



Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc.

Annual Report

2011

Compiled by The Secretary and President of The Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc.

Introduction

This is the Eighth Annual Report of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc.

About The Probus Club of Templestowe Valley

The inaugural meeting of the Club was held at the Bulleen and Templestowe Community Centre, Ted Ajani Reserve, Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe on the 12th June 2003 under the guidance of Manningham Rotarians, Ken Murray and Max Didier.

Following the Foundation Meeting and before the first fellowship meeting which was held on Monday, 14th July, 2003 a total of 62 members joined the new Club and are the Club's Foundation Members.

The Club was incorporated in 2004. By being incorporated, any litigation is directed to the incorporated body and cannot be directed to individual members.

Our Committee

Comprising ten members this year, the Committee meets on the afternoon of the fellowship meeting day. This has proven to be successful and convenient for all committee members. The Committee reviews the minutes of the last Club and Committee meetings and confirms that they are a true and accurate record of those meetings. Correspondence is reviewed, the Treasurer's report is considered and accounts for payment are approved. An important element of the Committee meetings is spent considering trips and events that have been proposed for Club member participation. Once Committee approval is given, the trip or event can be advertised and money collected from members attending the activity. Members' suggestions that have been left in the Suggestion Box are considered and decisions made with regard to these suggestions. All suggestions are responded to in writing by the Secretary.

President's Report: Doug Hayne

The past year was another great one for the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley.

In attending Probus Victoria and Manningham Group meetings over the year, it has become apparent to me that our club has gained a reputation as a busy and progressive club. Our list of activities it appears is "very impressive" to members from other clubs. Our Publicity Officer Marion Cummins will be the catalyst in maintaining this reputation in the future.

Over the year I have had the pleasure of inducting 2 new members, Barbara Toporkiewicz and Liz Naumann into the club thus keeping our membership at its full strength of 130. These new members replaced resignations.

In August we voted to establish a rule concerning Non Probus visitors to our meetings. The rule, which allows members to bring along visitors to all meetings with a voluntary donation, was accepted by vote of members at the meeting.

An amendment to our rules concerning membership numbers will be presented for a vote at the AGM. These initiatives have been put forward to ensure the longevity of our club in the future.

Financially we are in a solid position and able to contribute club funds to events such as our annual social and Christmas breakup to make these events quite inexpensive for the amount of enjoyment all members are able to get from them.

Without exception, interesting and entertaining guest speakers and members have addressed each meeting and are a highlight of our meetings. Between 80 and 120 members and visitors attend our fellowship meetings which is probably a good measure of their importance to our members. Our speaker organisers from day one of our club have done an excellent job and the guest speakers chosen by our current organizer Jill Dickason this year have been well received. The highlight this year was probably to many, the attendance of Andrew Demetriou the CEO of the AFL.

Aside from the committee, volunteers play a very important part at our fellowship meetings.

We have a tea roster managed by Adrian Eltringham and Jan Harvie where volunteers from a list assist preparation and serving of the fellowship tea, coffee and biscuits.

Our Foundation President Kerry McInerney is our "meeter and greeter" at the hall entrance for our meetings.

Pat Edwards, organizes a collection of books provided from members to swap at the monthly fellowship meetings

Post meeting lunches organized by Laurine Eames have been held at different venues and on the average 40 members take the opportunity to continue fellowship over a meal. Lunch in the hall after special meetings such as our Anniversary and AGM are popular with BYO food and drink making it a "free???" lunch for all.

Our new Newsletter Editor Les Thompson and his wife Maurelle, have done a great job of taking over the task of producing the monthly "Probus News" which they have enhanced by introducing a new improved layout and adding photographs of our activities. Les has also produced some DVD movies of the year's activities one of which was shown to us at the Christmas function. These DVD's have had great acclaim from members with copies made available for them to enjoy with their family and friends.

In reviewing the year's calendar, once again there were many activities and events organised for members for their involvement and enjoyment under the leadership of our Activities Officer Lyn Hudgson. Members who took the opportunity to participate and benefit from the companionship and joviality provided when joining together at these events would have been very thankful for their association with this club. Many friendships have been forged over the years along with the opportunity to involve other friends who due to their location or the wait list have not joined our club as a member.

A special mention should be given to our Craft Ladies who, under Yvonne Boyall ran another successful "Brunch" in which they raised funds by holding auctions of donated goods both from club members and generous businesses in the local community to purchase materials for their project of providing comfort items for breast cancer victims and for palliative care. These ladies do a marvellous job and their efforts have been recognized with an award from The Peter MacCallum Cancer

Centre and, thanks to the work put in by our Treasurer Jeff Crosbie, a grant was applied for and approved by the Manningham City to put towards the cost of these items.

Over the year there have been many opportunities to visit interesting places in “Marvellous Melbourne” with our cultural walks with Kenneth Park run by Wendy Fishley and day trips organized by Elaine and Helen Armstrong for members and friends to attend.

Terry Cummins and Wayne Eames plan the outings for our fitness walkers on alternate Wednesdays and they have welcomed a sub group established by Judy Chapman, who call themselves “The Crocks”, to join in the easier parts of the walks. John Hudgson and his cyclists have been very active with adventures to widespread destinations on the alternate Wednesdays.

Our Garden group led by Faye Williams, have organized some special visits to some of the wonderful gardens and around Melbourne providing another special way of enjoying our companionship

There have been getaways for the more adventurous, organized by Lyn and John Hudgson with trips to Mungo and Broken Hill for a 4WD adventure and a week end visit to Ballarat. Accommodation on these trips is usually at caravan parks with cabins available allowing all members to participate.

The golfers capably organized by Lyn Crosbie enjoyed long weekends of their passion at Phillip Island and Thurgoona near Albury with other members enjoying the surroundings with get togethers after the days “work”.

Theatre goers have enjoyed many shows both in the city and at local amateur live acts.

Arranged and organized by Andrea Thomas, these outings involve a lot of organization, bookings and collecting funds. Andrea does a great job.

Regular dine outs are organized by Hugh Cornell where 6 members with an allocated leader pair, dine out at a venue of their choice.

Our Entertainers led by Marg Campbell and Wilma Pontefract stimulated the French influence at our annual social and provided a tropical atmosphere with their performance of the “South Pacific” songs at our Christmas function.

These functions are part of the core of our club’s activities and Marg and Wilma and all members involved in planning and implementing these and other functions work hard to ensure their success.

Regular card nights and trivia contests held in a local hall each month thanks to the organization and promotion of Marion Cummins, have good attendance and once again joviality with some seriously competitive moments, make enjoyable evenings.

A Cryptic Crosswords group started by Liz Turner and Val Reid last year is an activity that must be good for the veteran brain. This is evidently one of the quietest activities we have.

A small group of photography enthusiasts meet each month to discuss and learn about the ever changing world of photography. The group produced a show of photos of our activities to show as part of some meetings. Thanks to Jeff Crosbie for taking and gathering images and putting the shows together.

Other groups who meet regularly are the Book Reading group led by Val Reid and now Helga Braun, Genealogy (Ray Lawley) and Scrapbooking (Verity Moore). Like all of our groups they provide the friendship and interesting activity that is the purpose of Probus: to get together and have fun.

Our monthly barbecues, organized by Elaine, provide a great opportunity to get together for fellowship and friendship. These are always well attended and this year a great Australia Day “typical barbie” was held at the Finns Reserve with the use of the scout hall being a bonus.

Aside from our special interest groups, members have started a morning coffee get together at a local shopping centre. Members and friends can drop in to the coffee shop on a particular day and time and there can be sure to meet Probus friends there to join with in conversation and laughter. Thanks to Ellen Boyd and Joan Plank for getting this started. A similar initiative has been taken by Elaine and Helen Armstrong to regularly meet for “Morning Melodies” at a local club with different artists performing the music our generation love. These outings provide a great way of joining together for fellowship at minimal cost.

Finally, I would like to thank, in no particular order, our 2010 committee.

- Secretary Heather Bindon, who has done all of the hard work in setting up and keeping track of our meetings and administration.
- Treasurer Jeff Crosbie for his meticulous work on our finances.
- Vice President Wilma Pontefract for her valuable help and backup over the year.
- Past President Liz Turner for the smooth handover and her contribution to the committee activity over the year.
- Publicity Officer Marion Cummins for keeping news of our club in the public eye.
- Activities Officer Lyn Hudgson for coordinating our activities.
- Newsletter Editor Les Thompson and Maurelle for the excellent newsletter and club movies.
- Membership and Welfare Officer Jenny Morcom for her contribution to management of our membership and welfare of our members, particularly when sickness or bereavement have come upon them.
- Speakers Organizer Jill Dickason for arranging for the excellent speakers for our meetings.

All committee members and events and activities organizers have done an excellent job and I gratefully recognize their efforts. Their individual reports are to be found elsewhere in this Annual Report.

To our members, I thank you for your support and friendship and for giving me the opportunity to be President of your club for 2010.

I would particularly like to acknowledge my dear wife Elaine for her support and assistance during my year of office. She has provided this support whilst being busy with her own contributions to our club as well as “domestic duties” all of which she so competently carries out with expertise and minimal complaint.

For me, 2010 has been a year to remember. I now look forward to my year as Past President and then continue enjoying the club from the perspective of a participating member.

Doug Hayne President 2010.

Secretary’s Report: Heather Bindon

It doesn’t seem nearly a year ago, that I took up the reins of club secretary but as we all know time flies and once again the Annual Report is due.

I did find the task of secretary somewhat daunting at first with my limited computer skills and no secretarial background. However as the year progressed, I became more familiar with procedures.

Thanks to Judy Baker who has been a willing mentor and guide and to President Doug Hayne who has been a very patient computer instructor, I have managed to meet the deadlines and keep the momentum of meetings and agendas going.

It has been very rewarding, working with the Committee, a very talented group of people who contribute a great deal of time and effort to make the Club run smoothly and ensure maximum benefits accrue to all of our members. Our committee meetings are focussed, lively and businesslike but at the conclusion there is always time to relax and enjoy a convivial ‘Happy Hour’

We have made a couple of minor adjustments to procedures which I think have worked.

One is to include the Vice President in the ‘pre-meeting meeting’ which is held to set agendas. The President, Secretary, and Vice President meet on a Wednesday or Thursday night prior to the Fellowship meeting. This contributes to the smooth running of meetings.

The second adjustment was a suggestion, which was readily taken up, that the past President Ex Officio be given a more specific role than just committee member. The outcome of this is that both the Vice President and Past President Ex Officio have been allocated the task of organizing the Christmas function. This worked exceptionally well when Liz and Wilma took up the challenge last year. We look forward to next year’s event when two male members will shoulder the responsibility.

2010 was another busy, fun filled year. There is no shortage of diversified activities for participants in this club, ranging from sporting, social, and cultural to intellectual.

I would like to urge everyone to get involved and support the tireless leaders who go to great lengths to provide the outings, trips and entertainment which characterize our club.

In conclusion a very special thanks to all the members who have encouraged and supported me throughout the year. A special thank you to Jenny Morcom for her practical and moral support and to President Doug who responded so readily to my calls for help and displayed great tolerance in our working relationship.

Heather Bindon, Secretary 2010

Committee Reports.

Treasurer’s Annual Report for Year Ended 31/01/2011 – Jeff Crosbie.

Our Club Funds balance at the start of this financial year was \$5,360. As this year’s Club expenditure was \$5,032 and our income was \$4,584 this resulted in a deficit of \$448 leaving a balance of \$4912 in Club Funds.

The deposits held for Activities at 1 February 2010 was \$2,596. As the Activities income was \$34,120 and the expenditure was \$32,110 this resulted in a surplus of \$2,010 leaving a balance of \$4,606 held for Activities at the end of the financial year.

The Club Funds expenditure included the cost of covering a total of \$201 net deficit for three Activities. The Club also subsidised \$379 towards the cost of our Annual Christmas lunch which was less than the previous year’s subsidy of \$626.

The highest item of expenditure was \$1,700 for the hire of the Ajani Centre for our monthly meetings which included \$240 for the set up and clean up of the hall for our Christmas lunch function. We had a one-off cost of \$178 for the purchase of new lanyards and pouches to replace the old name tags.

On behalf of our Craft Group an application was made to Manningham City Council for a Community Development Grant to assist women in the community with breast cancer. This application was approved and a grant of \$1,000 was received in January 2011. This grant will assist the Craft Group during 2011 in covering the cost of materials to make and deliver breast cancer pillows, drainage bags, x-ray bags, toilet bags and knee rugs.

I have checked the financial records of the Golf group and the Games Group which are not included in the above club finances. These two groups hold a small balance of funds which is used for prizes and other minor costs.

The financial records have been audited by Robert Anderson and are attached to the Annual Report. His time and expertise in undertaking this audit is appreciated and I thank him on behalf of the club.

Jeff Crosbie Treasurer 2010

Membership/Welfare – Jennifer Morcom.

Membership has remained stable during the year. Two new members have been inducted; Barbara Toporkewicz and Elizabeth Naumann. The Wait List has remained at 10 and any enquiries regarding membership have been referred to other Probus Clubs within the Manningham Municipality who have vacancies.

On behalf of the Club appropriate cards have been sent to members celebrating a special birthday/wedding anniversary; when a member has been ill and if bereavement has occurred in a member's family.

Thank you to Claire Douglas and Janet Pulis for the time and effort that goes into making these lovely, personal cards for our members to receive.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Maurelle Thompson, Pat McInerney, Norma Green and new member on the door, Lorraine Cooper for their willingness and cheerfulness in taking on this role. I am very appreciative of the time and commitment they give.

Jennifer Morcom

Speakers – Jill Dickason.

Margaret McGregor handed the reins of Speaker Organizer to me in April 2010 leaving me a very high standard to follow. My fellow Probarians in the club have been very kind as I nervously took the reins.

Our speakers for the past year were

12 th April 2010	Percy Cooper – Murder and Mayhem in Superannuation
10 th May 2010	Andrew Demetriou – AFL
14 th June 2010	How to solve Sudoku – Marion Cummins
12 th July 2010	Fran Sirio – Travel with APT
19 th August 2010	Photography group presentation.
13 th September 2010	David Brown – Channel 7 weather man
11 th October 2010	Greg Bain – Melbourne Water
8 th November 2010	John Paine – Where was that theatre
13 th December 2010	Christmas lunch – South Pacific entertainers
10 th January 2011	Sam Collie – Landscape Gardener – Chelsea Flower Show
14 th February 2011	Ruth Wraith – Trauma consultant
14 th March 2011	Photography group presentation.

Jill Dickason

Publicity - Marion Cummins

We will continue our contributions to the Probus Victoria Magazine during 2011. The magazine has been updated and is now issued bi monthly in 5 issues over the year.

Probus South Pacific, our Australian Probus Organisation has also changed the way they present their magazine with separate sections for contributions from each state. This will hopefully provide a wider coverage with Victorian clubs getting more exposure. This now gives us an incentive to make more contributions to the national magazine.

Marion Cummins

Activities Coordinator - Lyn Hudgson

To start my term as coordinator last year we had a leaders meeting in July 2010. Most of the club's 19 activities leaders and organizers attended. There was general discussion about how we can improve things in our group, also about the help leaders need sometimes. Care and consideration towards each other is a big part of our club.

Thank you to all activity leaders for doing an excellent job organizing and leading your groups. After attending the Manningham Probus Interest Group meeting at the Council Chambers and finding out what other Probus club activities are, we most certainly have a very active club. As you know a great club is only as good as its members and we have a great club with happy members.

All our outings and regular activities are very well attended and enjoyed. There is not much time some months for our other life. What did we do before retirement and Probus?.

Lyn Hudgson

Activity Leader Reports

Getaway Group– Lyn Hudgson

Another year gone. Our group of happy wanderers started our 2010 travels in March going outback to Swan Hill, Lake Mungo, Broken Hill and Mildura. Our main destination was several days in Mungo National Park. Accommodation at Turlee Station was in shearers quarters. The huts had a bed, a small table and a couple of hooks on the wall. There was a communal kitchen where we all enjoyed our food and refreshments. Many happy hours were spent on this trip, a new and unique experience for us all.

There was to be a Getaway to Sydney in August 2010 however owing to low numbers it was cancelled.

At our Ballarat Getaway November 2010 we found that there is such a lot to see in this area. 14 happy members had a few

days exploring Ballarat and surrounds, also attending the Sound and Light show called Blood on the Southern Cross, as well as doing The Ghost Tour another night.

Thank you to the members who support the Getaway Group. Without your happy faces and willingness to participate, we would not have as much fun as we do on our trips.

Lyn Hudson

Bike Riding – John Hudson

Another successful year for riders, even with lower numbers because of lots of holidays and cooler winter days.

During winter, rides were shorter and more local to encourage new chums to join us. We maintained our record of no injuries by planning good riding tracks, and our increased skills and fitness helped. This year's program will be easy local rides with a few longer rides monthly. Thank you to the great people who ride with me for supporting this group.

Please consider coming for a try out and join in our fun and endless chatter.

John Hudson

Book Group – Helga Braun and Val Reid

The Book Group has read its way through nine books in another enjoyable year. By group discussion we have become much more aware of the nuances of characters and content of each book than is often the case when we read alone. At our mid-year meeting we went to a film at Camberwell followed by dinner together.

Thank you to Wilma for having us all to a Christmas dinner wind-up at her home, to each member who hosted a monthly meeting and to our wonderful monthly discussion leaders.

We look forward to another happy year with Helga as our Secretary.

Val Reid

Cryptic Crosswords Group – Liz Turner

Our small but enthusiastic group has been meeting now from 4 to 5 on Thursday afternoons for eighteen months. We have a lot of fun trying to solve the Cryptic in Thursday's Age and nowadays quite often get through it quickly enough to have a bash at the next one in the "Cryptic Crosswords" book; this is compiled by Donald Harrison and is readily available at the Newsagent.

We alternate venues between Val & John Reid's home near Macedon Square and mine near St. Kevin's Catholic Church. When both Val and I are unavailable, Adrian Eltringham kindly steps into the breach and encourages the group to use their grey matter. There has been much improvement shown by those who come regularly and even more improvement by those who practise at home!

Annual 41er's Lunch

Again in 2010, ten members out of a possible 14 who were born in 1941, got together on 10th November for a delicious dinner, this time at Bucatani Restaurant and Bar in Mitcham. We're working up to a big bang in 2011 when we all reach the big seven-zero. After we'd celebrated 2009 at Glencoe Restaurant it closed down. So I hope the same thing doesn't happen to Bucatani.

Liz Turner

Book Swap – Pat Edwards

Once again another successful year was experienced with many contributors and borrowers who donated and borrowed books. I still enjoy the feedback I obtain so that I can pass on your comments to interested readers. I am also continuing to try and keep our collection fresh by reviewing books and giving those that have ceased to be required by us to worthwhile charities.

I wish to thank all the people who took an interest in my recovery from a broken ankle and those who continue to assist me with transporting the books to and from the car into the hall and back. Kerry is still probably my mainstay in this area. Thanks again.

Pat Edwards

Craft Group – Yvonne Boyall

I cannot believe how fast 2010 flew. The craft group had a very successful year in achieving the Peter Mac award for our significant contribution to their organization.

Many thanks to June and Ron Duncan for opening their home to accommodate our Breast Cancer Luncheon and thanks to Lois Mason for her contribution as well. The attendance of our club members helped to achieve the total of \$3000 to buy materials with.

We appreciate the support from Manningham Council who donated \$1000.00 towards materials, etc with which our craft group will skillfully produce items to help many cancer patients during 2011. We sewed 851 items which were donated to Box Hill, Epworth, Maroondah, and Peter Mac hospitals during 2010.

After such a busy year we celebrated in style our successful year at the Club's Christmas luncheon, where each member received a special gift, hand crafted from bottle tops made by our group.

I wish everyone a happy and even more successful year during 2011

Yvonne Boyall

Cultural Walks – Wendy Fishley

St Kilda —25th February

Interesting old houses of the Art Deco, Victorian and post-war periods in Acland, Robe and Grey Streets were followed by historic houses and shops in Fitzroy Street. Coffee was enjoyed at Tolarno Restaurant while we looked at the Mirka Mora murals.

South Yarra (1) – 11th March

We began at the Synagogue in Toorak Road where we also viewed Art Deco flats and post-war houses opposite Fawcner Park with its quaint old sports pavilion. Walking up Domain Street to Domain Road we passed Melbourne Grammar School with its beautiful bluestone buildings. Melbourne Grammar also owns many grand old homes in this area. Park Street and Walsh Street contained more Art Deco and Victorian houses. We explored St Martins Lane with its tiny theatre and finished with coffee at Botanical café opposite the Botanic gardens.

Footscray Walk —27th May

Exploring Footscray, we covered Barkly and Droop Streets with their interesting old shops. We visited Footscray station, recently refurbished in a modern style and marvelled at the amazing Art Deco architecture of the Footscray Town Hall. Coffee was taken at a kebab shop in the market area.

South Yarra (2) —22nd July

Meeting at Christ Church we walked around the lovely gardens next to Fawcner Park. We peeped inside the church, seeing the stained glass windows and the lovely wooden panelling. Then we set off up Punt Road towards Domain Road where we saw the Victoria Police Training School, housed in an historic Victorian mansion. We travelled past houses and flats in Walsh Street and Marne Street and viewed the River Yarra from high on a steep street off Punt Road. Again Botanical café was our coffee stop.

Cremona / Richmond — 12 August

This was a great walk of historic interest, taking in the former zoological gardens site on the Yarra bank near Punt Road bridge, Richmond station and the old Dimmeys Store. We saw many tiny cottages of early Melbourne days in the back streets of Richmond. The former Richmond Power Station and the old Bryant and May factory, both de-commissioned buildings, were interesting reminders of Richmond's historical past. We ended the walk at a Swan Street café.

Melbourne University —28 October

Exploring Melbourne University was so interesting and many of us hadn't realised that it was such a huge campus, covering a vast area from Grattan Street to College Crescent and from Swanston Street to Royal Parade. We covered most of the faculty buildings, Wilson Hall and the sports grounds but not the residential colleges. Most would agree that the former Melbourne Teachers' College building, a mixture of Gothic Revival and Dutch architecture, was a favourite.

Break-up function - NGV tour and High Tea —11 November

Kenneth Park hosted a tour of his favourite works of art in the gallery— a fascinating hour and a half. We visited the exquisite Lace exhibition and then indulged in a sumptuous High Tea in the Persimmon tea room, a lovely way to end another wonderful year of Cultural Walks.

Wendy Fishley

Entertainers – Margaret Campbell

The past Twelve Months of the Entertainers group has been very fulfilling for all of us participating within the group. Many thanks to those who helped during the year with props, music, videoing, costumes and encouragement

A big thank you, to the participants who gave so much of their time learning new skills, and supporting each other. The monthly practice has had lots of social interaction, and hopefully added some degree of fitness to both mind and body.

During the year, they performed twice for the Probus Members. Firstly, at the annual social with a French theme when during the night the singers and dancers, performed beautifully and a French artist sketched many members,

The second performance was the Christmas Celebration a tropical theme, where the entire group performed a revue of South Pacific. They entertained the members with their singing and dancing, they looked wonderful in their colourful costumes, provided by the cast themselves. The year was celebrated with a break up party at the Scout Hall.

We are looking forward to the coming year, and welcoming new members,

We appreciate all the support from Probus and the encouragement given to us.

Many thanks from:

Margaret Campbell / Wilma Pontefract..

Fine Dining – Hugh Cornell

At present, we have 71 members on our Fine Dining list. Since we started in August 2005, 116 groups of 6 members have enjoyed lunches and dinners together and used this activity as a great way of getting to know our fellow members a little better. We have used close to 50 different restaurants since we started and the large majority of the restaurants have provided very good food and service. This year, the most frequently used restaurants were Vibrante (Templestowe), Bucatini (Mitcham) and the Old England Hotel(Heidelberg). Generally, we have not had to travel very far from our area to obtain satisfaction in a wide range of cuisines.

I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation with the program and the way in which you have fitted this activity in between your travels, family commitments and other activities in your busy lives.

Hugh Cornell

Games Club – Marion Cummins

2010 has been a year filled with diverse activities. We have played crazy Whist, 500 Canasta and a variety of other games. Fish and Chips and a Chicken and Salad dinners were enjoyed by our members preceding play at Marion and Terry's home.

We welcomed two new members to our bridge group during the year. We are always on the lookout for more beginners to join us when we play each Thursday morning. Our annual bridge getaway is held at Fairhaven during the autumn.

Final events of the year included a Trivia Night, which was very well attended and a Gala Christmas bridge lunch.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support, fun times and friendship

Cheers Marion

Garden Group – Faye Williams

The Garden group continues to expand with more members attending many of our outings. We began the year with a visit to The Blue Lotus Water Gardens and continued throughout the year with visits to various Nurseries and Gardens.

Unfortunately our visit to The Tulip Farm in September was spoiled by inclement weather. However, our end of year visit to Tieve Tara in November was a great success with more than 40 members gathering after visiting the gardens to enjoy a picnic luncheon in a near by park.

Some members enjoyed the visit to The Blue Lotus Water Gardens so much, it was suggested we make a return visit this January. I have also planned a Saturday outing to The Tibetan Buddhist Peace and Rose Gardens in March. I hope to organize a autumn leaves outing this year and a visit to a Lavender Farm in Spring. Many thanks to everyone for your continued enthusiastic support again this year.

Faye Williams.

Genealogy – Ray Lawley

Our Probus Genealogy group is a small but dedicated collection of researchers each with different goals in their family history search. Each member has their different ways and means of getting information to help in their search for family members from the past and present and also to get closer to how these people lived, worked and played.

At our monthly meeting we exchange ideas and knowledge to assist each other to break down brick walls and find our way through the maze of information that is now available at research centres & on home computers.

During the past year we have held most of our meetings at Doncaster Library with much assistance provided by Elaine Craige the Library Genealogy Librarians. She never fails to head us in right direction.

We have travelled to a number of family history centres and the state Library in the past year and this year may attend the Public Records Office and National Archive Centre in North Melbourne.

Our group is in urgent need of new faces to attend our meeting if we are to move ahead & existing members are only too happy, in fact would love to help new members get started.

We look forward to seeing you as we move into the year ahead.

Ray Lawley

Golf – Lyn Crosbie

A very wet and cold winter saw our fortnightly golf drop in numbers slightly, but overall a very happy and well attended activity.

We had two getaways in 2010. The first with 29 members attending was to Phillip Island in April where we stayed at the Kaloha Holiday Resort and played two rounds of golf at Cowes Golf Course. Winner of the Autumn Cup was a very happy and proud David Dodds. Mary Gault was the leader for our non golfers and the places visited were the Vietnam War Museum and the Koala Conservation Parkland on day one. The next morning there was a visit to the Nobbies then an enjoyable walk out to the tip of the island before returning home.

Our second trip with 28 members in October was to Thurgoona (just passed Albury) where we stayed at Thurgoona Country Club Resort. The on course accommodation was excellent and the golf course really challenging. Jeff Crosbie won the Spring Cup with two consistent rounds of golf. Hugh Cornell led the non golfers for this getaway and they visited the War Memorial, strolled around the Albury Botanic Gardens and Noreuil Park where the Hovell Tree is located. A visit to the Hume Weir (seeing it at 80% capacity) the next morning was a good way to end our few days away. It is always good to see both our regular members and other members who have come away with us for the first time form new friendships.

To end our year we had a dinner at Malaysian Kitchen and it was a very happy and successful night.

We have just completed our seventh year of fortnightly golf and I wish to thank all members who have helped me out over the past 12 months.

Remember even if your golf game is sometimes not up to your usual high standards, think of the exercise and fun we have on the day.

Lyn Crosbie

Photography Group – Doug Hayne

During 2010 the group met on the second Wednesday of each month to show and discuss photographs mainly of club trips and events. We also discussed and learned about making presentations of images with accompanying music.

Shows of club members involved in their activities were presented to the members at some monthly meetings and were well received.

The group decided to expand the theme of our meetings to provide interest to members who may not wish to go into the realm of making shows but to learn more about how to take better photographs on subjects more suited to their needs. So the group decided to concentrate on three themes of photography for 2011.

The themes decided on are:

People, Landscapes and Nature.

We decided to take our cameras on more club events and use these events to practice our photography and gather images of members involved in our activities as well as the surrounding landscape and environment.

We are hoping this will attract more members to become involved with the group and so gain more benefit from their membership of the club.

The group decided that we would change the monthly meeting to the second Tuesday of the month as this had less interference with other club events.

We also decided to have meetings at different members' homes where the host would organise the theme and activities of the meeting.

We look forward to implementing our new plan with a view to providing more interest for members and friends of the club.

Doug Hayne

Scrap booking – Verity Moore

This year of 2010 was a successful year during which different group members opened their homes for the workshops.

Digital Scrapbooking was introduced at which time several other Probus people watched the demonstration with us and began the program themselves. We look forward to another happy and productive year in 2011

Verity Moore

Theatre –Andrea Thomas

After a slow start, our year went with a "bang" with 11 members off to see the live show "Fame" at the Regent Theatre. The feedback was excellent with all enjoying the show immensely.

"Anything Goes" at the Besen Centre and "Kismet" at the Whitehorse Centre were two of the local productions before 26 members made the trip into the Comedy Theatre to see "Calendar Girls"

"West Side Story" again at the Regent was attended by 23 members, we had excellent seats and couldn't stop talking about the dance moves. This was a really great show.

Our one foray to the Balwyn Theatre was to see the Australian movie Summer Coda which was a bit disappointing. We'll see what 2011 has to offer??

The Nova Theatre Company put on Oklahoma at the Whitehorse Centre which was attended by 18 members and friends. This is a great venue, easy to get to and worth consideration as all their shows are well produced and performed at a very high standard.

Only 10 members attended the production company's "Boy from Oz" which we all enjoyed.

By the time of our Annual General Meeting 55 members will have seen "Mary Poppins" I trust you all enjoyed the show and look forward to our coming attractions of 'Dr Zhivago', 'Love Never Dies' and much much more!!

Andrea Thomas

Trips and Events – Elaine Hayne

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley members enjoyed many trips and outings during 2011 with around 30 to 50 members and friends attending most events.

A group of Probus ladies regularly get together and work on plans for our outings. These plans are presented to the Activities Officer for approval by the Committee.

I would particularly like to thank Jan Shidders, and Irene Baird for managing the funds collection and booking for our events at fellowship meetings.

During 2010 we organized the following events which all had good attendance.

Barbecues

Regular Barbecues at a local park are popular. During daylight saving time these are held in the evenings and at other times Sunday afternoons. An attendance of 30 to 40 members and friends is typical for these events and members often say these outings are their favourite. A special barbeque was held on Australia Day attended by 58 members and friends.

Social and Dance

An evening social event in the hall where we hold our meetings has been held for six years now with another one planned for 2011. We have a brilliant band led by Diana Mayne. They play all of the favourite music and dances for our age group, complete with lucky spot and door prizes. This is a popular event attended by around 50 members and friends who bring along their own finger food and of course drinks. Our Entertainers Group once again provided entertainment to go with our "French Theme".

Day Trips

- Jan - A trip to Blue Lotus Water Gardens along with the Garden group
- May - Club Social with Diana Mayne's live band and Probus Entertainers
- June - Interesting visit to the Seeing Eye Dogs Australia centre.
- June - Kilmore Harness Races. A great day out to be repeated in 2011
- July - Power Works – Morwell. Most interesting and informative tour using the council bus.
- Aug - Hidden Bars of Melbourne – A city walk in the evening to interesting night spots.
- Aug - Brighton beach walk with the walking group. To be repeated 2011
- Nov - Tramboat Cruise on the Yarra. Our seventh time for this entertaining trip. Popular trip to bring friends. To be repeated in 2011.

These trips mostly involve car pooling however, for the trip to Morwell we hired the Manningham Council bus using our own qualified driver James Campbell. This worked well for us and will be certainly considered for future trips.

Elaine Hayne

Walks –Wayne Eames

The walking group had another successful year, while numbers were down from the previous year I think the weather and holidays had a lot to do with this.

We had many interesting walks including the Kokoda Track, memorial walk and Brighton Beach, along with some local area walks. The social interaction and morning tea are an excellent part for the members.

I have enjoyed my time as coordinator and look forward to taking a back seat as Terry Cummins takes over the reins for this year.

Wayne Eames

Newsletter – Les & Maurelle Thompson

We took over as Editors of the monthly newsletter following the AGM in 2010 from Doug Hayne. Doug has been producing the newsletter since the inception of the Club, so we had some doubts about continuing his excellent work, but he has been a great help to us and we thank him for this.

We have made some minor changes to the layout and since the beginning of 2011 we have changed the whole format, which we have had some very positive feedback about. Members now have the option of printing their own copy in colour.

We try to encourage our Office Bearers & Activity Leaders to send in their articles on time, even better, before the deadline and most of them are now doing this for us.

We are grateful to Doug Hayne & Daryl & Wendy Knight for their proofreading each month.

Les & Maurelle Thompson

Our Internet Connections and Web Site – Doug Hayne

Our web site is designed to provide information for members but is also available for other clubs and interested parties to find out about our club. All Newsletters from day one, Club forms, photos from our scrap book and other general information for seniors is available. A document "About Our Club" describing our club is also available and is updated regularly.

Our web address is: - www.templestowevalleyprobus.org.au.

We now have five email addresses and capability for more if needed.

These are:

president@templestowevalleyprobus.org.au

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newsletter@templestowevalleyprobus.org.au

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webmaster@templestowevalleyprobus.org.au

Having these club email accounts is beneficial. When changeover of an officer occurs, there no need to change contact addresses to the Club. Flexihostings, an international company manages our domain. There is an bi annual fee of \$60.00 for domain name registration but Flexihostings provides our internet server and support for it free of charge as a community service. They only request that in return for their service, we mention them on our home page and provide a link to their web site.

This arrangement is made by them for all organizations that are eligible to use the .org tag in their domain name.

Probus clubs come into this category.

Doug Hayne

In Conclusion

We intend that this report gives the reader an insight into a Probus Club that is active, resourceful and over the past year has organized many successful events and outings for members to enjoy.

We anticipate that 2011 will be a year of more fun and new challenges. In April, Doug Hayne will retire from the position of President and Wilma Pontefract will be installed as our new President. Bob Anderson, will join the committee as Vice

President for 2011, and will automatically take over as President for 2012. As there were no other nominations there will be no election for Vice President.

All other Committee candidates will be returned un-opposed and they will be formally announced as being duly elected at the Annual General Meeting, on 14th March 2011.

They are:

Secretary – Heather Bindon

Treasurer – Jeff Crosbie

Publicity – Marion Cummins

Activities – Lyn Hudgson

Membership/Welfare – Jenny Morcom

Newsletter – Les Thompson

Speakers – Jill Dickason

All positions including committee and all activities within the club do need refreshing. They are voluntary and as with any voluntary role you always receive more back than what you could ever give. We ask all members to consider taking on a role in the future whether on the committee or as an activity leader. All positions are fulfilling and rewarding.

Heather Bindon, Secretary, and Doug Hayne, President - Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc.