



## President's Message – Peter Fishley

You will have heard the news that the club now has two more activity groups up and running – one for gardeners and one for craft's people. The Gardeners Group had its first meeting on Wednesday, 19 April and set up a series of visits to notable gardens. The Craft Group met for the first time on Tuesday, 23 May to gauge interest and to plan the creation of a beaded banner. This steady evolution of the club is good to see and indicates that we are still growing the scope of our activities and interests.

Probud Clubs are founded on the idea that there is much to see and do for people at our time of life and that these things are often more enjoyable if done in the company of like-minded friends. But I cannot help wondering if the headlong pursuit of things to fill our lives may blind us to the need for solitary, passive and reflective pursuits - such as reading newspaper articles and their corresponding editorial commentaries that help us form an opinion about events with which we ought to be concerned. Two lines in an S C Lowry hymn still in vogue after 100 years hit the spot by imploring, "... quench our fevered thirst of pleasure/ shame our selfish need of gain."

So, although the charter of Probud Clubs prohibits us from engaging in fund-raising for charities, it is pleasing to see that the milk of human kindness and a concern for others does enter into our thinking and that there are ways we can respond to those in need. I refer to the response by this club to the need for clothing because of the tsunami on Boxing Day 2004, and our giving of children's books to The Smith Family. As well, there is the announcement that we will again take part in the Guardian Angel knitting campaign. Pattern books will be available from Guardian Pharmacies from the time you read this. Last year, 300,000 knitted garments were donated by Australians to Word Vision to keep some of the world's orphaned children warm. My only concern here is that the fair sex probably did all the knitting to achieve this result. The men may claim that they had a vicarious hand in this but I doubt it.

Giving by men and women of this club is very good but right now the women seem to be leading the field. I believe it is time for the men of this club to search out a charitable cause best suited to them and go for it - at the very least to keep the women off our backs. Therefore, men, put on your thinking caps and, by way of the suggestion box, inform the committee of your brilliant ideas.

*Peter Fishley*

### This month's meeting

This month's meeting is on **Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> (Third Monday)** 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 9.00 am for bookings for activities. The meeting will commence at 9.45.

New members Allan and June Chambers will be inducted at the June meeting. Our other new members Craig and Anne Lukeman are to be inducted at the July meeting.

### This month's lunch is at The Templestowe Hotel

**23 Parker St. at 12 noon.** Cost is \$13.50 and for that you get: soup, main course and sweets and coffee or teas with as many returns to the buffet as you wish. Drinks can be purchased at the bar.

### This Month's Speaker

We have a representative from the RACV this month, who will speak about - "The Years Ahead- Safety Driving for Seniors"

## Member's Details in this Newsletter

As noted last month, member's details – phone and email are attached to this issue. Please let the Editor know about any errors or omissions so these can be corrected and published next month.

## Last Month's Events.

### The Dark Town Strutters Ball

A great night was held on Saturday, 27th May, at the Ted Ajani hall, where about 60 sprightly members danced the night away to a terrific seven piece band. Everyone knew the music and it was not too loud. Wilma Pontefract had organised a "Karioke" session to sing some old favourites, "I belong to Glasgow", "Nellie Kelly", "Sweet Rosie O'Grady", and others. We danced to Foxtrots, Modern Waltzes, Tangoette, Parma Waltz, Pride of Erin, Evening Three Step and of course the Barn Dance. Dee Borin, despite a recent "flock" injury danced on regardless, and the treasurer, Jake, took the floor following a recent back op. but avoided the Limbo. Leon Magree displayed great agility and looked more like a "Kangaroo" than a "Demon". Ray Cooper made sure no one disputed the judges decision for the lucky spot winners, and Ian Gault finally collected the door prize, just before it was to be redrawn. Either Table 4 or 5 won the musical quiz, but this is still subject to a challenge from table 1. Dawn Anderson and Lyn Crosbie led the "Nut Bush" and Norma Green had her Boot Scootin' steps down to a fine art. Kerry won the band's prize for the most uncoordinated dancer in the "YMCA" bracket. Elaine Hayne celebrated her 21st Birthday as The Beatles "When I'm Sixty Four" was played, then danced in the arms of hubby Doug in a romantic "Gene Kelly" arrangement. Later everyone took the floor for the last dance. Finally a big thanks to the organisers and those members who helped set up the hall. See you all again next year.

*Stainte Kerry.*

### Walkers' Day Out - Albert Park & Surrounding Area.

The walking group had brilliant sunshine for 33 happy walkers on the 26<sup>th</sup> April.

After walking one side of the lake, our morning tea stop was in famous Fitzroy St. Then onwards to St Kilda Pier to view the kiosk, now fully restored and open after being burnt out in 2002.

Along the beach front to Luna Park (photo stop) over to the upper esplanade past land marks like The Palais Theatre, Palais Ballroom, past the Novatel Hotel that has replaced the St Moritz ice-skating rink. (Lots of memories for some of us)

Lunchtime we sat looking out to sea watching yachts sail past.

After completing the other side of Albert Park Lake we had a look over the Aquatic/Sport Complex. Some members had a swim, others headed to the coffee shop for a well-earned drink after completing 12kms.

Thank you to all for joining in this happy day.

*Walk Leaders : Lyn & John / Margaret & James.*

### Walkers -Autumn Getaway to Corowa – Laurine Eames

On our first afternoon at Corowa eight probudians set off for a walk on a track behind the golf resort. On one side we had water views, and on the other side we were able to watch the golfers in action. The mighty Murray offered fishing opportunity for some locals and a peaceful, short stroll for our members.

Around 9.30am on Monday, 11 members met and headed off for St. Leonard's Winery at Wahgunyah on the Victorian side of the river. At the back of the winery we found an old track that stretched from St Leonards to All Saints Winery.

It was decided we would only attempt part of the route. Our pace was slow and steady as it was wet underfoot from the previous night's rain. The setting along the way was quite serene with lovely billabongs, fish jumping out of the water, variety of birds and beautiful old red gums. A keen photographer in our midst took some shots for the scrapbook. At the end of the walk, we wandered into St. Leonards tasting room and past the wine kegs to our cars. Surprisingly, not one drop passed our lips!! We stopped off at All Saints Winery and admired the aspect with the lovely manicured gardens and small ornamental lake. Unfortunately coffee was not available at this venue, and with our tongues hanging out we went on to the township of Rutherglen. The award winning gourmet pie shop was the next stop with a great range of pies and other goodies to choose from, and of course, coffee. Rutherglen offered different choices for each of us, so we split up and went our own ways. The sun was shining on Tuesday when four members met. It was decided that again we would explore the pathway behind the golf course and we took a slightly different route. After a very enjoyable walk we drove to Corowa township, did some window shopping and bought takeaway lunch to have in the local park. Our small group returned to the resort to join the golfers prior to returning to Melbourne.

**New Craft Group**

The first gathering of the craft group was an enjoyable morning, our first project was "Beaded Christmas Tree"

People interested in joining the group at any time can telephone **Yvonne Boyall on 98416295.**

**Golf – Lyn Crosbie**

**Results**

**28//04/2006 – Freeway Golf Course**

Winner JOHN REID – 41 stableford points

Runnerup JIM ALLEN – (Lower Temp Probus) 37 stableford points (countback)

**12/05/2006 – Freeway Golf Course**

Winner WAYNE EAMES – 43 stableford points

Runnerup MIKE BINDON – 36 stableford points

**26/05/2006 – Freeway Golf Course**

Winner MIKE BINDON – 38 stableford points

Runnerup JIM DOUGLAS – 33 stableford points (countback)

**9/06/2006 – Freeway Golf Course**

Winner JOHN WILSON – 35 stableford points (countback)

Runnerup MIKE BINDON – 35 stableford points

It is very pleasing to see different members winning each fortnight as this makes it enjoyable for everyone participating.

Next date for our fortnightly golf at Freeway is 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Tee off time 8.30am.

**Autumn Getaway to Corowa – (Jeff Crosbie.)**

Thirty Eight members travelled to Corowa for the autumn golf getaway from Sunday 30 April to Tuesday 2 May. There were 26 golfers and 12 walkers in our group and we stayed at the Corowa Golf Resort which is 5 kilometres south of the town. The motto of the Golf Resort is “*taste the reds and whites and challenge our greens*” and our golfers did their best to oblige.

The Resort has a 27 hole championship golf course and a health and fitness centre with a spa, gymnasium and indoor heated pool. Many of our members took advantage of these facilities. On both nights we all gathered near the barbecue area at 5pm for a happy hour of drinks, nibbles, lots of laughter and socialising. Our evening meals were at Pelicans Restaurant at the Resort. On the last night 3 of our members thought they had ordered pork spareribs and calamari. One of our golfers who shall remain nameless, commented to several people that the calamari was the most tender that he had ever eaten. He was most

surprised when the waitress advised him that the calamari was actually onion rings!

As we had made a group booking we were given 2 bottles of wine when we arrived. A quick calculation showed that each member would only receive 40 mls of wine if we shared it equally.

A decision was taken that this would not quench the thirst of some of our members. At our awards presentation at the end of the getaway we put everyone's name in a bowl and the lucky winners of the wine were Jim Douglas and Laurine Eames

Our golfers played two days of stableford competition and enjoyed the challenge of the very long and beautifully maintained golf course. The winner of the Golf Autumn Cup was Jenny Kerseboom with 75 points and Wayne Eames came a very creditable second with 73 points. All the golfers and walkers had a great time together and many of us will be going to the getaway at Cobram Barooga in September this year

**Upcoming Trips and Events**

**4 Day Trip Warrnambool Tue 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007 \$399.00**

Flagstaff Hill, Port Fairy Historical Village, Shipwreck Coast, Portland and Otway Fly - Breakfast, dinner and entrance fees included.

Have several members on list – need minimum of 30 starters with deposits paid by the July meeting to go ahead. Non Members welcome. This trip is great value See notice board or talk to Elaine Hayne for information.

**Pay \$50.00 deposit by July then \$50.00 part payments any time after July. Single Supplement add \$90.00**

**Valley View Vineyard Christmas in June Tue 20<sup>th</sup> June**

**\$35.00 Car Pool – Morning Tea, Lunch**

with ham & turkey and veges and plum pudding and Yarra Valley Ice Cream, Tea, and Coffee. Wine available for purchase. All attending this, must contact Elaine Hayne by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June to arrange payment.

**Point Nepean Nat. Park Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July - Bus Trip \$40.00**

Morning Tea. Lunch at Rye Hotel, Tour and shuttle bus all included. We need 18 more paid starters to go ahead on this trip. Book and pay at the meeting if you are interested. Don't dissappoint those already committed.

**Walking Group 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Month**

June 14<sup>th</sup> . Beasley's to Tindals. Mel 34. F2

Park at Beasley's Nursery. 10.00.AM

Please note time change necessary as we are having a B.Y.O.Lunch at a members home

Thank you to all walkers for your company and support over our two years as leaders.

Best Wishers to Judy Chapman & Ann Chatland.

**Theatre Group – Pat McInerney, Yvonne Bovall, Norma Green**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1.00pm (Matinee)

Swan Lake on Ice Bookings closed.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Twilight Session 5.15pm -\$18.00

Busy Body (Mystery) - Doncaster Playhouse, 679 Doncaster Road Payment at June meeting.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2.00pm Matinee \$45.00 (Stalls)

Australian Pops Orchestra,. Bookings Closed.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. A Chorus Line at Darebin Arts Centre

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov at 8.00pm - \$16.00 Music Hall

Eltham Little Theatre

**Games group - Marion Cummins**

Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month - 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of June at the Uniting Church Hall in Wood St. Templestowe. 7.30 pm.

\$3.00 covers hall, cards, coffee and biscuits.

Bring own drink glasses and nibbles Tea and Coffee provided. Prizes to be won Ring Marion on 98505852 or just turn up.

**Note that there will be NO Card Games during JULY – We will re commence with a Trivia Night 22 August**

**Genealogy Group (John Mugridge)**

Thanks to the City Council and the Whitehorse and Manningham Library Corp we have a home with the resources we need at Shoppingtown Library for free.

Our first meeting is on Monday 26th June from 10.00 to 12.00am.

I apologise for the clash with other events and at the fellowship meeting on Monday there will be a notice on our board to establish the preferred day and time for our future group gatherings.

We look forward to your support and attendance for this new group

**Museums and Exhibitions. Wendy Fishley**

Kenneth Park Monday, 26 June – Fitzroy

**Book Reading Group (Helga Braun)**

Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month – Helga Braun -98502144

**Verity Moore’s Scrapbook Group**

The scrap book is available for take home loan.

See Verity if you would like to borrow it. It also on our web site.

**Book Exchange.**

Pat will be away for the next two meetings and so the book swap will not be back until the August meeting.

**Fine Dining -Hugh Cornell**

The reports coming in are indicating that everyone is enjoying this activity. It is up to your group whether you have lunch or dinner, when and where you go. Just enjoy!

Hugh would appreciate feedback on restaurants, in order to pass on to others and so that details can be entered in the Events Register. See him if you are interested in dining out with other members of our Probus Club so that he can add your name to the list. Your leader will be in touch.

Group 1	Group 2
Marg & Ron McGregor (Leaders)	Judy & Alan Baker (Leaders))
Jake & Jennie Kerseboom	Elaine & Doug Hayne
Bev Wignall Gwen Young	Marion & Terry Cummins

**Golf – Lyn Crosbie**

The trip in September to Cobram Barooga has 31 members going with all deposits paid. If you would like to join us let me know as soon as possible, as I will have to find out if there are any rooms still available. The dates are 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

**Golf leaders: Lyn Crosbie -9850 1801 -Michael Bindon 98462173.**

**Next Lunch BBQ at Birrarung Sun August 27th 12 noon**

No BBQ’s June or July until end of winter

Just arrive no booking or payment required.

**Gardening Group (Faye Williams)**

On the 5th of June, eighteen garden enthusiasts gathered at Beasleys for the second meeting of the Garden Group.

In spite of the near freezing temperature, there were lively conversations and creative suggestions for future events.

After enjoying some comfort food in the cafe, we moved out to the nursery for a wander around.

As there is obviously a lot of interest in this new Probus group, we are looking at the possibility of meeting more regularly, perhaps once a month.

Our next meeting will be at 'Lillies on Brougham' Eltham at 11am. on August the 7th. Melway Map 21J.7. {turn left from Main Road}

*Heather Bindon on behalf of Faye Williams.*

**Fellowship Tea Roster -Alan and Judy Baker.**

The tea roster does not obligate anyone; it is just a guide to help spread the load. Supplies are arranged. You need to be at the hall at around 9.30am to set up and help serve at fellowship then clean up afterwards, **please bring two tea towels to dry the dishes.** There is a sheet headed “Tea Roster Duties” in the cupboard under the sink, explaining what has to be done. If you are unable to attend on the rostered day, please phone Alan or Judy (98505641).

June	Maureen O’Brien & Lyn Paice
July	Alice Pawelzig & Joan Planck
August	Jane & Terry Pearlgood

**Activity Groups**

Leader	JohnMugridge	9841 9005
Book Swap	Pat Edwards	98487389
Book Group	Helga Braun	98502144
Craft Group	Yvonne Boyall	98416295
Dine Out	Hugh Cornell	9846 2395
Exhibitions	Wendy Fishley	9848 3749
Games	Marion Cummins	98505852
Gardening	Faye Williams	98990640
Genealogy	John Mugridge	98419005
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	98501801
Scrapbook	Verity Moore	98416373
Theatre	Pat McInerney	98504998
Trips & Events	Elaine Hayne	9841 8645
Walks	Judy Chapman	9846 3286

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**Member Welfare Officer -Val Reid**

Happy holidaying to all those about to 'take off' up north to enjoy the warmer weather and to those who are travelling overseas. Val Reid (98503161) would like to be in touch with anyone who is not feeling well or who needs a ride to meetings.

**Membership Officer**

**Apologies:** If you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact **Lorraine Cooper** or have someone pass your apologies to Lorraine on 9850 4483. Please don't forward apologies to The Secretary.

## Other Items

### Suggestion Box

Please put your thoughts into the box for consideration at the next committee meeting.

### Newsletter deadline for July issue: Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Thanks again to Noel and Brenda Hatton for getting the Newsletter to you in time as we enjoyed the sunshine in Vietnam.

### Our Web Site

Have a look at the site at:

[http://www.users.bigpond.com/doug\\_hayne/index.htm](http://www.users.bigpond.com/doug_hayne/index.htm)

And remember the password "our first date" <mmmyyy>

### Our Postal Address is PO Box 518 Bulleen 3105

Please use this address for all club correspondence.

Ian will clear the PO Box regularly.

## Probus Trip - Vietnam and Cambodia

*Doug Hayne*

Twelve members and friends left Melbourne in the early hours of Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> for a 15 day trip to Vietnam with a two day tour of the historical temples at Siem Reap in Cambodia.

This is a brief outline of the trip following the itinerary.. There will be more detailed information and stories and pictures placed on our web site later.

**Day 1-**A walk around the streets of Ho Chi Minh City which is still very much referred to by locals and visitors as Saigon which is also the name of the river on which it sits.

The highlight of the first day was the visit to the "War Remnants Museum" where there are captured American vehicles and tanks and photo displays showing some of the darker aspects of the war they call "The American War". Australia gets a mention in the displays about the protests against the war around the world in those times. On a map of the country showing the numbers and location of troops from nations that took part, Australia's presence looks to be very insignificant compared to the way we saw it in at the time. The evening was spent on a pleasant dinner in what was a theatre converted into a restaurant, complete with huge stage and curtains. Shopping

**Day 2-**A boat trip up the Saigon river to Cu Chi, the area where the famous tunnels the Viet Cong used to infiltrate the south are located. Three of our group Kerry, Elaine and Gerard braved the 20 metre crawl through one of the tunnels whilst the rest of us volunteered to supervise and photograph their exit. Shopping

**Day 3-**By bus to My Tho on the Mekong, where we boarded a small boat to take us to some of the islands in the delta. This area is the "rice bowl" of Vietnam where we sampled the local fruit, which was certainly delicious, for morning tea along with entertainment from a local music and singing group of adults and children Then on to another island for lunch and a demonstration of a coconut candy factory. Here we also experienced the feel of the farming district and friendliness of the people here. A bee demonstration where Elaine got two minor assaults from the bees, tested the bravery of some of our group.. Shopping

**Day 4** -Flew to Dalat where we visited the city founded by the French colonialists as a retreat. We visited the summer residence of the last King, Bao Dai Nguyen (The most common name in Vietnam and Melbourne too. Mostly shortened to Ng), "departed for France" in 1945 during the "French War". He died in his

nineties only recently, in France, having never returned to Vietnam.

Dalat has some fine French architecture including a mini Eiffel Tower and an amazing wonderful market place. Shopping

**Day 5** – Morning visit to a silk art workshop where exquisite artworks are made and sold. By bus over the Ngoan Muc Pass to the coastal town of Na Trang. Visit to the Cham Temples built by the Cham people who dominated Indo China in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. These brick structures remind us that people of past ages were very skillful without the benefit of modern technology. Evening around Na Trang. Shopping

**Day 6** A morning boat trip through the islands of the Nha Trang coast with rides on the local coracle boats and some of us swimming and relaxing on the beach while some of the ladies had a massage and manicure done by the lovely ladies of the boat crew. Afternoon was spent in the streets of Na Trang and its French influence and markets. Shopping

**Day 7** Fly to Danang where the American bases were located during the war. A visit to China Beach where the Americans had their recreation during the war. And The Cham museum with fine statues and other artifacts from the era. Then a visit to the Marble Mountains area where hundreds of marble carvers work and sell thousands of marble statues. Then on to the cultural city of Hoi An where Japanese, Portuguese and French influence is very apparent. The Catholic faith was introduced to Vietnam here in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Shopping

**Day 8** – Walking and shopping in the town of Hoi An with its clothing shops, fish market and river life. An evening boat trip down river to a restaurant where we enjoyed a cooking class and then the fruits of the labour of members participating in the lessons. Shopping

**Day 9** – Bus via the spectacular Hai Van Pass to Hue the old imperial capital from 1842 to 1945. The huge and famous old Citadel which was heavily damaged in the war is being restored. Hue houses several Mausoleums of past emperors which are huge and spectacular. Evening meal was Emperor style in our own room, dressed as King and Queen (Doug & Elaine) with our royal family of 10 dressed in appropriate royal gowns. (See photos on the web site). Shopping

**Day 10** – Trip through the countryside from Hue to the airport for a flight to Hanoi. Evening entertainment in Hanoi at the world famous "Water Puppets" Shopping

**Day 11** – Bus trip to Ho Long Bay and on to our own private junk with double room and en-suite and fans for cooling. We traveled around the bay for the remainder of the day with seafood lunch and dinner and an afternoon swim in the lovely water. Magnificent coastal island scenery with interesting vessels passing by to observe from deck chairs on the upper deck or on the intimate lower deck sampling the local beer. Visits to spectacular caves were highlights of the trip. No Shopping

**Day 12** – Sunrise, breakfast and a three hour cruise back to shore and the bus back to Hanoi. In the evening a private dinner and drinks where we said goodbye to our host and two members who left us the next day. Speeches and toasts all round. **No Shopping**

**Day 13** – Rickshaw bike (Cycle) tour of part of Hanoi with interesting traffic to say the least. A visit to Ho Chi Minh's palace and the simple home he used during most of his time as president of the North Vietnam regime. Late flight south to Siem Reap in Cambodia for our temples fest at Angkor. Shopping

**Day 14** – Angkor Wat for the sunrise that didn't eventuate (well, it rose but not spectacularly) and other temples from the Buddhist

era of the 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> centuries.

These temples were lost to the jungle for hundreds of years and were only re discovered late 19<sup>th</sup> century and are still being restored. Angkor Wat (City Temple) from the 11<sup>th</sup> century covers an area of over 2 square kilometers. Intricate carvings and sculpture on the buildings are awesome in their quality and size, There are dozens of other ancient temples from various eras around Siem Reap all with intricate carvings on a massive scale. Lots of manual labour available in those days. Spectacular day. Shopping

**Day 15** – A morning tour of Angkor Thom another spectacular and massive temple, then an afternoon flight to Saigon, on to Singapore and the final leg home. Shopping.

**About the people** - The people we dealt with in our travels in both Vietnam and Cambodia were exceptionally friendly even the "Aggressive Vendors" on the streets often broke their aggressive assaults on us and said things like "Gday mate" "Are you from Canberra" was one of the questions from an aggressive kid vendor of which there were many.

I think we were all surprised by this friendliness of the people who often assumed we were American. There was no evidence of resentment to us and after thirty years there is little evidence of the "American War" as the Vietnamese call it.

People serving us in restaurants, hotel staff, and people generally were very polite and helpful when needed.

**The Food** Vietnamese food is quite different to Chinese style we are used to. Less meat, more vegetable and a wide variety of soups such as Pho (Pronounced "Phur") which is in itself a big lunch. Western style food if ordered was generally quite good too.

**Weather**-We were there just at the start of the wet season which meant temperatures in high 30s and humidity up to 80%. But very little rain over the time we were there. September is the wettest month and Nov to March the best weather for tourism. We handled the heat OK and were on most days scheduled to start early and return to our air conditioned hotel during the hot middle part of the day. Resuming travels in the cooler late afternoon. Weather was not an issue with us.

**Traffic in the Cities** – People get around on what we would call motor scooters or small motorbikes with many bicycles in some cities and few in others Utility tricycle trucks heavily laden with all sorts of produce, hardware and building materials. All of the riders weave through the traffic in the same way, riding through red lights, or on the wrong side of the road, joining and departing the flow from the footpath, making left hand turns (the big one there) at all angles across the intersections, dodging each other and nonchalant pedestrians. Riding often with two adults plus up to two kids aboard, and no helmets. Winding in and out the traffic. Pedestrian crossings are there but don't appear to mean much as the only reaction a pedestrian will get from the motorist is a toot.

It must be said though, that it all actually works fairly well. The traffic was rarely held up (even at red lights) and flowed slowly but persistently. The constant horn blowing appears to be a mandatory warning each time they come up behind a vehicle or motorcycle, or cyclist or pedestrian to pass. It doesn't appear to be a signal to "get out of the way" it's just to warn of your approach, and it makes sense that way. Because of the slow speed and maneuverability and short stopping distance the small motorcycles have, there doesn't appear to be many accidents. In all of our travels in Vietnam we saw only a few minor accidents

where the worst injury was to people's pride. Perhaps we saw but a small sample though.

**Our Tour Group** - We travelled as a "Family of Twelve" as our guide Quang called us. There is something positive about travelling with people you may need to answer to after the trip. There were no delays due to people being late, no complaints or conflict apparent.

The member who were in the family of twelve were: Elaine & Doug Hayne – Kerry & Pat McInerney – Helga Braun and partner Gerrard – Francis Baldassarre, Gloria Moskovitch (friend of Elaine & Doug) Valma Sigg and her sister June Chambers (New member), Beverley Mc Dowell and Norma Green.

**Our Guide** - Locally born Quang, is a professional in every sense in that he was friendly, informative and has learned about our culture. He made certain that we all knew times and places to be and worked hard in the background to make sure everything went smoothly.

**Our Tour Hosts**-We booked the trip through Harvey World Travel and the tour was run by Tours Indo China. The accommodation, guides and schedule were all well suited to our group. All the hotels were first class with great selection for meals and comfortable quarters.

**See our web site for photos and more about the trip and Vietnam as we saw it.**

*Doug*

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley - Events List - 2006			
Date	Event	Time	Leader
<b>JUNE</b>			
Wed Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Group Return Beasleys -Tindal - Lunch at members Home - BYO	10 00 am	Lyn Hudgston/Marg Campbell
Mon Jun 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fellowship Meeting (Note This is the third Monday)</b>	9.45am	The President
Tue June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas in June Valley Vineyard	10.00 am	Elaine Hayne
Mon Jun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fitzroy with Kenneth Park (Fully Booked)	9.50 am	Wendy Fishley
Mon Jun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Scrapbook Workshop	10.00am	Verity Moore
Mon Jun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Genealogy Group at Shoppingtown Library	10.00 am	John Muggridge
Fri Jun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30-am	Lyn Crosbie
Tue Jun27 <sup>th</sup>	Games Group. Templestowe Uniting Church Hall	7.30pm	Marion Cummins
Wed Jun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Group Beaseleys to Tindals	10.00 am	Lyn Hudgston/Marg Campbell
Wed Jun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Swan lake on Ice – Princess Theatre – Matinee Booked Out	1.00pm	Pat McInerney - Norma Green
Thur Jun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lanes and Arcades Walk with Kenneth Park (Fully Booked)	10.00am	Wendy Fishley
<b>JULY</b>			
Fri Jul 7 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30-am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Jul 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meeting	9.45am	The President
Tue Jul 11 <sup>th</sup>	Games Group. <b>No Games This Month</b>	7.30 pm	Marion Cummins
Thu Jul 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kenneth Park Walk through East Melbourne (Fully Booked)	9.50 am	Wendy Fishley
Sun Jul 16 <sup>th</sup>	Busy Body – Doncaster Playhouse– Twilight Session	5.15 pm	Pat McInerney - Norma Green
Mon Jul 17 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	10 – 12am	Yvonne Boyall
Wed Jul 19 <sup>th</sup>	Point Nepean Quarantine Station Bus leaves the hall at 9.00am	9.am	Elaine Hayne
Fri Jul 21 <sup>st</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30-am	Lyn Crosbie
Sun Jul 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Australian Pops Orchestra</b> , Matinee Concert Hall Melbourne	2 PM	Pat McInerney - Norma Green
Mon Jul 24 <sup>th</sup>	Scrapbook Workshop	10.00am	Verity Moore
Tue Jul 25 <sup>th</sup>	Games Group. <b>No Games this month</b>		Marion Cummins
Wed Jul 26 <sup>th</sup>	Gown of the Year at Rembrants		Helen Armstrong
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Fri Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30-am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Group Lilies on Brougham 62 Brougham St Eltham	11 am	Faye Williams
Tue Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>	Games Group. Templestowe Uniting Church Hall	7.30 pm	Marion Cummins
Mon Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meeting	9.45am	The President
Fri Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30-am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	Craft Group	10 – 12am	Yvonne Boyall
Tue Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Games Group. Templestowe Uniting Church Hall – Trivia Night	7.30 pm	Marion Cummins
Thu Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	State Library – Kenneth Park	9.50 am	Wendy Fishley
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Chateau Tabilk Winery & Cruise	TBA	Elaine Hayne
Mon Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	Scrapbook Workshop	10.00am	Verity Moore
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Fri Sep 1 <sup>st</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30-am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed Sep 6 <sup>th</sup>	Variety on Parade Warburton	TBA	Elaine Hayne
Mon Sep 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meeting	9.45am	The President
Tue Sep 12 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	10 – 12am	Yvonne Boyall
Fri Sep 15 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30-am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed Sep 20 <sup>th</sup>	MCG Tour	TBA	Elaine Hayne
Sun Sep 24 <sup>th</sup> –26 <sup>th</sup>	Golf Spring Cup Cobram Barooga	TBA	Lyn Crosbie
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Fri Sep 29 <sup>th</sup> th	Golf at Freeway	8.30-am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gardening group National Rhodedenren Festival Olinda	11 am	Faye Williams
Mon Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meeting	9.45am	The President
Fri Oct 13 <sup>th</sup> th	Golf at Freeway	8.30-am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	10 – 12am	Yvonne Boyall
Fri Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>	A Chorus Line – Darebin Arts Centre		Pat McInerney
TBA	Tramboat Upstream Trip	7.00pm	Elaine Hayne
Mon Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	Scrapbook Workshop	10.00am	Verity Moore
Fri Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30-am	Lyn Crosbie

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