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President's Report (Kerry McInerney)

With the October 9th Federal Election fast approaching, it is not too early to think about the "Real" forthcoming election to be held in March 2005, at our A.G.M.

Under the constitution, Margaret Cornell, our current Vice-President, will automatically become President, and her position will be filled by one of the men. This provides for the Presidency to alternate between the Ladies and the Gents.

As we have many talented and capable members, we are also after more volunteers (at least 2) to take over Margaret's current job of collecting the monthly dues, recording attendance and apologies, and also someone who can take over the position of Membership Officer.

On another note, while our club enjoys a big and active membership, and the activities continue to expand, thanks to our generous helpers, we draw your attention to the subject of "Membership" in our Constitution which reads:

"Membership of this Club shall be contingent upon attendance at regular meetings and club events of not less than 50% in any club year, subject to leave of absence in cases of sickness or on any other reasonable grounds as decided by the committee"

Secretary's Report (Doug Hayne)

Club funds for club groups

We have recently had requests for club funds to be allocated for catering and awards for specific group activities. The committee have discussed and considered these requests and decided that any funds allocated back into club activities should be available to all members rather than members in specific activity groups.

Activity groups may gather funds from within their group for these purposes provided proper records are made of payments.

Meeting dates in 2005

Our meeting dates for next year will be officially booked during October when the Manningham Council will ask us to verify our plan.

We will continue with the second Monday of the month as we have few other options and this date evidently suits most of our members. There will be two dates that are public holidays. These are March and June. We have requested that the hall be available on the previous Friday (Second Friday) for these months and are waiting confirmation on this. Our November newsletter will have the plan for 2005.

This Month's Meeting

This month's meeting, is on October 11th 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 9.00am for bookings for activities.

Please tender the correct amount of \$2.00 in cash for your monthly fee. We have booked lunch at the Manningham Club for this month's meeting.

Our sponsoring Rotary Club members will be at our meetings coming up to Christmas with the famous Rotary Christmas Puddings for sale at \$11.00.

Monthly Luncheon Event

We are investigating a less disruptive way of counting heads for attendance numbers and welcome any suggestions.

Also, if you have any comments on the venue, the lunch menu and suggestions for changes, these will be welcomed by any committee member.

Treasurer's Report (Lorraine Cooper)

Many thanks to the members who gave donations to the "Blue Ribbon Foundation" at our last meeting. As you know all donations to such a worthy cause are appreciated.

The financial report will be delivered at the October meeting. Should any member wish to sight the detailed report please advise the Treasurer at the meeting.

This Month's Speaker

Mr. Brian Negus, Regional Manager for the Metro South Eastern Region of Vic Roads will speak on "Our Road System"

Next Month's Meeting

November meeting will be on the second Monday as usual which is 8th November

Activity Groups

Contacts for Activities Bookings		
Theatre	Joan Planck	9846 4995
Tennis	Irene Baird	9850 4125
Major Activities	Elaine Hayne	9841 8645
Day Trips	Helen Armstrong	9816 4643
Day Walks	Margaret Campbell Lyn Hudgson	9431 1958 9844 0662
Golf	Leon Magree Lyn Crosbie	98503769 98501801
Exhibitions	Wendy Fishley	9848 3749
Games Group	Marion Cummins	98505852
Book Group-	Helga Braun -	98502144

Last Month's Activities

Trip to the Toyota Factory, Tuesday 14th September

Thirteen participants including two guests and four ladies were all enthralled by the amazing technology demonstrated in Toyota's manufacturing processes of its Camry and Avalon vehicles. They produce around 550 vehicles in 153 model variations per day. Most of these are for export.

After a deliciously inexpensive lunch at the factory canteen, we were issued with appropriate safety and audio equipment, and then commenced the tour in the aluminium foundry and engine assembly building which includes sand casting and machining of aluminium engine blocks, cylinder heads etc. as well as the full assembly of the four cylinder Camry engines. This involves in house casting and pressed metal components together with other locally supplied and imported parts.

The tour then continued to the press shop where complete car body side panels are press formed into shape using massive hydraulic presses of up to 2500 tonnes capacity. Other processes produce floor, roof, bonnet, boot and other components with many of the operations being automated by use of robots.

These body components are then conveyed to the body shell assembly building that we next visited.

In this area we witnessed the amazing computerised robot spot welding operations. The highlight of this was the assembly of the complete body shell with no human intervention – unbelievable!

The next production stage in the paint shop was not included in the tour, however, our Guides John and Maurie, explained the paint processes done here which go from primer to final colour and clear coat finishes. This process is also fully automated.

The Painted body shells are then conveyed to the final assembly building which is larger in area than the MCG.

In this process the doors which were attached in the body assembly process, are removed and processed separately but parallel to the main body. We saw left and right hand drive dash consoles being fitted, wiring looms, glass, the engine gearbox and steering assembly installed in 45 seconds, followed by suspension, brakes and wheels and tyres. The final stage on the line is water testing and engine and electrical run tests and steering and headlight alignment, each completed in a few seconds.

We were all impressed by the rigid inspections performed throughout the process and the cleanliness that was maintained in the work area. The tour lasted well over an hour.

After a coffee and thanks to our guides, (retired Toyota employees John and Maurie, for the enjoyable and informative tour. We departed with the assurance that Toyota produce a top class product. – Oh what a feeling! For members who were unable to attend, we will arrange for another tour in 2005 around March/April if there is sufficient interest. It's Freeeeee and a cheap lunch.

(Jan Green)

Golf –Leon Magree -Tocumwal Stay and Play Experience

Fourteen Probus members traveled to Tocumwal on Sunday 26th September and despite some inclement weather, enjoyed two rounds of golf on the following Monday and Tuesday.

Lyn Crosbie won the first round on Monday with forty points with Denis Wheeler being the runner up on 35. 'Happy Hour' was a feature of the stay, and the highlight being the announcement by John M. that the players would be competing for a perpetual trophy kindly donated by the Mugridge Family which was a surprise for Pauline M. The explanation by John was quite touching !

Tuesday saw Jenny Kerseboom playing some outstanding shots, and scoring 39 points and taking the aforementioned trophy with a total of 70 points for the two days. Ian Green was the runner up on the second day with 28 points.

The group hope to repeat this adventure in Autumn 2005 and Horsham has been suggested as the likely venue.

October 1st Outing Camberwell

It was a beautiful sunny day with 8 players completing the 18 holes at Camberwell and 3 opting for 9 holes.

The winner on the day was Mike Bindon who scooped the pool with a score of 38 Stableford points as well as closest to the pin on the 8th hole. Runner up with 34 points was Lyn Crosbie who won on a countback from Denis Wheeler.

Club Events and Trips(Elaine, Helen and Ema)

Thanks to those members who completed the survey concerning an overseas trip next year. Vietnam and China (in that order) proved to be the most popular choices in both first and second preferences. We will be planning for these destinations for 2005. Other popular choices such as Alaska, Canada and New Zealand will be considered for future trips

Cancellation- Police Academy visit 13th October

Please see Lorraine Cooper for refunds.

Upcoming Trips and Events

See the notice board for more information on all events- Any suggestions for outings and trips would be appreciated.

Proposed Outings

Walhalla historical town and railway. \$41.00

Wednesday 24th November

Meet at the hall, then bus with morning tea stop at Yarragon then on through Moondarra State Park to historic Walhalla. Includes a train trip as shown on "Getaway" last month then a two course lunch at the Walhalla Star Hotel and an historic town tour. (Note that the Long Mine tour is no longer available.)

By the response of a show of hands last month this will fill quickly so book and pay to get your place this month at the meeting. As this is the last trip for 2004, let's support it and have a great farewell to 2004 in Probus.

Thursday 2nd December Tramboat Fish and Chip Tour

Booked out but you can pay your \$26.00 NOW to get on the February trip.

Sunday December 19th Carols at Crown \$22.00

Bus, dinner and supper. Departs the hall at 4pm. Some seats still available on the two buses we have booked.

We need payment for all bookings **NOW** to ensure that we enjoy this popular outing.

See Elaine or Helen to book for this outing.

Monday December 13th Christmas Lunch \$12.00

Yarra Valley Country Club. This is our normal second Monday meeting day. Please pay at the October meeting

For Your Diary – Next year

Thursday 20th January Picnic at Heidi

Templestowe Road Bulleen 5pm BYO Food & Drinks
No entry fee.

Wednesday 2nd February 7pm

Tramboat Cruise \$26.00 – Must pay October meeting.

Wednesday 16th February - Churchill Island \$34.00

Includes morning tea, lunch admission to the homestead tour, and bus. Book and pay this month.

Wednesday 16th March -Valley View Vineyard \$33.00

Includes morning tea, lunch and bus. Our previous visit was very well received by our attendees.

Tuesday 19th April –Rescheduled

Geelong – Ford Factory and Wool Museum \$35.00

Includes Bus, Morning Tea and Lunch

Please put your name down if interested.

Other Manningham Area Probus Club and Rotary Events

See Notice Board for more details.

Sapphire Coast Sunday 18th April 2005 6 days \$495 per person (\$545 single)

Manningham Combined Probus.

Call Freda Brilliant 9898 3689

Norfolk Island 8 Days 22 May 2005

\$1949 per person (\$2324 Single)

Warrandyte & Park Orchards Probus.

Call Val Spargo 9844 3345

Rotary Variety Concert – 8pm Saturday 20th November Doncaster Secondary College Performance Centre

123 Church Rd., Doncaster

Compered by Graham Walls who runs the "Opera in the Market". Guest performers include:

- ◆ Raymond Khong, one of the three Chinese Tenors.
- ◆ Mary Gavin, Raymond's wife who is an excellent concert pianist.
- ◆ Nahama Patkin, the Director of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and runs the Suski School of music. Nahama will be nominating three of her top students to perform.
- ◆ The Melbourne Singers a well known Choir formed by the Salvation Army, will perform concert music

There are only 300 seats available for this popular event, so phone or email Daryl Knight to reserve tickets, or see him at the October meeting for your tickets. First in first served.

Daryl's phone 9848 3957

Email - d.knight@darylknight.com.au

Walking (Lyn Hudgson)

Time and Dates –Meet at 9.30am for a 9.40am start on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The next walk will be “Finns to Westerfolds” on Wednesday 13th October starting at Finns reserve Duncan St., Templestowe Melway 33 B4. This is a great fitness walk with some medium hills. Bring your own refreshments. No coffee shop available on this walk. Dorothy Borin and Peter Fishley will lead. See Lyn or Margaret Campbell to confirm these arrangements

Exhibitions (Wendy Fishley)

Jewish Museum: Thursday 21st October at 10am.

Johnson Collection

Christmas Collection Thursday 25th November.

Please see Wendy at the meeting to book for these popular outings.

Theatre (Joan Planck)

Balwyn Movies Friday 29th October.

Meet at the theatre for 4pm shows

See Joan at the meeting about theatre outings

Games Group Marion Cummins

Marion has started a card games group and will be gathering 20 or so card players at her home at 13 Cygnet Ave., Lower Templestowe on Wednesday October 20th at 7.30pm for Crazy Whist. This should make a good start for the group. Contact Marion on 98505852 to confirm attendance.

Golf

Next round Camberwell at 08.30 October 15th
Contact Leon Magree on 98503769 or Lyn Crosbie on 98501801 if you would like to join the group or participate in the clinics.

Tennis – Irene Baird

Contact **Irene Baird** to find out about the tennis arrangements if you wish to participate in a tennis group.

Hobbies Expo (John Mugridge)

We have 15 volunteers for the hobbies exhibition as part of our November meeting. Please contact John if you have any special requirements or queries about this event.

MemberWelfare Reports (Terry Pearlgood)

Two members were contacted during the month – one with a severe ankle fracture, the other who was undergoing some cardiac related tests. Both were in good spirits despite their conditions, and we wish them a very speedy recovery.

If you are aware of any members who are unwell or require any assistance, please obtain permission from the member involved, and contact Terry Pearlgood with the details. We would very much like to share good news as well, so if you have any special celebrations, such as anniversaries and birthdays, or new additions to families, please let Terry know.

Apologies: If you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact Marg Cornell or have someone pass your apologies to Marg or call her directly on 9846 2395.

Transport to meetings: If you have transport difficulties getting to the meetings please contact Terry Pearlgood who may be able to arrange a lift. Terry can be contacted on 98417168

Fellowship Tea Roster (Ema)

Please advise Ema 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. Supplies are all arranged. You just need to be at the hall at 9.00 to set up and help serve at fellowship then clean up afterwards. Thanks to the members who have willingly taken on the job over the past months.

Tea Roster

October	Claire and Jim Douglas
November	Anne Doull and Maureen Dubock
January	June Duncan and Laurine Eames

Your Committee

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Suggestions

Please use the suggestion box at the hall entrance for any suggestions you would like the committee or events organisers to consider putting in place.

Member Profile – Norma Green

My name is Norma Green and I was born in Bendigo December 1934. My parents were both raised in Bendigo and when I was born they had the General Store at Lake Eildon which unfortunately was lost in the 1935 bushfires. My parents then moved to Macleod. I had a wonderful childhood there but as you can imagine there weren't many people around. I have one older and two younger sisters. We lived on the west side of the railway – trains only ran once an hour – and there was only about six other houses and a store on our side and there was a branch off the railway line through to Mont Park. The whole area was full of gum trees. We had no roads or footpaths. The Night Cart came once a week for our outside toilet. We only had tank water and I can remember that even when we had mains water we kept the tanks until they completely fell in as mum thought the water was very good for washing hair. The iceman (who always chipped off some ice for us from the blocks he carried in for the ice chest) came twice a week and the coolgardie safe hung in the fernery. I remember as a child my father cutting gum trees between our house and the railway station so we had a path. After they had dried off we always had a great time on bonfire nights. I went to St. John's Primary School in Heidelberg and much later to Santa Maria College in Northcote. I met Frank my husband to be on the train travelling from school. He was an apprentice carpenter and attended Collingwood Technical School. After I finished school I worked at the T&G on the corner of Russell and Collins Street. I left there after Frank and I were married. We were both 20 at the time. He was my one and only boyfriend. I have a son Michael and a daughter Debbie and they each now have a daughter and a son. After the children went to school I worked part-time for one of my sisters in her milk bar, and then with Elder Smith in the city then I applied for and got an office position at Macleod High School (now Macleod P-12 College) in September 1965. I retired in February this year after 38½ years being the Principal's secretary. I am the only person who can say that they have worked with every Principal who has been at the school. I saw so many changes over the years and I enjoyed my work so much. Frank joined the Police Force after completing his apprenticeship as a carpenter when the children were small and had 35 years of very successful service. He retired from the Police Force as Assistant Commissioner Traffic and Operational Support. Frank and I were married for 45 years. He became ill and died on Christmas Day 2000 after Christmas lunch with his much loved family. After retirement I joined the 'Y' and do water aerobics twice a week. I also do Boot Scooting – does anyone else want to

join me?– it really is good fun and great exercise. I walk one hour every day and every month really look forward to my Probus meeting and newsletter and make my plans for outings etc. for the next month. Frank and I loved to travel, having our first overseas trip in 1977. Since then we traveled each year, our favourite destination being the U.S. which I have continued to do on my own since Frank died.

Norma Green

Editor's Note

The member profile is a very popular part of our Newsletter but we need volunteers to provide their profiles for future newsletters.

We would appreciate any profiles emailed or posted or handed to me at meetings for inclusion.

Members' Trading Corner

- ◆ **Doll's Pram Wanted** - Andrea Thomas is looking to buy a dolls pram, suitable for 5 year old. Call Andrea on 98522105 or see her at the meeting if you can help.
- ◆ **Large Dog Kennel** - Doug & Elaine Hayne have a very large well presented dog kennel available at best offer to take it away. Call Doug on 0407778634 or see us at the meeting.
- ◆ **Join John & Pauline Mugridge for lunch.** At 1 Crellin St Doncaster East at 11.00am when our daughter-in-law Sarah will promote her "Chef's Toolbox" whilst preparing a meal for those present to enjoy. Get the tips and the flavour and buy the tools if you wish, Contact us on 98419005 or see us at the meeting on Monday.

Editor's Note

Please email your newsletter contributions to dhayne@bigpond.net.au - or post them to: The Editor Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc. Newsletter. PO Box 518 Bullen 3105

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