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President's Message (Liz Turner)

The talent in our Club never ceases to amaze me. The Entertainers Group aka Radio TVP3 gave us a hilarious rendering of an old-fashioned radio play "Queer Street". Congratulations again to Margaret Campbell and Wilma Pontefract for co-ordinating and performing in this consummate performance for our enjoyment - such a lot of hard work by so many people. The bar is now set high for our Christmas entertainment!

I am writing this message a bit earlier than usual as, if things go according to plan, I shall be walking in the Budawang National Park in New South Wales when the deadline rolls around. My husband is

organising a group from the Koonung Bushwalking Club to walk in this Park for a week. The first two nights we will be sleeping in a cave or "overhang" but then we have the luxury of beds in a caravan park unit at Ulladulla! If I survive, I will be with you all as usual at the November meeting.

The only "extra" Club thing I have enjoyed since my last message was a Fine Dining evening at the new Restaurant "Vibrante" in Templestowe. A great improvement to this corner location which you may remember as a bit of an eyesore for the last forty years!

As we are now coming into warmer weather, I would like to remind you about the Club's policy on inclement weather:

If the weather bureau forecast is for 35 degrees or above, members should contact the activity leader to confirm that the activity will proceed as planned. If it does, it will not be classified as a Probos activity. On a Total Fire Ban Day, no BBQ will be available for cooking and a cold picnic will be the replacement.

Mark Rawson, a lawyer and amateur explorer of tunnels and bunkers under the heart of Melbourne, will be our November Guest Speaker. Whilst at the Meeting, remember to book and pay for your seat at the Winter Wonderland Christmas Celebration which will replace our December meeting.

Following is the sixth clue to my second well-known Melburnian. 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.6: I started life as a "cottage industry".

Liz Turner

Secretary's Report (Judy Baker)

Only one activity was approved at the committee meeting on Monday 12 October 2009: Garden Group16 NovemberThe Briars, Mt.Martha.

Our Committee Planning Meeting for 2010 will be held on Monday 16 November. Thanks to Ron McBain and all activity leaders for their support in providing their activity plans for 2010. Your committee will report back to all members on the outcomes of the planning meeting. If any member has an additional activity for 2010, please contact Ron McBain.

November Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 9 November, 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).

November: Box Hill RSL, 26-28 Nelson Road, Box Hill. Melways referencemap 47 C8.

Laurine Eames and Lyn McBain

Speakers (Marg McGregor)

November 9th - Mark Rawson

Lawyer and Amateur Explorer of tunnels and bunkers with tales of Australia's wartime past and what lies beneath the streets of Melbourne.

December 14th - Christmas Party Celebration

"Winter Wonderland"

January 11th - John Magill

Brain Finger Printing - a new investigative tool for the solving of serious crimes. (Father of Jane Thurgood Dove)

February 8th - John Reid

Poetry, Humour and Life at the ABC plus "Wine Tasting" - owner of the Bacchanalia Estate Vineyard. 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 on your apologies. Please contact Jenny concerning anyone who is not well or who needs a ride to meetings. *Jenny Morcom*

November Birthdays

Laurel Bishop, Anne Doull, Pat Edwards, Ian Gault, Wendy Knight, Craig Lukeman, Dorothy Macaulay, Beverley McDowell, Philip Mithen, Jane Pearlgood, Marilyn Platford, Denis Wheeler, Faye Williams

Club Activities

Trips (Elaine Hayne)

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 Hayne 9841 8645

Culture Walks (Wendy Fishley)

Wendy Fishley 9848 3749

Getaways (Lyn Hudgson)

Lake Mungo Getaway 11th March 2010

Deposits of \$200- per person are due to be paid at the November meeting. Detailed costing will be provided by Jake Kerseboom, however these will still be subject to amendment upon final bookings.

Activity Report - Golf Getaway to Mansfield

Everyone had a lovely couple of days in the township of Mansfield. The accommodation was very good and all our needs were catered for by the motel owners Jill and Michael. Marion and Terry Cummins joined us for our very enjoyable happy hour each day as they were staying with a friend in Mansfield.

I wish to thank them both for arranging and coordinating the walking group who had a great time with a visit to Jamieson and walks around Mansfield (see report below).

The golfers all enjoyed the course even though it looked easy it did not play that way. We started off the first day in thick fog but it soon lifted and left us with a beautiful day. We had players losing balls in the long rough or finding it very difficult to get out of. Then there was Norm Edwards who seemed to be having trouble knowing what number comes after 16 as he took his group to the 4th tee instead of the 17th tee. Many of the male players had an affinity with the trees on the course so much so I began to think there must be secret mens business going on.

John Reid had a very good round on the first day but he was not happy with his iron shots. A very dedicated man trying to win the Spring Cup, he decided to conquer his inability to use his irons by practising after the game hitting ball after ball. Great entertainment for the rest of us while we ate our lunch. Alas all this practice did not help in any shape or form.

Leon Magree reported that he thought there were 3 knocks on his door during the night but told the culprit to go away as he had a headache and had to be up early to play golf. Elsie Branchflower denies all knowledge of this.

Jeff and I drove to Mansfield the day before everyone else and decided to have dinner at the local Chinese restaurant. After looking at the menu we noticed that there was a \$1.50 per person cockage charge!

Another new one for me –the bottom of the golf score cards had the following message:

“As we use recycled water on the course please do not lick your golf balls”. What does go on in the township of Mansfield?

Congratulations to Laurel Bishop the winner of the Spring Cup with an overall score of 64 stableford points and runner-up on a countback was George Thomas with 57 stableford points. *Lyn Grosbie*

An Amble Around Mansfield

What a pleasure to wander around this glorious part of our State. Our plans covered walks around the local Wetlands, the newly formed Botanic Park and a visit to Jamieson.

The weather was kind as we started our investigation at the Mansfield Historical Society which was kindly opened for us by two of the local ladies. A special display of "The History of Red Cross in Mansfield Area" was part of the exhibition.

Many people found references to friends or relatives, even found Jake Kerseboom's friendly, family bakery noted in the local history book.

The confluence of the swiftly flowing Goulburn and the Jamieson Rivers at Jamieson provided a gentle walk before we headed off for lunch at the idyllic picnic area on the river banks.

Jamieson is situated 33Km South from Mansfield and provides a stunning drive to this very tiny township. There are many original buildings still standing and as the pioneers planted vast numbers of specimen trees the town is a vast Botanical Park. The present locals obviously have great pride in this heritage as their delightful cottage gardens and thoughtful preservation of their area is inspirational.

A beer (even raspberry) or two at the local Matilda's Brewery and a lookout view over Eildon ended a very special day.

Marion Cummins

Swanky Dinner a Huge Success

We styled it "A Swanky Dinner" – the menu produced by the inner city men's club stated it was "Dinner with Kenneth W Park Esq." – but what ever you want to call it, the night at the Savage Club on Thursday, 29 October has to be called a huge success. It was a grand night out.

Kenneth Park, who guides our regular city walks and is a member of the Savage Club, greeted fifty-four Templestowe Valley Probus and guests at 7.00pm at the portico entrance of the club; a dignified renaissance-revival building classified by the National Trust, at 12-16 Bank Place, close to the Mitre Tavern.

The night was balmy, allowing the women to wear gorgeous light cocktail dresses and evening dresses: the men looked equally resplendent in dinner jackets, lounge suites, tuxedos or plaided Scottish attire. Bow ties were everywhere amongst the men and fine jewellery glittered on the women.

We took drinks in the large, downstairs social room, a very masculine room in this all-male club. This medieval-styled room, well supplied with leather couches and chairs, has a small stage and a grand piano. It has two huge fireplaces at each end, a beamed ceiling and paintings of great quality, mostly executed by club members, many of whom, such as Frederick McCubbin and Sir Arthur Streeton, were members. But, the most surprising aspect of the room is an extraordinary collection of pacific-area spears, shields and masks that are incorporated as decoration on the upper half of the walls as well as the stairwell. Mostly a gift from club member Brigadier General Evan Wisdom, who served for a time in a military and administrative capacity in New Guinea, they are appropriate for this club, whose members, with some irony, refer to themselves as Savages.

Kenneth Park and Wendy Fishley made us feel welcome by an appropriate introduction, at the end of which, Kenneth invited us to mount the stairs to see the billiard room and special-purpose rooms on the first floor and then to proceed to the dining room on the second floor. He pointed out that the highlight of the climb was the ever-continuing display of sketches, paintings and trophies given to this bohemian club by the musical, literary, artistic and scientific fraternity for whom the club exists.

The dining room astounded us. This carpeted, cosy room, whose walls were festooned with black and white cartoons, sketches and paintings, was decorated with period sideboards, chiffoniers and white-clothed tables each set with silver for eleven. Over our heads and running

across the room, were three brown, fabric punkahs, noiselessly cooling the room by gentle oscillation, remotely controlled.

In the address that Kenneth gave us after the entrée (chicken and ham hock and cashew terrine with a pear and apricot chutney) on the history of the club, he pointed out that when the building was purchased in 1923 from Sir Rupert Clarke, who used it as a town house (it is said, to house his mistress), it was completely remodelled and the punkahs installed to provide “modern” cooling: we found them to give a touch of India and to be effective still. Kenneth said that in that same refurbishment, the club had benefitted from a hot-water central heating system that had been “mysteriously” connected to the furnace in the adjoining building!

The gist of Kenneth’s talk was that the club had been started in 1894 by people who had a feel for the arts of all sorts and wanted to meet regularly with like-minded people. It was highly successful in this endeavour, attracting musicians, actors, architects, writers, journalists, soldiers and sailors. These men had been, and continue to be, influential in the arts, commerce, industry, and politics (both Prime Ministers Robert Menzies – president for 15 years – and Joseph Lyons, were members) and have contributed to the economic and cultural development of the nation. But above all, these men wished to enjoy each other’s company in a relaxed and pleasant environment, and this is still the case today. The Savage Club was so named because a club of similar endeavour existed in London, honouring a minor poet of that name. The club is one of the oldest clubs of Melbourne, he said, having grown from 18 men to 500 today. Women are welcome after 4.30pm each day and at special functions, such as this.

Throughout Kenneth’s talk, the waiters saw to it that we did not run dry of red and white wine, sourced from the best Victorian and South Australian wineries.

Individual filets of beef with red wine and mushroom sauce, served on a golden potato rosti and garnished with asparagus spears, formed the melt-in-your mouth main course. Dessert was lemon tart with raspberry coulis.

After the meal, a journey down the stairs (there was a lift, used by a few at this stage) took us back to the social room for coffee, chocolates and port. With our song sheets in our hands, we let our voices loose to the strains of The Last Time I Saw Paris, The White Cliffs of Dover, Lili Marlene and Cruising Down the River, as Wilma Pontefract led us ably on the grand piano.

Then, with 11.00pm looming, we saw fit to wrap up a very fine night in the spirit we know imbues the members of the august and friendly Savage Club.

Comments on the occasion from several of our members indicated that the night was filled with pleasure for them. One member said, “This outing has reinforced the feeling of bonhomie when enjoying a good time together that is the hallmark of our club”. *Peter Fishley*

Golf (Lyn Crosbie)

Results

Friday 9th October - Freeway

Winner – **Jim Allen** (Lwr Temp) – 28 stableford points on a countback
 Runner-up – **John Reid** – 28 stableford points

Friday 23rd October – Freeway

Winner – **Norm Edwards** – 32 stableford points
 Runner-up – **Denis J Wheeler** – 30 stableford points
 Next game 6th November Freeway Golf Course – Tee off 8.30a

End of Year Breakup

Urban Retreat on Thursday 10th December at 7pm
 \$38.00 per person cash – 3 courses BYO wine (no corkage charge)
 Refer notice board and put your name down if attending.

Golf Getaway Phillip Island – April 18th – 20th 2010

Staying Kaloha Holiday Resort.
 Golfers - \$240 per person twin share
 Non golfers -\$190 per person twin share

Playing Phillip Island Golf Course

Deposit of \$50.00 per person must be paid at November meeting.

Lyn Crosbie 9850 1801

Theatre (Andrea Thomas)

South Pacific

Fri Nov 6th 8pm Whitehorse Centre.

Payment due tickets \$28.00.

Andrea Thomas 9852 2105

Bike Riding (John Hudgson)

Bike rides every second Wednesday. Bike Riders & Walkers Christmas get together (partners also welcome) Wed 2nd December from 11.am at Hudgson residence 15 Lynette Ave Warrandyte. B.Y.O. picnic lunch, drink, glass, and a chair there will be B.B.Q. facilities available also if preferred.

John Hudgson 9844 0662

Cryptic Crossword Solving (Liz Turner)

Many thanks to Adrian for keeping the brains ticking over whilst I was away.

Back to business as usual once a week at Val Reid’s from 4-5pm on Thursday 12th November and subsequent Thursdays. Anyone interested in having a go, please contact me. Liz Turner (9850 4429 or email geoliz@bigpond.com)

Walking (Wayne Eames & Terry Cummins)

We walk every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. New walkers always welcome. Come join us.

Bike Riders & Walkers Christmas get together (partners also welcome) Wed 2nd December from 11.am at Hudgson residence 15 Lynette Ave Warrandyte. B.Y.O. picnic lunch, drink, glass, and a chair there will be B.B.Q. facilities available also if preferred.

Put your name on the list at November meeting please.

Wayne and Terry

Barbecue at Birrarung (Elaine Hayne)

As Daylight savings has commenced the November BBQ is at 5pm on Thursday November 26th. Come along and join in the fun and frivolity. *Elaine 9841 8675*

Club Groups

Book Reading (Val Reid)

November, Tuesday 17th - 20th
 December, Tuesday 15th Break Up Dinner

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

Val Reid

Craft (Yvonne Boyall)

Our next meeting is 17th November at Elaine’s, 30 Pine Hill Drive Doncaster East. End of year finale. Our ladies will have a relaxing morning. No machines, stitching, Filling or Tinsel. Come and enjoy a cuppa. Our Christmas party is 8th December at Elaine’s, details to follow. *Yvonne Boyall 9841 6295*

Entertainers (Marg Campbell)

It was wonderful to see the appreciation, from the members of probus, for the casts performance at last months meeting, of the Radio play Queer Street. Many thanks to them all for their talent, the great props, the music, and videoing.

It is great that we can diversify occasionally, and bring to our gatherings, things that challenge, as well as entertain us, especially when it is from our very own members.

The group are busy rehearsing these weeks with lots of enthusiasm for our Christmas Winter wonderland Revue,

We would love to welcome any members, who would like to participate, in any way with the group, in 2010.....

Fresh new ideas are always great to hear, Fresh new faces are great to see , we have lots of fun and you only need to participate where you, feel comfortable, every year will be different, depending on the interest, and skills of the members.

Talk to any members of the group for details, or ring Marg. on 94311958 or Wilma on 98501905.

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the local scout hall Templestowe.

Marg Campbell and Wilma Pontefract

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.

Group 1	Group 2
Jenny & Jake Kerseboom (Leaders)	Judy & Ross Chapman (Leaders)
Dawn & Bob Anderson	Esmā & Ray Lawley
Yvonne Boyall & Beryl Glover	Lyn & Jeff Crosbie

Hugh Cornell

Fine Photography (Doug Hayne)

Meet Second Wednesday of the Month
November meeting at 30 Pinehill Drive Wed Nov 11th .
Doug Hayne 9841 8645

Gardens (Faye Williams)

The next outing for the Garden Group, will be on Monday 16th, November, when we will visit The Briars, Nepean Hwy Mt.Martha. (Mel:Ref:145.11).This garden was featured in the September issue of Australian Country Style Magazine. It is named The Perfumed Garden & Roseraie, and has over 200 varieties of Old World and David Austin Roses. There is an admission charge of \$10 per person.

After visiting the garden we will lunch at nearby MtMartha. If you would like to come , please add your name to the list. We will car pool as usual. Please phone me on 98990640 if you need transport. Drivers please try to arrive at the Garden by about 11am if possible. Hope to see you there, Faye Williams.

Faye Williams 9899 0640

Genealogy (Ray Lawley).

Six members attended the October meeting at Burwood Later Days Saints, the centre put on an extra volunteer to provide assistance to our members.

Most of those who attended had some success with their research or gained advice on methods to help them in future
 Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th November 10-00 – 12-00 at the State Library corner of Swanston & Latrobe st City.

Look forward to seeing any one interested there as they have a wide range of research information available.

Ray Lawley 98504252

Games (Marion Cummins)

The last mixed games night for 2009

Tuesday, 10th November at Marion and Terry's 7.30pm
 13 Cygnet Ave Lower Templestowe

Put your name on the list at the meeting or ring Marion on 98505852. BYG (bring your grog) and a small plate of supper.

Games : 500 or variations, Canasta, Cribbage etc. Room for 20. *Cheers Marion*

Scrapbook (Verity Moore)

Don't become a "Stranger in the Box". This month I will discuss ways of identifying, storing and preserving your photographs for future generations. This meeting is on Monday 30th November from 10.00 am at my home 98 Bellevue Avenue, Doncaster East. All welcome, bring a photo or an album.

Verity Moore 98416373

Club Administration

Your Committee 2009/10

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Leader	Ron McBain	9850 3919	0419310875
Book Swap	Pat Edwards	9848 7389	
Craft	Yvonne Boyall	9841 6295	0409581953
Culture Walks	Wendy Fishley	9848 3749	
Crosswords	Liz Turner	9850 4429	
Cycling	John Hudgson	9844 0662	0488719889
Fine Dining	Hugh Cornell	9855 8873	
Entertainers	Marg Campbell	94311958	
Games	Marion Cummins	9850 5852	
Garden	Faye Williams	9899 0640	
Genealogy	Ray Lawley	9850 4252	
Getaway	Lyn Hudgson	9844 0662	040 096 1223
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	9850 1801	040 931 2113
Photography	Doug Hayne	9841 8645	040 777 8634
Reading	Val Reid	9850 3161	
Scrapbooking	Verity Moore	9841 6373	
Theatre	Andrea Thomas	9852 2105	
Trips - Events	Elaine Hayne	9841 8645	040 777 8644
Walks	Wayne Eames	9841 5512	040 837 8205

Our First Aiders

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

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

November	Valma Sigg and Pat Sinclair
December	Not required, Christmas Celebrations
January	John Reid and Jane Pearlgood

Editor's Notes

Newsletter Deadline (Doug Hayne)

For the December Newsletter the deadline is Sunday 6th December

Club Contacts

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

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

Postal Address is PO Box 518 Bulleen 3105

Please use this address for all club correspondence.

We have published the members email address list in this months issue. Whilst every care has been taken to make sure the list is accurate, if there are nay corrections required please let me know and we can publish these next month.

In the December issue we will publish phone numbers.

Our Web Site

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

Doug

Other Items

1941 Celebration

All systems go for ten of us to attend our inaugural 1941ers lunch at Glencoe Restaurant, 766 Whitehorse Road, Mont Albert (Ph: 9898 5188) at 12 noon on Thursday 12th November. Bon appetit.

Liz Turner

Melbourne Sinfonia Concert (John Wilson)

Melbourne Sinfonia's final concert for 2009 is on Friday 27th November, 8.15pm at Melba Hall, Royal Parade, Parkville

Programme:

Rossini 'The Barber of Seville' Overture

Lalo Symphonie Espagnole - soloist – Katherine Lukey, violin

Mendelssohn - Symphony No 3 – "Scottish"

Conducted by Rick Prakhoff

Admission \$25. - Children 15 years of age and under free.

Orchestra member John Wilson is able to offer advance purchase tickets at the discounted price of \$20, either at the Probus meeting or by phoning 98461625. Tickets may alternatively be obtained at the venue on the night of the concert at the full price of \$25.

The Melbourne Sinfonia is an Auxiliary of the Royal Children's Hospital and supports Music Therapy at the hospital from the proceeds of its concerts.

A Trip to Malta , Sicily, Sorrento Pompei and Rome

Fran Sirio who is an excellent tour organiser and leader, has relatives in Lipari which is an island of the Aeolian Island group off Sicily. She organises, through her company, APT, a special tour starting in Malta and moving on to Sicily, the Aeolian islands and Amalfi coast and finishing with a visit to Pompei and then on to Rome and The Vatican.

Elaine, Yvonne and I decided some months ago to book ourselves on this trip, not realising that we would be travelling somewhere there on the day of the AFL Grand final AND that our team St Kilda would be in the Grand Final. We found out about the result when some good friends we had made on the trip started singing THEIR theme song, "We are Geelong....". Enough said.

So, off we went anyway and on arrival in St Julian in Malta we booked on a "Tour of The Creeks" which was a marvelous start to our tour. Buildings and stories abound that describe clearly, Malta's history which goes back into the BC era by more years than we are past it.

The next day we met our nine other tour companians, mostly from Melbourne and, in fact some were Probians who were very local. We travelled in Malta with a local experienced guide called Horatio who didn't blow his horn at all. Horatio was able to show and tell us the marvelous history of this small island which has always been a strategic location in the Mediteranian. We saw a church that had a bomb fall through its beautiful

dome in WW2 but failed to explode. "A miracle" they said and perhaps it was. We were shown the repaired spot in the ceiling of the dome that the bomb had dropped through and an example of another identical bomb that had dropped unexploded somewhere else. Another miracle???, well apparently there were several thousand bombs ended up this way.

Malta has been a Muslum, and Catholic Christian state in it's history and has some very beautiful churches which we visited and admired. One always wonders what suffering was experienced by the "volunteer" workers who spent their lives working on these immense projects. Malta also had a very interesting period of being governed by "The Knights"

We walked a lot through the enchanting narrow streets and travelled short and enjoyable trips over the small island over the days we were there.

From Malta we flew to Catania on the Italian island of Sicily and on to Giardini Naxos with a view of the natural beauty of the high town of Taormina from our hotel balcony. Lo and behold we visited this picturesque town the next day with a guide who was born there. An ancient Greek theatre (AD 1) on the top of the mountain was the highlight of the day here.

After this we travelled to Cefalu on the northern coast. We then travelled to Monreal. Here we found a delightful Benedictine Monastery built in the Middle Ages with hundreds of beautiful gilded columns. More religion!!!

After a day here seeing the wonderful architecture, we moved on by ferry to the island of Lipari for 5 days where many of Fran's relatives live. From here we were able to visit most of the beautiful islands in this Aeolian group, some of which displayed their wrath in the form of volcanic activity. Which by the way, happens every day. We walked around the crater of Mt Etna which had actually had a large eruption in the 1980's that buried a small guest house. But not the day we were there.

A day on a boat took us around and on to these volcanic islands with a swim in the warm waters and in the balmy evening viewed a spectacular firey eruption of Stromboli, viewed from The Mediteranian.

After a fantastic long lunch on our last day on the island at Fran's relative's restuarant on Lipari with a local singer from our era singing and us dancing to, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett italian songs That's Amore, Arevederci Roma, etc. (all in Italian).

We moved on from Sicily by train which rolled on to a ferry boat for a 25 minute trip across the Straits of Messina to mainland Italy. Our train, after being re assembled, then travelled on to Salerno where we boarded a bus to our next destination, Sorrento. Well, we HAD to travel there via the Amalfi Coast, WOW what scenery and what a resort area this is. It HAS to be seen to be appreciated. There is excitement too. The roads are narrow and winding and we were in a fairly long bus. BUT tolerance and understanding in traffic make the negotiation of these roads an easy task for these experienced drivers. What I mean is, that when a big bus comes the other way, the Italian ego goes out the door and the bus is given right of way.

From Sorrento, we had a boat trip out to "The Isle Of Capri". True, the rich and famous seem to have taken over here but you would have to be rich and famous to be able to have a "Holiday Home" here .It is fantastic. Once again there are marvelous views along the narrow winding roads, some of which required us to change to a smaller bus to negotiate. The views are stupendous and a boat trip around the island gave us several "Blue Grottos" to visit.

From Sorrento we travelled via Pompei to Rome. Pompei is a unique experience. You really feel that you have travelled into the past to AD79 when Mt Vesuvius devastated a huge area in the district. The brothel we visited there (viewing only) was out of commission but interesting

Our trip finished from Rome with a visit to the Vatican , Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps, all filled with visitors but well worth visiting. We found it interesting to re visit this marvelous city with thousands of years of history, after 30 years to see that, well, it looks better now!!!

Exciting traffic in Rome has to be seen to be appreciated. BUT it works.

Safe trip home in time to be at our October Probus meeting was a blessing. *Doug, Elaine & Yvonne*

Probus Events List

Date	Event	Time	Leader
NOVEMBER			
Sun Nov 1 st	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Wed Nov 4 th	Bike Riding	10.00 am	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	9.30 am	John Hudgson
Wed Nov 11 th	Fine Photography	7.30 pm	Doug Hayne
Mon Nov 16 th	Garden Group The Briars, Nepean Hwy Mt.Martha (Mel:Ref:145.11)	TBA	Faye Williams
Tues Nov 17 th	Craft at Elaine’s, 30 Pine Hill Drive, Doncaster East	10 00 am	Yvonne Boyall
Tues Nov 17 th	Genealogy - State Library corner of Swanston & Latrobe st City	10.00am	Ray Lawley
Tues Nov 17 th	Book Club		Val Reid
Wed Nov 18 th	Bike Riding	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
Thurs Nov 26 th	BBQ at Birrarung	5.00pm	Elaine Hayne
Mon Nov 30 th	Scrapbooking, Verity’s home, 98 Bellevue Avenue, Doncaster East	10.00am	Verity Moore
DECEMBER			
Wed Dec 2 nd	Bike Riding		John Hudgson
Wed Dec 2 nd	Bike and Walkers Christmas break-up at Lyn and John Hudgson’s	11.00am	Lyn and John Hudgson
Fri Dec 4 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Sun Dec 6 th	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Tues Dec 8 th	Craft Christmas Break up at Elaine’s 30 Pine Hill Drive, Doncaster East	10.00 am	Yvonne Boyall
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		Wayne Eames
Thu Dec 10 th	Golf breakup at Urban Retreat	7.00 pm	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Dec 14 th	Fellowship Christmas Celebration	10.30am	Lyn Hudgson
Tues Dec 15 th	Book Club		Val Reid
Wed Dec 16 th	Bike Riding		John Hudgson
Fri Dec 18 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Dec 21 st	Genealogy - Doncaster Library	10.00am	Ray Lawley
JANUARY 2010			
TBA	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Sun Jan 3 rd	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Mon Jan 11 th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Fri Jan 15 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
FEBRUARY			
Sun Jan 31 st	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Fri Feb 5 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Feb 8 th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Fri Feb 19 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
MARCH			
Sun Feb 28 th	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Fri Mar 5 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Mar 8 th	Annual General Meeting and Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
11 th – 21 st	Mungo Park Getaway		Jake Kerseboom
Fri Mar 19 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
APRIL			
Fri Apr 2 nd	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Sun Apr 4 th	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Mon Apr 12 th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Apr 18 th to 20 th	Golf and Walkers getaway to Philip Island	TBA	Lyn Crosbie



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!

**ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
"WINTER WONDERLAND"**

DATE: Monday 14th December 2009

TIME: 10.30 A M (no meeting this day)

VENUE: 'Ajani Centre' (Thompson's Road Lower Templestowe)

COST: \$20.00 p.p. Fellowship/Food/Fun/Entertainment/All inclusive

B.Y.O: Drink and your glass

R.S.V.P: At November meeting last opportunity for payment of full amount please..

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