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President's Message (Liz Turner)

An excellent turnout for our sixth birthday celebrations last month when Sue de Bono was inducted as a new member. Another good speaker, Sophia Maj, followed by a well-attended finger-food lunch in the Ted Ajani Centre. Congratulations to all the people who helped to make this a success, especially Laurine and Wayne Eames.

Your President and Vice-President attended the annual Manningham City Council Reception for Volunteers last week. There is no truth to the rumour that we set fire to the Council Offices! Several councillors were present and the Mayor, Cr. Charles Pick, thanked everyone for helping to make Manningham such a caring and vibrant place to live. I enjoyed attending Verity Moore's Scrapbooking morning and seeing what clever things people are able to do. Such talent! But don't be put off if you feel you are not up to it - they would love to have more people join their monthly sessions and Verity is very patient. So get out your family heirloom photos, your holiday snaps or the grandkid pics and get excellent advice on how to preserve and display them to their best advantage.

Whilst some members are returning from far away places, others are taking their place. Among those that have left are Lyn and Jeff Crosbie; and while they are away, I'm holding the purse strings. If you need a cheque or want to deposit some money in the Probud account over the next few weeks, I'm your man (woman!).

At our next Meeting on Monday 10th August, we will be pleased to welcome another new member, Joan Jackson, and our speaker will be Nick Sautner, General Manager of Commercial Business at Etihad Stadium. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Following is the third clue to my second well-known Melbournian. If you think you know the answer at any stage, please put your answer and name in an envelope addressed to me in the Suggestion Box. Another bottle of wine for the first correct identification.

Clue No. 3: Part of my early success was due to Graham Kennedy.

Liz Turner

Secretary's Report (Jenny Morcom for Judy Baker)

Activities approved at our Committee Meeting 13 July

- Mystery Tour APT 28 October 2009
Beluera House & Garden 8 December 2009
Getaway Group Lake Mungo - J & J Keresboom - March 2010

Fellowship Meetings

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is on Monday 10 August 2009 at the 'Ajani Centre' Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe, opposite Sunhill Road, Melway 32 K7. Enter the hall from the front entrance. The Hall will open at 9.00am for activity bookings. The meeting will commence at 9.45am.

Fellowship Lunch (Lyn McBain & Laurine Eames).

August Cherry Hill Tavern, 189 Reynolds Rd, Doncaster East. Our catered July lunch in the hall was very successful with 86 attendees. This is two-thirds of our membership! We enjoyed good company and some light entertainment. Many thanks to all those who helped on the day and all members who attended for your participation. Laurine & Lyn

Speakers (Marg McGregor)

August - Nick Sautner

General Manager Commercial Business
Etihad Stadium (Telstra Dome) and VFL
Footballer plus behind the scenes stories about the production
of Andre Rieu's show

September - Dr Geoff Crawford

Microbiologist and founder of Access Academics with a
penchant for poisons and poisoners speaking on "Murder &
Mayhem in White Chapel"

October - Our Entertainers Group

The **3TVP Radio Actors** with a special radio play

Marg McGregor

Membership & Welfare (Jenny Morcom)

Apologies

If you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact Jenny on
9850 7274 or have someone pass your apologies.
Please contact Jenny concerning anyone who is not well or who
needs a ride to meetings.

August Birthdays

Mike Bindon, Jo Danahay, Doug Hayne, Daryl Knight,
Hugh McIntosh, Verity Moore, Jenifer Morcom, Aimee Pretty,
Pat Sinclair, Len Williams

Club Activities

Trips (Elaine Hayne)

Heritage Tour Queen Victoria Market

Friday 21st August \$22.00 – 9.45am. Duration 2 hours.
Meet at the Visitors centre 69 Victoria St, near corner of
Elizabeth St. Includes market, a guided tour and history.
Tea and Coffee and pastry included.

Darnum Musical Village

Thu 3rd September. Car pool from hall 9.am. \$20.00 lunch, tour
and entertainment.
An hours drive from Melbourne, the village is a premier tourist
attraction in Gippsland. A wonderful collection of restored musical
instruments in a unique historical setting.
MUST pay August meeting.

Mystery Luxury Bus Tour

Wed 28th October leaves the hall at 9.00am. Returns 4.00pm
\$25.00 includes morning tea and opera singing guide.
Run by Fran Sirio APT. Book at August meeting please.

Beleura House Heritage Property Tour

Wed 9th December. \$35.00 for tour, lunch and costumed reading
of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" by Stephanie Daniel.
Car pool from the hall to Mornington *Elaine 98418645*

Culture Walks (Wendy Fishley)

Richmond Walk

Thursday 13 August - meet at front of Epworth Hospital,
Bridge Road at 9.45 a.m. Payment is due at the August meeting

Carlton Walk

Thursday 3 September - meet at corner of Drummond Street and
Victoria Street at 1 p.m. (note change of time!)

Swanky Dinner - Savage Club

Thursday 29 October -, Bank Place, City - 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
(black tie or lounge suit, cocktail wear) Wendy would like to
collect a deposit of \$40 pp from all those members going to the
Swanky Dinner. Please pay at the meeting.

Wendy 9848 3749

Games (Marion Cummins)

Pleased to be able to organise a few games nights for the remainder
of this year. More details for later events will follow.

Marion and Terry's Mixed Games Night

Five Hundred, Canasta, etc **Tuesday 15th September.**
Fish and Chip Night at 13 Cygnet Ave Lower Templestowe.
Start 6.30 pm \$2.00 per head More details later.

Trivia Night

Wed 28th October Uniting Church Hall. . \$5.00 per head. More
details later. *Marion 9850 5852*

Golf (Lyn Crosbie)

Results

Friday 17th July - Freeway

Winner – **John Wilson** - 31 stableford points
Runner-up – **Jeff Crosbie** - 27 stableford points

Friday 31st July – Freeway

Winner – Peter McQuie (Guest) 33 Stapleford points
Runner-up – Norman Edwards – 29 Stapleford points

Next game

14th August Freeway Golf Course
Tee off 8.30am - This will be a non competition social game –
Wayne Eames and Barb Green to organize players.

Mike Bindon will organize the other scheduled games until my
return.

Golf Getaway Mansfield

October 4th – 6th 2009 - As I will be away for the August
meeting the balance due for our getaway to Mansfield must be
paid at the September meeting. All relevant information will be
given to members on that day.

Golf Getaway – Phillip Island

April 18th – 20th 2010 - A notice will be on the board at the
September meeting with all details re this trip.

Lyn 9850 1801

Theatre (Andrea Thomas)

Chicago

Sept 16th Her Majesty’s Theatre
 Tickets are now available for collection.

Burwood High School Musical

October 11th Besen Centre Matinee 1.30pm. To obtain the “Early Bird” ticket concession of \$34.00 or children (under 16) \$27.00 we require numbers and payment at August meeting.

South Pacific

Fri Nov 6th 8pm Nova Theatre Whitehorse Centre .
 Payment due by September meeting. Tickets \$28.00

Andrea, 9852 2105

Bike Riding (John Hudgson)

Bike Rides every second Wednesday
 This month’s first ride is Wednesday 5th August from Blackburn Lake. See Events List

John Hudgson, 9844 0662

Walking (Wayne Eames & Terry Cummins)

August 12th & 26th 9.30 am Banyule Flats Reserve Walk
 Meet Banyule Flats Reserve (enter Somerset Drive) Mel. 32 F2
 Morning Tea: BYO Sausage, Bread, Milk, BBQ and Chef provided
 - Leader: Margaret Campbell

Wayne & Terry, 9841 5512 or 9850 5852

Barbecue at Birrarung

Twenty members and friends enjoyed the July BBQ in lovely weather and congenial atmosphere.
 This month the BBQ is at 12 noon on Sunday the 30th August

Activity and Trip Reports

Jersey Boys in Town

Scattered all over the dress circle of the Princes’ Theatre were 40 Probus Club of Templestowe Valley members and their friends. As has been the case all over Melbourne, many who attended think this is the best show they have seen for many a year.

We didn’t know that “The Four Seasons” were responsible for so many hits that we recall with such fondness.

Early in the show was the (riske for the day) song “We Like Short Shorts”. NO! it wasn’t the four male members of the group singing this, although one may not be surprised if it were sung by a “nice” group of gentlemen today. It was the lovely girls in the show, singing one of the first songs written by one of the “Four Seasons” before they actually formed as a group.

Off we went then into memory lane with songs such as “Cry For Me”, “Sherry Baby” “Big Girls Don’t Cry” and “Walk Like a Man” and who can forget that song called “December 1963”?????. No! you HAVE heard of it because they mention “Oh What a Night”. Yeah I knew you’d know it.

Well then we had another song that you may ask, should boys sing, called “My Boyfriend’s Back”? But actually, it was a hit written by the Jersey Boys but sung by “The Angels” (yes they are girls) and this was another great performance by the girls in the show. Finishing the first half was “Dawn Go Away”.

After interval, we heard the story of the ups and downs the group went through with the corresponding hits they produced at the time. There was a scene where the group wanted and insisted on two of their new songs being recorded. The one the all knowing producers were absolutely wrapped in was “Big Man In Town” but the other one they said, “well no not really: it hasn’t got IT. It won’t go anywhere”. It was called --- “Can’t take my eyes off you” . This

was followed up by lots of other hits such as “Rag Doll” and lots of joyful tears from the audience.

After the interesting dialogue about the history of the group and lots of songs from the time, the finale of a medley with the whole troupe brought on a very long applause for this amazing show that brought back many memories to the greying audience. I marvelled also at the way the young singers were “spot on” in their interpretation of the style of dancing and singing from “our era” which to them must seem as being from the ages past.

I must note too that the lady sitting to my right who came into the theatre bent over a walking stick and struggling to get into her seat before the show, was actually on her feet doing a great “GO GO dance” during the popular songs. (NO! Elaine was to my left but wasn’t far behind the dancer to my right) .

As always, a good time was had by all thanks to Andrea and her team for organising it. *Doug*

Club Groups

Book Reading (Val Reid) .

Contact Val on 9850 3161 if you would like to know more about the Book reading group.

Craft (Yvonne Boyall)

We need bright coloured, washable, cotton materials about a metre wide for our Peter McCallum cancer care items. Any donations of this material would be appreciated by the craft group. This month’s meeting is on 18th August at Elaine’s place 30 Pine Hill Drive Doncaster East.

Yvonne, 9841 6295

Entertainers (Marg Campbell)

The Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month, next practice will be on the 25th August . At the Scout hall Templestowe. at 9.15.a.m. Rehearsals are under way for a surprise at the October Meeting; we are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Fine Dining (Hugh Cornell)

Fine Dining is a good way of members getting to know each other a little better. It is necessary for leaders to return your slip to Hugh with details of where and when you attended and a comment on the food and service, so that this can be entered in the Events Register. See Hugh if you wish your name to be added to our list of diners.

Listed below are the most popular restaurants used recently and having excellent food:

Living Room (Templestowe Village)

Khao Thip (Jackson Court)

Kim Crown (Nth. Balwyn).

Also reported as having excellent food are:

Kobe (Donc. East)

Bucatini (Mitcham)

Terra Mia (Bulleen Plaza)

Paladarr Thai (Fairfield)

Kunjit Asian (Greythorn Village)

If your group is going for lunch, Mangia Bevi in Macedon Square or Beasley’s Nursery in Doncaster East are recommended.

Group 1	Group 2
Norma Green & Elizabeth Turner (Leaders)	Ian & Mary Gault (Leaders)
Jenny & Jake Kerseboom	Pat & Norm Edwards
Marion & Terry Cummins	Eliz. Diffen & Ann Doull

Fine Photography (Doug Hayne)

Meet Second Wednesday of the Month
Our next meeting will be on Wed Aug 12th at 7.30pm at
30 Pine Hill Drive Doncaster East. All welcome.

Anyone interested in attending the Photography Studies College
Open Day and Exhibition on Sunday August 16th, see me at the
meeting.

Doug 9841 8645

Gardens (Faye Williams)

The next Garden Group outing will be on Monday 21st
September, when we will visit St Erth Garden and
Nursery, Simmons Reef Rd, Blackwood. for their Spring Daffodil
Festival when thousands of daffodils carpet the lawns.
There is an entry fee of about \$10 Per Person.
Mel; Ref 609.E11.(909).

Lunch will be at the Blackwood Pub, or take your own picnic.

We will carpool as usual, if you want to come and cannot arrange a
lift, please phone me. I Look forward to seeing you all there.

Faye Williams. 9899 0670

Scrapbook (Verity Moore)

Scrapbooking. Next meeting August 25th

We have started a collection of old photographs relevant to
Marysville. Doug Hayne has a contact from Marysville Historical
Society and Museum, who would be pleased to accept any photos,
artifacts or anything associated with Marysville. We can scan
photos and return them if necessary. Please see Verity or Doug if
you can help with this worthy cause.

Verity 98416373

Club Administration

Your Committee 2009/10

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Activity Group Leaders List

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Book Swap	Pat Edwards	9848 7389
Reading	Val Reid	9850 3161
Craft	Yvonne Boyall	9841 6295
Cycling	John Hudgson	9844 0662
Fine Dining	Hugh Cornell	9855 8873
Entertainers	Marg Campbell	94311958
Culture Walks	Wendy Fishley	9848 3749
Games	Marion Cummins	9850 5852
Garden	Faye Williams	9899 0640
Genealogy	Ray Lawley	9850 4252
Getaway	Lyn Hudgson	9844 0662
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	9850 1801
Photography	Doug Hayne	9841 8645 040 777 8634
Scrapbooking	Verity Moore	9841 6373
Theatre	Andrea Thomas	9852 2105
Trips - Events	Elaine Hayne	9841 8645 040 777 8644
Walks	Wayne Eames	9841 5512

Tea Roster (Alan Baker – Mary Gault)

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
an A4 sheet headed “Fellowship Tea Roster Duties” in the box with
the tea and coffee, explaining what has to be done. If you are
physically unable to carry out the roster duties, please let us know
and we will take your name off the list.

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please phone Alan
98505641 or Mary 9850788

August	Joan Planck & Philip Mithen
September	John & Pauline Mugridge
October	Beverley Mc Dowell and Lyn Paice

First Aid and CPR

For anyone interested, Ian Gault has several DVD’s and Video
tapes available for loan to members for self training in First Aid
and resuscitation.

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

Editor’s Notes

Events List

The Events Table at the back of the newsletter looks a bit bare
for the early months of next year. Please provide details of your
regular events and any events where several months notice is
needed. Even if you have date and time TBA.

Newsletter Deadline

For September the deadline is Sunday 6th September

Email & Mail

Email: publicity@templestowevalleyprobus.org.au
for newsletter and other publicity items.

Please use: secretary@templestowevalleyprobus.org.au for all
other Probus email

Our Postal Address is PO Box 518 Bulleen 3105

Please use this address for all club correspondence.

Our Web Site

<http://www.templestowevalleyprobus.org.au>

We have added a document which describes the process we use
to publish our newsletter. The link to this is on the home page
under “Publishing The Newsletter”.*Doug*

Other Items

First Annual 1941 Dinner:

Thursday 12th November seems to be a good date for most of
the people concerned. The closest actual birthday is Wendy
Knight’s on 25th November. If you can make this date, put it in
your diary and nearer the time we will decide on the venue and
whether to have lunch or dinner.

Liz Turner

Melbourne Sinfonia Concert

Friday 4th September at 8.15pm in Melba Hall,
University of Melbourne

Programme:

Il Seraglio Overture	Mozart
London Symphony	Haydn
Serenade	Elgar
Symphony No 2	Beethoven

Melbourne Sinfonia is an auxiliary of the Royal Children’s Hospital. Proceeds from the concert support music therapy at the hospital.

Tickets at \$20, a discount of \$5, are available from orchestra member John Wilson. Children up to 15 years of age free.

Jokes

Can Cold Water Clean The Dishes?

This is for all the germ conscious folks that worry about using cold water to clean.

John went to visit his 90 year old grandfather in the country. After spending a great evening chatting the night away, the next morning grandfather prepared breakfast of bacon, eggs and toast. However, John noticed a film like substance on his plate, and questioned grandfather asking, “are these plates clean?” “They’re as clean as cold water can get em . Just finish your meal, sonny!” grandfather replied,

For lunch grandfather made hamburgers. Again, John was concerned about the plates as his appeared to have tiny specks around the edge that looked like dried egg and asked, “Are you sure these plates are clean?”

Without looking up, the old man said, “I told you before, sonny, those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them. Now don’t you fret, I don’t want to hear another word about it!”

Later that afternoon, John was on his way out and as he was leaving, his grandfather’s dog started to growl, and wouldn’t let him pass. John called out to grandfather and said, “Grandad, the dog won’t let me get to my car” Without diverting his attention from the football game he was watching on TV, the old man shouted. “Coldwater, shutup and lay down now, yah hear me!”

The Eye Test

A Polish immigrant went to take an eye sight test.

The optician showed him a card with the letters
“C Z W I X N O S T A C Z.”

“Can you read this?” the optician asked.

“Read it?” the Polish immigrant replied, ‘I know the guy.’

A Command of English

THREE new Australians were talking together in English and finding the going hard. One was concerned about family life and the fact that his was so far, a childless marriage and said, “My wife is unbearable.”

“That’s wrong,” said one of his friends, “you mean your wife is inconceivable.”

The the third man said. “You are both wrong. What you are trying to say is that your wife is impregnable.”

Slowing Down

A Doctor checking over a male patient who was in the twilight of middle age pronounced the man fit, with one or two reservations.

“Well, old man,” chuckled the doctor, “I don’t find anything much wrong with you, but I suggest you play it safe, and give up about half your love life.”

The patient thought this over and asked which half he was supposed to give up—“Thinking about it? Or talking about it?” —

Profile

My Life Story - Veronica Coleman

I was born Veronica Rayner, in a 450-year-old flint-stone house in Burnham Market, a small market town, in Norfolk, England, just before the war. I attended primary school with Lord Nelson; actually he attended the same school 180 years before me, and I won a scholarship to go to Fakenham Grammar School.

As we departed for Australia in September, I was unable to take up that scholarship. Mum, Dad, younger brother Chris and I, with many other emigrants, arrived in Australia on Melbourne Cup Day, and incidentally Guy Fawkes Day, 1950, after a six week trip on board a converted troop ship SS Cameronia, including several days in Malta for emergency maintenance to the ship

We first lived for 18 months in North Heidelberg, near Siddons’ Spanner making factory, with my Auntie and Uncle, and then Mum and Dad initially built half a house in Rosanna (money and materials were scarce). I attended Preston Girls Secondary School, where I was quickly informed I had to barrack for the “Magpies” – the only football team I knew was Dad’s Manchester United! I left school during Year 10 when I was offered a job at “Walkabout Magazine” and Australian National Travel Association. I worked in the office in the Victorian Railways Flinders Street building for seven enjoyable years, and we were regularly regaled with tales by Bill Harney, the inveterate bushman from Alice Springs.

I met Ian at Rosanna Methodist Church Youth Club when I was 15 and we were married four years later in April 1959. We built our first home in Lower Plenty, behind the shops, and moved in to it in 1962. Gary was born in March 1963 and Julie in December 1964.

In 1966, two weeks before Decimal Currency Day, when Gary was three and Julie one, we flew to Port Moresby in the Territory of Papua New Guinea, where Ian, a professional electrical engineer with the SECV for ten years, was seconded to the newly formed Papua New Guinea Electricity Commission.

We had four wonderful years pre Independence (1975), making lots of friends, several with whom we still keep in contact. Ian rejoined the SECV, on our return.

In 1970 and 1972 our two youngest were born, Brett and Narelle. Gary is now 46, Julie 44, Brett 39 and Narelle 37. As you know it is a challenge to raise four children to adulthood (and to provide ongoing support to one regularly), Narelle, who was born in 1972, was 5 months old when my parents were killed in a plane crash near New Delhi Airport, India, oddly on Ian’s birthday, on their first trip back to UK. In 1973 we finished the trip my parents started, understandably taking our four children, ranging from 10 years to 18 months old, with us, and travelling via New Delhi to lay wreaths at the tasteful marble memorial prominently erected just inside the cemetery gates.

We drove around UK and Europe, the latter using only a Cooks Tour map, and B & B’s during our three months visit, staying with relatives and school friends in England (Ian’s dad also came from England), one of whom came with her husband to Australia two years ago, enabling us to show them highlights of Melbourne and Victoria for a week. We flew home via Disneyland in Anaheim, USA – very enjoyable.

Also in 1973, we moved into our new home in Doncaster, where we soon undertook leadership positions in Scouts, the Uniting Church and the Primary School. We were also involved in

football and cricket with the boys, and basketball and calisthenics with the girls and Jazz Ballet, also Horse Riding with our youngest daughter.

In 1977, after Narelle started School, I resumed full-time employment after a 16 year absence, as a Teacher's Aide at Kew Special School and worked there for 14 years, where I made many friends and was a staff representative on School Council, and became its Secretary. I gained great satisfaction in helping our intellectually challenged students gain skills, and working with a very good principal and staff.

When Ian retired early from the SECV in 1990, I continued to work for another year and then retired in 1991 when we went overseas for 4 ½ months having a wonderful time in USA, UK (again staying with school friends, attending a wedding and staying with friends Ian made in Kathmandu, Nepal) and Europe.

We moved to Moree, NW NSW when Ian rejoined the workforce in September 1992 as Area Manager North West Electricity for nine months (the locals called us *Mexicans* – from south of the border), then to Inverell when he was appointed CEO. We thoroughly enjoyed our 3½ years in delightful Inverell; both towns having a population of 10,000. I became involved in different crafts and joined Inner Wheel (a friendship and fundraiser offshoot of Rotary for women), as well as becoming the Treasurer of a large Uniting Church Parish, with responsibility for paying two ministers when we never seemed to have enough money, as the triple whammy of lengthy drought, low commodity prices and high interest rates had a major impact on the livelihoods of the farming communities.

We enjoyed our first trip to New Zealand, and on our next trip we attended a delightful wedding in Christchurch.

We flew to Darwin in 1994, meeting Daryl and Wendy Knight there for a coach tour and later of Alice Springs – Ian climbed Ayres Rock on his birthday (only 5 made the top from 11 starters) and Wendy and I rode a Harley, and hilariously rode a camel together.

When we moved to Inverell, to the horror of some of my friends, I started driving to Melbourne regularly to see my growing family and friends. When travelling from Port Macquarie later on, I got used to driving around the Sydney Ring Road, Highway 7, to reach the Hume Highway, usually staying overnight at Yass or Goulburn.

In 1996 after seeing the awe-inspiring Niagara Falls close-up, we visited a Rotary Group Study Exchange leader who had stayed with us in Inverell for a week. Bruce lived in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and drove us on a tour of Amish farms and viewed the beautiful quilts. He also introduced us to "Shoo Fly Pie" and an opulent retirement complex.

As planned three years earlier by Wendy and I, we four had a wonderful time at the Rotary International Convention at Calgary, Canada, including Ian and I visiting home hosts of Japanese origin who introduced us to the Buddhist religious leader in Tokyo, a Rotarian too – who attended each annual RI Convention - and his non-English speaking wife, it was a fascinating night.

We all then flew to Fairbanks, Alaska, the land of the midnight sun, having a wonderful week on land, including travelling on the glass-domed railed car, white-water rafting at Kenai, seeing "combat fishing", and a luxurious week on the Crown Princess sailing the Inside Passage, then to Victoria Island and Seattle.

I had a good life in Port Macquarie, moving there in 1996, the new NorthPower HQ after merging of 7 electricity companies, and we travelled regularly to capital cities and NZ where Ian gave presentations at national safety conferences, and attended various national, state and NorthPower meetings. I visited craft friends or helped the local economy when Ian visited regional centres and country towns – it was marvellous driving through such beautiful, though at times stark countryside.

I enjoyed building and arranging finance for an open plan home in Port Macquarie (Ian was flat out with his business and community service commitments) and we relished our time there with friends from Church, Inner Wheel, Rotary (two Rotary Exchange students from Oslo and Vienna stayed with us), Ian's work and Brett's friends.

We subsequently sold our house and returned to Melbourne in early 2001 to be near our children and six grandchildren, of which only two were girls – "its great to have a girl cousin, even if she lives in Sydney", said 14 year old (now 19) Natasha on the birth of our then newest grandchild, Devika.

Brett had married Rani, an Indian girl from Pune, south of Mumbai. I believe Rani is my gift from India as a replacement for my parents and now we have two little granddaughters, Devika five years and Avani three years.

We have always been involved with the Church and found that with our many moves it is a great way to meet people and make new friends. I also learnt a lot of crafts while living in country NSW, eg quilts, teddy bears – several have found homes overseas..

We love being back in Melbourne with our family around us.

Of course we make lots of trips to Sydney to see Brett, Rani and the girls and also to visit our friends in northern NSW, especially when invited for special birthdays, weddings and church Anniversaries.

I joined the Inner Wheel Club of Box Hill (the nearest one) and was soon invited on to the Committee and became President for 12 months and Treasurer for four years, during which time we raised significant funds for Cord Blood Research, and other needy projects.

In late 2007 we sold our home of 35 years in Doncaster and moved to a villa in quiet Mitcham, our 15th and largest move in April 2008, after two purchase attempts failed.

Now it is Narelle, our baby who, at 36 years of age, produced a delightful baby boy in November 2008, our eighth grandchild, ranging from 21 years to 7 months, of course we love minding him, he is so good.

Also in November, Natasha, who had lived with us the previous three years (we thought raising four teenagers was enough) was selected to play for the Australian Pearls women's basketball team in the World Cup for those with an intellectual disability, held in Rome. Russia defeated Australian in the gold medal match, in which Natasha was the most valuable player. She is now competing in the Global Games in Prague, Czech Republic, in July 2009. Our time has been occupied in driving Tash to basketball games and training – what's that about the past returning?

On 4 May 2009, Ian and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends, a wonderful night.

We hope to do more interstate or overseas travel and make further friends.

Veronica Coleman

Probus Events List

Date	Event	Time	Leader
AUGUST			
Sun Aug 2 nd	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Wed Aug 5 th	Bike Riding Blackburn Lake Mel 48 B11	10.00am	John Hudgson
Mon Aug 10 th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Wed Aug 12 th	Walking: Banyule Flats Reserve Walk. Meet Summerset Rd Entrance Mel 32 F2	9.30 am	Marg Campbell
Wed Aug 12 th	Whitehorse Centre Nunawading "The Three Tenors"	11.00am	Andrea Thomas
Wed Aug 12 th	Photography 30 Pine Hill Dve Doncaster East	7.30pm	Doug Hayne
Thu Aug 13 th	Richmond walk with Kenneth Park. Meet at front of Epworth Hospital in Bridge Road.	9.45 am	Wendy Fishley
Fri Aug 14 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Tue Aug 18 th	Craft group at Elaine Hayne's 30 Pine Hill Drive Doncaster east	10.00 am	Yvonne Boyall
Wed Aug 19 th	Bike Riding Footscray Ride from The Zoo Mel 29 E11	10.00am	John Hudgson
Fri Aug 21 st	Victoria Market 2 Hour Tour. Meet at 69 Victoria St. Near Elizabeth St.	9.45 am	Elaine Hayne
Tue Aug 25 th	Entertainers Practice. Scout Hall at Finns Reserve Mel 33 B4	9.15 am	Marg Campbell
Wed Aug 26 th	Walking: Banyule Flats Reserve Walk. Meet Summerset Rd Entrance Mel 32 F2	9.30 am	Marg Campbell
Fri Aug 28 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Sun Aug 30 th	BBQ Lunch at Birrarung Park	12 Noon	Elaine Hayne
SEPTEMBER			
Wed Sep 2 nd	Bike Riding Leed St., Mel 47 K4		
Thu Sep 3 rd	Darnum Musical Village Car Pool from hall 9.00am	9.00 am	Elaine Hayne
Thu Sep 3 rd	Carlton walk with Kenneth Park - meet at corner of Drummond Street and Victoria Street	1.00 pm	Wendy Fishley
Sun Sep 6 th	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Tue Sep 8 th	Craft group at Elaine Hayne's 30 Pine Hill Drive Doncaster East	10.00 am	Yvonne Boyall
Wed Sep 9 th	Walking – Kokoda Trail Memorial Walk Ferntree Gully. Meet at Car Park Mel 74 H4	10.00am	Doug Hayne
Wed Sep 9 th	Photography 30 Pine Hill Dve Doncaster East	7.30pm	Doug Hayne
Fri Sep 11 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Sep 14 th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Tue Sep 15 th	Mixed Games at Marion & Terry's place 13 Cygnet Ave – Fish & Chip Night	6.30pm	Marion Cummins
Wed Sep 16 th	Bike Riding Burnley - Kevin Bartlett Reserve Mel 59 B1	10.00am	John Hudgson
Wed Sep 16 th	Matinee at Her Majesty's – "Chicago" \$60.90	1.00 pm	Andrea Thomas
Mon Sep 21 st	Garden Group - St Erth Garden/Nursery, Simmons Reef Rd, Blackwood. Mel; Ref 609.E11		Faye Williams
Tue Sep 22 nd	Entertainers Practice. Scout Hall at Finns Reserve Mel 33 B4	9.15 am	Marg Campbell
Wed Sep 23 rd	Walking – TBA		
Fri Sep 25 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Sun Sep 27 th	BBQ Lunch at Birrarung Park	12 Noon	Elaine Hayne
Wed Sep 30 th	Bike Riding Lower Eltham Park Mel 21 H10	10.00 am	John Hudgson
OCTOBER			
Sun Oct 4 th	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Oct 4 th – 6 th	Golf getaway - Mansfield	TBA	Lyn Crosbie
Tue Oct 6 th	Craft Group TBA	10.00 am	Yvonne Boyall
Wed Oct 7 th	Bike Riding Fitzsimmons Lane Mel 21 G2	10.00am	John Hudgson
Fri Oct 9 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Sun Oct 11 th	Burwood High School Musical – Besen Centre	1.00 pm	Andrea Thomas
Mon Oct 12 th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Wed Oct 14 th	Walking: Koornung Creek Reserve. Meet at car park Mel 32 F10	9.30am	Terry Cummins
Wed Oct 21 st	Bike Riding St Kilda Carousell Reseerve Mel 2K G9 – Parking Fee	10.00am	John Hudgson
Fri Oct 23 rd	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Tue Oct 27 th	Entertainers Practice. Scout Hall at Finns Reserve Mel 33 B4	9.15 am	Marg Campbell
Wed Oct 28 th	Walking: Koornung Creek Reserve. Meet at car park Mel 32 F10	9.30am	Terry Cummins
Wed Oct 28 th	Trivia Night at The Uniting Church Hall \$5.00 a head.	TBA	Marion Cummins
Wed Oct 28 th	Mystery Tour with APT \$25.00 Meet the bus at the hall. Bus leaves 9.00am sharp	8.45 am	Elaine Hayne
Thu Oct 29 th	Swanky Dinner - Savage Club - Bank Place in City with Kenneth Park	7.00pm	Wendy Fishley
NOVEMBER			
Sun Nov 1 st	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Wed Nov 4 th	Bike Riding Eaglemont Tennis Courts Mel 33 K10	10.00am	John Hudgson
Fri Nov 6 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Fri Nov 6 th	"South Pacific" Whitehorse Centre Nunawading	8.00pm	Andrea Thomas
Mon Nov 9 th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Wed Nov 11 th	Walking Mullum Mullum Creek Meet at Coach & Horses Hotel Ringwood Mel M49 E9	9.30 am	John Hudgson
Wed Nov 18 th	Bike Riding Eastlink – Meet at Coach & Horses Hotel Ringwood Mel M49 E9	10.00am	John Hudgson
Fri Nov 20 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Tue Nov 24 th	Entertainers Practice. Scout Hall at Finns Reserve Mel 33 B4	9.15 am	Marg Campbell
Wed Nov 25 th	Walking Mullum Mullum Creek Meet at Coach & Horses Hotel Ringwood	9.30 am	John Hudgson
DECEMBER			
Wed Dec 2 nd	Bike Riders and Walkers Christmas Breakup – Partners welcomed. Venue TBA		John Hudgson
Fri Dec 4 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Sun Dec 6 th	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Wed Dec 9 th	Beleura House Mornington Car Pool from hall	9.00am	Elaine Hayne
Wed Dec 9 th	Walking Westerfolds to Lwr. Eltham Park. Meet W/folds Park off Fitzsimmonds Lane Mel 33 F1		
Thu Dec 10 th	Golf breakup at Urban Retreat	7.00 pm	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Dec 14 th	Fellowship Christmas Celebration	TBA	Lyn Hudgson
Fri Dec 18 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie

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JANUARY 2010			
Sun Jan 3 rd	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Mon Jan 11 th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
FEBRUARY			
Sun Jan 31 st	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Mon Feb 8 th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
MARCH			
Sun Feb 28 th	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Mon Mar 8 th	Annual General Meeting and Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President

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