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son or grandson – such an accomplished young man. At the meeting, I had the pleasure of inducting my second new member, Joan Jackson - I hope she will enjoy her Probust Templestowe Valley membership.

I have continued along my merry way this month, trying to participate in all the groups and activities that are the backbone of our club and am most impressed, once again, by the talent and expertise available to us just by climbing out of our comfort zones and putting our hands up to try something new.

Along with other Club Members:

- I joined Margaret and James Campbell on an invigorating walk from Yarra Flats to Lower Plenty and back, followed by a sausage sizzle.
- I joined John and Lyn Hudgson on a “novice” bike ride and only fell off once! You’d be surprised how quickly it comes back to you if you’ve ridden a bicycle in the past!
- I attended Doug Hayne’s very informative photography group and learnt all the things our digital cameras can do if we only take the trouble to listen to Doug and read the instructions once in a while.
- I went with Elaine Hayne on a conducted tour of the Queen Victoria Market and a very interesting day’s outing to Darnum Musical Village in Gippsland.
- With a few brave souls, I enjoyed the monthly barbecue lunch in the cold at Birrarung Park.
- In addition, I conducted my Cryptic Crossword sessions twice a week and played bridge once a week.

Your Committee has organised a 2010 Planning Meeting to be held on Monday 16th November and we ask group and activity leaders to have their plans for next year in writing in Ron McBain’s hands by the November Meeting at the latest. Unfortunately we have had a couple of date clashes this year and will try our hardest to eliminate these in the future.

At our Meeting on Monday 14th September our guest speaker will be Geoff Crawford and I look forward to seeing you all there. Please remember to wear your name badges – my brain fog is kicking in!! Also, if you are paying for an activity at any of our monthly meetings, please remember to put the correct money (cash or cheque) in a sealed envelope with appropriate details on the outside. This makes life considerably easier for the organisers.

Following is the fourth 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. 4: Following my huge success in Melbourne, I have now spread to both Sydney and Brisbane.

Liz Turner

Secretary’s Report (Judy Baker)

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I would like to thank Jenny Morcom for standing in as Club Secretary during my absence, she has done a wonderful job. Thanks also to all committee and club members for supporting and helping Jenny over this period.

Alan and I have been back three weeks from our wonderful adventure and seems like we have never been away. Does not take long to get back into the swing of grandchildren, family, friends and our beloved Probust. Like many others in our club we have had great fun being “Grey Nomads” for short period.

Judy

President’s Message (Liz Turner)

Last month’s meeting yielded us once again the calibre of speaker that we are coming to expect, thanks to Margaret! I’m sure all the mothers/grandmothers in the audience would have been proud to have acknowledged the thirty-two year old Nick Sautner, General Manager of Commercial Business at Etihad Stadium, as their own

Fellowship Meetings

Our next meeting is on Monday 14th September, 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

Speakers (Marg McGregor)

September - Dr Geoff Crawford

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

Vote of Thanks - Wendy Fishley

October - Our Entertainers Group

The 3TVP Radio Actors will be presenting a special play for our enjoyment.

November - 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 - Christmas Party

Celebration - "Winter Wonderland"

Marg McGregor

Fellowship Lunch (Lyn McBain & Laurine Eames).

The September Fellowship lunch will be at the Ivanhoe Hotel, 120 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe, Melways map 31 E8.

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.

September Birthdays

Ray Cooper, Claire Douglas, Janet Hammond, Jan Harvie, Anne Lukeman, Pat McInerney, Alice Pawelzig, Wilma Pontefract, Val Reid, Jan Shinnors, Maurelle Thompson

Club Activities

Trips (Elaine Hayne)

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 and pay at September meeting.**

Beleura House Heritage Property Tour

Fully Booked - 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 *Blaine, 98418675*

Culture Walks (Wendy Fishley)

Attention Swanky Dinner Guests!

Deposits are now due for Swanky dinner in October from those people who put their names on the list but have yet to pay. We must have at least 40 for this function to go ahead and so far we have less than this so please pay up. Thursday 29 October -, Bank Place, City - 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. (black tie or lounge suit, cocktail wear) *Wendy, 9848 3749*

Attention Knitters! !

All garments must be handed to Wendy at September meeting as they are to be distributed to needy children by the end of September.

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 - Cancelled

Trivia night has been cancelled as another function has been booked for the same day. Try again next year.

Cheers Marion, 9850 5852

Golf (Lyn Crosbie)

Results

Friday 14th August - Freeway - Social game

Friday 28th August - Freeway

Winner - **Mike Bindon** - 34 stableford points

Runner-up - **Wayne Eames** - 31 stableford points

Next game 11th September at Freeway Golf Course - Tee off 8.30am

Golf Getaway Mansfield - October 4th - 6th 2009

Balance for Mansfield getaway must be paid at this meeting and all relevant information will be given to you. Marion and Terry Cummins will be looking after the non golfers this trip.

Golf Getaway Philip Island - April 18th - 20th 2010

Golfers - \$240 per person twin share

Non golfers - \$190 per person twin share

Staying Kaloha Holiday Resort

Playing Phillip Island Golf Course

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

Lyn, 9850 1801

Theatre (Andrea Thomas)

Chicago Sept 16th

Her Majesty's Theatre 1.00pm - Sold Out

Burwood High School Musical

October 11th Besen Centre Matinee 1.30pm.

Collect your tickets at the September meeting

South Pacific

Fri Nov 6th 8pm Whitehorse Centre .

Payment due by September meeting. Tickets \$28.00

Andrea, 9852 2105

Bike Riding (John Hudgson)

Bike Rides every second Wednesday. Three rides in September Sep 2nd Met at the end of Leeds St. Melway 47 K4

Sep 16th Meet at Kevin Bartlett Reserve Burnley . Melway 59 B1

Sep 30th Meet at Lower Eltham Park Mel 21 H10

John Hudgson, 9844 0662

Walking (Wayne Eames & Terry Cummins)

We walk every 2nd & 4th Wednesday. New walkers welcome.

Wed September 9th Kokoda Track Walk Tremont

Special Walk Wednesday September 9th. Kokoda Memorial Trail Starts at National Park Ferntree Gully (Melway 74 H4/H5) up to One Tree Hill via "The Thousand Steps". Sounds daunting but this walk is OK if you are even only reasonably fit. We walk up the 2.5 Km trail in over 1 hour with rest stops along the way to read the very informative plaques concerning the Kokoda trail experience of our WW2 Soldiers.

To the top and return to picnic area for BYO lunch –less than 2 hours easy walk through magnificent old eucalypt forest.

There are alternative trails around the picnic area that you can take instead of the steps or you can drive to the top via Churchill Rd and walk down and make arrangements for others to drive you back on the 5 minute drive to pick up your car at the top.

Bring your own picnic lunch which can be left in the car. Good shoes, dress for weather expected and carry water.

Meet at the park near the track entrance which is well marked. We will start walking at 10.30am. If you arrive after we leave, just go up the track and you will either catch up with us on the way up or meet us on the way down.

Leaders, Doug, 9841 8645 & Kerry, 9850 4998

Wed Sept 23rd Warrandyte River Walk

(6.8Km - Rating Easy) Meet at car park off Taroona Av near corner of Taroona Av and Warrandyte Rd. *Melways 35 C1.*

Barbecue at Birrarung

This month's BBQ is at 12 noon on Sunday the 27th of September

Activity and Trip Reports**The Bike Riders along the Maribryngong River**

Seven members met at the Footscray Boat Club Car park below the "Victoria University" multiplex which somewhere in its innards has the old has the "Footy Tech" building. We proceeded to ride upstream and upwind past new luxury homes and old munitions buildings. Wayne and Mike had many a story to tell about working in the "Bomb Factory" and we found out that "There weren't many explosive accidents, just a few" John told us about the history and his own history of the Footscray area. It was a lovely fine day and we enjoyed the flat ride alongside the river. We reached the extent of the planned ride upstream and then proceeded back past our car park, over the cattle bridge where the smells of years gone by are but just an unpleasant memory, to the refurbished Showgrounds where we noticed some of the old buildings we remember like the "1924 Horse Pavillion" and the old "Government Pavillion" still there in their refurbished glory. However, the modern complex doesn't seem to have the appeal of the "Old Showgrounds".

We were approached by a security guard whilst looking through the bars of the huge modern steel gate, and were mistaken for some "bike riding kids looking for trouble". After some reminiscing with the "similar vintage to us" guard, we pressed on into the Flemington Race Course where preparations are in progress for the Spring Carnival. Without being challenged we rode through the magnificent gates and wandered around the areas we would need to pay top dollar to enter on race day.

We rode over the grass to the track fence and were tempted to jump the fence and ride the track but the newly pruned rose bushes deterred us.

Back up the hill and over the river to our vehicles. Wayne let it be known that John had a packet of Tim Tams in his bag.

Irene resisted the bullying and was the only one to refuse to help relieve John of his Tim Tams. A great ride on a great day.

Thanks John for your guidance. *Doug*

Darnum Musical Village

Seventeen Probus members and friends car pooled and took the less than one hour drive from Templestowe to Darnum in Gippsland to a gem of a tourist attraction.

Albert Fox at 78 has experienced a wonderful life, tuning, restoring and building musical instruments; in particular piano's and organs. In the early 80's he established the Darnum Musical Village where there now stand several buildings moved from various locations around Gippsland. Along with the purpose built auditorium where concerts are held, the village is really a working musical instrument museum. By working I mean that tradesmen and apprentices are often found working there restoring pianos and organs in the workshop and french polishing room where you can see the artists at work at their trade.

A guided tour shows groups of visitors around the museum, demonstrating the collection of hundreds of restored pianos, organs, accordians, guitars and other instruments. They all have a story and our guide Peter didn't hold back in telling the marvellous stories about the items in the collection whilst entertaining us by playing short excerpts of our favourite music. The oldest instrument in the collection is a piano built in 1820 of 18th century design. The largest is a church pipe organ restored and installed in a church building moved to the museum from Trafalgar after several previous moves from its original location in Boolara Gippsland in 1985.

After the tour we were served a light lunch and then settled in the auditorium to be entertained by a three piece band playing well known folk songs. A variety of instruments were used and we all sung along to some Irish, Scottish and Aussie songs. Albert turned up later to entertain us on his beautiful "Albert Fox" piano. His book of his life story repairing and tuning instruments for missionaries in New Guinea and Australia was available for sale and he willingly autographed copies for us. CD's of the musicians we were entertained by were also available with autographed covers. We had booked ahead for the tour, lunch and concert package which must be the best value for \$20.00 per person we have had for a long time. We spent around 4 hours there. After leaving the Village and HAD to have a look in at the interesting Darnum pub and try its offerings before heading home. A wonderful day thanks to Elaine and those that accompanied us.

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)

Our September meeting is on Tuesday the 8th September at Elaine Hayne's place – 30 Pine Hill Drive Doncaster East. The October meeting will be Tuesday 20th at Elaines home also.

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.

Yvonne, 9841 6295

Entertainers (Marg Campbell)

The Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month, next practice will be on the 22nd September at the Scout hall Templestowe. at 9.15.a.m. A special production will be performed at the October meeting, when the 3.T.V.P. Radio actors, will invite you to step back in time & reminisce, of earlier days, when we as a family, sat together listening to the radio.

We are looking forward to sharing these fun memories with you all
Marg & Wilma

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)

For lunch - Mangia Bevi (Macedon Square) and Beasley's Nursery (Doncaster East) are recommended.

Group 1	Group 2
Jenny Eaton & Liz Turner (Leaders)	Anne & Craig Lukeman (Leaders)
Dee & Rex Atkins	Jane & Terry Pearlgood
Marion & Terry Cummins	Andrea & George Thomas

Fine Photography (Doug Hayne)

Meet Second Wednesday of the Month . Our next meeting will be on Wed Sept 9th 7.30pm at 30 Pine Hill Drive Doncaster East. All welcome.

Note that there will be no Photography Group meeting in October.
Doug 9841 8645

Gardens (Faye Williams)

The Garden Group will be visiting StErth Gardens at Blackwood on Monday 21st.September for the Daffodil festival.

Please form your usual car pools and try to arrive at StErth by about 11.30am. If you need transport, please phone me on 98990640 and I may be able to help you. There is an entry fee of \$10 per person, as this is a National Trust Property.

I have been in touch with the Blackwood Pub who have offered us a 2 course lunch with tea or coffee for \$18 per person,

If you would like me to book the lunch please let me know at the next meeting as I have to advise them of numbers.

Alternatively the Blackwood General Store has a cafe, where we can eat, and does not need prior notice. For those who would prefer to take a picnic lunch the area is very pretty, and a suitable place to picnic would be easy to find.

The Garden of is on StErth, Simmons Reef Road, Blackwood. Melways 609(or909)E11.TurnLeft off the Western Hwy at Bullan.14klms after Bacchus Marsh, Turn right at The Greendale Hotel, drive through the Wombat State Forest, Turn Left at the Cobb and Co. Tearooms, into Simmons Reef Road, then follow the road to StErth Gardens. Hope to see you all there Monday 21st.

Faye Williams, 9899 0640

Genealogy (Ray Lawley).

4 members attended our August meeting at Doncaster Library where we discussed what we where researching.

Elaine Craig the Library Genealogist joined us & gave us some guidance on Family Tree Programs for home computers.

Our next meeting will be at **Doncaster Library on Monday 21st September 10-00 – 12-00.**

Elaine Craig has suggested we bring along our Lap Tops & compare the different Family Tree Programs we use & discuss what we think of the differences between programs, what we like or dislike & how easy or difficult they are to use.

If you don't already use one of these programs this session may help you decide on the best one to help your research.

Ray Lawley 98504252

Scrapbook (Verity Moore)

Scrapbooking. Next meeting Sept 29th 10.00am *Verity 98416378*

Club Administration

Your Committee 2009/10

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Craft	Yvonne Boyall	9841 6295	040 958 1953
Culture Walks	Wendy Fishley	9848 3749	
Cycling	John Hudgson	9844 0662	040 8871988
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	040 931 2113
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	9850 1801	
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

Paying For Events By Envelope

Some time ago we asked that members pay for events at meetings with the exact amount in cash or cheque in an envelope marked with the members name and the event the money is for. We have been getting slack! Handling money is getting more and more difficult for our volunteers as this procedure is not being followed in many cases.

If you pass it to them in the envelope with the details on it, your booking is completed in a few seconds and your money is efficiently and safely passed to the Treasurer. It's to your advantage as well as making the job easier for our volunteers. Thank You for Your Co-operation.

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

September	John & Pauline Mugridge
October	Maureen O'Brien and Beverley McDowell
November	Valma Sigg and Pat Sinclair

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

Newsletter Deadline

For the October Newsletter the deadline is Sunday 4th October.

Email & Mail

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

It is important this month to use this email address as I will be away and Judy will be doing the October Newsletter.

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>

Other Items

The Inaugural Lunch for Probus Club 1941

Noon Thursday 12th November. A booking has been made at Glencoe Restaurant, 766 Whitehorse Road, Mont Albert (Ph: 9898 5188). Fixed price menu for two courses is \$29.50 or three courses \$39.50.

Please confirm your interest in coming to this lunch by giving me your \$10 deposit at either the September or October Meetings. The more the merrier! How about other birth years forming your own groups?? *Liz Turner*

Half Price European River Cruise For Sale

My son-in-law bought at auction a 15 day APT European River Cruise for two. On reflection, he realized this was not the ideal holiday for a family with young children!

This could be the perfect opportunity for two of our Probarians The cruise sails from Amsterdam to Budapest (or reverse).

Choice of departure dates -

May 1st , 19th or 29th 2010. - \$7000 for two!

If you are interested in purchasing this bargain holiday please contact - Dana 0406 320866 or e-mail dana@pillinger.com.au

Judy Chapman

Floral Art Exhibition

The Box Hill Floral Art Group are having their 2009 Exhibition at the Lower hall of the Box Hill Town hall on Saturday & Sunday 12th/13th of September. There will be Floral Art Society of Victoria designs on display, Demonstrations and Sales . Anyone can enter the competition by contacting Shirley on: 98086080, or Jan on 98743143

VFL-AFL Finals Facts

With the AFL finals coming up this month we thought we would educate our members on the history of the VFL/AFL finals system. Questions will be asked, so read thoroughly and pay attention to detail. Then have a good strong drink.

Before VFL was inaugurated in 1897 the premier team was judged on the basis of consensus of newspapers and spectators rather than any points system or finals matches.

In 1877 Carlton Played 21 games, won 14, lost 3 and drew 4. Melbourne however played 23 games won 16 lost 3 drew 4. But Carlton was judged the premier team???

1897 (The first year of the Victorian Football league)

Top four teams at the end of the season played a "Round Robin Final" of 3 games each, meaning that a higher position on the season ladder provided no advantage.

The highest on the finals ladder, winning the most of the 3 games won the premiership.

Essendon won the first VFL Premiership in 1897 from second place on the ladder, winning all 3 finals games above Geelong who finished on top of the ladder but only won 2 of their three finals games.

If Collingwood, who finished fourth on the ladder that year, had won the premiership by winning 3 games in the finals and Essendon only 2 games. Collingwood would have been premiers with 12 wins and Essendon second with 13 wins.

1898 -This year a "better???" premiership system was introduced. The eight teams played each other twice. The team finishing with the most wins or highest percentage was the "Minor Premier" The teams were then divided into two groups of four with each playing the other in each group. (3 games) in a "second round" The two winners of the "second round" played off for the "Major Premiership" final: except, that if the "Minor Premiers" did not make the final, they challenged the winner in the Grand Final, provided, they had gained at least 8 points in the second round.

1899 Fitzroy won the Minor Premiership with 11 wins and 3 losses and 153.3%.

South Melbourne won the Major Premiership from 6th place (3rd last) in the Minor Premiership with 5 wins and 9 losses.

1900 Fitzroy won the Minor Premiership but lost the second round to Essendon who finished fourth. Essendon played Melbourne in the Semi-final, who had finished 6th. Melbourne won this game and then beat Fitzroy by 4 points in the Grand Final. (4.10 to 3.12)

1901 Geelong were Minor Premiers Essendon second, Collingwood third and Fitzroy fourth.

This year the right to challenge from the Minor Premiers was removed. The outcomes were more like the expected results except that Geelong supporters felt they were cheated.

Geelong were Minor Premiers and were still on top after the Semi-finals (They lost but still had more wins under their belt).

Semi winners were Essendon by a point over Fitzroy, Collingwood beat Geelong by 21 points but no challenge possible this year even though Geelong had won most games for the year. The Grand Final between Essendon and Collingwood went to Essendon by 27 points.

1902 The system was changed again to what was called "The Argus System. (Suggested by "The Argus" newspaper)

With this system only the top four teams of the eight by number of wins and percentage, contended the finals. The finals consisted of two Semi-finals where second on the ladder played fourth and first on the ladder played third. These winners played off in a "Preliminary Final". If the Minor Premier lost a Semi-final or Preliminary Final, they played the Preliminary Final winner for the flag. Collingwood were Minor Premiers but lost their Semi-final to Essendon by 10 points. They then went on to win the Grand Final against Essendon who beat Fitzroy in the Preliminary Final.

1903-1923 the system appears to have worked nicely for 20 years with the top teams winning 12 flags with second teams winning 6 and Fitzroy winning from fourth place in 1916 and third in 1922. In 1918, because both Semi-finals were won by the higher team on the ladder, there was no Preliminary Final. The top two teams Sth Melbourne and Collingwood played off in the Grand Final

1924 After 20 years, a change back to the the 1897 finals system. "The top four teams play off in a round robin and the Premiership is decided on the results."

The season ended with a fearful anti-climax. Essendon won the flag despite the fact that they lost to Richmond by 10 points in their last match. This loss was not enough to put Richmond above Essendon by percentage, both having the same number of wins. Thus there was no Grand Final in 1924.

1925 Finals system returned. Geelong won the Minor Premiership, lost their Semi-final and beat Collingwood by 10 points for their first VFL flag.

1926 Collingwood are Minor Premiers but Melbourne beat them in their Semi-final and in the Grand Final.

1927 – 1930 Collingwood won their famous four premierships in a row being Minor Premiers for the four years and beating Richmond in three Grand Finals. However, after winning ALL games during the 1929 season, Collingwood lost their only game for the year in the second Semi-final to Richmond by 62 points. But beat them in the Grand Final. No team has ever won the Premiership without losing a game for the season.

1931 The "Page - McIntyre"¹ final four system was adopted where third played fourth (first Semi-final) with the winner going in to the Preliminary Final. First played second (second Semi-final), with the winner going to the Grand Final, and the loser going to the Preliminary Final. The Preliminary Final winner played the Second-semi winner in the Grand Final.

1972 After 40 years of the McIntyre final four, a change is made to have a final five with an "Elimination Final" for the 4th and 5th teams, a Qualifying Final for the 2nd and 3rd teams with both matches played on the same Saturday. On the next Saturday, the loser of the Qualifying Final played the winner of the Elimination Final in the First Semi-final and the winner of the Qualifying Final meets the top team on the ladder in the second Semi-final.

The next Saturday, the winner of the First Semi-final then played the loser of the Second Semi-final in the Preliminary Final. The winner of this played the winner of the Second Semi-final in the Grand Final the next week.

To complicate (perhaps further complicate) things, there was a draw in the Second Semi-final in 1972 between Carlton and Richmond resulting in a replay and putting an extra week (and money) in to the finals campaign.

1986 The first time a non Victorian team, Sydney made the finals 2nd on the ladder. They were beaten in their Elimination Final against Carlton and then lost by 5 points in the Semi-final to Fitzroy.

1991 Final six introduced with two elimination finals. In the First Elimination Final 5th played 6th and in the second Elimination Final, 3rd played 4th.

1992 Elimination finals were changed : In the first week of the finals, in the First Elimination Final 4th played 5th. In the second Elimination Final 3rd played 6th. The two top teams played in the Qualifying Final. In the second week, in the first Semi-final, the Qualifying Final loser played the lowest placed Elimination Final winner. In the second Semi-

final, the Qualifying Final winner played the highest placed Elimination Final winner. The winner of the first Semi-final played the loser of the second Semi-final in the Preliminary final the next week with the winner of this to play the second Semi-final winner in the Grand Final the following week. (Repeat **that** without reading it!!!)

1999 The final eight system was introduced. Designed by Ken McIntyre who was responsible for all systems from 1931, four Qualifying Finals with upper teams matched with lower teams, two Semi-finals, two Preliminary Finals leading up to the Grand Final making a total of nine finals matches played over 4 weeks.

Question: Which is the most complicated system?

Some Finals Stats

First Premier – Essendon 1897

Most Premierships – Carlton and Essendon 16

Premiership wins by ladder position:

First – 65, Second - 28, Third - 10, Fourth - 6, 5th -1, 6th - 1

Most successive premierships – Collingwood - 4 1927-1930

(Melbourne would have won 6 Premierships in a row in 1955 – 1960, had they won the 1958 Grand Final against Collingwood who won by 18 points)

In 1944, Fitzroy was second only to Collingwood in number of Premierships won. (8)

Nth Melb, Footscray and Hawthorn joined VFL in 1925:

Footscray waited 24 years, Hawthorn 36 years and Nth Melb 50 years, before winning a Premiership.

StKilda who were there from 1897 waited 69 years for their first and only premiership – 43 years ago. (Perhaps)

Note 1

The man who actually devised the finals system was Ken McIntyre.

Percy Page was a Richmond delegate to the VFL who, after discussing the scheme with Mr. McIntyre, advocated it to the league.

Why this should entitle Mr Page to have his name attached to the system is unclear.

References: 100 Years of Australian Football 1996 Penguin Books
AFL Web site statistics

For The Love Of Animals and Small Children

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups And set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of little boy. 'Mister,' he said, 'I want to buy one of your puppies.' 'Well,' said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, 'These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money.' The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. 'I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?' 'Sure,' said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. 'Here, Dolly!' he called. Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse.

Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up... 'I want that one,' the little boy said, pointing to the runt. The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, 'Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would.'

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, 'You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands.' With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully handed it to the little boy. 'How much?' asked the little boy. 'No charge,' answered the farmer, 'There's no charge for love.'

Probus Events List

Date	Event	Time	Leader
SEPTEMBER			
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 Drive 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 – Meet at Kevin Bartlett Reserve Burnley . Melway 59 B1	10 am	John Hudgson
Wed Sep 16 th	Matinee at Her Majesty's – "Chicago" \$60.90	1.00 pm	Andrea Thomas
Tue Sep 22 nd	Entertainers Practice. Scout Hall at Finns Reserve Mel 33 B4	9.15 am	Marg Campbell
Wed Sep 23 rd	Walking –Warrandyte River Walk Meet car park Taroona Av and Warrandyte Rd. Melways 35 C1.	9.30 am	Wayne Eames
Fri Sep 25 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Tue Sep 29 th	Scrapbooking at Verity Moore's Home	10.00am	Verity Moore
Sun Sep 27 th	Barbeque at Birrarung 12 Noon	12 Noon	Elaine Hayne
Wed Sep 30 th	Bike Riding - Meet at Lower Eltham Park Mel 21 H10	10.00am	John Hudgson
OCTOBER			
Sun Oct 4 th	Newsletter Deadline – Send Items to publicity@templestowevalleyprobus.org.au	12 Noon	Judy Baker
Oct 4 th – 6 th	Golf getaway - Mansfield	TBA	Lyn Crosbie
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: Koorung Creek Reserve. Meet at car park Mel 32 F10	9.30am	Terry Cummins
Thu Oct 22 nd	Barbeque at Birrarung – First Twilight BBQ NOTE 5.00pm	5.00 pm	Elaine Hayne
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
Tue Oct 27 th	Scrapbooking at Verity Moore's Home	10.00am	Verity Moore
Wed Oct 28 th	Mystery Luxury Bus Tour \$25.00 Leaves from the hall.	9.00 am	Elaine Hayne
Wed Oct 28 th	Walking: Koorung 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. Cancelled		Cancelled
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	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
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
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
Tue Nov 25 th	Scrapbooking at Verity Moore's Home	10.00am	Verity Moore
Wed Nov 25 th	Walking Mullum Mullum Creek Meet at Coach & Horses Hotel Ringwood	9.30 am	John Hudgson
Thu Nov 26 th	Barbeque at Birrarung	5.00 pm	Elaine Hayne
DECEMBER			
Fri Dec 4 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Sun Dec 6 th	Newsletter Deadline 12 Noon	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
JANUARY			
Sun Jan 3 rd	Newsletter Deadline 12 Noon	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Mon Jan 11 th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Fri Jan 15 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30am	Lyn Crosbie
Fri Jan 29 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30am	Lyn Crosbie
FEBRUARY			
Sun Jan 21 st	Newsletter Deadline 12 Noon	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Mon Jan 8 th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Fri Feb 12 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30am	Lyn Crosbie
Fri Feb 26 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30am	Lyn Crosbie
MARCH			
Sun Feb 28 th	Newsletter Deadline 12 Noon	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Mon Mar 8 th	AGM and Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Thu Mar 11 th	Getaway to Mungo National Park 10 days	TBA	Lyn Hudgson
Fri Mar 12 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30am	Lyn Crosbie
Fri Mar 26 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30am	Lyn Crosbie
APRIL			
Sun Apr 4 th	Newsletter Deadline 12 Noon – Easter Sunday	12 Noon	Doug Hayne
Mon Apr 12 th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Fri Apr 9 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30am	Lyn Crosbie
Sun Apr 18 th	Sun Apr 18 –20 th - Golf Getaway Philip Island	TBA	
Fri Apr 23 rd	Golf at Freeway	8.30am	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 October meeting by way of full payment please.

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