



Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc.

Annual Report

2012 - 2013

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Introduction

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

What is Probus?

Probus is an association of retired and semi-retired people who join together for the purpose of having regular opportunities to keep their minds active and to enjoy the fellowship and friendship of new friends. Probus has filled a need for today's active retirees, so much so that the growth has been phenomenal. It is now a world-wide movement in twenty three countries. The Probus Centre - South Pacific Inc., is the Administration and Service Centre for the South Pacific area and is dedicated to promoting the development of friendship and acquaintance and the advancement of intellectual interests of its membership.

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc.

We are very proud of our club, which was inaugurated in June 2003. We have 149 members and two Life Members (Kerry McInerney and Doug Hayne). Manningham Rotary Club started our club on 12 June 2003 when the inaugural meeting was held in the hall at the Ted Ajani Reserve with 62 foundation members signing up. Our club has 20 activity groups, all groups have their own coordinator with one activity leader on the committee. Our Club was incorporated in 2004 with member Doug Hayne being appointed the Public Officer. By being incorporated, any litigation needs to be directed to the incorporated body and cannot be directed to individual members. We meet at the Ajani Centre on the second Monday of the month at 9:30am.

Club Insurance

The Probus Centre – South Pacific Inc provides a universal insurance cover for members and third parties attending official and approved Club events. The Club is levied an annual fee to cover this insurance.

Probus Clubs within the Municipality of Manningham

The growth of Probus in the Municipality of Manningham has been outstanding. There are twenty two Probus Clubs in the municipality and there is a combined meeting of the Manningham Probus Interest Group twice a year with each Club sending two delegates with items of mutual interests being discussed. There are two meetings each year for Club Tour leaders, where again, touring and trip information is exchanged between leaders.

President's Annual Report 2012/2013 (Bob Anderson)

It has been another exciting and busy year for our Club, with nineteen new members inducted, but sadly we lost four members who passed away and six members left the Club (including the Gaults (2) who moved to Queensland).

Membership numbers were increased from 140 to 150, strengthening our Club further and the waiting list is also close to full again. So hopefully we are doing something right and are attracting good keen new members.

We have just completed our tenth Christmas function and are rapidly approaching our tenth birthday, so the coming year (under the guidance of your new President, Ellen) should be an exciting one.

I have been blessed to have had a very strong, active and enthusiastic Committee to back me up and work hard for the benefit of all our members. This has made my job, as President, a very happy and enjoyable time and I thank you all for your strong support.

We have a number of Committee Members retiring this year- Wilma Pontefract (Past President), Heather Bindon (Secretary), Lyn Hudgson (Activities), Les Thompson (Newsletter), Jill Dickason (Speakers) and Marion Cummins (Publicity). Thank you all for the tremendous effort you have contributed to our Club and thank you also to our continuing Committee Members – Ellen Boyd (President elect), Jake Kerseboom (Treasurer), Laurine Eames (Welfare & Membership) and I will continue on the Committee as Past President.

Not forgetting our stand in Secretary (due to Heathers illness), who jumped into the role without any hesitation. Thank you Judy for your valued assistance over the past few months.

Our various Activity Leaders have also had a busy and exciting year, providing all members with a wide and varied range of outings and activities. Most activities were well supported during the year, which is due to the hard work and enthusiasm put in by Leaders and the fact that the majority of our members support them and participate in many of the broad range of activities available. Some of our Activity Leaders have been involved since the Club's beginning which is a great effort, so thank you to all our Leaders and their assistants. Your work is the backbone of the Club's success.

During the year three new activities were added to the list, comprising New Skills Group, Investment Group and Movie Group, and I am sure that further activities will be added in the future. The Plant swap was also another event, run for the second year.

To all our members, if you have not yet been involved in Committee or Activity Groups, then you are missing out on the full potential of Club membership. Involvement is the way to deepen your friendships with other members and obtain satisfaction from your own actions.

We are continuing with the new Hall layout and hope that this will be a permanent arrangement; however this will also depend on costs, etc.

The Club is now the owner of its own computer, which is being used to store all Club and Committee meeting minutes, membership data, speakers' data, etc. So will be a valuable tool to assist with secretarial and other activities.

Support for the Smith Family is a continuing event to provide children's books for underprivileged kids at Christmas, which is very rewarding and our involvement is very much appreciated by the Smith Family organization.

It was very fitting for Doug Hayne to be awarded a Club Life Membership during the year, following his active involvement with Club Committee since the Club's inception. He joins Kerry McInerney as our second recipient for this prestigious award.

To all our Members that have had health problems during the year, our thoughts have been with you and I hope that 2013 will see improvement and a return to better times.

Finally, I would like to say what a pleasure and privilege it has been to serve as your Club President. We are all so lucky to have such a wonderful Club and I am truly proud to be a member. Dawn and I have developed so many new friendships since joining the Club as foundation members and we enjoy all of the many activities that we have been involved in.

I wish our new President, Ellen, the very best for her year, which I am sure she will enjoy as much as I have.

Bob Anderson, President 2012.

Secretary's Report: Heather Bindon

As I will be officially retiring from the position of Secretary this March, I would like to thank a number of people. To Doug Hayne, who came to my aid several times in the first year and taught me new computer skills, thank you for your help and patience. I am also indebted to Judy Baker for so willingly and efficiently stepping up to the role of Secretary during my recent illness and recuperation. Judy has also been working successfully behind the scenes recruiting a new Secretary and compiling this report. I can't thank you enough Judy. Thank you to both committees 2010/11 to 2012 for their wonderful support and friendship during my stint as Secretary. Last but not least, thank you to all the members who lifted my spirits with well wishes when I was in hospital. This reaffirms the conviction I have that warm friendship, kindness, and concern for others are hallmarks of our club.

In closing, I would like to wish my replacement all the very best. Although there may be the occasional frustrations, you will enjoy working and socializing with the Committee and if I can help in any way to make the transition easy, please let me know.

Heather Bindon

The Committee for 2012 - 2013.

• President	Robert Anderson
• Vice President	Ellen Boyd
• Immediate Past President	Wilma Ponterfact
• Treasurer	Jacob Kerseboom
• Secretary	Heather Bindon and Judy Baker
• Membership/Welfare	Laurine Eames
• Speakers	Jill Dickason
• Activities Leader	Lyn Hudgson
• Publicity	Marion Cummins
• Newsletter	Les Thompson

Committee Meetings.

The Committee meets on the afternoon of the Club meeting day. This has proven to be successful for all committee members as no other meetings are required during the month. The Committee reviews the Secretary's minutes of the immediate past 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. The Secretary responds to all suggestions in writing.

Judy Baker for Heather Bindon

Committee Reports.

Treasurer's Annual Report for Year Ended 31/01/2013 – Jacob Kerseboom.

The club ended the year in a sound financial position with funds of \$5,575-28.

Although this is a decrease of some \$12- from last year, the turnover was \$420- more than the previous year. An amount of \$5,145-20 was held for activities at the end of the financial year after an annual turnover of \$50,420-.

Membership was again increased by 10 to 150 since the last annual meeting, resulting in an increase in membership and joining fees.

During the year the club purchased a lap-top computer together with a back-up drive for the purpose of enabling records to be prepared and maintained for easy retrieval and up-dating when required.

The centralisation of club records will also assist with the history of the club after a change of office-bearers. The turnover of \$50,420- for our various activities groups reflect the strength of our club and the high participation rate in the many events/activities held during the year.

Jacob Kerseboom, Hon. Treasurer

Membership/Welfare Officer – Laurine Eames

This year the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley voted to increase the membership by 10, from 140 members to 150 members. This now makes our Club the largest Probus group in the Manningham area.

Unfortunately four members, namely Elizabeth Diffen, Helmut Naumann, Susan DeBono and Pamela Young have passed away since April. Six other members resigned or were no longer able to continue their membership. These were – Noel and Brenda Hatton, Ian and Mary Gault (moved to Queensland), Yvonne Shembrey and Maureen O'Brien.

In the seven months between June 2012 and January 2013 nineteen new members (listed below) have been inducted. John and Lola Brown, Kay Elliott, Anne Franklin, Jocelyn Freeman, Sue Hudson, Tony and Prue Jefferies, Margaret Johnson, Rhys and Elizabeth Jones, Pamela Maguire, David and Jeni Moodie, Barry and Kathy Murphy, Dawn Pratley, Pat and Keith Marsh.

Membership now stands at 149, and one induction to take place in April, 2013.

A number of members are seriously ill at this time and a few have had accidents. We wish them all the best for their recovery and look forward to their return to our meetings and activities.

Laurine Eames

Speakers – Jill Dickason

2012 was again a most interesting year for our Club. To come up with great speakers at our meetings is really challenging at times, however with some help from my friends we have had a pretty good selection. I hope you agree. This is my last contribution to the AGM Annual Report as Speaker Organiser, so I thank you all for your support and I have been able to get to know more members and to gain some confidence in myself as well, so thank you all again.

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April 9th Mark Squirrell (Squiz) Conquering Mt Everest. Marvellous Speaker.

May 14th Liliane Gray Author of The Mastery Club.

June 11th Photography Group Presentation.

July 9th Samantha Dickason Getting to Know Springvale Botanical Cemetery

August 13th Gabby Skelsey and Shirley Bennets Case Workers in the Sex Industry.

September 10th Ann Blainey Author of "I am Melba".

October 8th The Entertainers A Radio Play.

November 12th Zac Freeman The Kakoda Track

December 10th Christmas Lunch and The Entertainers Stair to the Stars

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January 14th Mark Squirrell (Squiz) His Experiences working with the UN and climbing Mt Ama Dablam His 2nd presentation to us as he is an amazing Speaker.

February 11th Jonathon McNaughton. Author Playwrite, Director for BBC London.

March 11th John Gardner The Dunny Man.

I wish our new Speaker Organiser all the best in this rewarding role.

Jill Dickason

Publicity – Marion Cummins

Pleased to able to report that our Craft group has received publicity in The Leader newspaper. My role as publicity officer has also included the liaison between the Breast Cancer Unit at the new Olivia Newton John Centre and our Craft group. The role of Publicity Officer has been made redundant, but a new position on the committee will include publicity as well as helping with the day to day running of the club. My role has included updating the member's list as well as the standing orders of our club.

Marion

Newsletter Editor – Les Thomson

The newsletter continues to be published each month and comes out the week before our meeting. Some members have their newsletter mailed to them but many choose to access it through our Web Site. This gives our members time to read it through and familiarise themselves with upcoming events and activities.

The use of more colour has been received positively.

This is our final year of a three year stint in producing the newsletter, which has been a pleasure to produce, even with all its many challenges.

We are grateful for our regular proofreaders, Wendy Knight and Mary Gault. All office bearers and activity leaders proof read their own articles too, before the newsletter is printed.

Thank you to those who have given us so much encouragement, plus all the office bearers & activity leaders for taking ownership of the newsletter.

Les & Maurelle Thompson

Activities Leader – Lyn Hudgson

Thank you to all the Leaders for the excellent job you do with your activity groups My term as coordinator is over. The three years spent doing this job has been great fun and very enjoyable, you have made my life easy with the planning and organizing each one of you do. Our club activities have increased this year with three new groups successfully starting. We most certainly have plenty to offer our members.

Lyn Hudgson

A Summary of the Year's Activity Groups:

Bike Riding - John Hudgson

This Group is still rolling along, age and available time is catching up with us sometimes. We have ten regular riders with another six joining in occasionally. Lately we have had enquiries from some of our new members, our group will make you most welcome. I am always on the lookout for new tracks and any suggestions from members this helps to keep the interest up. Our outings are lots of fun and our cup of tea at rides end is very welcome, also the biscuits and cakes from our lady riders.

Thank you all for your company and support.

John Hudgson

Book Group - Helga Braun

How wonderful to report that the Book Reading Group looked never better. In existence approximately 9 years we are up to capacity that is 13 participants. All eager, committed and happy in each others company

Helga Braun

Book Swap - Pat Edwards

Book Swap has had another successful year. Thank you to the many contributors and of course customers who borrow books, and give feedback on what they think of the content which I can pass on to other readers. When I notice books are not being taken anymore I have taken them to the Rotary charity shop which gives them another useful life. If anybody has any new ideas on how to improve the Book Swap program I would be very pleased if you tell me as I am very open to change for the better. I have really appreciated being allocated cupboard space for all the books which has made setting up and storing a much less onerous task. Thank you James for suggesting this and making this change occur.

Pat Edwards

Craft Group - Yvonne Boyall

1,375 items including knitted rug, knitted toys, jackets and premature bubs knits, breast cancer pillows, heart monitors, bowl bags etc. have been supplied to 10 individual hospitals including Palliative care patients. These hospitals are within the wide range of Manningham, Ringwood and Peter Mac. Melbourne. The craft ladies feel it is a privilege to give their time so that patients may have a little comfort after surgery. Ron McBain you sure put smiles on the faces of children at Peter Mac. at Christmas time with your wooden toys and Barb Greens Toy Bags. 75 children stayed in hospital over Christmas.

To the Rotary Club of Manningham your donation of \$500 was greatly appreciated, thank you. Elaine and Doug, you both so kindly give the craft ladies the run of your home every month, thank you. I myself sincerely thank all craft ladies for your efforts in helping those who are in need of a little comfort.

Yvonne Boyall

Cultural Walks - Wendy Fishley

26 March High Tea and Tour at Windsor Hotel

Kenneth Park gave us fascinating insights into the history and some famous guests of the hotel. A tour of the ballroom, two suites and the Tower Room followed and the afternoon concluded with a sumptuous High Tea in the Windsor Tea Room.

10 May Parliamentary Walk with Kenneth Park

The group did a tour of the Treasury Building and heard some of its history with a guide, before meeting Kenneth Park to further explore the Treasury precinct, the gardens and the streets surrounding Parliament House.

19 July Tour of Parliament House and High Tea

A large group enjoyed a tour of Parliament House with a resident guide who showed us through this impressive building. We sat in the Legislative Council chamber and learnt about parliamentary procedure, before being shown the portraits of past premiers in Queen's Hall. Afterwards, a small group enjoyed High Tea in the Parliamentary dining room.

16 August Medley Hall Tour with Kenneth Park

As a student at Melbourne University, Kenneth Park was a resident at Medley Hall in Carlton. The building is a fabulous example of "boom style" architecture in the Italianate style. We explored the

beautiful rooms on both floors, and then made our way to the rooftop for a view over the surrounding streets of Carlton. We also explored the modern wing that houses today's students. Morning tea was enjoyed in the impressive lounge with its grand piano, high ceilings and intricate plaster mouldings.
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.

In 2012 we performed a Radio Play, My favorite husband Valentine's Day.

We spent many Hours during the year rehearsing for this & the Christmas Celebration in December, Putting costumes together, listening to music, singing, and sharing of ideas, over many cups of tea. Many thanks to the members who supported the acts with sewing, all costumes looked great.

Christmas was a great day, and, a big thank you to Les for organizing the Videoing 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. Also for combining the singing group into the Christmas Celebration. Thank you to Wayne for his patience with the Music recording, and editing the many scenes we had for the first time in 2012 to support our acts. Thanks to James for his innovative props, for the radio Play, as well as Christmas. Thank you, to Jill for her wonderful paintings. As we all join in the exciting celebrations of our 10 years with Probus We are looking forward to another exciting year with some new and retired members, joining us in 2013. Many thanks to all the Probus members for your appreciation of our efforts, as this enables us to continue into 2013 with lots of confidence.

Marg Campbell./ Wilma Pontefract.

Event Trips and Outings – Elaine Hayne

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley members enjoyed many trips and outings during 2012 with 30 - 50 members and friends attending most events. Helen Armstrong and I regularly get together and work on plans for our outings. These plans are presented to the Activities Officer for approval by the Committee. 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 2012 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 at Finns Reserve 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 every year since our club was formed. We hire a 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 over 70 members and friends who bring along their own finger food and of course drinks. This year we had an Italian theme for the evening.

Day Trips and Outings

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

Jan - Harness Racing at Kilmore. Australia Day BBQ at Finns

March Point Cook RAAF Base

April Grace Kelly Exhibition at Bendigo

May - Club Social. - Australian Ballet School

Aug Bulleen Costume Collection

Oct Day Bus Trip to Walhalla

Nov - Tramboat on The Yarra – Suzuki Night Market

Dec Christmas Melodies at Hamer Hall

Morning Melodies

We have an open invitation for members and friends to attend the Morning Melodies event held at the Yarra Valley Country Club venue in Bulleen on the first Thursday of each month. This is always attended by members of our club.

Elaine Hayne

Fine Dining - High Cornell

At present, we have 77 active members on our Fine Dining list and this includes 16 new members who are enjoying getting to know others in the Club through that very enjoyable way of having a meal together. Since we started in August 2005, 156 groups have met for lunch or dinner and generally, their reports have indicated that high quality food and service were offered by the restaurants chosen. The most favoured restaurants this year were Bucatini's (Mitcham) with 3 visits, Vicky's (E.Kew), The Living Room (Templestowe), Dominic's (N.Balwyn) and Temple Thai (Templestowe) each with two visits. I would like to thank all our members, especially those who were leaders, for helping to make this activity so enjoyable and for the way in which the new members have been made to feel so welcome in our Club.

Hugh Cornell

Games - Marion Cummins

Crazy Whist Nights have increased in numbers. Great to see so many old and new members mixing and having a great social night at the Old Church Hall in Wood St. During the year we learnt new games at a mixed games night which proved popular.

Our Bridge club is still a highlight of the Games Club with play every Thursday morning and our annual pilgrimage to Fairhaven to the mix of sun, surf and Bridge. Our Christmas party was a lot of good food and fun. We even celebrated a 70th Birthday during July.

We will run more lesson sessions this year so we are always on the lookout for new players.

All looks good for 2013 with a Trivia Night planned sometime in October.

Marion Cummins

Garden Group - Faye Williams

The garden Group continues to thrive, and has many new members taking part, showing as much enthusiasm as those members who have supported the group since its inception. This year has been a turning point for the group, with the introduction of our first Open Garden Day.

We began this year with a return visit to the Australian Botanical Gardens at Cranbourne in March, with a group of nearly 40 members taking part.

In May, a rather smaller group enjoyed meeting for lunch and a stroll around the Warren Glen Nursery at Warrandyte. September saw the group visiting The Ceres Environmental Park at Brunswick.

However the highlight of the year was our first Open Garden Day, when 6 members' gardens, plus my own garden were open for inspection for everyone to come and see. This turned out to be a great success for our whole Probus Group. Three gardens were open on the morning of Saturday 10th

November, my own at lunch time with over 40 members' coming to view and enjoy a sumptuous luncheon provided by those who took part. In the afternoon another three gardens were also open, finishing with afternoon tea at the home of our President Bob. People enjoyed the day so much that I have had several offers of gardens to visit in 2013. May I take this opportunity to thank you all, for your continued support for the Garden Group, I hope this year, and I can continue to provide you with more interesting and fun gardening events.

Faye Williams

Genealogy - John Mugridge

We look forward to welcoming Ray Lawley back to the group and wish him a speedy recovery. Our small group has progressed through the year and now head into 2013 with our new venue, courtesy of the Doncaster Library at MC2 and the proposal of a more convenient meeting time of the second Tuesday in the month at 10am. This I hope will attract many more members to research their interesting past. Computer sites are free and many web sites research our own personal areas of interest.

GIVE IT A GO.

John Mugridge

Getaway Group - Lyn Hudgson

Our last trip for 2011 a small but happy group had a few days in Warrnambool. April 2012 group travelers took our cars on the Tasmanian Ferry and spent two weeks touring this lovely part of Australia. Our outback trip to Flinders Rangers in October saw for the first time five caravans belonging to our members as well as cabins for accommodation. Echuca is coming up also Norfolk Island in the near future. Thank you to all who travel with the Getaway Group, we do have lots of fun.

Lyn Hudgson

Golf - Lyn Crosbie

A wet and cold winter saw our fortnightly golf drop in numbers but overall it was once again a well attended activity with Andrea Thomas joining our group.

We had two getaways in 2012. The first with 26 members and 2 guests attending was to Ballarat in March where we stayed at the Comfort Inn Bell Tower Motel and played two rounds of golf at Ballarat Golf Course. A beautiful course, quite difficult to play, but we all loved it. Winner overall was our guest Orman Noonan but the Autumn Cup was won by Jim Douglas. On the day of arrival a few of us visited the wonderful Ballarat Art Gallery and we were sorry we were unable to have more time there. Elaine Dodds did a wonderful job of helping me organise our non golfers with some of them completing the 6km walk around Lake Wendouree stopping afterwards for lunch then visiting the Botanical gardens in the afternoon. The next morning the group set off to Mount Buninyong and walked to the lookout from which there were 360 degrees views of the countryside.

Our second trip with 30 members was to Swan Hill in September where we stayed on course at Murray Downs Resort. A resort built in a lovely setting and nice to have a separate bedroom in our accommodation. We played two days of golf at Murray Downs Golf Course which was a pleasure to walk around as it was picturesque. Our winner of the Spring Cup I am delighted to say was my husband Jeff Crosbie. We had a beautiful trip along the Murray River on the paddle steamer Pyap the afternoon we arrived. Pam Walker very capably volunteered to help me with the non golfers. They spent the day at Lake Boga visiting the Catalina flying boat museum, the Photographic Art Gallery in Swan Hill, lunch at Spoons Restaurant and finished with an afternoon walk along the Murray River. The next morning the Now and Then trail around Swan Hill was of great interest and a visit to see the Burke and Wills Tree which is one of the largest Moreton Bay Fig Trees in the Southern Hemisphere. Many of us stayed an extra night and went to a great Italian restaurant for dinner. As usual we golfers concluded the getaway with a small presentation lunch at the Golf Club. At both getaways we had members join us for the first time which is always very pleasing.

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

We have just completed our ninth year of fortnightly golf and look forward to new members joining us in 2013.

Remember even if your golf game is not up to your expectations, think of the exercise and fun you have on the day.

Lyn Crosbie

Investment Group - Bob Anderson

Our group of 20 Members had it's first Meeting in March, 2012. Since that time two Members pulled out and were replaced by two others. 20 Members is the maximum allowed by Law to form a registered Partnership, the structure we agreed to adopt.

After finalising our "Partnership Deed", registering a "Business Name" (Templestowe Valley Investment Group) and obtaining a "TFN" and "ABN", we finally got underway with our first investment (Australian Stock Market) on 13 September, 2012.

We have a mixed group of Members, some with little knowledge of the Stock Market processes, some with mixed knowledge and others, more experienced. So we have a good mix of Members - for those with limited experience it is a learning curve and for others, an opportunity to learn more.

It is not about trying to make a fortune, but rather an interest group keen to learn and share experiences and debate what Company in which to invest our funds.

Bob Anderson

Movie Group - Merrill Smead

The Movie Group commenced in October 2012 with the movie 'Argo' and was followed by 'Skyfall' in November. Both were thrillers and enjoyed by all. There was a break for the school holidays. The movies have been well attended by 18-20 members each time. We joined the Manningham Council Boomers Club for the monthly screening at a reduced cost at Shoppingtown Cinema which has free parking in a convenient location. The enthusiastic feedback has indicated that members have enjoyed the movies, coffee and chat. The reduced admission fee problem will be approached differently in the new year and hopefully there will be no recurring problems. The next movie will be 'Lincoln' in February.

Merrill Smead

New Skills - Dawn Anderson

The New Skills group started in May, 2012 and we are very happy to report we have had many varied activities. Many people have offered to share their skills with us. These skills have been:

May, June & July - SPONGE MAKING by Marion Cummins

July & August - CROCHETING at Dawn Andersons

September – EXCEL SPREADSHEETING – 2 sessions by Bob Anderson

September & October: DIGITAL PHOTOS TO COMPUTER - - 8 sessions by Wayne Eames

29th October - WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY – At the Scout Hall, Finns Reserve

November – CROCHETING at Dawn Andersons

December & January – in Recess

We would like to thank everyone for their great participation in getting this group underway, we have been overwhelmed with the time and effort everyone has put in. We look forward to more exciting activities again for the year ahead.

Dawn Anderson & Ellen Boyd

Photography - Doug Hayne

The Photography Group has about ten members and friends that attend regularly at a member's residence. During 2012, the group met on the Tuesday after the fellowship meeting of each month to show and discuss particular genres of photography such as animals and night photography. We also looked into digital imaging processes and techniques. Some of our members regularly take photos at our activities and these are presented to the members at some monthly meetings and are well received. We also have excursions with a certain purpose in mind. In 2012 we met in the city and photographed our city at dusk & night with some spectacular results. A member who does professional model photography in his home invited us to a demonstration of his activity for one of our gatherings. For 2013 we will be looking at ways we can encourage more members to be involved and how we can participate more in club events. Articles with hints and information about Photography from our group are regularly presented for inclusion in our Newsletter
Doug Hayne

Scrapbook - Verity Moore

Yet another year has passed with the scrapbookers working to preserve their photographs and associated memories. The number of Probus Club albums grows, recording the great diversity of club activities and events. Thanks to the members who assist with photos to be included in our scrapbooks.
Verity Moore

Theatre - Judy Baker/ Lois Mason

Thanks to Andrea Thomas for the smooth hand over of all the finer details of "Theatre Bookings" for our club. We threw ourselves into this new role and have enjoyed planning and attending many different venues and types of theatre during the twelve months.

Chorus Line: 29 February, Wednesday matinee, Her Majesty's Theatre

Glorious: 18 March, Sunday matinee at Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre

Space Oddity: 31 March, Saturday night at Warrandyte Arts Society

Syncopation: 18 April, Wednesday night at Whitehorse Centre

Miss Saigon: 20 May, Sunday matinee, Whitehorse Centre

Oliver: 2 June, Saturday night at Whitehorse Centre

Best of British: 16 June Saturday night at Melbourne Town Hall

Annie: 29 June Wednesday matinee at Regent Theatre

Australian Army Band: 8 August, Wednesday morning at Whitehorse Centre

Moonlight and Magnolias: 15 September Saturday night at Eltham Little Theatre

The Mouse Trap: 6 October Saturday matinee at Comedy Theatre

Hello Dolly: 13 October Saturday night at Whitehorse Centre

Calendar Girls: 11 November Sunday, Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre

Traditional Music Hall, 16 November Friday night at Eltham Little Theatre

Human Nature, 22 December Saturday night at Hamer Hall, Arts Centre Melbourne

A total of 310 members and friends have attended these 15 outings. We are now very busy planning our 2013 calendar.

It has been a real learning curve for us, made much easier with the support of all our "Theatre Go'ers". Thanks, and we look forward to another great year in 2013.

Judy and Lois

Walking Group - Denis Wheeler/James Campbell

A very successful year of great walks, with many people participating through out the year. Many thanks to all the walkers.
James Campbell and Denis Wheeler.

Webmaster – Doug Hayne

Our Website at <www.templestowevalleyprobus.org.au> has been very useful and has been updated several times during 2012.

We now have a club photo of members on the home page with 12 links to other pages with useful information for members along with access to newsletters and club forms.

Our Gallery has been updated with provision for group photos to be included on the front page and access to several new galleries of photos from our Probus trips and events. Our Scrapbook presentation has also been updated and improved.

Access to current and past Newsletters has always been a useful inclusion. Members can access any newsletters from our first issue. Of 150 members there are 100 newsletters to be sent out as member couples only require one copy. Only 64 of these need to be posted with the remainder downloading a coloured version from the website from a notification email that is sent when the newsletter has been downloaded.

This gives them the option of printing it themselves or reading it from their screen or Ipad.

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, which we do.

Doug Hayne

In Conclusion

To read this report gives the reader an insight into a Probus Club that is active, resourceful and over the past year many events and outings were organised for members to enjoy.

In April, Bob Anderson will retire from the position of President and Ellen Boyd will be installed as our new President. Craig Lukeman has nominated for the position of Vice President for 2013/14 and as there is no other nomination there will be no election for Vice President.

All other Committee positions have un-opposed candidates and they will be formally announced as being duly elected at the Annual General Meeting on 11th March 2013:

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| • Secretary | Libby Jones |
| • Treasurer | Jacob Kerseboom |
| • Activities | Andrea Thomas |
| • Membership/Welfare | Laurine Eames |
| • Speakers | John Reid |
| • Assistant to the Secretary | Jenny Morcom |
| • Newsletter | Philip Mithen |

All positions within the club do need refreshing, including committee and all activities. All positions are voluntary and as with any voluntary role you always receive more back than what you could ever give. Please do consider taking on a role in 2013/14 whether on the committee or as an activity leader.

Your input would be greatly appreciated, all positions are fulfilling and rewarding.

As this is my last report as Secretary (standing in for Heather Bindon), I would like to wish the incoming committee members all the best in their endeavours and hope they enjoy their time on the committee as much as I have. Finally, my stint as (stand in) Secretary has been rewarding and I have enjoyed the comradeship of all committee members over this period of time.

Judy Baker standing in for Heather Bindon
Secretary,
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