



President’s Report (Kerry McInerney)

Greetings to all members and best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2005. One hundred and fourteen members attended our Christmas lunch at the Yarra Valley Club , and special thanks go to John Mugridge for his help in the drawing of the lucky ticket numbers, (the Judge’s decision was almost final !) and to Lorraine Cooper for organising all the prizes. I am also very grateful to all the others who played their part in making it a special day for all. Ellen Boyd’s description of us as the "sandwich generation” has certainly been proved correct in our home this past year. It was a wonderful talk and yet another example of the depth of talent among our group. I look forward to catching up with everyone again at our January meeting and continuing the fellowship and good times with each other. As the Irish would say of the New Year; "May the face of good news and the back of bad news be towards us" *Slainte Kerry.*

Secretary’s Report (Doug Hayne)

AGM: March 11th 2005 (Second Friday)
As mentioned last month, the election of our new Vice President who must be a male under our rules, and any other offices for which nominations have been received, will take place at the March AGM. Nomination forms will be available at the January meeting and must be submitted to the Secretary before the February 14th meeting. A separate form is required for each nomination. Current officers with the exception of the Vice President who automatically takes on the office of President, and the Welfare Officer who has decided to resign his office and position on the committee, have indicated that they will re nominate for their positions for 2005. If current officers are re elected for 2005, these offices will necessarily become vacant in 2006 due to the rules of our constitution.

The current holders of office who have re nominated are listed below. No endorsement of them as candidates is implied or intended as any club member may stand for membership of the committee.

- Secretary(Doug Hayne)
- Minute Secretary.....(Peter Fishley)
- Treasurer(Lorraine Cooper)
- Speaker Procurement Officer...(Gwen Young)
- Activities Officer.....(John Mugridge)
- Welfare Officer.....(Vacant)

After a re investigation of the rules, the committee have decided that nominations may be submitted for any of the offices (not just for committee member as indicated last month) and if nominations are received, there will be a ballot taken. The committee apologizes to members for any confusion that this may have caused.

At the AGM, once the election of the committee is completed, the meeting will be asked to endorse re appointmentof the non-executive positions of Auditor (currently held by T Pearlgood) and Public Officer (currently held by D Hayne).

The position of Membership Officer is currently held by Margaret Cornell who becomes President for 2005. Margaret will relinquish that role and it is recommended to the incoming committee that the job pass

to the newly elected Vice President, with an assistant co opted to manage the attendance roll at club meetings.

Hall hire for groups

Our games group has arranged for hire of The Templestowe Uniting Church hall for their games nights. This type of arrangement can be made by any group provided committee approval is obtained and a collection is taken from group members to pay the hire costs.

Any contracts or agreements must be signed by two officers of the club under the club seal and accounts for hire sent to the Treasurer for payment.

This Month’s Meeting

This month’s meeting, is on January 10th 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 and the meeting will commence at 9.45. after the meeting. The committee are still investigating more choices for lunch venues for 2005 and will develop a plan at the January committee meeting. Due to limited available choices at the moment lunch will be at the Manningham Club again this month.

Those Nasty Mobile Phones

During last month’s speaker’s delivery, mobile phones rang several times causing disruption to the speaker and concern to members, many who have rightfully complained. Please be sure that your phone is turned off during our meetings or at least have just the vibrator on if you are expecting important calls.

Committee Planning Meeting January 22nd

The current committee will meet on January 22nd to develop our plan for 2005. We have arranged for the hire of the old hall at Templestowe Uniting Church upper hall which at 104 Atkinson St. Templestowe.

Activities organisers need not attend the meeting but we ask that they submit a written plan – even if it is incomplete or yet to be finalised- for all activities groups for 2005. Please pass the plan to the Secretary before the 22nd January. Thank You.

Doug

Treasurer’s Report (Lorraine Cooper)

In order to maintain the integrity of our club, your committee has discussed the most appropriate manner in which fund can be collected and managed for activities within specific groups such as the golf, and groups.

As these fundss are not banked or managed by the Treasurer, it has been decided to issue each of the group activities co-ordinators with a book in which they should record all funds received and withdrawn. Books can be obtained from the Treasurer on request.

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

Lorraine

This Month’s Speaker (Gwen Young)

The speaker for January is **Mrs Jean Dennis**, a notable Botanical Illustrator who has specimens from her collections held in the Mount Coutha Herbarium ,Queensland ,and the Victorian State Herbarium . She will have samples of her work on display at the meeting .

Gwen

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 Events

Carols at Crown Sunday 19th December – Jeff Crosbie

52 members met at the Bulleen & Templestowe Community Centre and we departed on our bus about 4.20 pm with Lesley, our tour co-ordinator, and Jim, our bus driver.

Lesley informed us that we were changing from plan B to plan C because she only discovered that morning that the carols at Crown were on in the afternoon at the weekends and in the evening from Monday to Friday. Lesley promised that she would make it up to us because we would now be visiting a church in Werribee with spectacular Christmas lighting and displays.

We drove into the city and Jim parked the bus in Swanston St to give people a chance to see the Christmas windows at Myer. This year's display was based on the recently released film, The Polar Express.

We then drove to Crown where Lesley advised us that we had an hour of free time to do whatever we wanted. In the Atrium, Crown has a 10 minute "Christmas Spectacular" every half hour which is a very enjoyable giant automated display with a dazzling light show. Some members then decided it was time to quench their thirst while others had a flutter on the pokies.

After boarding our bus again we travelled to a park in Werribee where we had sandwiches, cake, some wine and the chance to chat with fellow members.

We then travelled to Saint Thomas' Anglican Church in Werribee and arrived about 8 pm to see the Christmas Lighting Festival. This is the fifth year that it has been presented and has a lighting display outside the church with over 30,000 lights. There was a large Christmas tree at the front of the church made completely out of bicycles adorned with hundreds of lights.

In the chapel, some members took the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one and add the name of a loved one to the "Memories Tree". In the church and surrounding grounds there was a multitude of different religious displays and other activities. There were 40 Christmas trees illuminated and decorated and also a large tent with displays of Christmas around the world. Members also had the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts at the trading tables. There had obviously been a lot of time and effort put in to all the displays by volunteers and the local community to make this a successful event.

To sum up in the words of Kath and Kim: "It was interesting, it was unusual, it was different, it was nice".

We left the church at 8.45 pm and Jim drove us to Williamstown for our supper. Along the way we drove past many houses with elaborate Christmas displays. We arrived at our destination on the foreshore at Williamstown at 9.40 pm but as it was very cold and windy it was decided we would have our supper back at the Community Centre.

We arrived back at the Centre about 10.20 pm and Lesley and Jim set up supper on tables under the shelter at the front entrance of the Community Centre. This was an ideal location in a well lit area sheltered from the wind. We started tucking in to cakes and coffee but at 10.30 pm we were plunged into darkness for a few minutes because the lighting at the Community Centre is on a timer. It was a comical ending to a very enjoyable outing. We finished supper and everyone wished everyone a very merry Christmas and departed for home about 10.45 pm.

Jeff

Another Probus Bus Trip

A tour bus driver with a bus full of seniors drives down a highway, when he is tapped on his shoulder by a little old lady who offers him a handful of peanuts, which he gratefully munches up.

After about .15 minutes, she taps him on the shoulder and hands him another handful of peanuts.

She repeats this gesture about eight times. At the ninth time the driver asks the little old lady why they do not eat the peanuts themselves, whereupon she replies that it is not possible because of their old teeth, they are not able to chew them. "Why do you buy them then?" he asks puzzled. Whereupon the old lady answers, "We just love the chocolate around the peanuts."

Alan Baker

Club Events and Trips(Elaine &Helen)

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

Thursday 20th January Picnic at Banksia Park

(Note the change of venue)

Templestowe Road Bulleen just PAST Heidi. Melway 32 D5
No entry fee, just meet at the pic-nic shelter on the left about 100 metres past the entrance. Around 5pm. BYO food & drinks.

Tramboat Wednesday 2nd February 7pm

Fully Booked. –

Meet at 9 Victoria Harbour Docklands Melway Ref 2E F5.
Arrive early to get free parking on Central Pier or \$10.00 at Telstra Dome if there are no events on.
See Elaine Hayne at the meeting for a copy of a map.

Wednesday 23rd February - Churchill Island \$34.00

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

Wednesday 16th March -Valley View Vineyard \$33.00

Includes morning tea, lunch and bus.
Pay by cheque at the meeting to secure your place.

Tuesday 19th April Geelong – Ford Factory and Wool Museum \$35.00.

Includes Bus, Morning Tea and Lunch.
Book and pay by cheque this month

Elaine

Fitness Walking (Lyn Hudgson & Margaret Campbell)

What were Marg Cornell and Peter Fishley really up to in the ditch during the Christmas walk?

The end of year 2004 break up party and walk at Banksia Park was a wonderful finale for the year, with a terrific BBQ cooked by John, James and Alan. Father Christmas handed round lollies and Christmas cheer. Thirty Two walkers lead by Lyn enjoyed the lovely scenery and garden at Heidi's. The table decorations and Christmas sweets, together with the frivolity of the group was a wonderful ending to some great walks. But back to Peter and Marg, seriously they did have a nasty fall. Hopefully this did not upset their Christmas season.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the day and we look forward to many interesting walks in 2005.

Our first walk for the new year will be at Warrandyte State Park (Melway23.A11) on **Wednesday 12th January. Meet at 9AM for a 9.10 START (note new starting time for summer months)**

Go down Pound road, turn left into Pound Bend Reserve then drive down to the picnic area. B.Y.O. Refreshments.

Anyone thinking of walking in 2005 would be most welcome to join us. See Lyn or Margaret at the next meeting.

Happy New Year from Marg and Lyn .

Exhibitions (Wendy Fishley)

More exhibitions this year. Watch newsletters for information.

Wendy

Theatre (Joan Planck)

Joan will have more exciting theatre outings for us next year.

Games Group - Marion Cummins

At long last we have organized a home for our regular mixed games nights at the Templestowe Uniting Church lower hall which is the old church at 104 Atkinson St. Templestowe. Access and parking are easy there. The first 4 nights will be :

Tuesday Feb 8th

Feb 22nd

March 8th

March 22nd

Then every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in every month.

Games played will be up to you but we have starter kits of playing cards, 500, Scrabble, Pictionary, Balderdash, Chess etc.

Bring a cup/glass, nibbles and \$3.00

Tea and coffee provided.

BRIGHT IDEAS and donations of cards or board games gratefully received. We hope this is the start of a great year for GAMES

Marion (98505852)

Golf – Leon Magree

It may seem a long way back but, fresh in the memory of the victorious, is the Ambrose Competition of 10th December. With precision allocating of talent over the four teams competing, the final result could hardly have been closer!

With a margin of only .15, the team of **Denis Wheeler, Jim Allen, Pauline Mugridge and yours truly** were the winners on the day.

Nearest the pin winners were **John Mugridge and Denis Wheeler.**

By the time of the next Probus meeting, a smaller group of non holidaying golfers will have gathered at Camberwell on 7th January and more entries are welcome for the 21st.

It is pleasing to be able to report that 25 members have paid deposits for the **Horsham Golf Trip** scheduled for 17th April.

Leon

Tennis – Irene Baird

Contact **Irene** if you wish to participate in our tennis group.

Club Scrapbook

Verity Moore and John Mugridge have started a scrapbook to record our club's beginnings and ask for prints of any photos you have that you think would be suitable to include. Please contact Verity or John if you can help or wish to be involved in this worthwhile activity.

Member Welfare Reports (Terry Pearlgood)

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

Lost Property at the Christmas Lunch - Umbrella

A new large red and white umbrella, similar to a golf umbrella, was placed near the entrance door inside the function room at our Christmas lunch. Afterwards, it was noticed that this umbrella had gone but a similar multicoloured one was left there. If you have mistakenly taken the wrong umbrella, please let Philip Mithen know so a swap back can be arranged.

Fellowship Tea Roster

Please advise Elaine Hayne if you are unable to take part in the roster. This 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

January	Laurine Eames and Jennifer Eaton
February	Norman and Patricia Edwards
March	Mary & Ian Gault

Suggestions

If you have any suggestions, please place them in the box at the hall entrance.

Your Committee

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Profile - Judy and Alan Baker

Judy (Duncan) grew up in Pascoe Vale South, attended West Coburg State School and Moreland High School and worked as a key punch operator. Alan grew up about 1 km away in Pascoe Vale South and attended North West Brunswick State School, then Essendon Technical School. Alan left School at the completion of form 4 and started a Fitting and Machining Apprenticeship, after 5 years he qualified as a Toolmaker.

We were seeing one another when Alan left his job and caught the train at Spencer Street to Perth, where he thought he would make his fortune at one of the Iron Ore mines in WA. After 3 months in Perth and not being able to get a job in the mines, he hitch hiked back to Melbourne across the Nullarbor.

We were married in June 1969 and left Melbourne with a Holden Ute with a small motor bike in it, towing a caravan and \$1000 in the bank and headed west. We worked in Adelaide and Whyalla in South Australia for while then traveled to Kambalda, a nickel mining town not far from Kalgoorlie. Jude worked in the office and Alan worked in the treatment plant and underground.

After 3 years we decided to move on and caught a ship at Fremantle for Singapore, we made our way to Bangkok then caught a flight to India. We traveled by bus from India through the Khyber Pass to Tehran, then flew to Istanbul. We traveled by train to Vienna, Berlin, Moscow, Leningrad, Helsinki and Amsterdam. We bought a combie van and traveled up to Scandinavia and down to Greece, Italy, Paris and London, Ireland and Scotland. Jude became pregnant and we decided it was time to head back to Australia. We flew to Canada, stopping over at Toronto where we visited Niagara Falls then flew to Calgary and caught a bus through the Rockies to Vancouver where we caught a flight to Melbourne. It was a great adventure and we had many interesting experiences. We had been traveling for nearly 12 months without working and it was time to settle down to have our family.

We have 3 children, a daughter Emma 30, who is a nurse and just moved out of home and is getting married in November 2005. A son Simon 28, who is a locksmith, he was working in London and met an American girl who he married in 2002 and they now live in Portland Oregon USA. Our youngest son Aaron, 26 is an accountant and lives in Fitzroy. No grandchildren yet but we are hoping they are not too far away.

We moved to the house we live in at Doncaster in 1978. Alan applied for a position in TAFE and became an engineering trade teacher, and was a state wide examiner for F&M before moving into the commercial area at NMIT. Alan went back to study and completed a Bachelor of Education and a Graduate Certificate in Enterprise Management. Jude

worked at night when the children were young as a key punch operator until she was offered full time employment by Shell Australia in various positions until she retired in 2003. Alan retired in February 2004.

Jude attended a 1 week long outward-bound course in the south of WA in 2002 and found it to be a very rewarding experience, she has been an active member of the Shell Volunteer group while working at Shell and was selected to carry the Olympic Torch in 2000 representing this group. It was very exciting for everyone.

Alan has been a Cub Scout leader, honorary probation officer and member of the primary school council, he has done some blue water sailing, and competed in the 1988 Sydney to Hobart yacht race. He had to retire from the sport after suffering a shoulder injury. He now enjoys the water by body boarding. Alan is a member of the Ulysses Motorbike Club and we like riding the bike down the Great Ocean Road where Jude enjoys being a pillion passenger. We enjoy bushwalking, the theatre, traveling and are looking forward to walking on the Great Wall of China in the future.

We are both enjoying semi retirement and looking forward to an exciting 2005 when we will start a building project at home, our daughter's wedding, volunteering 1 day a week for the Commonwealth games and more good times with Probus.

Alan & Judy

**Two lessons in the dangers of denial
(Doug Hayne)**

Defending to the death

Thomas Workman Jr a lawyer for the RJ. Reynolds Tobacco Company, successfully defended the company in the first trial over the death of a cigarette smoker in 1985. The Los Angeles lawyer won a 9-3 civil jury verdict in favour of the company..

The case involved the death of a sixty-a-day smoker, a Mr Galbraith, from heart disease, lung cancer and emphysema. The man's family argued that he started smoking before cigarette packets carried any health warnings and was too addicted to stop by the time he learned of the hazards. They claimed he should have been told earlier of the dangers by the tobacco company.

The lawyer, Mr Workman, a smoker, denied Reynolds products were addictive or necessarily caused Mr Galbraith's death. Mr Workman, still smoking to the end, died of emphysema in 2001.

He would say that

“When anyone asks me how I can best describe my 40 years at sea, I merely say ‘uneventful’. I have never been in an accident of any sort worth speaking about. I cannot imagine any condition which would cause a ship to founder. Modern shipbuilding has gone beyond that.”

Spoken by Captain Edward John Smith, on the start of the maiden voyage of the RMS Titanic 1912.

In the years just prior to the fateful 1912 voyage, Captain Smith had three mishaps in ships under his command; two resulting in major damage due to collisions with other vessels and the other overturned in harbour due to icing on the rigging.

Newsletter Deadline

Please be sure to email or mail contributions for newsletters at least one week prior to the meetings. The deadline for the February newsletter is midday Monday 7th February.

Email: dhayne@bigpond.net.au

Doug Hayne – Editor

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