



**Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc.**

**Annual Report**

**2012**

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

## **Introduction**

This is the ninth 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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: Wilma Pontefract**

The past year has again been busy and fulfilling in so many ways. After the members voted to increase our membership to one hundred and forty, I had the pleasure to induct eight new people in May – Helmut Naumann, Wayne Bishop, Lesly Empey, Marilyn and Colin Ellis, Carole and Neil English and Ken Joseph. Then in June we welcomed Margaret and Neil Morrey and in July, Pam and Ray Walker.

I do hope that they will find many ways in which to participate and build up new friendships.

It was quite thrilling for three of our members – partially disguised in their "Hippie Gear" to feature on the full front page in the September Edition of the Victorian Probarian ! Thanks are due to Marion Cummins, our Publicity Officer for giving Templestowe Valley Probus such a high profile.

It was TVPC's eighth birthday last July and a special lunch was organized by Lyn Hudgson and very well attended at Yarra Valley Country Club. Lyn has continued to do a great job as the co-ordinator of our many activity groups and members have enjoyed her humorous anecdotes each month. We are indeed fortunate in having so many people able and willing to run our groups – both formal and informal. They will be reporting themselves on their activities in this last year, but I do wish to extend my thanks and appreciation of their efforts.

Once again, our Treasurer, Jeff Crosbie has been instrumental in securing another grant from Manningham Council to enable the Craft Group to purchase materials for their project of providing comfort items for cancer victims and for palliative care. Many ladies meet together monthly to work for this valuable cause – thank you all.

Adding to the "busyness" of each meeting is the exchange of books in the foyer organized by Pat Edwards who happily trundles in crates each month – this keeps many readers very happy!

Jill Dickason has again been able to obtain an interesting variety of speakers throughout the year who have all contributed to our quest for knowledge and entertainment.

In September, the club paid for four members to update First Aid qualifications, thereby agreeing to be our "First Aiders". Wendy Fishley, James Campbell, Carole English and Merrill Smead were presented with badges. Unfortunately, later that morning during my ill-fated "Songfest", there was a dramatic need for their services and Merrill herself ended up in hospital needing a hip replacement. This event did illustrate the need for a blanket, pillow and hot water bottle to be added to our First Aid supplies.

Probus Club South Pacific wanted to set up a database of membership including email addresses, but it was decided after consideration that only names would be sent to them.

Pat and Kerry Mc Inerney moved to Mornington during the year, but everyone is happy that they are still very much a part of Templestowe Valley Probus !

Les and Maurelle Thompson have continued to do a wonderful job producing our Newsletter each month. The DVD made by Les –with extra cameraman, Wayne Eames, of our Christmas Lunch featuring "The Pajama Game" is a must for viewing.

Margaret Campbell, with her expertise in organizing entertainment, is a great asset to our club and she richly deserves our thanks and praise.

I have very much enjoyed the role of President this year and thank you all for your confidence and support. Special thanks to Heather Bindon our hardworking secretary, Jeff Crosbie our efficient treasurer who has just completed three years, Jenny Morcom, who has so ably looked after Membership and Welfare for three years also and the committee members who are continuing on -

Bob Anderson

Marion Cummins  
Jill Dickason  
Lyn Hudgson  
Les/Maurelle Thompson

for the assistance and encouragement given so freely during my time at the helm.

We are indebted to Doug Hayne, our retiring Past President for his untiring efforts for the betterment of Templestowe Valley Probus Club. We are indeed fortunate in now having him continue as "Webmaster". Thank you, Doug.

Finally, I would like to wish our next President, Bob Anderson, a smooth, successful year in 2012.

*Wilma Pontefract*

### **Secretary's Report: Heather Bindon**

Once again the year has flown and we are preparing for the AGM in March. As I collate the reports which form the basis of our Club's Annual Report, I am reminded of the wonderful contribution so many of our volunteer leaders make towards the smooth running of our Club.

There is a great deal of behind the scenes planning for every walk, bike ride, garden outing, trip, getaway, and etcetera.

It is good to note that the participation rate is increasing in several activities. This must be very encouraging for the leaders.

Sometimes an activity has run its course as the numbers have dropped but there is always a new suggestion, as in Wilma's recently mooted Investment Club, to provide yet another option.

This year the Suggestion Box has not been widely used so I remind everyone to offer your ideas and feedback to the Committee through this facility.

In 2011 with President Wilma Pontefract at the helm, the Committee has functioned very efficiently. We have usually managed to finish on time, which leaves space for the relaxing 'Happy Hour' at the end of our busy day.

Our pre-meeting meetings decide the agenda items for the club and committee meetings. I would like to thank Wilma and Bob Anderson for their support and input into these meetings.

An additional thank you is due to all members of the Committee for their patience and support throughout the year and to Judy Baker who willingly deputized for me when I was away in August.

*Heather Bindon*

### **Treasurer's Annual Report for Year Ended 31/01/2012 – Jeff Crosbie**

Our balance of Club Funds at the start of this financial year was \$4,912. As this year's Club expenditure was \$4,752 and our income was \$5,427 this resulted in a surplus of \$675 leaving a balance of \$5,587 in Club Funds.

The deposits held for Activities at 1 February 2011 were \$4,606. As the Activities income for the year amounted to \$35,338 and the expenditure was \$35,531 this resulted in a decrease of \$193 leaving a balance of \$4,413 held for Activities at the end of the financial year.

Our Club voted to increase our membership from 130 to 140 at the last Annual General Meeting. The additional fees paid by our new members has resulted in a substantial increase in our income and, combined with a surplus of \$209 in our Club Social, has resulted in an overall increase of \$843 this financial year.

Last year the Club subsidised \$379 towards the cost of our Annual Christmas lunch but this financial year it was not necessary as there was a small surplus of \$13.

There were one-off costs this year of \$200 for CPR training for First Aiders and \$168 for champagne glasses for use at our Christmas lunch.

On behalf of our Craft Group an application was made to Manningham City Council for a grant under the Small Grants Program to assist women and men in the community with breast and bowel cancer. This application was approved and a grant of \$1,500 was received in January 2012. This grant will assist the Craft Group during 2012 in covering the cost of materials to make and deliver breast cancer pillows, drainage bags, x-ray bags, toilet bags, knee rugs and shower bags.

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 Kerry McInerney 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*

## **Committee Reports**

### **Membership/Welfare – Jenny Morcom**

An increase in Membership to 140 was proposed at the 2011 AGM and was passed by the Members. Ten members on the Wait List were inducted over three months. The Wait List is again at ten and any enquires I have had during the last year have been referred to other Probus Clubs who have vacancies within the Manningham area.

Cards have been sent to Members celebrating special birthdays or wedding anniversaries during the year. Get Well cards have also been sent to Members who have not been well or recovering from operations and telephone calls made to these members and/or their family too. I have visited some Members who were hospitalized locally during the year. I know other Members have also taken the time to visit and thank you to them for brightening up the day of the sick Member.

Once again a big thank you to those who have helped on the door this year. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

I have enjoyed my time in this role over the past three years and it is now time to hand it over to a new Membership/Welfare Officer.

*Jenny Morcom*

### **Speakers-Jill Dickason**

2011 was a very interesting year in lots of ways. It is not easy to maintain a high standard of speakers for such a special club as ours, but with suggestions from some lovely members my job has been made a lot easier, so I cannot take all the credit. I hope to keep you all interested in 2012  
Cheers Jill Dickason.

April 11 <sup>th</sup> 2011	Maurie Fabrikant- History of Jazz and his Jazz Band
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Davies- Flinders St. Station
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Prof Bob Carter- Carbon Pollution.
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sir Arvi Parbo- Looking Back
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Elida Brereton -The Secret Life of a Principal
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Franzi-Ford- & Carla Reid
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Songfest- Wilma's Sing-along
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	George Turner- Trip to Iceland with Liz
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch.

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January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Trask- His Cousin Diana Trask.
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Kayton.- The Wheel Deal. Coping with adversity.
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Alex Smart- Garden Commissioner Royal Botanical Gardens, Cranbourne.

*Jill Dickason*

### **Publicity- Marion Cummins**

After sending photos and a short article to the Probarian Magazine I was delighted to see Doug Hayne and Pat and Kerry McInerney feature full front page. The Editor and I exchanged quite a few emails before we had our article picture perfect. Thanks to Jeff Crosbie who was the photographer and to the artistic flair of our three Probus Members.

The Leader newspaper has proved to be very uncooperative in publicising our hard working Craft Group. Phone calls, emails and appointments have proved to be unproductive and rather frustrating when I approached them to place an article in their paper about the group.

My responsibility for gathering Probus Profiles has slowed in the past few months. We have had some contributions and with the addition of new members I hope this provides additional material for the Magazine.

*Marion Cummins*

### **Activities Coordinator - Lyn Hudgson**

Another year has passed by with lots of fun and friendship to keep us on the go.

Thank you to all our Club Group Leaders for 2011. You make my job enjoyable with your contribution to the meeting each month. Also thank you for the time and planning you put into your programs for us. Any club is as good as its members; we have a great club, and would like to encourage you all to come along this year to take part in an activity you have not tried.

*Lyn Hudgson*

### **Leader Reports**

#### **Getaway- Lyn Hudgson**

The year 2011 has been quiet for our Club Getaways. We had many of our probus members traveling independently during the year. However a trip to Warrnambool in the middle of the year was as usual enjoyed by all.

Tasmania in April for two weeks is the start of our program this year. A two night package on the train to Echuca will also be included later in the year. There are plans to travel to the Flinders Ranges in the future. Thank you fellow travellers for the fun and friendship we have on our trips.

*Lyn Hudgson*

#### **Bike Riding –. John Hudgson**

Another Good Year for the Bike Group tackling the many bike paths that exist. We have some new riders that have joined us to help make our group active.

This involves finding new trails to explore and challenge us. We have even loaded our bikes onto a train; then ridden back to the start. This was a bit different to usual, especially as no one knew how to buy a train ticket.

Better bikes and equipment are appearing, which shows riders are keen to improve their performance and comfort.

Thank you riders for joining in as you do, and enjoying the rides and fun, as always.

Thank you for your support in 2011

*John Hudgson*

#### **Book Group –Helga Braun**

With great pleasure I am able to report that the book reading Group is still in existence after approx. seven years and still going strong. We will be welcoming two more ladies in 2012. Meaning " Full House " Thanks to All.

*Helga Braun*

#### **Book Swap- Pat Edwards**

Thank you to all contributors to the book swap. We have a wide variety of books to offer thanks to members who recycle and donate books. It is helpful to hear comments about borrowed books, and then the information can be passed on to other readers. My special thanks to Kerry for helping carry the books into the hall each month. *Pat Edwards*

#### **Craft Group-Yvonne Boyle**

It is my pleasure to give the 2011 craft group report. We have been privileged to comfort and give a little encouragement to cancer sufferers by giving our time and talents, supplying 995 items.

75 children at Peter Mac at Christmas time were given toy bags, planes, and Father Christmas all cut out in wood. Thanks to Ron McBain.

Manningham Council has given great support to the craft group over 2010 and 2011. Thank you.

Thank you to Doug and Elaine for opening their home to us for meetings.

*Yvonne Boyle.*

### **Cryptic Crosswords- Liz Turner**

Our small but enthusiastic group has been meeting each week since June 2009. We have had a lot of fun trying to solve the Cryptic Crossword in Thursday's "Age" and mostly getting it done quickly enough to have a bash at the next one in the "Cryptic Crosswords" book. This book is compiled by Donald Harrison and is readily available at the Newsagents. There has been much improvement shown by those who come regularly and even more improvement by those who practise at home!

However, I think that I have passed on as many solving hints and tips as I can and feel that it is now up to the individual members to continue testing their brain cells as and when it suits them.

Thank you to all of you who have supported my little venture and have been such excellent pupils over the past two and a half years. I have enjoyed our sessions very much. Thank-you also to Val and John for sharing their house (and their photocopier) on alternate Thursday afternoons. If there is enough interest in starting up the group again down the track I would be happy to oblige.

#### **Annual 1941ers Lunch**

On the auspicious date of 11.11.11, ten of us 1941ers and our partners left home at 11.11am and drove up to Healesville. It was a perfect day for a drive in the green countryside among the Yarra Valley grapevines. We had a most enjoyable lunch in the Terrace Cafe at the RACV Club with plenty of noise and laughter (not to mention the odd tipple) and several of us stayed overnight at the Club. Tune in again when we all turn 75 in 2016.

*Liz Turner*

### **Cultural Walks- Wendy Fishley**

Thursday 10 Feb. – Gertrude Street Fitzroy

Exploring this interesting area, we discovered some lovely buildings such as the Fitzroy Town Hall, some great old pubs, old and new shops, the old cable tramway shed, tiny cottages and some larger ones and we had a final drink at the pub on the corner of Gertrude and Napier Streets.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Discovering North Fitzroy

We met at Edinburgh Gardens, walked through to the quirky fountain and further on to the old Fitzroy footy ground with its historic grandstand. Walking through the surrounding streets we viewed some magnificent houses, both Victorian and Art Deco architecture. We saw where the old railway line had been and we ended the walk at the Old Colony retirement village, which was really interesting. I wouldn't mind living there in my twilight years!

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Kenneth Park Lecture on Tuscany

A great talk by Kenneth on many places of interest in Tuscany from Florence and Pisa to Lucca, Siena and hill towns of San Gimignano and Montepulciano.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Tour and High tea at The Windsor Hotel

This was a fantastic day commencing with the most interesting tour of some of the best rooms in the hotel, namely the gorgeous dining room with its fabulous stained glass ceiling, and the very grand ballroom. We walked through the grand foyer and viewed some great works of art by notable artists.

Then we went upstairs to see two amazing suites of enormous size and beautifully furnished and we ended the tour by climbing the narrow stairs to the Tower room where we had a marvelous view of St Patrick's Cathedral and Parliament House. A sumptuous afternoon tea rounded off the day. We really had our fill. A great way to finish another year of discovering Marvelous Melbourne!

*Wendy Fishley*

### **Entertainers- Margaret Campbell**

The past year has been very successful with all members helping to form a great social group while improving their skills and fitness.

We helped celebrate the Social in May by joining in the fun of the sixties era and participating in a Hippie item.

We spent hours during the year rehearsing for the Christmas Celebration in December, putting costumes together, listening to music, singing and sharing ideas.

The Pajama game theme was used to put on our Revue with twenty three members participating in this fun show of recent times. It was a great day and a big thank you to Les for organizing the video of the day as this is a wonderful reminder of our Probus Years.

Many thanks to Wilma for the great programs she produced for the show and for all her support and expertise. Thanks to Wayne for his patience with the music recording and to James for the props to Jill for her wonderful paintings, Jennifer for making vests and to all the women who sorted, made and organized costumes.

We are looking forward to another exciting year with some new members. Many thanks to all the Probos members for your appreciation of our efforts, as this enables us to continue into 2012 with confidence.

*Margaret Campbell.*

### **Events and Trips-Elaine Hayne**

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

Helen Armstrong and I regularly get together and work on plans for our outings. The Committee presents these plans to the Activities Officer for approval.

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

During 2011 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 up to 50 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 over 70 members and friends with Aussie music and regalia.

#### **Social and Dance**

An evening social event in the hall where we hold our meetings has been held for eight years now with another one planned for 2012. 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 70 members and friends who bring along their own finger food and of course drinks. Our Entertainers Group once again provided entertainment with "Hair The Musical " alongside a 60's music theme for the evening.

#### **Day Trips**

Our trips mostly involve car-pooling and lunch. Sometimes we use public transport.

Jan - South Melbourne Market – great food for sale including fruit and veg, meat fish and clothing. Blue Lotus Water gardens on a very hot day but worth it.

Feb - Suzuki Market at Victoria Market. Cosmopolitan atmosphere, music, good food and a good time. Harness racing at Kilmore with a good lunch at the venue.

Mar - Brighton Beach walk from North Point and a long lunch.

May - Australian Ballet School at The Art Centre

June - Interesting visit to the Victoria Police Museum.

Sep - Melbourne Cemetery Tour. Historical

Oct - Tour of HMAS Cerberus at Crib Point. Great Museum and a lunch

Nov - Living Legends – Woodlands Historical Estate near the Airport.

We walked the estate and met many retired race horses including many Cup winners.

Suzuki Night Market at Victoria Market. Worth a second visit.

Buddhist Rose Gardens at Mickleham. Walk in the gardens and temple and lunch at the mansion.

Jan 2012 off to a good start with Kilmore Harness Races with a start at the local Rose Garden With a look at the roses and coffee at the coffee shop. On to the races with a great 2 course lunch and lots of betting and fun. *Elaine Hayne.*

### **Fine Dining – Hugh Cornell**

There are, at present, 68 active members on our Fine Dining list and participants are enjoying lunching and dining with other members in the many good restaurants in the Doncaster- Templestowe area and nearby suburbs.

Since we started in August 2005, 136 groups have enjoyed lunches and dinners together and have indicated, generally, at least very good to excellent service and quality of food.

We have not had to travel very far to achieve this level of satisfaction and this year, the most frequently used restaurants were Limelight (East Doncaster) with 4, Poppies on Canterbury (South Blackburn) with 2 and Warrandyte Retreat also with 2.

I would like to thank members, especially leaders, for helping to make this activity such an enjoyable and worthwhile one and I wish you all fine dining in 2012. *Hugh Cornell*

### **Games Group – Marion Cummins**

Our club members both new and old have participated with enthusiasm at our Games Nights during the year. We have had several Crazy Whist evenings, which have been well attended at the Old Uniting Church hall. Several of our Solo playing club members explained and tutored a Solo evening during the year. It was fun to learn a new game and stretch the grey matter.

Our Bridge group has two new members who are both playing and enjoying this challenging game. Our Bridge group is 8 years old in March and we are planning to have more lessons for new members in April/May, more details to come.

Our 'Bridge by the beach' at Fairhaven was a delight as the weather was perfect to play both in and outdoors. We rounded off the event with a very pleasant meal at our small local Airey's Inlet restaurant.

Christmas break-up was celebrated and enjoyed by all at Samson's Winery.

Looking forward to another active and rewarding year playing Games. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME come and learn something new

*Marion Cummins*

### **Garden Group – Faye Williams**

Again it has been my pleasure to lead the group of enthusiastic Probus Gardeners.

In 2011 we have visited The Tibetan Buddhist Rose Gardens where a large group enjoyed the gardens and Devonshire tea on a near perfect March day. In May we visited The Alfred Nicholas Gardens, at Sherbrooke.

The day was rather wet and cold, however, this did not deter us from enjoying the walk and the fellowship of like minded Probarians.

In September, the group were entertained at the C.J Dennis Singing Gardens, Toolangi, with C.J.Dennis poems read by the

owner as well as our own poet in residence Wendy Fishley, after which, we partook of yet another delicious Devonshire tea.

In November we made our final visit for the year to the beautiful Allowyn Gardens at Yarra Glen, the lovely sunny day, and the year were topped off with a shared picnic lunch.

Many thanks to all members who come along and enjoy themselves and the company, and in particular my grateful thanks goes to the

drivers, without whom, some members would be unable to participate.

I hope you will all share another year of garden visits during 2012, with me, and I encourage any new members who have not yet joined us to do so, I'm sure you will also enjoy the walks and the great fellowship of the T.V. Probus Garden Group.

*Faye Williams.*

### **Genealogy – John Mugridge for Ray Lawley**

We recognize and thank Ray Lawley for his leadership of the group and are pleased to see him returning to good health after his incapacity.

The increase in participation from the newer members of the Club joining us, has brought about additional research on a number of topics, both Australian and overseas.

We look forward to moving in to our new venue in July, which apart for being an area dedicated to genealogy, will have Ancestry and Find my Past free of charge and facilities for us to use our Laptops and download our research.

Included in our forthcoming program will be visits to other centres who specialize in such subjects as, Convicts, Immigration, Local History and Graveyards.

We look forward to assisting any member in a mutual way in research and learning about the past.

*John Mugridge*

### **Golf – Lyn Crosbie**

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

We had two getaways in 2011. The first with 31 members attending was to Foster in April where we stayed at the Comfort Inn Motel and played two rounds of golf at Foster Golf Course. It was an unusual round of golf on the first day as we played nine holes, came in for lunch and then returned to play the back 9 holes. This was because 40 women were playing pennant and the course had to be available for them. Winner of the Autumn Cup was a very happy and proud John Reid. Ron McBain looked after our non golfers and they



spent day one visiting beautiful Tarra Bulga National Park. The next morning was organised to do short walks around the township of Foster before returning home.

Our second trip with 33 members in September was to Ararat where we stayed at the Colonial Lodge Motel and were well taken care of by the owners. We played two days of golf at Chalambar Golf Course and entertained the many kangaroos lying around on the fairways. Our winner of the Spring Cup was our esteemed President Wilma Pontefract only the third lady to take out this honour.

Most of us visited The House of Seppelt and really enjoyed the tour through the underground tunnels and plenty of wine tasting to complete the afternoon. Alan and Judy Baker organised for our non golfers to spend a terrific day in the Grampians and the following morning some members visited J Ward (a goldfields prison which then became a lunatic asylum). As usual we golfers concluded the getaway with a small presentation lunch at the Golf Club. Both getaways saw members join us for the first time which is always very pleasing.

To end our year we had a dinner at Malaysian Kitchen and it was a very happy and successful night with John Reid being the highlight.

We have just completed our eighth year of fortnightly golf and I wish to thank all members who have helped me 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 Doug Hayne**

During 2011 the group changed the meeting day to "The day after the fellowship meeting (Tuesday)" and this caused less interference with other club events and also made the scheduling easier to manage than specifying a particular day of the month.

We discussed and learned more about making presentations of images with accompanying music. Shows of club members involved in their activities were presented to the members at the AGM after the formal part of the meeting and these were well received.

We expanded the theme of our meetings and looked at some more portraits, landscape and nature.

We went along with the walking group on one occasion and gathered some really good autumn images along with portraits of members enjoying the day.

Our decision to have meetings at different member's homes resulted in a meeting with Colin and Marilyn who are involved in commercial photography and also members of another photographic club.

We look forward to 2012 with an emphasis on night photography, architecture and some more advanced image editing, more days out with the walking group and perhaps a visit to The Zoo or Healesville Sanctuary to photograph some animals as planned for 2011.

*Doug Hayne.*

### **Scrap booking - Verity Moore**

A small but dedicated group of Scrap bookers continues to preserve remarkable holidays, family events and the stories around these experiences. History is being made today for our children to reflect on in the future.

*Verity Moore.*

### **Theatre – Andrea Thomas**

After a long wait our first big show was Mary Poppins – 61 members took advantage of the cheaper ticket prices and thoroughly enjoyed this show.

11 members danced our way through Riverdance at the Regent theatre then it was onto Dr. Zhivago which again was a wonderful show which 58 members enjoyed

Love Never Dies attracted 38 members and the Pajama Game 27 members

Motherhood the Musical was a great show held at the Whitehorse Centre. 17 members saw this show

We held one theatre luncheon at the Palace Theatre at Balwyn where we saw Jane Eyre, 16 members attended this show

My sincere thanks to Janet Pulis for helping me during our reign as theatre convenors.

Thank you to Judy and Lois for taking on this most enjoyable position, I hope they continue to receive your most enthusiastic support.

*Andrea Thomas.*

### **Walks – Terry Cummins**

All members were encouraged to participate in a regular program of walks held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Commencing at 9.30 am, the walks explored mainly our local area, our parks, creek trails and nature walks. Each finished with a shared morning tea, or coffee and cake at a local café.

While participation averaged around 15-18 members, longer trips to Brighton and Mornington were enjoyed by a larger number.

A six month program of walks was prepared, printed and distributed in advance, and specific details were given in the monthly Newsletter.

I have enjoyed the walks and social contact with this group of like minded members and encourage others to participate. All are welcome.

*Terry Cummins.*

### **Newsletter- Les & Maurelle Thompson**

The Probus News continued to be printed on a monthly basis through 2011, with the number being distributed by mail at 64. The remainder are distributed by the Website with all members having access to the Website for downloading the newsletter in colour.

From January 2012 all members contributing an item of information to the Newsletter were added to the list of Proof Readers to avoid errors in the final copy. This has already proved to be a valuable move.

We look forward to receiving individual profiles of members for printing, to tell your story of what life has given you so we all can learn more about each other.

*Les & Maurelle Thompson*

### **Webmaster – Doug Hayne**

Our Website at <[www.templestowealleyprobus.org.au](http://www.templestowealleyprobus.org.au)> has been very useful and has been updated several times during 2011. We now have links to Other Probus organisations, Handy links for Seniors and a link to a page concerning Probus and other travel insurance.

The club forms and newsletter access sites are useful and the club photograph galleries and scrapbook images are well received.

Our dedicated email addresses are utilised for great benefit to the officers concerned. Having these club email accounts is beneficial. When changeover of an officer occurs, there is no need to change contact addresses to the Club as emails to these addresses are easily redirected.

Flexihostings, an international company, manages our domain. There is a 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.

*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 2012 will be a year of more fun and new challenges. In April President Wilma Pontefract will retire and Bob Anderson will become our new President.

***Heather Bindon – Secretary, Doug Hayne (Assistance with proof reading and formatting).***