

MINUTES OF APRIL 2026 CLUB MEETING
PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY Inc.
Held at Ajani Centre, 284 Thompsons Road Templestowe Lower 3107
On Monday 13/04/2026

1 President, Graham Mitchell declared the meeting open at 9.45am

Welcome to members and visitors.

Visitors: Heather Goodwin

2 **Confirmation of Minutes**

That the minutes of the Club Meeting held on the 09/03/2026 as circulated be confirmed.

Moved: Graham Mitchell

Seconded: Jill Abery

Carried

The confirmed minutes were signed by the President.

3. **President's Report**

Graham Mitchell

Following the AGM, your Committee is getting down to business and ensuring the continuing smooth operation of our Club. We have farewelled and thanked Jeni, Bernadette and Frank and welcomed and congratulated Lyverne and Jim. We still seek a Vice President/President-in-waiting. I would have thought that the prospect of me serving a second term or, heaven forbid, your President-for-life, would have brought forth a flood of willing applicants!!

Those of you who know me well will recognise that, in retirement and now without a loving wife of 50years, I don't take myself too seriously; in the great British comedic tradition, any opportunity to "take the Mickey out of yourself" is grasped enthusiastically. Life is too short to be dour and to get bogged down in trivial matters of no lasting consequence or importance. I know that many of us in our long working life will have fallen into this trap. In a relaxed social club, no way! When it comes to matters of members' well-being, the quality and enjoyment of our meetings, trips, and activity groups, operational harmony, financial diligence and adherence to our constitution, then absolute seriousness prevails. We will always be looking after and out for each other. We don't need to "make TVPC great again" as it is already thus thanks to the hard work and effort of so many members over the years.

I suspect my major role as your President is to ensure that we have a comfortable, pleasant and, above all else, a hassle-free social club.

So fellow Probians, you can look forward to a 2026 of great friendship and fellowship, good times together and a lot of humour to distract us from the inevitable downsides of getting older-the human body and mind were not engineered appropriately for old age but we make the most of what we have got and compensate for the abilities we have lost. As well as family, friends help us enormously in this endeavour and our club is a collective of such friends. Long may we celebrate.
Presidential musings.

In the spirit of making light of our advanced, but thankfully still advancing, age, here is an oldie but a goodie.

An elderly couple were having dinner at another couples' home and after eating the wives were in the kitchen and the husbands chatting. One said to the other "last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great". "What was the name?" said the other. The first man thought for a while and said "you will have to help me on this. What is the name of the flower you give to someone you love?"

You know, the one that is red and has thorns”.”Do you mean a rose?” Yes that’s it and turned towards the kitchen and yelled “Rose, what’s the name of the restaurant we went to last night?”

Motion: That the President's Report be received

Moved: Graham Mitchell **Seconded:** John Reid **Carried**

4. Secretary’s Correspondence Report: Jenny Mirams

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS MARCH 2026

PAV news re Information days

PAV news re further information days

Wayne Eames with accident report form (Bob Anderson)

CAV acknowledging receipt of Annual Statement

CAV Receipt for payment for lodgement of Annual Statement

Jeni Moodie re TVPC First Aid kits

Jeni Moodie thank-you to Gary Kerr re agreeing to be a guest speaker

CAV re refund delay

Resignation from Helga Braun

Bendigo Bank Statement

Venues Manningham re car park changes

DGS-CAV Registration re refund wanting Bank Details etc.

Membership card for Margaret Guy from PSPL

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

To PSPL with accident report form for Bob Anderson

Jeni Moodie, thank-you to George Turner for his address at the March meeting

To Geoff and Diana Murphy re membership applications (membership officer)

Motion

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

Moved: Jenny Mirams **Seconded:** David Moodie **Carried**

5. Fellowship Lunch

Doncaster Hotel

Cnr Victoria Street

Number attending = 20

6 Birthdays

Elaine Dodds, Judy Gaskell, Kathy Grimster, Jenny Magnuson, Beverley Morgan, Lyverne Newson, Rhonda Sinclair,

7. Treasurer's Report for March 2026 **Jim Thompson**

Balance as at 31/03/2026	
Club funds	\$ 8,526.72
Activity funds	\$ -326.00
Craft group funds	\$ 7,771.48
Total funds	\$ 15,972.20

Total funds as represented by:-
Bendigo Bank- Business Everyday Account **\$ 15,972.20**

Motion

That the Treasurer's Report be accepted

Moved: Jim Thompson **Seconded** Liz Turner **Carried**

8. Welfare Report: **Sue Hudson**

Best wishes to those that are unwell and we hope you have a speedy recovery. I'm pleased to see Bob Anderson here and doing well. As we enter the cooler months and the colds and flu season please remember that some of our members are immune compromised and don't need any of your hugs. Please stay home or wear a mask for the protection of others .

Members were once again reminded, that if they could not attend a function they had already enrolled in, that they must ring the leader and cancel. When 17 members did not turn up for a recent booked function only one member had cancelled. **This is not good enough!**

9 Membership Report: **Lyverne Newson**

Please say hello to our new members who will be wearing a red star. Since our last meeting we have received resignations from Lois Mason and Helga Braun. Both have been on the non-active list for some time. We thank them for their involvement over the years. There is one application for membership which will be put before the Committee at our next meeting. We are looking for members to assist on the Attendance Desk. Please see me with your preferred month/s! Would all members please wear their name tags to make our job easier.

Table helpers for April

Colin Neal and Richard Penegelly

10 Attendance Report

Member attendance: 91 Visitors: 1 Apologies: 28 Speakers: 2

Total present: 94

Motion:

That the Attendance, Welfare and Membership reports be received

Moved: Graham Mitchell **Seconded:** George Turner **Carried**

11. Activity Report - March 2026

Irene Baird

For details on day activities, special outings and theatre events, please refer to our newsletter.

- Needles and Stitches meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm.

The next two meetings will be held at Lois Newstead's home. All are welcome—please bring along your unfinished projects.

Activity leaders came to the front, were given a placard naming their activity and introduced. This was to ensure that members, especially new ones, knew who was leading each activity.

Theatre Report

PAUL TABONE SALUTES ANDREA BOCELLI Both of these shows were enjoyed by all.

SPIRIT OF THE ANZACS All tickets ready to be collected at the April Meeting.

42nd STREET Saturday 6th June at 1.30 pm

BERNADETTE ROBINSON THEY SANG AT CARNEGIE HALL Midweek Matinee

Wednesday 10th June at 2pm followed by afternoon tea in the foyer.

Both of these shows need to be finalised by the next meeting in May.

ORCHESTRA VICTORIA WITH CAROLINE O'CONNOR - Monday 20th July at 11am at Hamer Hall – Tickets \$26.00

PROMISES PROMISES; THE SONGS AND MUSIC OF BURT BACHARACH AND

HAL DAVID - Sunday 23rd August - Luncheon and Show

Luncheon commences at 12 noon.

Show commences at 1.30 pm - The Round Nunawading

Tickets for Luncheon and Show \$85.00 Show only \$43.00

Enjoy a relaxed 2-course seated lunch with unlimited coffee and tea in the function space before the show.

HELLO DOLLY - Nova Music Theatre Production in September

The Sound of Music was a success and the next show by Nova Music Theatre will be Hello Dolly. This show needs approval and details will appear in the next newsletter if all ok.

JOURNEY HOME – DAVID GULPILIL – The Round Nunawading 25TH & 26TH May

This is a documentary film narrated by Hugh Jackman about the story of David Gulpilil's family fulfilling a promise they made to him before he passed away. He wanted the whole world to his funeral. His family granted rare access to Aboriginal land and cultural ceremonies. This is not a Probus approved event but may be of interest to those who wish to book themselves. Details from Anne Rossi at the meeting or on 0412 539 617.

THIS EVENT IS FREE BUT BOOKINGS NEED TO BE MADE.

Motion

That the Activities Report for April 2026 be received

Moved: Irene Baird **Seconded:** Anne Doull **Carried**

12 General Business

None

Evacuation Procedure PCTV

Emergency Procedures for Evacuation of the Ajani Hall

*President and Emergency Coordinators meet to decide there is an Emergency

*President informs members there is an Emergency and the building has to be evacuated

Emergency Coordinator 1, Alan Baker :-

*Calls Emergency Services

*Shuts all doors into the hall (**except the exit door at the side wall of the hall**) then shuts the doors in the hallway to the kitchen area to isolate the areas. Once this is done returns to the hall and acts as the 'sweeper' ushering members out of the hall.

*When the hall is empty, checks toilets and the hallway area to make sure they are clear of members.

*Exits the building, shutting the door, then proceeds to the assembly area.

Emergency Coordinator 2, Richard Pengelley:-

*Collects the attendance sheets from the front table, **The President** tells members to follow the **Emergency Coordinator 2** through the exit door at the side wall of the hall and then out of the hall via the door at the end of the hallway and proceed to the assembly area. (Tells members to be orderly and not to panic).

Note: If it too dangerous to exit the hall by the hallway. Exit the hall by the back door. Care will be needed as this exit has a step from the building to the path.

***Nominate a member 3: (today Judy Baker).**

***When at the assembly area,**

Splits Attendance sheets in 2, e.g. (A to L) and (M to Z) and has

Emergency co-ordinator 2 and nominated member 3 assist in checking the names of the members against the attendance sheets.

Signs will be needed to identify which roll call members should attend.

***Nominate a member 4: (today Ron McBain).**

Takes position at the Thompson Road entrance waiting for Emergency Services and when they arrive, directs Emergency Services to the front of the hall, then proceeds to the assembly area.

***The President:-**

Goes to the exit door at the end of the hallway and directs members to the assembly area, then proceeds on to the assembly area.

*When all members have been accounted for the President will assess the situation and make the decision to return to the hall or leave the area.

Note: The assembly area designated by the Council is at the oval near the Bottle recycle area

PCTV will assemble at the park near the bus stop shelter in Thompson Road

Reasons why:

Members would have to walk past the front of the building, which would be dangerous if there is a fire.

When emergency services arrive, they will park in the drive in front of the building and this would be unsafe for our members.

In essence:

1. President and emergency co-ordinators assess the situation and if necessary call an evacuation.

2 Members to follow Richard Pengelley out of hall via side door and exit at end of hallway.

3 Move to assembly point in park near bus stop shelter.

4 Have name marked off on relevant roll.

5 Return to hall when President advises it is safe to do so.

6. Emergency co-ordinator 1, Alan Baker, to secure the hall as described above.

Fellowship Break

14 Introduction of Speaker:- Jeni Moodie for Maureen Mitchell

Sue Grady on Trade Travel

Sue Grady brings extensive experience in international tourism and marketing after her long history with Tourism New Zealand as well as with the Canadian Tourism Commission here in Australia. Throughout her 40 years in the travel industry, she has worked closely with groups to prepare tours that suit their budget and specific requirements both domestically and internationally. Sue has been heavily involved with Probus South Pacific for many years and enjoys the opportunity to present to their members about enticing holiday ideas. She ensures passengers will have a seamless and hassle-free holiday experience by ensuring all her clients are looked after with personalised service from the moment they make a holiday enquiry until the time they return home. " I take care of every passenger as if they are my family and ensure their trip runs smoothly and they are having fun. I am privileged to be able to help them build memories that will last a lifetime".

Sue gave an extensive outline of how their tours operate including details of all the tours they offer.

It was a very informative address and we will look forward to feedback from some of our own members who are doing the Trade Travel 'Mildura, Silver City, Mungo National Park' tour.

Thank you given by Rhonda Sinclair

Meeting closed at 11.56 am

Next meeting is Monday May11th in the Ajani Centre starting at 9.45 a.m.