



President's Christmas Message

Helen Armstrong

Once again the 'silly' season is upon us, people everywhere, parties everywhere, shops full of Christmas gifts and decoration and no car parks available, not that, that's anything different if you have headed down to Doncaster Shoppingtown over the past 12 months. Roll on Christmas 2008 when maybe things will be slightly different, well hopefully a lot different.

Is your shopping list a mile long, or have you been super organized and your cupboards are well stocked. Are you like me and sometimes wonder aimlessly for hours looking for that special gift, I always seem to have one person that I can't ever find the right present for.

Last month we had the pleasure of listening to Robin Bowles, a crime author and she was certainly another fantastic speaker. I cannot imagine a life which involves so much crime, sadness and frustration within the justice system. Robin attended something like 13 schools during her upbringing, the result of an Army Officer father, and is about to celebrate her 20th wedding anniversary with husband number four. This makes my life seem a little boring, only being married once and only attending two different schools.

I purchased 'Blind Justice' the story of Jennifer Tanner and it is certainly interesting reading. I cannot wait to read another of her books. For all of us that purchased one of her books perhaps we can swap amongst ourselves and once we have all finished we can then hand them over to the Book Exchange Club, if we wish too.

Christmas is a time to spend with family, friends, loved one and to share in the Christmas Cheer. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Luncheon Revue on 10th December and I am sure it will be just as entertaining as last years

For those who are about to embark on a holiday please take care and return safely.

May everyone's Christmas be a good one and I look forward to another exciting year in 2008.

Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift, which is why we call it "the present".

Helen

Secretary's Report Judy Baker

About Booking and Paying for Outings at Meetings

Thanks to you all for trying our new method of payment for activities at our November meeting. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated. Either call or send me an e-mail. The committee appreciates the hard work put in by the event booking members and is trying to include them in our meeting. Any new initiatives will be discussed by the committee.

Committee Planning Day

Your committee will get together on the 12 January, 2008 to discuss and plan for the first six months of 2008. Details from this meeting will be listed in the February Newsletter. It is hoped that this forward planning will minimize any duplication of events, and allow for maximum participation. We also hope that the variety of activities on offer, will suit everyone's budget.

Ring Pulls from Cans

Merrill Smead has requested the committee ask club members to save "Ring Pulls" off cans for charity. These ring pulls are used to make artificial legs for land mine victims. Merrill will have a box to collect the "Ring Pulls" and will organize for them to go to the charity that makes the artificial legs for land mine victims. This is a very worthwhile cause and the committee fully supports this collection.

Activities Approved at our Committee Meeting 12 November, 2007

- Walks for the next six months Judy Chapman
- 21 February'08- Bus Trip to Shelmerdine Winery Elaine Hayne

December Christmas Luncheon and Revue

The committee has decided not to have a club meeting or a committee meeting in December. We will all celebrate the Festive Season on the 10 December at the Ted Ajani Centre, Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe, opposite Sunhill Road, Melway 32K7. Enter the hall from the front entrance. You are not required to pay the \$2 monthly fee, this was collected when you paid for your Christmas lunch. Please be at the hall 10.30 and 10:45 for the "Probud Family Photo". Enjoy all the celebrations, as a team of very enthusiastic people have worked very hard to make this a fun filled day as requested by our President Helen. **B.Y.O. Drink and Glass**

Christmas Wish

I would like to wish all members of the "Probud Club of Templestowe Valley" their families and friends a "Very Happy Family Christmas" and a "Safe and Healthy 2008". I look forward to sharing in fun and fellowship with you all in 2008.

Travel safe, *Judy*

Lunch Outings After Monthly

Fellowship Meetings Laurine & Lvn

We have put forward a suggestion to the committee of a change of venue for our monthly luncheons. This has been accepted by the committee. It has been suggested that we try a different venue each month and we have listed the first three months below. Further details will be outlined in the relevant monthly newsletter.

January - Ivanhoe Hotel, 120 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe - Melways reference 31E8

February - Veneto Club, 191 Bulleen Road, Bulleen - Melways reference 32 D9

March - Ted Ajani Centre, Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe - Melways reference 32K7.

The March meeting is the Annual General Meeting and lunch will be catered by Pancakes on the Run at the hall. The menu will be savoury and sweet pancakes, and will include tea and coffee. Please bring your own cold drinks and glasses. At the January and February meetings, we will be collecting payments of \$14.50 for this event. Please have the correct money in an envelope with your name, phone number, amount, and "March luncheon" noted on the front of the envelope.

We look forward to your comments.

Lynette McBain and Laurine Eames

Speakers -Marg McGregor

Chistmas review and Lunch - no speaker this month.
January - Beth Wilson

Activities (Ron McBain)

Trip Up The Centre

In response to the expressions of interest for the proposed trip to Central Australia for next year, (so far 22 people have resonded) ther will be a get together for those interested early in the new year. An early assessment has indicated that this trip may take longer than the proposed 10-15 day, more likely 3 to 4 weeks depending on the itineray.

Suggestions For Trips

Many thanks for the many suggestions received for trips, We received no less that 15 suggestion on the day of the meeting, all of these will be put to the members for consideration.

Getaway Group

We are considering a trip to Daylesford for Early March, and the Bright Spring Festival in November, will be seeking members views in the new year.

Non Attendance at Activities

Wendy Fishley expressed her concerns about members who do not attend activities after indicating there intentions to attend. This is a serious concern to the leaders of the activities as they do not know if they should wait and allow additional time before starting, thus putting the whole function in jeoardy.

This especially prevelent for the no cost activities, just because there is no cost does not mean that there is less effort required in organising the function.

We therefore plead with those who for some known or unknown reason cannot attend the activity to contact the leader/s or another member and advise them of their non attendance.

Events - Elaine Hayne

Barbeque at Birrarung Park

Our November BBQ was another great evening enjoyed by about twenty members...So, live it up and come along on 24th January at 5pm and enjoy the summer evening in daylight savings time. BBQ facility provided.
Evening BBQ's at 5pm on 4th Thursday in Feb, Mar and April.

Tramboat Cruise up River

A full Tramboat set off from Waterside City Wharf and headed down stream to the sewerage pump wharf at Spotswood where we had our delicious fish and chips delivered. It was OK though, as this is a museum now and only pumps in the dollars for the museum.

Back upstream once again to the beautiful sight of Marvelous Melbourne on a balmy evening. We travelled under the bridges with inches or perhaps only centimeters of head room available. Our Driver gave us the usual interesting commentary and our Conductors (Conductresses??) did a great job serving drinks and showing us how safe Ron McBain can be made to be with a life jacket restraining him.

Up past Flinders St Station and on around Herring Island and back in perfect time at 9.00pm to view the spectacular flames around the Casino. You can't help thinking it's the customers' money going up in smoke.

Back to Waterside City and another great night on the Tramboat completed. *Doug*

Shelmerdine Winery Toobarac Coach Trip

Thursday 21st February \$48.00

Includes morning tea, wine tasting, and deli lunch.
We need minimum 30 people for this trip to go ahead. We have 25 names so just a few more and this trip will be a goer.

Lower price if we fill the bus

There will be more information about 2008 trips presented at the January meeting.

We look forward to your continued support of our events and have a Happy Christmas and New Year. *Elaine, Doug & Jack*

Walking Group Judy Chapman and Helga Braun

We walk each 2nd & 4th Wednesday All welcome.

Christmas Get-Together

The Walkers & "Bikies" enjoyed a very noisy afternoon of FUN at the Warrandyte Retreat Cafe last Wednesday.

Our extremely friendly Father Christmas shared many "intimate moments" as he presented each of us with a rather "special" gift.

We do hope those who received "fluffy cuffs" have been able to put them to good use!!?

The cafe proprietor remarked that "although he had had several other Probus Club functions in his dining room, he had never had one like ours"!! Vive la difference!!

* **Note** - No walks will be held during December.

We will begin walking once again in January 2008.

Everyone is welcome each second and fourth Wednesday.

January 9th & 23rd 9am Mullum Mullum Creek Trail

Meet at car park just before Donvale Christian School Mel.34 J9.

Morning tea at Beasley's

* After the walk on the 23rd there will be a BBQ lunch at Ron & Lynette McBains.

32 Phillip Ave. Doncaster. Please B.Y.O food, drinks & chairs.

If you would like a copy of the Walk Program for 2008, please ask Judy or Helga.

**Whoops – Correction to the orange walk program sheet:
Correct April dates are Wednesday 9th and 23rd**

Judy & Helga

Probus Getaways

Adventure Before Dementia at Phillip Island.

Twenty Four members enjoyed our first Getaway trip, Caravans, Camping, Cabins. at Beach Park Phillip Island which had excellent facility's to accommodate us.

Golf, Walking, Sightseeing, Eating, Drinking, and especially TALKING was the order of the day.

Thankyou to Helga and Gerard for arranging and leading our walk

Thankyou to Allan Chambers for bringing his boat and taking the men out to CATCH fish, also cooking it to share with as all. Our next Getaway will be the first week in March. Possibly to Daylesford (committee approval)

Point Lonsdale 2 Day Stayover. Feb 12th & 13th 2008.

Balance payments are now due,

Please see John & James at the meeting.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL from Getaway Leaders

Lyn & John Hudson - Ron & Lynette McBain

Craft Group –Yvonne Boyall

Firstly I would like to thank our club, LePine Funerals, Donvale Rotary Club for their generous donations toward our project for the Oncology patients at Box Hill, Maroondah and Ringwood Private and their Palative care unit.

The Craft ladies have cut, stitched and filled pillows and also made drainage bags. Special thanks to Jan Hammond.

The ladies also been busy making their lovely cards and also at our Christmas lunch you the members will see what else they have been up to.

To Ron McBain, thanks for your help which is much appreciated. June, Helen and Elaine, thank you for the use of your homes. To my craft group, thank you one and all.

Craft Christmas Lunch. is on Monday 17 December 07 -12 noon to ????? at the home of June Duncan, 5 Kiewa St. Doncaster 98483329 B.Y.O *Yvonne*

Garden Group – Faye Williams

The visit to the Cloud Hill Garden and Nursery, was a great success, and attended by about 18 people on a beautiful sunny day. A short talk was given by a Gardiner/Guide outlining the history of the garden which is relatively new, but contains some very old and beautiful trees.

Following a self guided tour for an hour and a half enjoying the English and Native gardens especially the beautiful Rhododendrons, and huge Magnolias, we had a gourmet lunch at Lady Chatterly's Restaurant. The consensus of opinion "we all want to go back again."

Jo Danahay, for Fay Williams.

Theatre Group –

Pat McInerney, Yvonne Bovall, Norma Green

Thanks to everyone who supported the Theatre Group throughout the year and best wishes to all for Christmas and a happy and healthy 2008. Yvonne will be staying on to work with Ellen and Joan so also a very big 'thank-you' to you Yvonne for all your seating allocations. *Norma*

Genealogy Group - Ray Lawley

Verity Moore & John Mugridge attended at the State Library where they both reported good results with the research they were carrying out.

Worth A Look?

Starting on Sunday evenings at 7-30 on SBS "Who do you think you are" This is a genealogy program from the UK researching the "Family Trees" of the rich & famous.

For those interested in Genealogy this should be worth a look.

Our next meeting will be at the Doncaster Library Monday 21st January 2008. *Ray Lawley .9850 4252*

Irish Ancestor –a Genealogy poem – Submitted By Ray Lawley

My mother's eyes were Irish, my Father's eyes were, too,
 And all my lovely sister's, had Irish eyes of blue.
 And when the boys they came along, ah, sure they did beguile,
 For each of them was surely blessed, with a splendid Irish smile.
 And proud we were of Irish blood, as pure as shamrock green,
 As sturdy an Irish family, as ever could be seen.
 And then they joined the Mormon Church, ah, surely that was grand,
 And with true Irish vigor, we answered each demand.
 We kept our word of wisdom, we paid our tithing too,
 We all did every little thing, that we were asked to do,
 We did our genealogy, there, duty was all fun,
 With joyful pride we studied hard, about each Irish son,
 We wrote it on the family chart, we wrote it all in green,
 Each Irish name we added on, each fellow, each colleen,
 And then came that frightful day, the shock was hard to bear,
 Father came home looking pail, we gathered round his chair,
 And Mother's eyes were sad, Father's eyes were, too,
 And sisters' eyes were full of tears, that washed the Irish blue,
 And brother's splendid Irish smile, soon faded all away,
 And all our Irish tongue's were stilled, for there was nought to say,
 This thing our Father told us – believe it we could not,
 For in our Irish line we found – great grand pa was a Scot.
Ray Lawley .9850 4252

Exhibitions--Wendy Fishley

Wendy – 98483749..

Bike Riding John Hudgson

Bike group is going well. See sheet on notice board for details. Ring John Hudgson for Information 98440662

Rides are 1st and 3rd Wednesday with an extra ride Jan 30th
John Hudgson

Golf – Lyn Crosbie

Results

Friday 9th November - Freeway

Winner – Lyn Crosbie – 38 Stableford pts on a countback

Resulting in a break of handicap

Runner-up – Les Edwards – (Norm's brother) 37 Stableford pts
 xcellent scores from this game with 4 members breaking their handicaps

Friday 23rd November - Freeway

Winner – Jim Douglas – 39 Stableford points

Runner-up – Les Edwards - 37 Stableford points on a countback
 Both players broke their handicap

Next game 7th December Freeway Golf Course – Tee off 8.30am

A reminder that we will continue with our fortnightly golf right through the holiday season.

Golf end of year break up at Urban Retreat.

Doncaster Road (Jackson Court)

Friday 7th December at 7pm

BYO wine \$30.00 per person (cash)

Golf getaway to Benalla 4th - 6th May 2008.

\$174 – golfers twin share

\$154 – non golfers twin share.

Deposit required \$50.00 per person –

Pay January meeting All details on notice. board (January)

My very best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year.

Lyn

Book Exchange Pat Edwards

Bring along your books for swap at the January meeting

Book Reading Group Helga Braun

Yes, the book club is still up and running. During the year we have read some informative and captivating titles. Among these we had "Mao's Last Dancer" and a visit to the movie "As It Is In heaven". There is always lively discussion. Please join us if you are interested and see if you like it. Meetings are on the Third Tuesday of each Month. Merry Christmas

Contact Helga 98502144

Scrapbook Group Verity Moore

Contact Verity on 98416373

Fine Dining -Hugh Cornell

Fine Dining is a good way of members getting to know each other a little better.. See Hugh if you wish your name to be added to our list of diners. No list this month.

November Dine Out - Wilma

After many delays due to the travelling nature of many Probus members, Elaine and Doug Hayne, Helen Armstrong, Bev Wignell, Denis Wheeler and Wilma Pontefract enjoyed dinner

together at KIM CROWN in Bulleen Rd ,North Balwyn on Election Night .
The food was excellent and at a very reasonable cost The venue does become rather noisy . Though Doug still managed to join in the free flowing conversation! *Wilma and Denis*

Games - Marion Cummins

November 26th was our last night for the year and what a splendid display of Crazy Whist skills,we have certainly improved and anticipating more fun games nights in 2008.
Personal thanks to all those willing setup and pack up people and to Dawn and Bob who opened the hall while I was away.
2008 CHANGE OF PLANS.....as some nights were not well attended next year Games Night will only be held on the 4TH TUESDAY of each month starting on the 26th February with a CRAZY WHIST NIGHT. Watch this space for further news of speciality nights for 2008.
Have a Safe,Healthy and Very Happy Christmas

Cheers Marion 98505852

Fine Photography Group –Doug Hayne

Meet First Wednesday of the Month at 7.30pm
Last month we heard all about filters and their different uses for digital and film cameras. Unfortunately our excursion to docklands was cancelled due to heavy rain during the day.
Any member is welcome to come along and bring along their photos for all of us to see. You can then see what we do and enjoy. This month we meet on Wednesday 5th December at 30 Pine Hill Drive Doncaster East for Christmas drinks and nibbles.- *Doug*

Fellowship Tea Roster

Alan Baker /Mary Gault

First Aid and CPR

Jim Douglas	Jill Dickason
Jo Danahay	Wendy Fishley
Ray Lawley	Ian Gault

Your Committee 2007

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Membership & Welfare Lorraine Cooper

Please contact Lorraine concerning anyone who is not feeling well or who needs a ride to meetings
Apologies: If you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact me or have someone pass your apologies to me on 9850 4483.

Activity Groups

Leader	Ron McBain 98503919	
Book Swap	Pat Edwards	9848 7389
Book Group	Helga Braun	9850 2144
Craft	Yvonne Boyall	9841 6295
Cycling	John Hudgson	9844 0662
Fine Dining	Hugh Cornell	9846 2395
Exhibitions	Wendy Fishley	9848 3749
Games	Marion Cummins	9850 5852
Garden	Faye Williams	9899 0640
Genealogy	Ray Lawley	98504252
Getaway	Lyn Hudgson	9844 0662
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	9850 1801
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Scrapbook	Verity Moore	9841 6373
Theatre	Pat McInerney	9850 4998
Trips & Events	Elaine Hayne	9841 8645 0407778644
Walks	Judy Chapman	9846 3286

Other Items

Change of Address

Daryl and Wendy Knight’s and Daryl Knight Pty Ltd have changed address. The new address is:
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Editor’s Notes

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Our Postal Address is PO Box 518 Bulleen 3105

Please use this address for all club correspondence. Our Secretary will clear the box regularly

Newsletter

Deadline for January is Noon on Sunday 6th January.

Editor’s Note

Contributions of jokes and musings published this month have been emailed to me in over the past year or so from members but I hesitate to provide “by lines” without knowing if the articles are originals or gathered from magazines or internet sites. So contributors, please accept our thanks if you sent in any of these items. If you do contribute your own work you may add your “by line” or “submitted by” if gathered from other sources and it will be included. Thanks

Doug

Jokes and Musings

Proof of Age and Disability

A retired gentleman went to Centrelink Office to apply for the Age Pension. The woman behind the counter asked him for his drivers licence to verify his age. He looked in his pockets and realised he had left his wallet at home. He told the woman that he was very sorry but he seemed to have left his wallet at home". I will have to go home and come back later". The woman says " Just a minute, unbutton your shirt". So he opens his shirt revealing curly silver hair. She says "That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me" and she processed his Aged Pension application. When he returned home, the man excitedly tells his wife about his experience at the Centrelink Office. The wife says " you should have dropped your pants. You could have got the disability pension too!"

Life Before The Computer

- Memory was something you lost with age.
- An application was what you presented for employment.
- A program was a TV show.
- A cursor used profanity.
- A keyboard was on a piano.
- The web was made by spiders
- A virus gave you the flu
- A CD was money put in the bank.
- A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy, you just hoped no one found out about it!

Mean Mums

Someday when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a parent, I will tell them, as my mean mum told me: I loved you enough to ask where you were going, with whom, and what time you would be home.

- I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your new boyfriend was a creep.
- I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that should have taken 15 minutes.
- I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, and tears in my eyes. Children must learn that their parents aren't perfect.
- I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your actions even when the penalties were so harsh they almost broke my heart.
- But most of all, I loved you enough . . . to say NO when I knew you would hate me for it.

Those were the most difficult battles of all. I'm glad I won them, because in the end you won, too. And someday when your children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates parents, you will tell them.

Was your Mum mean? I know mine was. We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate lollies for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast.

When others had a fizzy drink and a biscuit for play lunch, we had to eat fruit. And, you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from what other kids had, too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labour Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, empty the rubbish and all sorts of cruel jobs.

I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do. She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds and had eyes in the back of her head. Then, life was really tough! Mother wouldn't let our friends just toot the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them.

While everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16.

Because of our mother we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced. None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, using drugs, vandalising other's property or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault. Now that we have left home, we are all educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mum was. I think that is what's wrong with the world today. **It just doesn't have enough mean mums!**

Do mean mums become mean grandmas? (Ed)

Keeping your partner informed

It is with some sadness that I approach this edition. We recently lost a very dear friend and neighbour which has reminded us of the 'unbalanced' way in which family affairs often evolve. Without looking at the 'why's and wherefore's' I observe that often the male is the financial gatekeeper with the passive acquiescence of the partner.

In our friend's situation it has meant that the wife has now been thrown into the deep end of the family 'finance' pool without warning but I do not wish to dwell on this. Despite all the exhortations you may receive to the contrary, for those in charge of the family finances, please write down all the accounts, logins and passwords in a book and leave it at the bank. Add to it a list of assets and liabilities and where they all lie. As we all take time out each year to renew many subscriptions, car registrations, etc: Update this list once a year also.

In addition, write a log of what it is that is driving the family finances and why, so that when the inevitable occurs, someone can actually tell what is going on! It is bad enough for the surviving partner having to cope with the grief without also worrying about how, when and from where income will arrive.

Co-incidentally I had received only a few months before a very heartening email. A colleague had asked me to review a rather unique concept where he had written to his wife with a 'report card' setting out what had been achieved financially during the year. As a record of the family finances and a map for the future it was first class.

So, whilst stating the blindingly obvious, a gentle reminder to all couples out there:

1. We are not immortal.
2. Despite individual reluctance, both must be involved in all aspects of the relationship. In particular, the financial game plan must be spelt out, agreed upon and adhered to.
3. It is no good just signing when asked or assuming that all is OK. Trust but verify.
4. Keep records and records of where records are kept. Your memory or recollections are of no use once you are gone
5. As boring as it may be, discuss strategy and developments as they arise. Who knows, it could become exciting!

Profile – Liz Turner

I was born during the Battle of Britain and, because my parents lived within twenty miles of London, my mother and sister retreated to North Cornwall for my birth. I should have been born in a hospital but, due to an outbreak of diphtheria in the hospital, I was born over the Chemist Shop in Molesworth Street, Wadebridge. Within a few weeks, we returned home to Stoke d'Abernon, near Cobham, in Surrey where I lived for the next twenty-four years. I was the first baby to be baptised at St. John The Divine, Kennington (yes, you cricketers fans "Kennington" as in "The Oval") since it had been bombed and a way had to be cleared through the rubble to the font in the open air.

I remember my childhood as a happy and carefree one. We had fields and the River Mole behind our house and we spent many hours damming the river, fishing for tiddlers, picking blackberries, mushrooms, bluebells and peggles (cowslips), swimming in the river, watching the floods and skating on the ponds when they froze over, tobogganing down the hills in the snow. I was able to walk and then, when older, ride my bicycle to my primary school, about two miles from home. I am still in contact with one of my closest friends from these days.

My father was a Barclays Bank Manager in London and in 1953, at the age of twelve, I won a Barclays scholarship to St. Swithun's School, a Church of England girls' boarding school in the City of Winchester, the original capital of England, where I attended for the next five years. I was confirmed in the Cathedral and on several occasions sang there in various oratorios as part of a large choir and also with just the school choir at Evensong when the Cathedral Choir had its night off.

After leaving St. Swithun's, I attended Guildford Technical College for a year and added shorthand and typing to my qualifications. In August 1959, I finally joined the workforce and for the next six years I worked as a Secretary in various branches and Head Office Departments of Barclays Bank in the Cities of London and Westminster.

Whilst working for Barclays, I joined their Choral Society and sang with them in the Royal Festival Hall, the Central Hall, Westminster and the Free Trades Hall in Manchester.

In 1964, an Aussie in the shape of George Turner, from Chinkapook in the Victorian Mallee, came into my life and we were married at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Stoke d'Abernon in 1965. The original church, substantial portions of which still remain, was built in the latter part of the seventh century and is one of a number built following St. Augustine's introduction of Christianity to Southern England from Rome in 597. During the service we stood on two of the oldest memorial brasses in England, one of Sir John D'Aubernoun dated 1277 and the other of his son dated 1327. We recently celebrated our Ruby Wedding – not standing on memorial brasses though!

We spent three months in London after our wedding – the time it took to secure our passage on the "Oriana" – and arrived in Melbourne on 27th December 1965 to a wonderful welcome from George's family. I met sixty-five of his relations in the first two weeks – they had all rallied round to see what George had brought home!!

We lived with George's mother for eighteen months while I worked as shorthand-typist to the then Managing Director of B.H.P., Norman Jones and, following his retirement, the Group General Manager of Subsidiaries, Gus Parish. George returned to his field of electronics with Kent Instruments and later with Varian Techtron in Mulgrave. We both worked heaps of overtime and managed to save enough money to buy our block

of land in Lower Templestowe (for \$3,700!) and pay a deposit for our house to be built. We love living in Lower Templestowe and have recently celebrated forty years in this very same house.

I stopped working for eight years while our two children were born: Douglas in 1968 and Anne in 1970. Then I worked part time until Anne was in her teens before returning to full time work at Royal Guide Dogs in Kew. After eight years I was retrenched from there and had various other secretarial/office managerial jobs until retiring at the age of sixty. During these years I sang with the Box Hill Choral Society and the Christ Church/St. Mark's Choir, as well as twenty-two wonderful years with the Melbourne Chorale.

Our son, Douglas, is a Computer Engineer seconded to the ADF at Fisherman's Bend (where he cycles every day from Glen Iris!). He and his Danish wife have two beautiful daughters, Hanna nearly three and Ada nearly one. Our daughter, Anne, has a PhD in Physiology and after some years doing research and teaching at Monash has just taken a lectureship position at Deakin University.

George and I have done a lot of travelling over the years, mainly back to England whilst my parents were alive, varying the routes taken as much as possible. Recently we've been making hay while the sun shines and are travelling as much as we can while we can. We both belong to the Koonung Bushwalking Club – George is Newsletter Editor and I am Secretary.

.Probus Club of Templestowe Valley - Events List – 2007

Date	Event	Time	Leader
DECEMBER			
Mon Dec 3 rd	Garden Group – Heronswood. Dromana. Meet at the hall	9.30 am	Faye Williams
Wed Dec 5 th	Priscilla Queen of The Desert – Regent Theatre	1.00 pm	Pat McInerney
Wed Dec 5 th	Photography Group – Hayne’s 30 Pine Hill Drive Doncaster East	7.00 pm	Doug Hayne
Fri Dec 7 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Fri Dec 7 th	Golf Breakup at Urban retreat	7.00pm	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Dec 10 th	Chistmas Lunch and Entertainment from the members at The hall	10.45 am	The President
Fri Dec 21 st	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
JANUARY 2008			
Wed Jan 2 nd	Bike Riders Lwr Eltham Park / Diamond Creek Mel 21/H10	10.00am	John Hudgston
Fri Jan 4 rd	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed Jan 9 th	Walk Mullum Mullum Trail. Meet Old Warrandyte Rd Car Park.Mel 34 J9	9.00am	Judy Chapman
Mon Jan 14 th	Fellowship Meeting Speaker Beth Wilson	9.45 am	The President
Wed Jan 16 th	Bike Riders Capital City Trail Mel 30 H12	10.00am	John Hudgston
Fri Jan 18 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed Jan 23 rd	Walk Mullum Mullum Trail. Meet Old Warrandyte Rd Car Park.Mel 34 J9	9.00am	Judy Chapman
Thu Jan 24 th	Evening BBQ in Birarrung Park	5 pm	Elaine Hayne
Wed Jan 30 th	Bike Riders Yarra Flats Upstream Mel 32 C6	10.00am	John Hugston
FEBRUARY			
Fri Feb 1 st	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed Feb 6 th	Bike Riders -Freeway Uphill Mel 47 B4	10.00am	John Hudgston
Mon Feb 11 th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Wed Feb 13 th	Point Lonsdale stopover	TBA	Lyn Hudgston
Fri Feb 15 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed Feb 20 th	Bike Riders - Finns/ Lower Plenty M33 B4	10.00am	John Hudgston
Thu Feb 21 st	Shelmerdine Winery \$48.00	TBA	Elaine Hayne
Wed Feb 27 th	Walking Bulleen Walk	TBA	Lyn McBain
Tue Feb 26 th	Games at Uniting Church Hall Templestowe	7.30 pm	Marion Cummins
Thu Feb 28 th	Evening BBQ at Birrarung Park	5 pm	Elaine Hayne
Fri Feb 29 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
MARCH			
Wed Mar 5 th	Freeway Downhill Mel 47 B4	10.00am	John Hugston
Wed Mar 12 th	Walking Hay’s Paddock Meet at Nth car Park Lister St. Mel 24 K6	9.00am	Laurine Eames
Fri Mar 14 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed Mar 19 th	Bike riders Docklands/Port Mel/St Kilda Mel 43/C12	10.00am	John Hudgston
Tue Mar 25 th	Games at Uniting Church Hall Templestowe	7.30 pm	Marion Cummins
Wed Mar 26 th	Walking Hay’s Paddock Meet at Nth car Park Lister St. Mel 24 K6	9.00am	Laurine Eames
Thu Mar 27 th	Evening BBQ at Birrarung Park	5 pm	Elaine Hayne
Fri Mar 28 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
APRIL			
Wed Apr 2 nd	Bike Riders - Merry Creek North - Mel 30/H12	10.00am	John Hudgston
Wed Apr 8 th	Walking Mt Lofty Warrandyte State Park. Meet Wittons Res. Mel 24 K6	9.30am	Lyn Hudgson
Fri 11 th Apr	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed Apr 16 th	Bike riders - Lower Eltham Park - Besasleys& Beyond.- Mel 21 H10	10.00am	John Hudgston
Tue Apr 22 nd	Games at Uniting Church Hall Templestowe	7.30 pm	Marion Cummins
Wed Apr 23 nd	Walking Dandenong Ranges Meet at Hall for car pool to Sassafras	8.45 am	Doug Hayne
Thu Apr 24 th	Evening BBQ at Birrarung Park	5 pm	Elaine Hayne
Fri Apr 25 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed Apr 30 th	Bike riders Darebin Creek North M31/C9 **	10.00am	John Hudgston
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Sun May 4 th	Golf getaway to Benalla 4th - 6th May 2008		
Wed May 7 th	Bike Riders - Eaglemont Ten/Cr to Boathouse Mel 31 K10	10.00am	John Hudgston
Fri May 9 ^h	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed May 14 th	Walking . Eltham Meet - Pony Club Car Park Homestead Rd. Mel 21 H11	9.30am	Pat McInerney
Wed May 21 st	Bike Riders Eltham Circuit Mel 21 J5	10.00am	John Hudgston
Fri May 23 rd	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Tue May 27 th	Games at Uniting Church Hall Templestowe	7.30 pm	Marion Cummins
JUNE			
Wed Jun 4 th	Bike Riders Lilydale/ Warburton Rail Trail Mel 119 B10	10.00 m	John Hudgston
Fri Jun 13 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed Jun 18 th	Bike Riders - Outer Circle Railway M31/K10	10.00am	John Hudgston
Tue Jun 24 th	Games at Uniting Church Hall Templestowe	7.30 pm	Marion Cummins
Fri Jun 27 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie

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