



## **President's Message (Ian Gault)**

This will be my last newsletter message as after our March meeting I will pass this duty onto President elect Liz Turner.

What a torrid and horrible time it has been since our last meeting and I am sure all of our thoughts and best wishes have been with those who have been so physically and mentally tortured by the raging fires. Let us fervently hope and pray that recovery will be speedy and that the few showers we have had over the past few days are an indicator that our weather patterns are returning to those of the past.

Unfortunately, the ladies from the Marysville Bakery are unable to provide lunch for us at our March meeting as they are not able to return to Marysville for another six weeks. Maybe they can oblige at another time as it would be great if we could support them on their road to recovery.

In place of the ladies from Marysville we will have, not a "bring a plate" as was suggested at the last meeting, but something very akin – see Laurine Eames information later in the newsletter.

Sixty-five members have paid for the bakery lunch and at our February meeting there was a suggestion made that this money should be donated to the ladies of the bakery. There has been some objection to this being done so it has been decided that all money paid will be refunded to individual members and they can make their own decision as to its use. Treasurer Jacob will administer the refund of the money.

Our March meeting is our Annual General Meeting and I trust that the change in day and date, due to no fault of ours, will not impact too much on our attendance numbers.

The position of Assistant Secretary is still to be filled and at the AGM I will be calling for a member to nominate for this position. It is important that this position is filled as Secretary Judy is planning a well needed holiday from May through to August and without an Assistant Secretary to take over her duties for those 3 months the administration of the club will be in dire straits. Vice President elect Doug Hayne will continue to attend to publicity matters for the time being.

Do take time to read the Annual Report as it is an account of the club's activities over the past year. Many will have received copies via the internet and there will be "hard copies" at the meeting. More copies can be organized on request.

Finally, do make a point of seeing the February edition of the Victorian Probian as the Probos Club of Templestowe Valley features on page 2 and page 30. Copies of the Probian will be at the meeting.

"Time gets away faster each day so enjoy it, it won't come back".

*Ian Gault*

## **Secretary's Report (Judy Baker)**

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#### **Annual General Meeting**

Our next meeting is on Friday 20 March, 2009 the Annual General Meeting of the Probos Club of Templestowe Valley Inc. The agenda for the AGM will be available on your arrival, remember to collect this as you enter the hall. Our Club Meeting will follow the Annual General Meeting.

Two of the elected officers of the new 2009 committee are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting on March 20. Doug Hayne who was the only nominee for Vice President and Jeff Crosbie who was the only nominee for the Treasurer both apologise for their absence from the meeting.

Doug and Elaine had booked a trip to Queensland to celebrate a family birthday to fly out on the evening of 16 March which was originally to be the day of the March meeting. With the unavoidable change to Friday 20 March they were unable to change their arrangements. Jeff and Lyn will be holidaying in New Zealand.

### **Probos Club of Templestowe Valley Inc. 2008/09 Annual Report**

The Annual Report for 2008/09 is now available on the Web, copies will also be available at the AGM on arrival.

### **Polo Shirts**

If possible could all members wear their "Probos Polo Shirts" to the Annual General Meeting on Friday 20 March, 2009.

### **Activities Approved at our Committee Meeting 9th February, 2009**

Garden Group-Lotus Water Gardens-Saturday 28 February'09.

### **March Meeting**

Our next meeting is on Friday 20 March, 2009 at the "Ajani Centre", Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe, opposite Sunhill Road, Melway 32K7. Enter the hall from the front entrance. The hall will open at 9.00am for activity bookings. The meeting will commence at 9.45am.

*Judy*

### **Fellowship Lunch (Lyn McBain & Laurine Eames).**

**March** Ted Ajani Hall, Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe

**April** Warrandyte Retreat Restaurant, 104 Melbourne Hill Road, Warrandyte. Melway reference map 35C2

We would like members to join us after the AGM on Friday, 20 March, for lunch at the hall. Please bring your own picnic lunch (not BBQ food), drinks and glasses. This is a good opportunity for all members to get together and have fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Lynette McBain and Laurine Eames.*

### **Speakers (Marg McGregor)**

**March** – A.G.M. and Housekeeping - Plus our member Dr. Hugh Cornell presenting "Value of Classical Music"

**April** - **Stephen Clark**, Detective Inspector of Homicide - "Shootings in Melbourne CBD"

**May** - **Dr. Judith Slocombe**, Telstra Australia Businesswoman of Year and CEO of Allanah Madeline Foundation - "My Career Path and Lessons Learned Along the Way"

**June** - **John Silvester**, Crime Reporter Age and Co Author of "Underbelly"

Vote of Thanks for March - John Mugridge

*Marg*

**Our New Treasurer (Jeff Crosbie)**

Many of our members would already know that I retired on Christmas Eve last year. I worked for the State Government in the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and retired after completing 47 years of service.

In all these years I have always worked in accounts and finance and, at the time of my retirement, I was the Senior Finance Officer at the Eastern Metropolitan Region of the Department in Glen Waverley. I was also a board member of the State Schools Relief Committee for the last 13 years. This organisation is responsible for raising money and arranging the distribution of clothing and footwear to disadvantaged students in Government schools throughout Victoria.

I am looking forward to the next period of time to make a contribution as the Treasurer of our great club. I will be doing my best to maintain the high standard set by Jacob Kerseboom over the last 3 years.

Unfortunately Lyn and I will not be able to attend the Annual General Meeting on 20 March 2009 as we will be on holiday in New Zealand at that time. *Jeff Crosbie*

**Our New Membership/Welfare Officer (Jenny Morcom)**

Before and during my time in Probus I have been very active in the local badminton club: serving on the veterans sub committee, which is ongoing, and on the management committee for some years until 2007.

My three years on the door with Bob Anderson, whilst being very busy at times, has given me the opportunity to meet all members. I look forward to taking over the position of Membership/Welfare Officer from Lorraine Cooper and enjoying another role within our Probus Club.

**Events & Outings (Elaine Hayne)**

**Five Days at Merimbula by Train and Bus**

On February 12th, fourteen members travelled to Merimbula for a five day trip. Twelve used their free VLine Senior's tickets and travelled by train to Bairnsdale then boarded a VLine bus for Merimbula, arriving mid afternoon. Two of the blokes headed off as drivers in "the "truck" after dropping off some of the train travellers at Southern Cross Station.

The decision was made by the drivers to stop at Bairnsdale, have some lunch and walk the kilometre or so down to the station to stretch the legs and meet the train travellers. Good idea? However, a heavy shower of rain (what's that!) greeted our travellers and the drivers got wet (no! drenched) walking back to "the truck".

The boys in "the truck" were waiting at Merimbula and loaded the bus travellers' luggage to be taken to the Sapphire Resort to our spacious living quarters for the next 4 nights.

After the long journey, the travellers decided to walk the 1km or so from the bus stop. Happy hour soon started as a local couple, Allan and Judy, friends of two of our members, joined us and the fun began and continued with dinner later at the local bowls club.

Next morning, as one couple taxied off to the golf course, the reminder of the group stayed at the park for the free pancakes and coffee provided by the hosts. We then walked down town to tread the famous board walk which winds its way around the beach inside the

harbour. Then, after a long morning ice cream and coffee we walked back along the boardwalk to the shopping centre where some food and essential supplies such as beer were purchased for sustenance in the coming days. Lunch and a restful afternoon in the spa and pool or whatever pleased us, then on to yet another "happy hour" followed by a free sausage sizzle at the park also provided by our hosts. We finished the day with dinner at the RSL Club. Some members took an unfair advantage of the RSL club and extracted dollars from the pokies there. However in the spirit of the current financial climate they made sure the winnings were recirculated later in the trip.

Saturday morning early, two fishermen and a fisherlady of the club and three observers, boarded a boat which headed over the bar, (unusually for this group we didn't stop at the bar as it would have been too dangerous.) Now out on the Pacific Ocean our fishing folks caught lots of fish which were cleaned for us by the crew. Back to shore for lunch after a great morning's fun.

Allan and Judy invited us to their lovely home for the evening where we barbecued the fish caught that day and enjoyed it as entree. Food and drinks, were produced and along with our hosts' hospitality, made it another great evening's enjoyment.

On our last day there we made the long walk over the river to the local Sunday market and enjoyed the local atmosphere and then back to a Bingo session at the RSL Club which is run by our friends Allan and Judy to raise funds for Legacy. One member fell asleep during a call at bingo and missed checking his numbers.

Our last evening was dinner at the Golf Club on the other side of the harbour using the courtesy bus thus giving our drivers the green light to enjoy imbibement without government restriction.

Back on the bus early next morning followed by a sleepy day's travel back home completed a very enjoyable five days. *Doug Hayne*

**A Day at the Races**

On Wednesday 25th February, thirty five members and friends found their way to Kilmore Racecourse for a day at "The Trots".

A special deal which included entry, a race book each and lunch was provided for \$20.00 in a grand room with a spacious view of the course and of course, a bar and Tote.

To our surprise, a race was named after our club as was done for other Probus groups attending. A trotter named "I didn't do it" won our race as a hot favourite.

There were the usual winners and losers among our group but no sheep stations lost.

**Barbecue at Birrarung**

This month BBQ day is Thursday March 26th. Forty five members turned out for the February BBQ which was a contrast to the HOT January date for three. *Elaine Hayne*

**Social - Dance Evening Saturday 2nd May 7pm \$20.00**

At our Hall with Diana May and "The Deep Creek Band". BYO Supper and drinks. Tea and Coffee available. Book and PAY at March meeting – See Helen Armstrong Always a great fun night. Not to be missed.

**Probus Mystery Day Tour Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April \$25.00**

APT coach and morning tea included BYO or buy your lunch. Guided commentary by Fran Sirio, mini opera concert with Justin Corlevetti - Pickup at Shoppingtown Hotel at 9.00am. BOOK and PAY at March Meeting

**Craft (Yvonne Boyall June Duncan)**

Tuesday March 17 10am at Helen Armstrong 4/2 Paul St. Doncaster 9816 4643, this will be an activities planning morning.

Tuesday April 21 10am at June Duncan 5 Kiewa St. Doncaster 98483329, more information next newsletter *Yvonne*

**Getaways (Lyn Hudgson)**

Adelaide Shores Caravan Resort has been booked for the May Getaway arriving there on Thursday 14th. Most of us are spending seven days there before moving to various other holiday locations if any other members would like to join us please let me know.

*Lyn Hudgson*

**Walking (Wayne Eames & Terry Cummins)**

New walkers welcomed.

Wear layered clothing and sturdy shoes and bring drinking water. We walk every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Everyone welcome.

**March 11th & 25th 9:30am** Yarra Flats to Burke Road. Approx 8Km - Meet at Yarra Flats car park via the Boulevard off Banksia St. Mel. 32 B6 BYO Morning Tea.

**8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 9.30am** Blackburn Lake reserve and surrounds. Meet at visitor car park off Central Road entrance

Melways ref: Map 48 B11 Walk duration approx 1 hour followed by talk from Sanctuary Education Officer in the visitors centre.

Morning tea and coffee will be provided for a gold coin donation at the centre.

**Note: If the temperature on the day of any of our walks reaches 35c the walk will be cancelled.**

**Anglesea Recreation Camp 13-15 March**

A further reminder of items to take on our trip.

- Towels (this item was left off the original list)
- Sleeping bag/blankets or doona and pillow
- Single flat sheet and single fitted sheet
- Drinks and drinking glass
- Torch - good idea.

See you at the camp 2pm or later on the 13th.

*Wayne & Terry 9841 5512 or 98505852*

**Bike Riding (John Hudgson)**

Bike Rides every second Wednesday

On Mon 2nd March seven happy novice riders did our first ride up stream from Bankisa Park to Banyule and return.

10K was achieved. We were very pleased with ourselves. SO look out Big Boys we will be joining you guys soon on your Wednesday rides. *John Hudgson* 98440662

**Cultural Walks (Wendy Fishley)**

**Thursday 12 March** - Williamstown walk with Kenneth Park and Garden tour with Fay Williams- meet at car park at intersection of Ferguson Street and The Strand at 9.45 a.m. Bring own picnic or find a cafe.

**Thursday 7 May** Discover Jolimont - meet at Hilton Hotel on corner of Clarendon and Wellington Streets at 9.45 a.m.

**No walks in April** as Easter and school holidays take up a large part of the month.

**Garden Group (Faye Williams)**

**Visit to Blue Lotus Watergarden**

On Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 26 members visited the Blue Lotus Watergarden, just past Yarra Junction on the Warburton Highway. Everyone admired the beauty of the 17 acre (7 hectare) property with its tropical and sub-tropical flora which was begun in 1999 by Geoff Cochrane and opened to the public about four years ago.

The garden has about 40 varieties of colourful lotus plants from southern China, America and Australia growing in 30 ponds and 100 varieties of tropical and other types of water lilies. Some of the water lilies were cultivated by world famous expert Charles Winch and were protected from cold weather in specially enclosed herbariums. Although smaller than the lotus flowers, their colours were very vibrant. Members were also delighted by the displays of richly coloured cannas which complimented the aquatic plants. Lotus plants, pods and plants are made available to the florist trade.

Two other items of interest were birds making a nest on one of the small islands designed for this very purpose and the controversy over spotting a steady stream of bubbles coming from a lotus plant, which were thought to be oxygen from photosynthesis by the leaf and centered around the stem of the plant.

Members acknowledged the fine efforts of Faye Williams in arranging the visit whilst they were enjoying lunch on the premises. Everybody remarked how fortunate we were to have had such a wonderfully relaxing day in a beautiful environment. *Sueh Cornell*

The next outing for the Garden Group will be on Thursday March 12th., when we will visit Williamstown. We will be joining with The Cultural Walks group for a walk with Kenneth Park, then on to the Williamstown Botanical Gardens for a Picnic Lunch. Please arrange your usual car pool (phone me if you are unable to arrange transport). We will meet Kenneth Park at The Strand at 9.45.am. Hope to see you there. *Faye Williams.*

**Games (Marion Cummins)**

Hi everybody pleased to be back on deck.

**Crazy Whist Night Tuesday 5th May Uniting Church Hall**

7.30pm start. Bring a plate and own cold drink Tea and Coffee provided

Place your name on list at one of the next two meetings so I have an idea of numbers

**Bridge Club** an offshoot of our Games Club. This is our 5th year of Biff (bridge is for fun). We all realize the more we play the more there is to learn. Don't be put off as we are still at a basic level and with a few lessons you would be able to join us and have a lot of fun discussing what you should have played!!!! etc...It is an interesting game that can be played at a number of levels so we welcome all newcomers, even if you would just like to watch and find out more about the game.

Play is on most Thursdays at Marion and Terry's home (Terry is chef) and we start at 9.30am.

More details for lessons ring. *Marion* 98505852

**Theatre (Andrea Thomas (9852 2105), Janet Pulis & Bev McDowell)**

**Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> - 8pm** Whitehorse Theatre "Don Giovanni"  
Cost \$50.00. Payment at March Meeting .

**Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> - 8pm** Eltham Little Theatre "Ten Times Table"  
Cost \$16.00 Payment at March Meeting.

**Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> - 1.30pm** Her Majesty's Theatre "Billy Elliott" **Bookings closed.** Tickets available at March Meeting

**Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 2pm** Whitehorse Centre Nunawading "Sound of Music" Cost \$28.00 Limited number of tickets available  
Take the Grandchildren to see this old favourite.  
Payment due by the April meeting

**Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> 11am** Whitehorse Centre "Denis Walter"  
Cost \$13.00 Payment due May Meeting

**Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup> 1pm** Matinee "Jersey Boys"

This is the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. I have booked 40 tickets in the Dress Circle at The Princess Theatre.  
Cost \$60.90. Payment due May Meeting

**Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> 11am** Whitehorse Centre "The Three Tenors". Cost \$13.00. Payment due June Meeting

**Procedures for Theatre Bookings**

1. Indicate the number of tickets required by placing your name on the expression of interest
2. Write the date of the outing in your diary (this is VERY important)
3. Pay by cash or cheque in separate envelope for each outing - indicating the amount inclosed and specific outing it relates to
4. Cash MUST BE correct amount as no change can be given
5. Once payment is receipted no refunds will be given
6. Tickets are transferable and may be offered to another person

Thanks to Joan and Ellen for your work over the past 12 months,  
*Andrea, Janet and Beverley*

**Golf (Lyn Crosbie)**

**Results**

**Friday 13th February - Freeway**

Winner – **Jim Allen (Lwr Temp)**- 49 Stableford points  
Runner-up – **Jenny Kerseboom** - 38 Stableford points  
Both players broke their handicap

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Freeway 9 hole stroke**

The Pro shop donated all monies to the bushfire appeal.  
Winner **John Wilson** - 31.5 nett  
Runner-up – **Mike Bindon** 34.5 nett on a countback

**Next game 13<sup>th</sup> March Freeway Golf Course – Tee off 8.30am**

**Please note there will be no golf on Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April as most members have other arrangements.**

**Golf Getaway Point Lonsdale April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Due to the meeting in April not being until the 17th, all final payments are to be paid at the March meeting. As I will be away, Mike Bindon will be handling this for me.

**Golf Getaway Mansfield October 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2009**

All details next newsletter. *Lyn*

**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 let Hugh have a note 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. Your leaders will be in touch.

Group 1	Group 2
Lorraine & Ray Cooper (Leaders)	Anne&Craig Lukeman (Leaders)
Pauline & John Mugridge	Jenny&Jake Kerseboom
Marion & Terry Cummins	Anne Doull & Adrian Eltringham

**Book Reading (Val Reid).**

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

**Scrapbook (Verity Moore)**

Scrapbooking (Normally 4<sup>th</sup> Monday). Mar 23rd next meeting  
*Verity 98416373*

**Genealogy (John Mugridge for Ray Lawley)**

As leader of the February meeting on behalf of Ray I failed miserably,when I should have been in Doncaster I was in fact in Merimbula and for this error my humble apologies. Through Doug however I met two great genealogists, their friends,Allan and Judy Pendrich who are Vice President and Treasurer respectively of the Bega Valley Genealogy Society, so we now have a resource for genie matters from that area.

After consultation with Ray we have the following programme for the months to come

**March** - Doncaster Library. Review our goals.

**April** - Heidelberg LDS. Parish Records

**May** - Doncaster Library. Using all the facilities.

**June** - National Archives, North Melbourne, at their invitation, for Victorian and Australian research, more information at meeting

**Fine Photography (Doug Havne)**

**Meet Second Wednesday of the Month at 7.30pm**

The group appreciated the opportunity to do the presentation at the February meeting. We had many complements passed to us on the presentations. Credit should go to Wilma for the show of images from her trip which she produced entirely herself and to Wayne who did the production of the Probus Show.

This month's meeting will be on Wednesday 11th March.

*Doug 98418645*

**Fellowship 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 on 98505641 or Mary on 98507881

March	Ron McGregor and Dorothy Macaulay
April	Daryl and Wendy Knight
May	Craig and Anne Lukeman

**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 Lorraine on 9850 4483 or have someone pass your apologies.

**March Birthdays**

Frances Baldassare, Heather Bindon, Pat Burns, Mary Gault, Lyn Hodgson, Marg McGregor, Kerry McInerney, Terry Pearlgood, Janet Pulis

**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. There will be a training session along with an emergency evacuation drill practice at the hall soon.

<b><u>Our First Aiders</u></b>	
Jim Douglas	Jill Dickason
Jo Danahay	Wendy Fishley
Ray Lawley	Ian Gault

**Your Committee 2008/9**

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**Activity Groups**

Leader	Ron McBain	9850 3919
Book Swap	Pat Edwards	9848 7389
Reading Group	Val Reid	9850 3161
Craft	Yvonne Boyall	9841 6295
Cycling	John Hodgson	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 Hodgson	9844 0662
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	9850 1801
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**Editor’s Notes**

**Newsletter Deadline** for April is noon Sunday 12th April

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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

**Our web site:** <http://www.templestowevalleyprobus.org.au>

Volume 2 of our Scrapbook is now on the web site for those that are able to access it.

We have also added a “Useful Links” page to the web site. Here you can get access to several sites specific to our age group and occupation.

Please send any ideas you may have for the web site to our publicity email address

[publicity@templestowevalleyprobus.org.au](mailto:publicity@templestowevalleyprobus.org.au) *Doug*

**Other Items**

The 2008 Annual Report is now on our web site under “Club Forms and Other Documents”. There will be a limited number of copies of this and the 2008 AGM Minutes available at the March AGM meeting.

Please share them around as you wish.

**Profile and Tribute to Don Boyd (Ellen Boyd)**

At our meeting in February, Doug asked us to submit articles for the newsletter. This was something I had intended to do since Don and I became Foundation members. As a tribute to Don and to all who met him during these short few years I would like to share some of our times together.

During the past few months I have had to fill out many forms and change endless details. One I received recently said to tick the box to describe my status. ie. married single widowed etc. I immediately ticked married, the very idea of ticking widowed did not enter my head. We were married for over 46 years, a lifetime.

I met Don on a blind date when a group of very young people went for a trip to Ballarat begonia festival over 50 years ago. I was 16 years old and it was 6 days before Don's 19th birthday. For the four years we 'went out' before we were married Don travelled three times a week from his home in Oakleigh to where I lived in Northcote.

There was no Monash freeway so the trip was all the way through the south of the river suburbs and then through Collingwood and Fitzroy. All the traffic lights went out at 12 midnight and Don quite often passed the milk man with his horse and cart on his way home.

He was very proud of his soft top Ford Anglia. When the roof leaked I had to put up the umbrella to keep the rain off. We went to the Preston drive-in regularly and sometimes really dressed up to go into the city to the pictures on a Saturday night. The Moonee Ponds town hall was a favourite outing although Don would trade it any time to go to Tracy's speedway in Maribyrnong.

We went to a lot of wonderful 'Balls' and Don would arrive with a beautiful orchid for me which always matched my dress. I learned many years later that they were chosen by his mother.

In 1961 we were engaged, and bought a block of land in West Doncaster for 1500 pounds. At the time the family thought we were mad as you could buy a block in East Burwood or Clayton for half that price. We had found Doncaster and loved it so much, we knew it was where we would live for the rest of our lives.

After we were married in 1962 we moved into our triple fronted brick veneer in Glenfern avenue with my Grandmother's discarded bedroom suite with a ticking mattress that you had to turn over each day, a laminex table and chairs we bought for 15 pounds and a saucer chair which we used to fight over.

The outside toilet caused much laughter when the night cart man arrived each week with the can firmly placed on top of his top hat. There were no houses between our back fence and all the way up to Manningham road.

The private bus service was the only public transport to the tram in North Balwyn and of course we only had one car and no telephone.

Our first daughter Donna arrived 9 months and 25 days after we were married and 2 weeks before my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. I look back at that time I can't believe how naïve we were. Second daughter Christine arrived 22 months later. The girls have gone on to provide us with seven wonderful grandchildren.

The kindergarten and school committees followed with teaching Sunday school, Brownies and of course tennis and dancing lessons, all of which Don seemed to get out of as he was always too busy in the garden. Joys of all joys happened when Joan and Michael Planck moved in across the road and the beginning of a

lifelong friendship commenced. We had two more moves before moving into our current home at Mont Close Doncaster East.

Don worked in Malvern for 43 years with the same firm, firstly as a Spray Painter in the motor trade and in the later years in used cars. Most of our holidays were spent in Sorrento at the Nautilus caravan park and more recently we were able to fulfil a lifelong dream. Upon Don's retirement in March 2005 we went for a cruise on the Queen Mary 2.

Around this time Don's health commenced to deteriorate although it was not until 2006 that he was diagnosed with Bowel Cancer. His operation was followed by 6 months of chemo and his remission allowed him to enjoy many Probus outings and another Cruise on the Sun Princess.

In 2008 Don spent 103 days in hospital and in September he lost his battle. There are many members in Probus who have lost family and friends and the void this creates is a sadness and emptiness many have had to bear. There are the 'could have's, should have's, would have's that would have made our lives so much better and the arguments now seem so trivial.

Don was my friend for over 50 years, we laughed, we cried, we argued and we disagreed on most things, mostly he said because I was Irish and stubborn, but we never lost sight of the love we shared for our children and now our grandchildren. He has left us with many treasured memories and we all miss him so.

*Ellen Boyd*

## Probus Events List

Date	Event	Time	Leader
<b>MARCH</b>			
Wed Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	Walking, Yarra Flats. Meet at info booth off Boulevard Mel 32 B6. BYO Tea etc.	9.45	Wendy & Peter Fishley
Wed Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	Photography 30 Pine Hill Dve Doncaster East	7.30pm	Doug Hayne
Thur Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	Williamstown Cultural Walk with Garden Group. Meet car park Ferguson /The Strand	9.45 a.m	Wendy Fishley/Faye Williams
Fri Mar 13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Weekend away at the YMCA Anglesea Recreation Camp Booked Out		Wayne Eames
Fri Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>	Genealogy	10.00am	Ray Lawley
Tue Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Craft	10.00 am	Yvonne Boyall
Wed Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
<b>Fri Mar 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AGM and Fellowship Meeting (Note change of date)</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>The President</b>
Mon Mar 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Scrapbooking at Verity Moore's home	10.00am	Verity Moore
Tue Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	Entertainers Practice	9.15 am	Marg Campbell
Wed Mar 25 <sup>th</sup>	Walking, Yarra Flats. Meet at info booth off Boulevard Mel 32 B6. BYO Tea etc.	9.45	Wendy & Peter Fishley
Thu Mar 26 <sup>th</sup>	BBQ at Birrarung Park	5.00 pm	Elaine Hayne
Fri Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
<b>APRIL</b>			
Wed Apr 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
Sun Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Wed Apr 8 <sup>th</sup>	Photography 30 Pine Hill Dve Doncaster East	7.30pm	Doug Hayne
Wed Apr 8 <sup>th</sup>	Walking Blackburn Lake & Surrounds. Meet visitor centre Mel 48 B11	9.30 am	Ron & Marg McGregor
Fri Apr 10 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway (Good Friday)	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed Apr 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
<b>Fri Apr 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fellowship Meeting (Note Friday this month)</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>The President</b>
Mon Apr 20 <sup>th</sup>	Genealogy	10.00am	Ray Lawley
Tue Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	Craft	10.00 am	Yvonne Boyall
Tue Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	Entertainers Practice	9.15 am	Marg Campbell
Wed Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Walking Blackburn Lake & Surrounds. Meet visitor centre Mel 48 B11	9.30 am	Ron & Marg McGregor
Wed Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Probus Mystery Tour – APT Coach leaves Shoppingtown Hotel at 9.00am	9.00 am	Elaine Hayne
Fri Apr 24 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Apr 27 <sup>th</sup>	Scrapbooking at Verity Moore's home	10.00 am	Verity Moore
Apr 26 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup>	Golf Getaway Point Lonsdale		Lyn Crosbie
Sun Apr 26 <sup>th</sup>	BBQ Lunch at Birrarung Park	12 Noon	Elaine Hayne
Wed Apr 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
<b>MAY</b>			
Sat May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Social and Dance Evening at the Hall with Diana May and her band -	7.00 pm	Elaine Hayne
Sun May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Tue May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Games Trivia Night	7.00pm	Marion Cummins
Thu May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cultural walk - Discover Jolimont - Meet Hilton Hotel cnr Clarendon & Wellington St.	9.45 am	Wendy Fishley
Fri May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Wed May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Photography 30 Pine Hill Dve Doncaster East	7.30pm	Doug Hayne
Wed May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Walking One Hundred Acres Meet at Domeney Reserve Mel 35E9	9.30 am	Judy Chapman
Thu May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Adelaide Getaway May 2009 – Meet at Adelaide Shores Caravan Resort		Lyn Hudgson
Mon May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Genealogy	10.00am	Ray Lawley
Tue May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Craft	10.00 am	Yvonne Boyall
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<b>JUNE</b>			
Wed Jun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bike Riding	10.00 am	John Hudgson
Fri Jun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed Jun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Photography 30 Pine Hill Dve Doncaster East	7.30pm	Doug Hayne
Wed Jun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Walking, Banyule Walking Trail. Meet Heidelberg park Mel 32 B4	9.30 am	Pat McInerney
Sun Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
<b>Mon Jun 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Fellowship Meeting (Note Fourth Monday of the month)</b>	<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>The President</b>
Mon Jun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Genealogy (Car Pool)	10.00am	Ray Lawley
Tue Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	Craft	10.00 am	Yvonne Boyall
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Fri Jul 31 <sup>st</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Sun Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Mon Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Fri Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Fri Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Sun Sep 6 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Mon Sep 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Fri Sep 11 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Fri Sep 25 <sup>th</sup>	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie

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