about the exhibition “The Burying of Melbourne” produced by the Royal Historical Society.
Everyone was welcome to attend.
See Pat Marsh or Pam Brown if interested.

GETAWAY

Laurine Eames reminded those on the getaway that payment was needed by the 6th March

GOLF

David French advised that Club golf started on the 6th February and that more players were needed.

The golf getaway was for 25th -27 October at Mirboo North. The tournament will be played on the 26th and 27th.

Non golfers will be welcome. More details will be given closer to the time.

THE 41ers

Liz Turner advised those born in 1941 that another dinner was being organised.

Motion

That the activities report for February 2026 be received.

Moved: Irene Baird **Seconded:** John Reid **Carried**

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General Business:

Anne Lukeman a very proud grandmother, spoke of the academic success of her granddaughter Alex Vickery.

A 1st class honours degree in geophysics plus an ANU University medal.

To round it off, acceptance into Caltech in Pasadena California (considered number 1 globally for physical Science) to do a PHD - only offered to 4 students globally.

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Mini Speakers

George & Liz Turner

“Christmas Island Crab Migration”

As we have come to expect, another wonderful presentation and slide show from this intrepid couple. Lots of crabs, many birds, beautiful photography and lots of information.

Fellowship Break

Alli Parker is a bestselling Japanese Australian author and screenwriter based in Melbourne. Her debut novel, "At the Foot of The Cherry Tree" was published by Harper Collins Australia 2023, it was shortlisted for the Australian Book Industry Award (ABIA), Matt Richall Award for the Best New Writer 2024 and for Dymocks Book of the Year 2023.

Her second novel, "Until the Red Leaves Fall", was published in August and was shortlisted for Dymocks Book of the Year 2025.

Alli has written for three series of 'Jack Irish', 'Secret Bridesmaids Business' and two series of 'Ms Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries'.

"At the Foot of The Cheery Tree" is the story of her grandmother who was a survivor of Hiroshima and the first Japanese War bride in Australia. She spoke of the hurdles and stigma she had to overcome when first here.

"Until The Red Leaves Fall" was a story about Emmy. She's part Japanese and spent years in an internment camp during WWII. Now famed actress Virginia van Belle wants her to write a play about her experience.

Alli read an extract from this book and took questions from the floor.

Thank you given by Wilma Pontefract.

Meeting closed at 11.57am with Pam Brown reminding members that:

- we still needed a Vice President
- our next meeting, 09 March, is on a Public holiday and help will be needed to set up the Hall.

Next Meeting is our AGM on Monday 09 March, 2026 in the Ajani Centre starting at 9.45am.