



Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc.

Annual Report

2019 - 2020

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INTRODUCTION

This is the 17th Annual Report of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc.

The Probus movement had its genesis in two ancestors – both in the UK and both established by Rotary Clubs. The first was formed in 1965 and was known as the Campus Club – its name was derived from the area of the town in which it was conceived – the Campus. The second was formed by the Rotary Club of Caterham in 1966 and was named the Probus Club for the “PRO” in professional and the “BUS” in business and which also made up the Latin word from which “PROBITY” is derived. Both were formed to meet the need for companionship of their peers and mental stimulation for retired business and professional men.

Today there are Clubs for male, female and combined gender.

The first Club in Rotary’s South Pacific area was the Probus Club of Kapiti Coast, New Zealand in 1974. The first Club in Australia was the Probus Club of Hunter’s Hill, NSW in 1976.

Today Probus is a world-wide movement in 25 countries.

Probus South Pacific Limited

What is now known as PSPL was formed in 1981 in Sydney when five Rotarians, all of whom had been involved in the formation of Probus Clubs came together to share their experiences. They recommended the provision of an information service to Rotary Clubs throughout the region. The result was the Probus Information Centre.

At the time of formation it was noted that “It was important however that the Centre would not be a controlling body, or Probus Head Office, but rather a service or information centre.”

In 2010 the Board of Probus Centre – South Pacific created a new organisation to replace the Centre.

The new organisation is a company limited by guarantee, and Probus South Pacific Ltd. (PSPL) is formed under NSW law. It is a commercial organisation but simultaneously takes for itself the right to control all non-profit Probus Clubs and organisational structures in the South Pacific.

Mission

PSPL is dedicated to promoting the development of friendship, fellowship and the advancement of intellectual interests for active retirees through Probus Clubs in the South Pacific area.

Vision

The vision of PSPL is to co-ordinate the growth, development and ongoing support for Probus Clubs, as the most widely recognised organisation for active retirees, in fostering the true spirit of Probus – friendship, fellowship and fun.

Core Values

- Friendship, fellowship and fun
- Supportive Active Retirees
- Adaptable Growth
- Diversity.

Motto: PROBUS – Tomorrow’s vision for Active Retirees TM

Manningham Probus Interest Group.

There are over 20 Clubs in the Municipality of Manningham and these have formed the Manningham Probus Interest Group. Two delegates from each of the Manningham Clubs are invited to attend twice yearly meetings of the Group (usually held in March and October) where items of mutual interest are discussed and information on speakers and outings exchanged.

An Information Day is also organised in April for any interested Members. This day can be a valuable resource for Committee Members.

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc.

Currently we have 150 Club Members, including two Life Members, Kerry McNerney and Doug Hayne. It is 17 years since our Club had its inaugural meeting on June 12, 2003, under the guidance of Manningham Rotarians, the late Ken Murray and Max Didier, when 62 Foundation Members signed up in the hall at the Ted Ajani Reserve. The Club was incorporated in 2004. The Secretary holds the official position of Public Officer.

By being incorporated, any litigation needs to be directed to the incorporated body and cannot be directed to individual members.

The Club meetings are held on the second Monday of every month throughout the year and commence at 9.45 am in the Ajani Centre, 284 Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe, 3107.

Club Insurance

PSPL provides universal insurance cover for Members and third parties attending official and approved Club events. Each Club is levied an annual fee to cover this insurance. The PSPL charges an annual fee per member.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc. Management Committee Meetings

These meetings are held monthly on the second Monday of the month in a Committee member's home.

<u>The Management Committee for 2019-2020</u>		<u>Officers Appointed by The Committee</u>	
President	Pat Marsh	Assistant Secretary	Libby Jones
Vice President	Peter Vander Sluys	Assistant Treasurer	Lorraine Cooper
Past President,	George Thomas	Assistant Activities	Jenny Morcom
Treasurer	Robert Anderson	PSPL Representative	Ellen Boyd
Secretary	Anne Lukeman	Newsletter	Phil Mithen
Membership	Sue Hudson		
Welfare	Liz Turner		
Speakers	Noel Freeman		
Activities Co-Ordinator	Carole English		

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ANNUAL REPORTS 2019 - 2020

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Patricia Marsh

As the year is coming to a close, I would like to thank the Committee for their valuable contribution and untiring efforts throughout the year. A special thanks also to Libby Jones for her continual support, guidance, and expertise.

This year began with an amendment to our Special Resolutions to ensure that it reflected the structure of the Management Committee. There are now nine (9) Management Committee Member positions, all with voting rights.

It was with great sadness, that we acknowledged the passing of some valued friends and long-term members. During the year, seven new members were inducted and have shown their enthusiasm by immediately joining in several of our activities on offer. Our membership is at full capacity with a waiting list of twenty.

The financial status of the Club remains a healthy one. Fortunately, the Club was able to secure monies for our Craft group which now has a substantial budget at their disposal.

A full member update took place in regard to members' Emergency Contact Details. I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this process.

The digital archiving of our Club's history is now set in place and will continue to grow as we move forward in time. All official documents, members' records and many photographs are part of this historical record, some of which can also be found on the website.

Thank you to our Archives Officer, Doug Hayne, for making this possible, both now and into the future.

The Activity Manuals have now been in use for twelve months and are an important source of information for our Activity Leaders.

The year has seen new guidelines put in place for non-active membership.

Once again, members at our Club meetings have enjoyed a wide variety of interesting speakers throughout the course of the year.

What a proud moment for our craft ladies when a "Community Contribution Certificate" was awarded by the Peter Mac Hospital to the Craft group in recognition of their never-ending support.

This year was rare in that Remembrance Day fell on our Club meeting day in November. It was with reverence and pride that we stood together for a minute's silence in honour of the fallen.

Where would we be without the diligence and patience of our Newsletter Editor, Phil Mithen? He does an amazing job of compiling all the information you, our members, need to be able to enjoy the many and varied activities our Club has to offer.

A special thank you to our wonderful Activity Leaders. Your enthusiasm to promote fellowship and friendship throughout the Club is the reason our "Probus Club of Templestowe Valley" is so successful and so highly respected in the community.

To be your President during the past twelve months has been both a privilege and an honour. The additional opportunity to interact and get to know so many of our members has been a wonderful experience. The fellowship and friendship many of you have shared with me and the support you have shown, at both committee and club level, has been very much appreciated.

And finally, I would like to wish our incoming President, Peter Vander Sluys, a smooth and enjoyable year in 2020

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

Anne Lukeman

The new committee for the 2019-20 Probus year was inducted 11 March 2019 (see Committee members for 2019-20 This has been a wonderful, cohesive group and I thank them for their tireless efforts throughout the year.

I particularly would like to thank Libby Jones, who, as assistant secretary, has given wonderful support in the taking of minutes. Knowledgeable, competent, proficient, efficient are words that spring to mind when I think of her.

Two special resolutions were modified, voted on and passed this year.

Standing Resolution 3a was altered on 11th February to allow the maximum club number to increase to 151 when a couple were wishing to be inducted together. The membership would return to 150 by not filling the next vacancy.

Standing Resolution 1a was altered on 8th April to give voting rights to all members of the committee including the Past President ex officio.

The full explanation of our Special Resolutions can be viewed on the Club Website.

Given the continuing problem facing all clubs of recruiting new members to leadership positions, a nominating committee was established. This was the responsibility of two committee members but help from the whole committee was given.

It has become increasingly obvious that this has to be an ongoing process with measures taken throughout the year to ensure positions are filled.

A number of grants were applied for and we were successful in winning a Federal Grant of \$4000. This will be used by our Craft Group to purchase the materials needed to make the items they donate to local hospitals for the use of cancer patients.

The non-active membership list has been reviewed and new guidelines have been established. Members requesting non-active membership are notified in writing about the conditions associated with this status.

Activity Leaders Manuals were produced for each group leader. These provide all the information and forms required to run a particular event. They are seen as a work in progress and are being constantly updated. They were produced to provide a smooth transition for new leaders and a reference manual for anyone in a leadership position. I thank Carole English (Activities Co-ordinator) and Doug Hayne (Webmaster) for the work they did over many months in producing these manuals.

The morning tea ladies successfully introduced 'bringing your own mug' to morning tea and have thus prevented the use of polystyrene mugs. Our small effort for the environment.

The Manningham Combined Probus Interest Group continues to supply clubs with very useful information and to share ideas from other clubs. They host two combined meetings each year where concerns can be aired, ideas exchanged and contacts made.

Finally I would like to thank our Webmaster Doug Hayne for his invaluable help over the year. If there is any problem he cannot overcome I am yet to find it.

I could not have managed without his knowledge of the Constitution or his computer skills.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Bob Anderson

See Financials at the end of this report.

MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

Sue Hudson

The membership of the club remains stable. New members were welcomed as others have resigned or gone onto the Non Active Membership section of the club . Our club currently has 150 members and 20 on the waiting list .

WELFARE ANNUAL REPORT

Liz Turner

During this year, we have lost two former valued members of our Club: Daryl Knight, who died in August, had been our President in the 2016/17 year and had retired to Newcastle with his wife Wendy; and June Chambers who died in March. She had retired from the Club after fourteen years of membership with her husband Allan. Both Daryl and June will be sadly missed by Club Members and our condolences go out to Wendy, Allan and Valma Sigg, June's sister.

I have sent "Get Well Cards" to twenty of our members during the year. Members are always very appreciative of the love and support given to them by fellow members when they are feeling unwell. Keep up the good work!

Only three members celebrated "0" birthdays this year, two turning seventy and one turning eighty. This is in sharp contrast to the fifteen "0" birthdays last year and the twelve anticipated in 2020/21.

I don't enjoy sending bereavement cards, so keep busy, happy and well and if you haven't had the free (until you are eighty) immunisation against shingles - go and do it now!.

The Probus Club of Templestowe Valley is a very active club. It has 29 varied and interesting Activity Groups lead by 40 wonderful leaders. These groups form the very heart and soul of our Club.

This past year has seen ten leader and or assistant leader changes.

This past year has also seen two new groups introduced, Cryptic Crosswords and the Men's Coffee group. Both groups have attracted a steady number of regular attending members.

Our Club is fortunate to have such a varied choice of Activities to choose from. Choices that give all members the opportunity to join in and form new friendships. The leaders are dedicated and enthusiastic. They lead either individually or in pairs and are constantly on the lookout for new and innovative ideas. They provide us with physical, cultural, intellectual and emotional stimulation.

I wish to thank those members who have supported these activities, helping to make the groups so successful.

This is my final year as Activities Co-Ordinator. I am able to report that a number of Procedures and Protocols have been introduced over the three years that strengthen our Insurance profile and thereby protect all our members.

These documents form the foundation of our Activity Leader's Manual and have been issued to every Activity Leader. The formation of this manual was a collaborative task between Anne Lukeman, Doug Hayne and myself. It will always remain a fluid document readily able to accept changes and or additions when considered necessary.

I want to acknowledge all our leaders for the work they have done in making 2019-2020 another successful Probus year.

For the past three years I have always had the continued reliable and very competent support of Assistant Activities Co-Ordinator Jenny Morcom, who never hesitates to step up when asked. I thank her.

Over the three years there have been a number of highs and even the odd low. I thank Anne Lukeman and Neil English for their constant encouragement and support.

SPEAKERS ANNUAL REPORT**Noel Freeman**

I felt that this year we had a good variety of speakers. I was pleased to receive a warm response from the members during the year. The following is the list of speakers who were gracious enough to give us their time.

February. Mr. Francis Van Gulick Topic: Trecking the "Camino Trail"

March. Dr Jim Poulter Topic The early days of Manningham and learning from the Aboriginal Community.

April. Dr John Carson. Topic: Volunteer from the Stroke Foundation of Victoria.

May. Mr Bob Beynon. Topic: Waste Management and the environment.

June. Mr & Mrs George Turner: Topic " Puerto Rico Experience "

July. Mr Ted Cavey: Topic. Writer. " Down on his Luck"

August. Former Premier Mr Ted Baillieu: Topic. Work undertaken by Sir John Monash.

September. Lorraine Milne. Topic: Musical Director & Lyric Writer: " Maiden Voyage "

October. Christine Hopper. Topic: Financial Care Services.

November. Mr Peter Dempsey. Topic: " A stroke of genius"

December. Xmas Breakup.

WEBMASTER ANNUAL REPORT**Doug Hayne**

Our web site has been on line for 14 years now and has been useful for members to access information concerning the club including our newsletters which are all available from our first edition.

As we have a full members list and substantial wait list, public attention via the web is not needed but we have had some feedback from other clubs who have seen the usefulness of the site for their members in getting ideas.

Minutes of our Club meetings and AGMs and other documents of interest to members and our forms are also available for viewing and downloading if necessary for member use.

We have a Gallery Page with photo presentations from Probus outings, and also our Scrapbook which has been put together by our Scrapbooking group lead by Verity Moore for several years.

We also have several external links to other Probus entities such as Probus South Pacific and Probus Association of Victoria for Information on Probus travel insurance and other club activities.

Due to privacy concerns our newsletters and some other documents containing members personal details have been quarantined from public access but can be accessed by using an unpublished link which can be obtained from the Webmaster for members only.

The Webmaster is also responsible for archiving club records a task that is ongoing.

GROUP LEADERS ANNUAL REPORTS 2019 – 2020

BARBEQUE OUTINGS

Ron McBain & Jeni Moodie

This year 10 BBQ get-togethers were held at Ruffey Lake Park, 4th Thursday night (5pm) of the month for summer and 4th Sunday lunchtime (12pm) of the month for winter. Lots of fun, laughs, food and conversation was shared. We used the council BBQs that are generally clean, although often attendees brought food that didn't need the BBQ, like cold salad or soup (in winter). Friends of Probus often joined us and the total attendance was 113, an average of 11.3 people! This is a casual Probus event, no cost, flexible in attendance but a beneficial social engagement activity, especially for new members to meet the 'regular Probus mob'. Mark the date and join us next year for BBQs, starting with Thursday 27th February @ 5pm and Thursday 26th March 2020.

BIKE RIDING

Geoff Grimster & Wayne Eames

We have had a great year with our eight regular riders and gained another, bringing us up to nine enjoying our get together and the exercise. We only missed a few rides due to bad weather and when the majority were on holidays.

Our rides are only on paths for bikes or shared paths over distances between twenty and thirty K with usually a café stop about halfway. There is great camaraderie with the riders ensuring they are safe and don't get lost.

At the end we sit around chatting and enjoy the treats brought by our lady riders along with coffee. As you can realise it is a great activity to get involved in and it is "good for your health". We are looking forward to 2020 and would welcome any new riders.
"On your bike"

DAY BOOK READING GROUP

Sue Hudson & Bev Wignall

Our group has had another year of great reading and interesting discussion. Our thanks to Pat Egan of Rosanna Library for her guidance and choice of books. Thanks also to all the members for welcoming us into their homes, leading discussions, collecting the books and providing afternoon tea.

EVENING BOOK READING GROUP

Lyn Crosbie & Judy Baker

The evening book club has had eleven members this year. Most of us have been together for many years with one new member joining our group in 2019.

We have read an interesting range of books this year selected by the Librarian from Rosanna Library. Eleven members and differing opinions resulted in some very good discussions each month.

Thank you to the members for opening up their homes and providing us with a glass of bubbly and a lovely supper.

BOOK SWAP

Patricia Edwards

Another successful year for the book swap activity. Many books are exchanged each month. Thank you to all who help to make this activity a success.

CRAFT GROUP

Yvonne Boyall

The Craft Ladies have met on the 3rd Tuesday of the month throughout the year at the home of Elaine and Doug. Many different items are made primarily for the comfort of cancer patients in local and other hospitals. We also provide the Royal Flying Doctor Service with various knitted items.

Items Made are: Breast Pillows, Drainage Bags in various sizes, Gynaecological Bags, for ladies and shower cylinder holding bags for men's oncology wards. Our knitting people provide head wear such as scarves and berets as well as knitted rugs for chemotherapy patients and people in palliative care. We also make special bags for toys for children in hospital. This year we produced over 1000 items and in recognition of the products that are given to the Peter Mac the Craft Group was given a 'Community Contribution Award' at their AGM in October 2019.

We would like to thank Kerry McInerney and Doug Hayne for donating the equivalent of the yearly subscription for which they are exempt as Life members and June Duncan in organising a luncheon at her Retirement Village with the proceeds being donated to the Craft Group.

In September I put out feelers to see if members were interested in restarting the Cryptic Crossword Solving Group. I had run this Group from 2009 - 2011 and was encouraged to give it another go.

We started meeting in September on the first and third Thursday afternoons of the month. In the first four months, the number in attendance has varied between seven and three so I'm afraid it hasn't been a great success. Val Reid and I will keep persevering for a couple more months and if the numbers don't improve, then perhaps we will conduct it on an ad hoc basis.

So, if you are interested in joining us - now is the time.

ENTERTAINERS**Wilma Pontefract & Ray Walker**

Once again we have had a very satisfying year with 20 members attending .

Numbers fluctuate according to the many and varied trips taken by our members, but we still managed to perform to great acclaim at our Christmas Lunch . Colin Neal ably put together a medley of Andrew Lloyd Webber songs that was warmly received and we welcomed two more men who made up our "Barbershop Quartet" who surprised many in our " Probus Has Talent" !

Maurelle Thompson kindly arranged for some practices to be held at "Maple Rise" which saved greatly for the needed contribution by people attending practice at the Scout Hall as they increased their hire from \$12 an hour to \$22 an hour !

It was a rewarding year for all

EVENTS TRIPS & OUTINGS**Elaine Hayne & Jenny Kerseboom**

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley members enjoyed many trips and outings during 2019. Jenny Kerseboom joined in to help us again this year. We thank her very much.

The plans for our outings are presented to the Activities Officer for approval by the Committee during 2019 we organised the following events which all had good attendance. Most of our trips involved car pooling or a hired bus and boat trips. Sometimes we find our own way by public transport.

Trips and events attended were:

January Australia Day BBQ at Finns Reserve.

February Living Legends. A farm which adopts retired racehorses, including Melb. Cup winners.

April A day cruise on "The Tramboat" up the Maribyrnong river to The Anglers tavern for lunch and return.

May Our annual Social Event at Finns Reserve Scout Hall.

July Morning Melodies at Hamer Hall. - Christmas in July at Swipers

November Billiards/Snooker Exhibition at the RACV in The City.

December Tramboat Sunset Cruise on The Bay with Fish and Chips at Williamstown

FISHING REPORT**Neil English – Ray Cooper**

The Fishing Group finally went to sea after an hiatus of nearly 12 months that was due largely to some inclement weather, personal holidays and difficulty in assembling sufficient members to justify the cost of chartering a boat. Ace Fishing Charters of Hastings took nine Probians and two visitors out chasing a feed of King George Whiting at 7am on Wednesday the 18th of December.

The temperature in Doncaster hit 39 degrees on that day but out on the calm waters of Westernport Bay it sat around a comfortable 28 degrees with a gentle breeze.

Despite being a little early in the season for Whiting there were bites aplenty at the first anchor point and even more lost bait as the fish quietly sucked the mussels off the hooks!

The trip lasted for six hours and altogether 34 Whiting were caught and with countless Toad Fish caught and released. Ron McGregor may hold the World title for numbers of this fish though Ray Cooper caught the largest one.

Once feared for its apparent prickles everyone soon realised that they are just for show and the little chaps can be held comfortably while the hook is removed. Then the puffed-up bait thief can be gently released into the water. Or not! The Baker Boy caught the most Whiting and modestly refused to talk about his obvious skill. Unless asked!

A lunch of hamburgers and sausages in bread kept the troops happy and no cases of Mal de Mer occurred.

At the end of the day each fisherman received three K G Whiting as his share of the catch and very tasty they were too!

Captain Steve Johnson, and his Dekkie, Anthony, looked after us very well throughout the trip and can be recommended to anyone seeking a good day out on Westernport Bay.

Hopefully the Group will feel comfortable in different environs to the Ocean and perhaps try out some inland waterways and lakes in 2020. Trout and Murray Cod could be on your table soon!

All Probus members are invited to join us on any trip that we make in our piscatorial hunt. Beginners are welcome and tackle can be supplied. Members with boats and/or holiday houses near water anywhere will be made especially welcome!

FINE DINING

Laurine Eames

Outings for 2019 numbered 18. Two new members have joined the Fine Dining group bringing the total to 70 participants. Some 2018 members are no longer able to continue to take part.

Fine Diners visited restaurants mostly in the Manningham area and occasionally in adjacent municipalities. Six members, including a leader, decide on a restaurant suited to their needs for lunch or dinner. After the event a form is filled in to indicate the standard of food and service.

Many of the participants have said that they have enjoyed the experience and would like to continue to take part next year.

GAMES & BRIDGE

Marion Cummins

Crazy Whist

This is still such a popular night with our club members and attendance has been excellent throughout the year, even during winter when people are heading North or overseas. Our first night was held in February followed by another 4 sessions ending in November. We feel spoilt playing at Maple Rise Activity Centre with its very up to date facilities. Thankyou to Maurelle Thompson, Lyn and John Hudson for sharing.

During the year we had a Boy's supper night which provided some surprisingly great treats. Prizes were given for Best Effort and Keep Trying much to the amusement of everyone. The "Boys" were so enthused we will probably repeat in 2020. Prizes for each night are awarded to Best Boy's and Girl's scores and also lowest scores which usually reflect on the standard of fun and play.

Thanks to all participants for making these nights such fun to run. Your combined willingness and help in setting up and reassembling the chairs, tables etc. is very much appreciated.

Bridge

Every Thursday our little band of Bridge Players meet at Marion and Terry's home in Lower Templestowe. We play from 9.30am until 12.30 with a short break for morning tea. We are always on the hunt for new members as there are vacancies for 3 more players.

Each year in March we have enjoyed our excursion to Lorne to play Bridge over 3 days. Laurel and Wayne Bishop kindly allow us to use their home. Many thanks for their wonderful hospitality.

GARDENING GROUP

Anne Doull & Jeni Moodie

A busy year with 5 outings to various garden venues, with 10 to 26 attendees.

Maranoa Native Botanic Gardens on February 27th - where we combined with the Walking group.

William Rickett's Sanctuary and National Rhododendron Gardens on April 15th - in the Dandenongs. .

Poynton's Nursery guided visit on 30th August to get some spring garden ideas.

Wingspread Open Garden October 26th on a wintery day.

Warratine Lavender Farm and Kuranga Native Nursery December 11th

Thank you to all who have joined us on various 'adventures', our drivers and to those who have kindly given us many suggestions, we appreciate your support. We now start planning an interesting 2020.

GETAWAY GROUP

Trudy and Colin Neal

Throughout the history of our Club, Getaways have always provided wonderful opportunities for members and visitors to explore many interesting places while enjoying fun and fellowship in the company of fellow travellers. I'm pleased to report the Getaways in 2019 continued this wonderful tradition.

In March 2019, members enjoyed a great Getaway to Tasmania under the very experienced leadership of Doug and Elaine Hayne. Doug and Elaine shared their valuable first-hand knowledge of the island which ensured members enjoyed a variety of spectacular scenery and wonderful camaraderie.

The 12-day Warrnambool to Robe Getaway was held in late October and early November, immediately following the Probus Golf Cup. Approximately 35 participants enjoyed sightseeing around Warrnambool, Mt Gambier, Portland and Robe. Our 'Fines Master' closely monitored participants' behaviour and ensured perpetrators of (perceived) misdemeanours were called to account each day at Happy Hour. (including himself!). However, our Fines Master could not curb participants' enjoyment of a variety of activities including lawn bowls, a games' night, bocce competitions and an entertaining sing-along on the last evening with lots of fun and laughter. Thank you to members who helped to organise activities and thank you to everyone for joining in and ensuring we had a great time. We look forward to sharing more time together during our Getaways in 2020.

GENEALOGY

Pam Brown & Pat Marsh

An enthusiastic (and sometimes frustrated) group of 6-8 "Genies" continued to search for those elusive ancestors this year and discover the secrets of the past.

We continue to meet at the Manningham Library, MC Square, Doncaster on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.00 am till noon and would welcome any new members in 2020.

GOLF

Andrea Thomas and Colin Neal

The numbers playing at Freeway every 2nd week were again down this year with a core of 6 to 8 and many electing to play 9 holes. The weather during Winter was not helpful which also deterred our players. The course has responded well to the warmer weather and we look forward to another successful year in 2020.

The Annual Golf Getaway Cup was held at Warrnambool and Port Fairy in October. 17 players participated and we enjoyed the two courses and scenery immensely.

Our Annual Dinner was held at the Crystal Dragon restaurant on the 27th November. 27 of our Probus members attended and enjoyed the meal and conviviality.

The winners of our two cups this year were:

- Jeff Crosbie Memorial Cup (Friday golf): Col Neal with Wayne Eames runner-up.

- Annual Getaway Cup: George Thomas with David Powell runner-up.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who played in our competitions during the year.

INVESTMENT GROUP

George Thomas

Another interesting and at times challenging year has come and gone, in spite of which we have managed to record a modest profit in the last financial year.

The Group has 16 members and vacancies still exist and new members would be most welcome.

During the year a substantial distribution of accumulated profits was made to each member and we are slowly rebuilding our investment portfolio to around 10 publicly listed companies.

Throughout the year in spite of members away travelling, our meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Batch facility, have been well attended with lively and well-informed debates.

It has been a fun year.

My thanks to Bob Anderson our treasurer, Margaret McGregor our very efficient secretary and Neil English our Dealer.

MEN'S MORNING COFFEE GROUP

John Reid



The first Morning Coffee for Club GOM's (Grouchy Old Men) was held on Tuesday September 17th with eleven present and the last meeting for the year on December 17th had 13 present; fifty six cups of fine Carlucci coffee have been consumed over this period. It has been a very successful event and we look forward to 2020.

MOVIE GROUP

Merrill Smead

The Movie group has continued through 2019.

I decided to try a change of venue for several months to Pinewood Cinema, Waverley, as I enjoy attending their movies, but had no response.

Members had to ring me by the previous Monday as the cinema does not give advance notice of movie titles.

Some members said it was too far or they were unaware of the location or parking was a problem.

I reverted back to the Palace Cinema in Balwyn and members showed more interest.

The numbers have dwindled over the year. Some members are interested but it clashes with other Probus activities.

Other members say they have already seen it or it doesn't appeal.

The Palace Cinema selects the movies 2-3 months ahead and they are not screened in school holidays.

Sometimes friends of Probus members attend.

NEW SKILLS

Dawn Anderson & Margaret McGregor

2019 has been another well supported year for our Mahjong Groups (morning and afternoon) twice a month. The Morning group meets at Applewood Retirement Village and there is room for anyone else who would like to join our fun group. Please call Dawn or Margaret if interested. The Afternoon group meets at either Anne Lukeman's or Irene Baird's, but they are at capacity.

We also had a Make-a-Card demonstration in March by our talented Liz Smith at her home. We all enjoyed taking home some very creative cards which Liz had done all the cutting out for. Thank you very much Liz.

Our Needles & Stitches group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and we enjoy seeing each other's projects that are in progress or finished. If you are interested in coming along to learn crocheting or any other craftwork please come and join us.

We wish everyone a happy and successful 2020.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Doug Hayne

We meet on the Tuesday evening the day after our fellowship meeting. Our emphasis is on learning more about photography but there are always opportunities to show members our images. Discussion is mainly on improvement of our images with some discussions on the technical aspect of the craft.

This year we continued looking at the series of lessons from a National Geographic Photographer Joe Sartori on travel photography. At one session we invited all members to "An evening about Phone Photography".

This was very much welcomed.

SCRAPBOOKING/PHOTO BOOKS

Maurelle Thompson

We have a keen group of Probians working on their photo memories, either by way of scrapbooking or a digital photo book. Our numbers have increased over the year and we are always ready to welcome anyone interested in getting started on a new book, either scrapbooking or photo books. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month from 10 am till 12 noon. Venues are published in the monthly Probus newsletter.

THEATRE

Rhonda Sinclair and Colin Neal

In 2019 our theatre group attended 8 shows. The venues were the Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre (an established favourite) and the Whitehorse Centre.

The following is a list of theatre outings attended by members and friends of our club in 2019:

Quartet: Sunday 10th March at the Lilydale Theatre (a funny and poignant play about 3 retired opera singers who live in a retirement home together.)

Beauty and the Beast: Sunday 5th May at the Whitehorse Centre (based on a classic 18th-century French fairy tale that tells the story of Belle, a beautiful and intelligent young woman and her capture by the Beast, a grisly and fearsome monster.)

The Wisdom of Eve: Sunday 2nd June at the Lilydale Theatre (an engrossing and revealing "inside" story of life in New York's theatre world, told in terms of unscrupulous ingenue, Eve Harrington.)

Quiet Please There Are Ladies on Stage: Saturday 22nd June at the Whitehorse Centre (singer Bernadette Robinson pays homage to some of the greatest female singers of the 20th century.)

The Sapphires: Saturday 13th July at the Whitehorse Centre (one of Australia's best-loved stories about four young Aboriginal women from regional Australia who like singing country music and suddenly get the chance to change their tune and their lives.)

Picnic at Hanging Rock: Sunday 18th August at the Lilydale Theatre (a drama narrated by "five Australian women", who are struggling to solve the mystery of the disappearance of three schoolgirls and their teacher while on a picnic expedition to Hanging Rock in Victoria.)

Ladies in Black: Sunday 10th November at the Lilydale Theatre (set in Sydney in 1959, a city caught between the stuffy repression of the 50's and the glorious liberation of the 60's. It tells the story of bright-eyed, bookish school leaver Lisa who joins the sales staff of the city's most prestigious department store and finds her world opening to exciting new possibilities as she befriends the colourful characters of the Ladies Frocks Department.)

Songs of Eva Cassidy: Wednesday 13th November at the Whitehorse Centre (a celebration of one of the great voices of the 20th Century, Eva Cassidy, played by Australia's own Silvie Paladino.)

We would like to thank everyone who came along and supported our theatre programme during the year. We again have a varied and exciting programme for 2020 that we hope will be just as entertaining and enjoyable.

WALKING GROUP

Judy and Colin Gaskell

The walking group had a very successful 2019 with the total number of walks for the year 21. The average number of members who attended the walks was 17. No walks had to be cancelled due to inclement weather and overall we had 353 members attend throughout the year.

I would like to thank Wayne & Laurine Eames, Ron & Lynne McBain, Doug & Elaine Haynes, Prue & Tony Jeffrey's and David Moss for their hospitality during the year in inviting us back to their homes for BYO morning tea and lunch. We had a sausage sizzle at Ruffey Lake park and also visited Hahndorfs cafe in Bulleen for coffee and chocolates

A morning tea at Swipers was enjoyed after a walk at Edendale farm

We enjoyed leading the walkers during the year and are sure they enjoyed the good company and exercise.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank those members who took the time to visit, phone or sent best wishes during my stint in hospital.

I look forward to 2020 and hope to see you all at our next outings.

PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.

Notes to Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 January, 2020

- 1** It has been another successful year financially, with Club Funds showing a healthy surplus of \$716 compared with a prior year surplus of \$947.
Cost increases occurred, mainly from rental of the Ajani Centre Hall, however other costs were well controlled and were partly offset from surpluses over a number of Club activities.
- 2** Due to the results showing a healthy surplus, annual membership fees can be held at the same level as prior year.

Robert W Anderson
Club Treasurer.

PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.

Statement of Income & Expenditure
for the Years Ended 31 January:

	2019	2020
	\$	\$
INCOME:		
Membership Fees	5,213	5,182
New Member Joining Fees	80	140
Visitors Fees	122	140
Bank Interest - Westpac	196	130
Surpluses from Activities:		
Fashion Parade	282	0
Tall Ships	50	0
Australia Day BBQ	16	44
Christmas in July	0	45
Club Social	82	81
Christmas Function Surplus/ (Deficiency: Subsidised by Club)	95	-236
Fines Session - Getaway Group (Donated to Royal Flying Doctor) *		315
Total Income	6,136	5,841
EXPENDITURE:		
Hall Hire for Meetings, Functions, etc.	1,170	1,209
Refreshments	206	253
Stationery & Office Supplies	208	187
Printing & Photo Copying	0	81
Postage	10	21
Post Office Box Fee	127	130
Probus South Pacific - Annual Per Capita Costs	2,160	2,130
Badges, Certificates, Magazines	0	136
Club 15th Birthday Lunch (net cost)	396	0
Manningham Probus Interest Group Costs	45	20
Annual Return Fee - Department of Justice	57	58
Speakers' Gifts	292	295
Welfare Expenses	132	111
Engraving - President's Bar	10	20
President's Badge	0	37
First Aid Supplies	6	0
Computer Expenses	0	48
Membership Expenses	56	0
Donation to Royal Flying Doctor (from Getaway Group Fines) *	0	315
Domain Name Registration	114	0
Webmaster Cost	0	74
Name Badges, Lanyards, etc.	20	0
"Jeff Crosbie" Memorial Golf Trophy	130	0
Sundry Expenses	50	0
Total Expenditure	5,189	5,125
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	947	716

PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.

Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 January:

	2019	2020
	\$	\$
THE CLUB HAS FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:		
Club Member Funds:		
Funds on Hand (Excl. Activity Funds) at Beginning of Year	5,829	6,776
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year	947	716
Total Club Member Funds	6,776	7,492
Activities Funds:		
Craft Group Net Funds on Hand at Year End	3,764	6,402
Net Receipts for future Activities:		
Ceres Garden	0	77
Total Activities Funds	3,764	6,479
Total Funds on Hand at Year End	10,540	13,971
THESE FUNDS ARE REPRESENTED BY:		
Cash at Bank - Westpac	3,540	2,539
Term Deposit - Westpac (@ 1.48% Maturing 19/4/2020)	7,000	7,000
Term Deposit - Westpac (@ 1.95% Maturing 27/6/2020)	0	5,000
	10,540	14,539
Deduct Accruals for Hall Hire - (December & January)	0	-568
Total Funds on Hand	10,540	13,971

FINANCIAL REVIEWER'S REPORT

I have reviewed the above "Statement of Financial Position" as at 31 January, 2020 and the attached "Statement of Income and Expenditure" for the year ended 31 January, 2020 and other records of the Club, comprising cheque butts, bank statements, receipts and other supporting documents.

The accounts of the Club are prepared on a "Cash Basis" with Nil accruals or provisions for income or costs, apart from net funds of the "Craft Group" and "Hall Hire Costs", which are recorded in the "Statement of Financial Position" (above).

Based on the records and information presented to me, it is my opinion that the Financial Statements of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc are drawn up so as to give a proper and fair view of the "Statement of Income and Expenditure" for the year ended 31 January, 2020 and Total Club Funds, as reported in the "Statement of Financial Position" as at 31 January, 2020.

Kerry McInerney
February 12, 2020

