



**Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc. Annual Report
2024 - 2025**

Compiled by Jennifer Mirams - Secretary

INTRODUCTION

This is the 21st 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

By 1981 there were 44 Clubs in Australia and New Zealand and this saw the formation of the “Probus Information Centre”.

PSPL is a not-for-profit (NFP) organisation and, therefore, does not allow the distribution of surpluses (profits) to its members. Any surplus PSPL makes is put back into providing services to Probus Clubs and Probus Club members.

PSPL established an inaugural Probus Day on 1st October 2020.

Mission

PSPL’s role is to serve the members of the Probus community, a community that shares the Probus values that have been developed over more than 47 years. It is these values and our motto of fun, friendship and fellowship that are at the core of Probus.

Under the guidance of the PSPL Board, the PSPL Team is responsible for ensuring the efficient and effective delivery of a wide range of services including administration, insurance, member benefits and support to Probus Clubs and Probus Club members in the South Pacific region.

Vision

The vision of PSPL is to promote the growth, development and ongoing support for the Probus Community in the South Pacific region, as the most widely recognised and accessible organisation for retirees, fostering the true spirit of Probus – friendship, fellowship and fun.

Motto: PROBUS – Tomorrow’s vision for Active Retirees

Melbourne East Probus Group “MEPG”

The MEPG meets each February, June, and October with two delegates from each club invited to attend. Each club is requested to email a report outlining their activities. Each report will be appended to the minutes which will be sent within seven days of the meeting.

During 2024 there were no Committee Members able to attend MEPG meetings. I as Secretary attended to all incoming MEPG emails, replying and providing information requested.

It is important that interaction between clubs be maintained as the group meetings offer clubs information on outings, speakers and other items of interest affecting all clubs.

Some topics/issues being encountered by Clubs include:

- As Clubs age in time of existence their membership profile inevitably changes.
- Challenges of reducing membership due to ageing, moving to villages, etc.
- Interests changing over time.
- “Single” members (new and existing) sometimes need special attention to continue to feel included.
- Prospective new younger members need to feel they can fit into the “older existing group”.
- Difficulty in gaining new committee members as Clubs age.
- Clubs finding members wanting fewer nighttime activities.

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc.

Currently we have 137 Club Members, including three Life Members, Doug Hayne and Lyn Hudson and Bob Anderson, and one Honorary Member, Kerry McInerney. It is 21 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. 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.

<p>The Management Committee for 2024-2025</p> <p>President Jeni Moodie Vice President John Abery Past President Jenny Powell Treasurer Frank Schlechta Secretary Jennifer Mirams Membership Bernadette Mithen Welfare Sue Hudson Activities Coordinator Alan Baker</p>	<p>Officers Appointed by The Committee</p> <p>Minute Secretary Anne Lukeman Assistant Treasurer Liz Turner Assistant Activities Ron McBain Newsletter Phil Mithen</p>
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2024-2025

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT Jeni Moodie

As the club grows in its 21st year we have welcomed 4 new members into our club. Mini Speakers provided interesting insights into our club members and Marjorie Dowd has also presented many enjoyable speakers. The Management committee has provided invaluable support and guidance to me and club members, carrying out their roles effectively: Jennifer Mirams, Frank Schlechta, Bernadette Mithen, Sue Hudson, Alan Baker, Anne Lukeman, John Abery and Jenny Powell. Alan (Activity Coordinator), Marjorie (Speaker's Officer) and John Abery (Vice President), finish their terms , so the club is looking for persons interested in fulfilling the roles of President, Vice President, Activities Coordinator and Speaker Officer for next year (2025-2026). I thank all the management team for their diligence. The Activity Leaders are the 'heart' of this club, providing opportunities for members to have new experiences and meet other members, and their continued enthusiasm and dedication to their interest is greatly appreciated by myself and other members. I was pleased to be able to visit all activity groups over the year. Ray Walker leads us with happy birthday each month to celebrate members' birthdays, Jenny Powell and Lyn Hudgson provide a good laugh (often at ourselves) and Gordon and Cathie Culbard for the morning teas monthly, thank you to all. We all enjoyed the special morning teas to celebrate Bob Anderson's induction and our 21st Birthday. Thanks Arthur Staron (Media Technician), Doug Hayne (Webmaster and Archivist) and Phil Mithen (Newsletter Editor), for their support and knowledge, Doug and Phil after many years are handing their important roles to David Powell (Webmaster & Archivist) and Colin Neal, Newsletter Editor.

Important events this year have included the induction of Bob Anderson as our third Life member, for his outstanding and varied contribution to the club since its beginnings. The payment system recognised increasing EFT payments, guidelines for activity leaders re payments and these have all been reviewed and updated on the club website by the Management committee. Early in the year the club successfully completed a mock evacuation thanks to Ray Cooper, Bob Anderson and Alan Baker (Emergency Coordinators). Our meeting coincided with Remembrance Day (11th November), John Reid and Arthur Staron were instrumental in providing guidance for our remembrance segment during our meeting. At Christmas lunch we were entertained by our choir and Choir master Colin Neal with Songs Through the Century, and ongoing music from the Tee Vee Band (Ray Walker, Wilma Pontefract and Graeme Keeshan). Thank you to all who contributed in the organisation, preparation and clean up of the day, especially Lyn Hudgson.

Thank you to everyone in the Club for their support and encouragement. I have aimed to connect with all members. My biggest thanks must go to David (my husband) for his consistent support, guidance and encouragement, I know I wouldn't have been able to do this role without him.

Yours in Fun, Friendship and Fellowship,

Jeni Moodie

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT Jennifer Mirams

It has been my pleasure to undertake the duties of secretary of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc. this year.

Correspondence in and out was attended to as appropriate. Annual Capitation fees, new member details and other membership changes were advised to PSPL. Details of Office Bearers were forwarded to Manningham City Council. The Annual Statement was forwarded to the Dept of Consumer Affairs.

Our outgoing President, Jeni, was always right on top of things and led us with grace and knowledge and much energy. Thank you for your support.

I would like to acknowledge Anne Lukeman, who is a truly great Minutes Secretary. Always helpful, accurate and calm. Thank you, Anne. You are a treasure.

Thankyou, also, to Pam Brown, who, on occasion, has been an immense help.

Being a part of the organising team and becoming familiar with the inside workings of the Club has been an interesting and valuable experience.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT Frank Schelcta 2024-2025

Many of our Members now feel comfortable with making payments and receiving refunds by Electronic Fund Transfer. Cheques and Cash are also still acceptable.

CLUB FUNDS AND ACTIVITIES

Club income was mainly generated from Membership Fees which were maintained at \$35. Income from Membership Fees has decreased by \$272 from the previous year due to lower membership.

Other sources of income are Joining Fees for new Members and Visitor Fees. Expenditures have increased across the board with the main increases resulting from Capitation Fees of \$19.00 per Members to PSPL compared to \$16.75 for the previous year, Ajani Hall Hire fees increased marginally from \$39 to \$40 per hour and a deficit for the Christmas function, resulting in a deficit for the financial year of \$1108 compared to a surplus of \$896 for the previous year.

Based on the above, the Membership Fees require review to ensure income and expenditure are more balanced.

Many thanks go to the tenacity of all of the Activity Leaders for controlling their finances and the timely communicating of details for invoices, payment dates etc.

CRAFT GROUP

Fundraising enterprise at the Hayville Retirement Community by June Duncan and other Craft Group Ladies added \$2624 to their Coffers.

It has therefore been unnecessary to apply for any grants to keep up with the financial needs of the Group. They ended the financial year with \$6877 cash.

MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT Bernadette Mithen

Membership has grown steadily this year with the induction of four new members. In May we welcomed Graeme Mitchell to the club, in September Jennifer Magnuson, in October Phillip Hicks and in November Richard Pengelley. Due to health reasons, Jim Robertson and Mary Wilson have taken on non- active membership. Our current membership as of December 2024 is 138.

Sadly three members passed away during this year, Trudy Neal, Nola White and Ray Spargo.

I would like to thank all who have assisted me with the Table registration this year – Anne Doull, Diana Burton, David Moss, Ray Spargo, Lois Newstead, Beverley Bartholomew, Dennis Elliot, Kay Elliot, Jan Hammond, Anne Rossi, Michael Rossi, Connie Fernandes, Francis Fernandes, Pam Brown, Lyverne Newson and Dawn Pratley.

I would also like to express my thanks to Jeni Moodie for her support and assistance to me in this role throughout the year, to David Moodie for his continual willingness to help with the documents and files needed in the role. Thank you also to all the other members of the Committee who have been a pleasure to work with, during the year.

WELFARE Sue Hudson

Welfare Report 2024

As our membership ages we are seeing more illnesses and accidents and sadly, death in the club. Many members have celebrated significant birthdays and anniversaries and received cards to mark the occasion .

I give regular reminders to the members about maintaining their health and safety, maintaining regular health checks and vaccines as well as personal safety by not climbing and wearing a smart watch especially if they live alone .

Sue Hudson

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT for 2024 Alan Baker

This has been another successful year for the club with the following Activities being available for members to participate in.

BBQ Summer, BBQ Winter, Bike Riding, Book Reading D, Book Reading T, Book Swap, Craft, Entertainers, Events, Trips & Outings, Fine Dining, Games (Bridge) and (Crazy Whist), Genealogy, Getaway Group, Golf Mahjong (Afternoon), Mahjong (Morning), Men's Coffee, Needles and Stitches, Scrapbooking, Theatre and Walking Group.

The club is fortunate to have these Activities provided by the 30 hardworking and dedicated group of activity leaders and their helpers. All of the activities play an important role in keeping our members active, both physically and mentally and enable members to socialize and form new friendships within the club. The activities help to make our club as vibrant as it is today and I would also like to thank the members who have supported the activity groups during the year.

Being the Activities Coordinator over the past year has been an enjoyable and rewarding experience for me and I have enjoyed working with all of the activity leaders. I would like to thank all the leaders for their hard work in making this another successful year, and wish them well in 2025.

WEBMASTER ANNUAL REPORT Doug Hayne

Our web site has been online for 19 years now and has been useful for members to access information concerning the club including our newsletters which are all available on the site from our first edition. We have had some feedback from other clubs who have seen the usefulness of the site for their members in getting ideas. The web site is also good for informing and attracting new members when required.

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 our Scrapbook which has been put together by our Scrapbooking group 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.

SPEAKER CONVENOR'S ANNUAL REPORT Marjorie Dowd

March.

Dr Anthony Hayes.

Was very very interesting and spoke about measuring who did it and how they did it.

April.

George Turner.

George showed a slide presentation of their trip to Iceland.

May. Vicki Hottes.

Vicki spoke about recycling and sustainable tips.

June. Kevin Trask

Radio Music and career in the media

July.

Loretta Smith.

Loretta spoke about the extraordinary story of Alice Anderson. Australia's first all girl garage proprietor.

August.

Elida Brereton was principal in the government school system for 43 years

Only part of her long cv.

She spoke in a humorous way about her travels in Nepal.

September.

Shari Wahid.

Shari was from Manningham council.

She spoke about aged care.

October.

Heather Burge.

Heather spoke about riding her bike from Beijing to Paris.

November.

Helen Dornom

Australia Milk Board

An interesting report on the dairy industry

GROUP LEADERS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2024 – 2025

BARBEQUES – SUMMER & WINTER Ron & Lynette McBain/David & Jeni Moodie

Probus Monthly BBQs, Summer and Winter events Report for 2024. This year we were able to hold 7 'BBQs' over the year with an average of 10.7 participants for each. Unfortunately a few were cancelled due to inclement weather or clash of events. It is a get together to swap news, share food and drinks and many laughs. Thank you to all who participated and the event starts again on 27 th February at 5pm. Everyone including friends is welcome, just bring something to eat and a sense of fun. Check newsletter for monthly details re dates and times, presently meeting at BBQ area Ruffey Lake Park off Church Rd King st entrance in Doncaster.

Ron and Lynette McBain and David and Jeni Moodie

BIKE RIDING REPORT 2024 - WAYNE EAMES

Our bike riding group is going along quite well. Geoff Grimster, our activity leader for 4 years, has passed on the leadership to me for this year. The average number of riders for 18 possible rides for 2024 was five. Thanks Geoff for guiding us and keeping us on the right track.

We have added some new rides as well as old favorites and included some longer rides. The distance covered for the year was about 480 Km. Either BYO morning tea or a visit to a local café is always on the agenda.

It is hoped that we can encourage more members to participate. If you are interested, please contact me. Any assistance required is offered to riders and all care is taken.

Thank you to all our riders for your companionship and interest.

Wayne Eames

BOOK READING GROUP AFTERNOON Anne Lukeman

This year we read the following books :-

Love marriage by Monica Ali
 Flight Behaviour by Barbara Kingsolver
 The Lincoln Highway by Arthur Towel
 The turn of the key by Ruth Ware
 The Maid by Nita Prose
 The islands by Emily Brugma
 The Song of the Crocodile by Nardi Simpson
 The Natural History of Love by Caroline Petit
 Lost and Found by Brooke Davis
 Love Stories by Trent Dalton

The books were chosen for us by Pat Egon of the Rosanna Library. They were an eclectic selection of books which engendered great discussion. I would like to thank Pat for not only providing us with such a varied and interesting selection of books, but also for her ongoing help and support.

Thank you to all our members who collect and return books, host meetings and provide scrumptious afternoon tea. Without your willingness to contribute in this way the group would not exist. A special thank you to Sue Hudson who led the group for 10 years.

BOOK READING EVENING Lyn Crosbie and Judy Baker

Consisting of nine members we completed the year reading 10 books. We have had a happy year with our group meeting each month from 4pm until 6pm. We all enjoy each other's company which makes the meeting and our discussions something to look forward to. Our annual dinner in December was once again a great night. We enjoyed the majority of the books we selected, with some excellent choices, the range was both varied and interesting and we look forward to 2025.

Our members will miss Nola White who sadly passed away late last year.

CRAFT GROUP Jenny Morcom

It has again been a busy year for the group. We have met regularly at our new venue, Applewood Retirement Village, and even though there have been some changes to the products we make, a steady flow of items has been sent to the various oncology units we supply. The feedback I get from these units is one of gratefulness for our continued support.

A big thank you to June Duncan and her helpers at Hayville Village for the morning tea they held in October where over \$2624.50 was raised towards the purchasing of materials.

Thank you to Barbara Green for her continued cutting out of items and machining and to the other ladies who also help with the sewing, both machining, hand sewing and packing of items ready for distribution. Every little bit helps.

Jenny Morcom – Craft Co ordinator

ENTERTAINERS Wilma Pontefract & Ray Walker Annual Report 2024

Once again we commenced the year with the Australia Day celebrations at the Scout Hall near Wombat Bend. Our monthly practices continued at Maple Rise thanks to Maurelle Thompson and Lyn and John Hudgson. During the year we prepared for our presentation of “Songs of the Century” to be the entertainment at our Christmas lunch. We are so fortunate in having Ray Walker to provide the backing for our efforts and Colin Neal to embellish our efforts with harmonies !

Wilma Pontefract Ray Walker

EVENTS, TRIPS & OUTINGS Elaine Hayne, Pam Walker, Lorraine Cooper

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley members were able to enjoy many more outings during 2024 due to the downturn of the Coronavirus. Thanks to Pam and Lorraine for their help and suggestions.

The plans for our outings are presented to the Activities Officer for approval by the Committee. We look forward to some more exciting and interesting outings in 2025.

Outings for this year were:

- Finns Reserve, Australia Day Barbeque
- Kerrisdale, Scenic Train Ride and lunch
- Ambulance Museum, Bayswater
- River walk and Lunch at Fairfield Boathouse
- Elvis Presley and Lunch at Ringwood Club
- Mornington Market
- Werribee Treatment Plant
- Christmas in July Bus Trip and Lunch at Mt Dandenong
- Harness Races at Yarra Glen
- Bus Trip and town tour of Walhalla
- Tour and lunch at Mont De Lancey, Wandin
- Evening Tram Boat Cruise on the Yarra

FINE DINING Jenny Mirams

There are 51 active members and 7 on hold for various reasons. During 2024 there were 96 attendances at 16 dine outs. Quite a variety of venues were used and all were reported as good value. All reports received mentioned that an enjoyable evening was had. July and August were on hold because so many members were away and the nights were dark and cold.

Fine Dining is an excellent way to extend acquaintanceships, make new friends or even catch up with members you know but don't catch up with often. I encourage members to join this activity.

GAMES & BRIDGE Marion Cummins

The past year has included 5 sessions of Crazy Whist at The Orchards. Our club members have met some new members and made them most welcome.

BRIDGE

Probus Bridge Club has continued to welcome new members during the year. Sadly, the loss of two of our dearly loved players, Nola White and Ken Stephens occurred. We miss Nola's calm and kind wisdom that she endowed on our group. Ken was a foundation member who was kind, thoughtful and lots of fun. The Orchards community has kindly let us use the private dining room for our weekly sessions.

Marion

GARDEN ACTIVITY REPORT 2024 Anne Doull and Jeni Moodie

This year a group of 4 in October visited Bickleigh Vale, an estate in Mooroolbark developed under the guidance of Edna Walling and her friends initially during the 1920s.

The gardens harmonise with the houses at Badgers Wood, Devon, Cottage, Donderry, Lynton Lee, Mistover, Sonnyfield, the Barn and Whistlewood. It incorporates crazy stone paths and walls, with many annuals and large trees, including native gums and deciduous trees.

Hoping for more activities in 2025, new ideas welcome.

GENEALOGY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024 – Pat Marsh and Pam Brown

This year our small group of staunch researchers were joined by 2 new investigators. Having checked out several other libraries in the local vicinity, meeting downstairs at the Manningham Library has proved to be our best available option.

During the year, two of our members were able to make contact with long lost family members through their DNA. A positive result.

We were joined by several members of our Probus Club at various times throughout the year seeking assistance in the discovery of a missing family member, as well as endeavouring to trace back their family line.

We had a surprise visit from our President, Jeni Moodie, who joined in our lively conversation and was witness to our investigative skills.

Once again, our friendly group has enjoyed their time together, conversing and learning from each other whilst being inspired to continue searching for those long lost elusive relatives.

GETAWAY REPORT FOR 2024 Laurine Eames

Thirty-five members and two visitors from the UK, took part in the getaway to Moruya Heads and Canberra in 2024. We arrived at Moruya Heads on Sunday, 17 th March for three nights. That night and subsequent nights, we met at the camp kitchen for happy hour. Our activities for the following days included a 3 hour cruise to Nelligen, games of bocce and walking. Wednesday we set off for Canberra via Kings Highway stopping at Braidwood for morning tea. We stayed in Canberra for four nights. Thursday morning we had a guided tour of Parliament House and later in the day attended the Last Post Ceremony at the War Memorial. At the Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex on Friday, our guide, Glenn, gave us an informative talk. Saturday, members chose their own activities including a walk in the Botanic Gardens and a visit to the Australian Institute of Sport. Dinner was at The Verandah at Alivio. Sunday, most of us left on a 660 km drive home. There is great camaraderie on the getaway and newer members had the opportunity to get to know more Probarians.

GOLF David French.

The golf group met every second Friday of 2024 at Freeway Golf course for 9 holes of friendly competition. This year we had 8 to 12 players on most occasions, who enjoyed a bit of banter along with their game. The results of the annual Jeff Crosbie Memorial Trophy will be announced at a social get together after our first game of 2025 and will be published in our clubs February newsletter. A special thank you to Wayne Eames who vetted all our score cards each game and adjusted our handicaps accordingly.

As in the past we would really like to see more people join us . You certainly don't have to be a champion golfer to be part of the group so why not come along and enjoy the fun, the golf, the friendship and a cup of coffee afterwards.

Happy golfing.

MAHJONG – Afternoon Group Anne Lukeman and Irene Baird

The afternoon Mahjong group is comprised of ten members all committed to both the game and the camaraderie of the group. We meet on the first and third Thursday of the month at one of the members' homes. The venues are published in the Newsletter each month. Hosting a game entails setting up tables and providing light afternoon tea.

Games start at 1.00 pm and we play until about 3.30 pm after which we have afternoon tea and a chat. We play using 'The Mah Jong Player's Companion' by Patricia A Thompson and Betty Maloney supplemented by additional games we have acquired from other groups. This is a most enjoyable group and Irene and I really enjoy leading it.

MEN'S MORNING COFFEE GROUP John Reid, Head Grump

The Grumpy Lads morning coffee has been another successful year with average attendances rising from 12 two years ago to 16 this year and rising to 20 on one morning. This is even allowing for the usual few migratory members. Carluccis continues to look after us very well although with the advancing maturity of the group some members forget what coffees they have ordered which when brought out by staff leaves some members looking to the heavens in bemusement and the staff perplexed, although we sort it out in the end. Christmas Breakfast was also successful with 20 in attendance to enjoy efficiently supplied food and coffee and Seasons Greetings extended all round.

The success of Morning Coffee is due entirely to the members, to their continual support, their good humour and generous friendship. Our first morning coffee in 2025 will be at Carluciccs on Tuesday 21st of January at 10am as usual.

John Reid, Head Grump

Our small but enthusiastic group has been busy this year with their books. They have completed family books of grandchildren, a new baby, travel and many others as they relive memories along the way.

We meet in members' homes on a rotation basis and this is advertised in our monthly newsletter.

Our November meeting is lunch at a local restaurant which is always enjoyed.

We love welcoming anyone who would like to start a scrapbook or photobook, there is always plenty of help available.

THEATRE GROUP Judy Baker

It was a slow start to the year for the Theatre Group, but once we were underway it all fell into place. We attended seven theatre shows as follows:

1. "Priscilla Queen of the Desert" Sunday 9th June, 18 members attended The Round Whitehorse Theatre.
2. "Phantom of the Opera" Sunday 23rd June, 18 members attended Karralyka Centre Ringwood.
3. "Suiter Surrender" Sunday 7th July, 21 members attended lunch and the Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre.
4. "The Winner Is" Sunday 10th September, 8 members attended Karralyka Centre Ringwood.
5. "Clue on Stage" Sunday 15th September, 16 members attended lunch and the Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre.
6. "Bobby Darin Story" Tuesday 29th October, 16 members attended Karralyka Centre Ringwood.
7. "It's Time Glen Starr" Tuesday 12th November 11 members attended Karralyka Centre Ringwood.

Two backstage tours of "The Round" Whitehorse we organised in July, 30 members attended this very interesting outing.

In total 138 members attended the Theatre Group outings.

Thanks to all members for supporting the Theatre Group outings in 2024.

MORNING MAHJONG Dawn Anderson and Margaret McGregor

Our Morning Group has met consistently throughout the year at Applewood Retirement Village where we enjoyed playing together and each other's company. It is a good, fun game and we would welcome any other Members who would like to join us (no experience required). We meet twice a month on the first and fourth Tuesdays at 9.30am at Applewood in the Lounge area.

Please call Dawn Anderson or Margaret McGregor if you are interested.

NEEDLES and STITCHES

We meet once a month on the second Wednesday at 1.30pm, mainly at Dawn Anderson's, for a very social get-together. We enjoy knitting, crocheting, sewing or any other craft creations the girls bring along and we "sometimes" copy or create new ideas. Again, we would welcome any members who are interested and we can help with any projects or UFO's (unfinished objects) you may have in your cupboards and we generally have a good "natter" during the afternoon with a cuppa too.

Call Dawn if you are interested.

WALKING GROUP Judy and Colin Gaskill

Another year of the walking group saw us plan about 20 walks, but due to the weather and getaways, some of the walks had to be cancelled at the last minute.

- February. We did walks at Banksia Park and The Plenty river trail.
- March. We did the Mullum Mullum Trail and the Elgar Park walk alongside the Eastern Freeway.
- April. Lower Eltham Park and Westerfolds Park.
- May. Ruffey Lake Park and Warrandyte riverside walk.
- June. Our planned walks were cancelled due to inclement weather conditions. Later walk was Slater reserve in East Doncaster beside the Freeway.
- July. We had walks in Koonung Reserve and Westerfolds Park.
- August. We did Tikalara Park with morning tea at Mullum Mullum Stadium. We started a walk at Finns Reserve, but due to the windy conditions, we decided to cut short the walk.
- September. A nice walk around Blackburn Lake with byo morning tea. Our next walk was to be at Pettys Orchard, but rain confined us to the cafe so no walking was done, however the morning tea was good.
- October. A scenic walk through Maranoa Gardens in Balwyn with morning tea after.
- November. Pound Bend walk cancelled at the last minute because of the muddy conditions, so again, morning tea at Mullum Mullum Stadium.
- December. We had our walkers and bikers attend our breakup at Carlucci's Restaurant in Templestowe for a pleasant breakfast. We look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.			
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEARS ENDED: 31st January 2025			
	31st Jan. 2025	31st Jan. 2024	
	\$	\$	
THE CLUB HAS FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:			
Club Member and Activity Funds:			
Funds on Hand (Excl. Craft Funds) at Beginning of Year	6,203	4,725	
Excess of Income over / (under) Expenditure for the Year	-1,108	896	
Accrual for unpaid Hall Hire Costs	0	582	
Total Club Member Funds:	5,095	6,203	
Craft Group:			
Net Funds on Hand at Year End:	6,877	6,576	
Net Accruals for Income and cost of Activities	0	-575	
TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND AT YEAR END:	11,972	12,204	
THESE FUNDS ARE REPRESENTED BY:			
Cash at Bank - Westpac	11,972	12,204	
Westpac Term Deposit		0	
TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND AT YEAR END:	11,972	12,204	
FINANCIAL REVIEWER'S REPORT			
I have reviewed the above "Statement of Financial Position" as at 31 January, 2025 and the attached "Statement of Income and Expenditure" for the year ended 31 January 2025 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 various accruals for Activities, 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 2025 and Total Club Funds, as reported in the "Statement of Financial Position" as at 31 January 2025.			
Robert W. Anderson. FCPA, FGIA, FCG(CS)			
Date: 12 Feb 2025			

PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEARS ENDED: 2024-2025

	31st Jan. 2025	31st Jan. 2024
	\$	\$
INCOME:		
Membership Fees	4,681	4,953
New Member Joining Fees	140	380
Visitors Fees (PSPL purposes: more than 3 activities p.a)	60	20
Surplus from Kerrisdale Railway Trip	0	4
Surplus from Australia Day BBQ :2023	0	204
Surplus from Australia Day BBQ :2024	0	231
Surplus from Christmas Lunch	0	32
Other Income	0	36
Total Income	4,881	5,859
EXPENDITURE:		
Hall Hire for Meetings (inc. 20th Birthday Lunch)	1,416	1,415
New Members Introduction Dinner	0	89
20th Birthday Lunch	0	38
Morning Tea Supplies	269	145
Stationery & Office Supplies	125	141
Printing, Photocopying and Laminating	179	105
MEPG Annual Subscriptions	10	0
Post Office Box Fee	154	148
Probus South Pacific - Annual Per Capita Costs	2,632	2,420
Badges, Certificates, Magazines	39	90
Bereavement Flowers	33	0
First Aid Kit	7	0
Speakers' Gifts	120	135
Membership Expenses	26	73
Welfare Expenses	0	45
Consumer Affairs Victoria - PMT Annual Statement	49	61
Website Yearly Fee	108	58
Deficit Reimbursement to Activity Funds for Committee BBQ	49	0
Deficit Reimbursement to Activity Funds for Christmas Lunch 2023	192	0
Deficit Reimbursement to Activity Funds for Christmas Lunch 2024	349	0
Other Costs	233	
Total Expenditure	5,989	4,963
Surplus/(Deficiency) of income over/(under) Expenditure:	-1,108	896