



## President's Report

(Kerry McInerney)

At this time of the year, it is appropriate that we reflect on how much our club has achieved, and that it has all been due to the hard work of the volunteers and the committee, supported by enthusiastic members.

Our Constitution, By-laws, and Model Rules are in the final stages of completion. Memberships are almost at the cut off rate, and at each meeting we are getting to know more and more fellow members.

A number of us have enjoyed the outings conducted to date, and we are looking forward to the coming attractions in 2004. We are in a good position, but need to keep up the good work.

On behalf of your committee, I would like to wish everyone the following Irish Toast.

**"May peace and plenty be the first  
To lift the latch on your door,  
And happiness be guided to your home  
By the candle of Christmas."**

## Secretary's Report

(Doug Hayne)

**Planning for 2004:** The committee met on the 18<sup>th</sup> November and besides handling the general business of reading the minutes from previous meetings and discussing the postponement of the January meeting, we also set a date for a planning meeting in January to get together a schedule of events and trips for 2004. This meeting will include the activities leaders and committee. This plan will be communicated to members as soon as it is finalised.

**Booking for events:** The committee also discussed the processes for payment and booking of events where pre payment is required. A sub committee was created to develop and document procedures for this.

**Membership limit approaching:** We also discussed the fact that our membership is fast approaching the limit of 120 set at the inaugural meeting. We will be putting any applications received after the December meeting, on hold and on to the wait list if not already there, until we consider and decide whether to maintain the 120 limit or put to the members to have this increased.

The main issue with membership numbers is the maximum we can have whilst still being able to provide proper service to our members in planning and administration of events.

**Priority for members:** When our membership does reach the limit, members will be given priority for events which have limits on numbers. This may mean that a member's partner or friends who are not members may not be able to accompany them due to members taking the full number.

We may also need to limit non members attending meetings.

**Insurance:** Probus Australia has several common policies for all Probus members. There are two policies for members. One for legal and one for property damage cover. These policies have a \$1000.00 excess and certain exclusions. They only cover members whilst at or participating in club organised functions and events. Please ask your secretary if you require further information about club insurance.

## Treasurer's Report

(Lorraine Cooper)

To date the club has 110 paid up members. A detailed report will be presented at the December meeting.

## This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10am at the Bulleen & Templestowe Community Centre, Ted Ajani reserve 284 Thompsons Rd., Lower Templestowe (Opposite Sunhill Road. Melway 32 K7).

The hall will open at 9.30 and people will be available from that time to take bookings for activities.

## This Month's Speaker

No Speaker this month as we are having our special Christmas Luncheon (See below).

## Christmas Lunch

We have 86 paid up bookings for the Christmas lunch after our December Meeting. This is probably near to the maximum number that can be accommodated, however, if you wish to attend and have NOT yet booked or paid, please see a committee member at the meeting to check if there is room.

The lunch will be in the "Yarra Room" at . at Yarra Valley Country Club (Melway Ref 32 E4) from 12 noon onwards.

## January Meeting Date Change

Due to Hall renovations, we are unable to have our meeting on the second Monday in January as planned

The meeting has been put back to the third Monday which is the 19<sup>th</sup> January. The special show Kerry mentioned will still go ahead after the meeting.

Unfortunately our caterers for the planned barbeque will not be available for us on the 19<sup>th</sup> and so the barbeque will be postponed until later. Payment for the barbeque as requested will not be required until we have a firm date for this. A lunch venue will be arranged for and notified in the January newsletter

## Activity Groups

Contacts for Activities Bookings	
<b>Theatre</b>	Ellen Boyd - 98463395 Joan Planck - 9846 4995
<b>Tennis</b>	Irene Baird - 9850 4125
<b>Day Trips</b>	Elaine Hayne - 9841 8645 Helen Armstrong 981 64643
<b>Golf</b>	Dennis Wheeler 98037835
<b>Exhibitions</b>	Wendy Fishley - 9848 3749
<b>Book Group-</b>	Helga Braun - 98502144

### Last Month: "All That Jazz"

A great turn up of 58 members, partners and friends enjoyed a great show and dinner at the LIDO in Hawthorn. Elaine got "close up and personal" with Elvis for the second time in 2 months.

Now compiling 2004 agenda and will present various options to the club for expressions of interest. "

### Tennis

With summer now here it's time to consider getting out the racquets. Contact **Irene Baird** to find out about the tennis arrangements if you wish to participate in a tennis group.

### Golf

A great day of golf was had by six members on 21<sup>st</sup> November. No one was disgraced and all had a great day. Thanks to John Muggridge  
The next day will be at Whittlesea on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

As John will be away for the December event, please see Dennis Wheeler at 9.30am at this months meeting if you wish to participate or call him on 98037835

### Exhibitions (Wendy Fishley)

The Johnston Collection – This excursion is booked out and is going ahead as planned on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of January.

If you have missed this excursion and are interested in a later excursion, please see Wendy to have your name added to the list.

### Reading and Book Club

Helga Braun has volunteered to lead a reading and book group.

Contact Helga on 98502144 or see her at the hall before the meeting if you are interested.

### Day Trips (Elaine, Helen and Ema)

#### **Last Month - Maldon Steam Train Lunch**

Fourty Four members, partners and friends had a great day sightseeing and shopping around Castlemaine and Maldon with a nice picnic lunch on the train. Trevor our driver was instructed to take it easy on the bumps as Peter was loaded up with antique crockery.

#### **For Your Diary Future Day Trips**

##### **Friday January 16<sup>th</sup> – Around the bay**

Bus to Queenscliff with a stop for lunch at Smorgy's in Geelong, then ferry across to Sorrento and bus back to Templestowe. \$34.00 – Minimum 35 people.

**This is scheduled for the Friday before our January meeting so book and pay at the December meeting or call Elaine on 98418645 before the meeting. We need the numbers NOW .**

##### **Sunday Feb 14<sup>th</sup> -Jazz at the Zoo - Don Burrows**

Make your own way and pay at zoo entrance \$17.50 - \$13.00 concession. Bring your own wine and picnic and seating. Meet at the zoo entrance at 5.00pm to join the group and get a good position. Show starts 6.30pm. Give names to Elaine at December meeting or call her on 98418645

##### **Sunday Feb 29<sup>th</sup> Picnic lunch at Heidi Gallery**

In the wonderful Heidi Gardens. Make your own way - no charge.- optional visit to the famous Gallery  
Bring your own wine and picnic and seating. Put names down at December or January meeting so we can make sure we all get together. It is near the Yarra Valley Country Club (Melway Ref 32 E4) from 12 noon onwards

##### **Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> Ballarat Begonia Festival**

Bus to Ballarat. Two course lunch – see begonias  
Total \$33.00 Minimum 35 people

##### **Monday to Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> . 4 Days Autumn Tour to Corowa, Bright - Marysville**

Cost \$199.00 for Minimum 40.–

**Very popular trip requires advanced bookings**

**BOOK NOW**

**Please make payments at the meetings as requested. This should preferably be cash, placed in an envelope with your name and the event written on the envelope. If you are not attending the meeting call Elaine to arrange booking and payment. 98418645**

#### **More Suggestions – See Elaine or Helen**

Caribbean Gardens	Marysville Falls. Bakery/Lunch
Eildon Deer Farm	Yarra Valley
Dandenong Ranges	French Island
Phillip Island	Gourmet Deli Gippsland
RAAF Museum/ Ferry	Walhalla
Melbourne Aquarium	Harcourt Butterflies/Orchard
Lorne, Great Ocean Rd	Lavender.Farm/Winery

## Member Profile

### Terry Pearlgood Welfare Officer

I was born in London, UK, a true Cockney (that is within the sounds of Bow bells), the third of three sons, just 3 years after the end of WW2. I have very fond memories of our neighbourhood, because even though it resembled a giant bomb site, and although most people were unable to rub two coins together, there was a great community spirit and camaraderie throughout. Both my parents worked very hard, my father as a storeman in a warehouse and my mother as a “finisher” in a garment factory. However, they were able to provide a very good education to their three sons, despite the many personal sacrifices they had to make.

I lived my adolescence through the “swinging sixties”, with the Beatles, Carnaby Street, discotheques etc – it was a great era to be in! I left grammar school with good qualifications, but decided not to go to university. Instead, I went to work to train as a management accountant, qualifying somewhat belatedly in the mid-70s. I worked for some interesting and diverse companies, including 3M, Thorn-EMI, and Lesney Products (the makers of the famous Matchbox diecast toys – making 2 million cars every week!).

In 1974 my mother was admitted to hospital with angina, and she grew very fond of one of the nurses looking after her. After her discharge, she invited this Malaysian Chinese nurse, Lay Eng (or Jane as most call her), back to our home several times, where in a very short time we became somewhat better than just friends! Jane and I married in 1975 and we were blessed with a lovely daughter, Louise, in 1980.

In 1981, we decided to visit Australia for a holiday, primarily to see Jane’s brother and sister. We fell in love with the country, and as soon as we got back to the UK we applied to migrate here, gaining approval and moving to Melbourne in early 1983. Our most enduring friendship was established with Elaine and Doug Hayne in Doncaster East who did their bit to convert this reluctant and sometimes quite eccentric Pom to all the great aspects of Australian life – Aussie Rules (St Kilda of all teams!), endless BBQs, seemingly endless imbibing, etc.

I gained an Australian accounting qualification (CPA) in 1984, and have worked for Toyota (only 1,500 cars made each week!), Black & Decker, and ANZ Bank, being finally dispatched to supposed early retirement by ANZ in 2001. However, I am still working part-time in a consulting role in the finance industry.

In my spare time, I walk as often as possible (8kms most days), I enjoy reading adventure novels, messing about with flight simulators on the computer (in fact, I have an insatiable appetite for anything to do with aircraft and flying), eating out, and watching as much soccer as I can (especially keeping track of Arsenal – the “Gunners”, my one absolute obsession!). I enjoy travel, but nearly all my vacations are spent going back to the UK to see my mother (now almost 91) and my brothers.

## Welfare Reports

If you have any welfare reports please pass them on to Terry Pearlgood but please obtain permission from the people involved. Good news items are welcomed as well.

**Terry can be contacted on 98417168**

## Your Committee

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## Next Months Meeting

Next month’s meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January at our usual venue, the Bulleen and Templestowe Community Centre, at 10.00am. Note that this is the THIRD Monday of January (See page 1 – January Meeting Date Change) The hall will be open at 9.30 and people available to take names for activities

The planned barbeque lunch has been postponed for now but a lunch venue will be arranged for and advised in the January newsletter

## Fellowship Tea Roster (Elaine)

Please advise Elaine if you are unable to take part in the roster. This list does not obligate anyone; it is just a guide to help spread the load. Tea, coffee, milk, sugar and biscuits are all arranged. you just need to be at the hall at 9.30 to set up and turn on the urn. Then be available to help serve at fellowship.

December	Domenic & Dorothy Borin
January	Dianna Burton and Pat Burns
February	James and Margaret Campbell
March	Rose Cecchin and Marjory Coronica
April	Victoria & Ian Coleman

## Editor’s Note

Please let me know how you like the new format of this month’s newsletter. And also let me know if you **DON’T** like something.

Please email your newsletter contributions to [doug\\_hayne@bigpond.com.au](mailto:doug_hayne@bigpond.com.au) or post them to: The Editor PO Box 518 Bullen 3105

Thanks  
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