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President's Message

Would you believe that we are now a third of the way into 2010. We have had several trips and outings already. Mungo Park Getaway, Golf at Phillip Island, 'Bridges' at Fairhaven, a visit to The Blue Lotus Gardens, a day on the "Smart Bus" and a wonderful Social Night enjoyed by 65 members and friends.

We were approached by Bulleen Templestowe Probus Club with a request that some of their members be invited to attend our now famous social. After waiting for final numbers from our own members, we agreed to welcome 20 guests from their club. This made up a total of 70 booked for the event but 5 were unable to attend mainly due to health reasons. We wish our absent members well.

Of course all of these events are surrounded by good attendances at our regular gatherings for pleasure and interest.

Once again we have proven to be a very active club

One of our "Founding Fathers" Max Didier attended our social evening with our visitors and must be very pleased with the result of his Manningham Rotary Group's initiative in founding our club.

On April 30, representatives of the committee attended a Manningham Probus Group Information day sponsored by The Manningham Interest group and the Manningham Council.

Our Rotary Chairperson Tony Hills, spoke about many of the issues concerning the proper and successful running of Probus Clubs and provided us with new information and reinforced our own ideas concerning membership, wait lists, insurance and legal issues with the constitution and by-laws.

We then split into groups of Presidents/Vice Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries and Activities officers to discuss the issues with other club representatives.

We learned a few things from Tony's talk and meeting with the other club officials, but the main benefit we obtained from the meeting was the reinforcement to us, that we are doing things right.

During May, in addition to our regular specialty group meetings, we have two theatre nights as well as a garden group visit to Burnley College and culture walk with Kenneth Park around Footscray. Please support these efforts our leaders make in organising these events.

Have a good month

Doug

Secretary's Report (Heather Bindon - 9846 2173)

I am pleased to report that I have survived the first month as Secretary. One down, and 35 to go and it will get easier I'm told. That is not to say that there weren't some glitches, but with the help of trouble shooters, Doug, Jeff, and of course, Judy, the problems were soon ironed out.

Our first committee meeting went smoothly, although it ran a little over time. We were rewarded for our efforts with a wonderful supper provided by our esteemed hostess Elaine Hayne and her enthusiastic helpers, Helen, Yvonne, Laurine and Lyn McBain. This was to mark the first committee meeting with Doug as President and six new committee members in attendance.

In the next two months many of our members are heading off on overseas trips. We wish you all a happy and safe time and look forward to hearing of your exciting experiences upon your return.

A reminder to those who would like to buy Club polo shirts, that orders may be placed with Judy Baker at our next meeting on May 10. Judy suggests that you borrow a shirt from a friend approximately your size and try it on before ordering. Details of cost etc. will be given at the meeting.

Activities Approved by The Committee.

1. John and Wayne. Break up for the Walking and Bike Riding groups December 8. at the Scout Hall in Finns Reserve
2. Elaine Hayne. Hidden Bars of Melbourne August 12 @ 7p.m..Cost \$35.00
3. Elaine Hayne. Guide Dogs Trust Gourmet lunch June 7 Cost \$15.00.
4. Judy Chapman- Suggestion for Short Walks for those less agile to link up with the main Walking group for coffee.

May Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 10 May 2010 at the 'Ted Ajani Centre', Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe. The hall will open at 9.00am for activity bookings and the meeting will commence at 9.45am.

Heather

Fellowship Lunch (Lyn McBain & Laurine Eames).

May 10 at Ivanhoe Hotel 120 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe Mel 31 F8.

July Birthday Lunch

The committee of the Templestowe Valley Probus Club would like to invite all members to attend our birthday lunch at the Ted Ajani Hall after the July 12 meeting at approximately 12 noon. The lunch will be soup, sandwiches and cake and the cost is \$14.00 per person. Please BYO drinks and glasses. It would be appreciated if as many members as possible could pay at the May meeting (correct money please in a clearly marked envelope). If you are unable to pay in May, final payments will be collected at the June meeting. Thank you.

Laurine and Lyn

Speakers (Jill Dickason 9812 0486)

Percy Cooper spoke on murder and mayhem in superannuation at our April meeting. What a wonderful morning he gave us with lots of humour and some very nasty revelations he encountered in the field of superannuation. He was a wealth of knowledge and we enjoyed his talk immensely.

May 10th - Andrew Demetriou

AFL Chief Executive will be speaking on 'AFL in the 21st Century and the opportunities and challenges'. Wear your club colours. Guests are warmly invited BUT please notify Jenny Morcom so their names can be added to our list.

June 14th – Soduko with Marian

For beginners and those who have never played before. It will be gentle as well as more ferocious for those more advanced players.

Jill

Membership & Welfare (Jenny Morcom - 9850 7274)

Apologies

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

Jenny

May Birthdays

Judy Baker, Yvonne Boyall, Rose Cecchin, Allan Chambers, Marion Cummins, Maureen Dubock, Barbara Green, Elaine Hayne, Jake Kerseboom, Maureen O'Brien, Valma Sigg, George Thomas, Elizabeth Diffen (April).

Club Activities

Trips and Events (Elaine Hayne 9841 8645)

Paying for Events

Just a reminder that when paying for events, could the **EXACT** amount be placed in a **named** envelope together with the **event name** on the front. This makes it so much easier for those collecting & receipting the money and the whole process is done so much more efficiently too. Thank You.

Seeing Eye Dogs Australia

Monday 7 June at 17 Barrett St., Kensington. Tour followed by a gourmet sandwich lunch. \$15.00 per person. Car pool from the hall 10.15am. Must book and pay at May meeting. Minimum 20 people.

Kilmore Harness Racing

Thursday 17th June. \$20 includes entry, race book and a great two course lunch in luxury surroundings. Book and pay at May meeting. Car pool from hall 10.30am

Power Works - Latrobe City - Gippsland.

Monday 26 July. Community Bus leaves Manningham City Hall Doncaster at 8am to drive to Morwell. Tour and Bus \$20.00 per person. BYO Lunch or purchase on site. Book at May meeting.

Report on Anzac Day Barbecue at Birrarung Park.

Twenty nine members and friends met at Birrarung Park on Anzac Day for our first Sunday BBQ for 2010.

Although the weather early in the day looked menacing, we all took the risk and it paid off as it turned out to be quite acceptable weather by the time we had cooked our meat. Some members, who had never

attended our BBQ before due to other commitments, were able to make it this time and were delighted at how they really enjoyed the afternoon.

A minutes silence was taken and people were then asked to recall and tell us of relatives and friends who had fought for their country. Several members told us of their kin or family friend who had been killed or returned as broken men. It was a very moving moment.

Next BBQ is at Birrarung Park on Sunday 30 May at 12 noon.

Our Annual Social Evening

Last Saturday our Annual Social was another successful and exciting event with sixty five bright and bubbling Probarians, including twenty visitors from Bulleen Templestowe Probus Club.

With the wonderful "Deep Creek Dance Band" we celebrated with a French theme supported by attendees dressed in French style.

Our Entertainers group once again provided hilarious entertainment with a Paris atmosphere enhanced by projected Parisian images in the background.

Stylish French ladies greeted one another to the lovely "I Love Paris" song and then Ron McGregor played a lovely rendition of "Lily Marlene" on his mouth organ which introduced us to a version of the song with lyrics re-written by Wilma, applicable to the people and activities of our club. This was presented by a stylishly dressed dance group of our members who then went on to show their wares with a Can Can dance and song routine.

During this the dignity of our President and three other male members was seriously damaged by their cross dressing and controversial intrusion to join the dance girls on the stage. We were then enthralled by a brilliant Edith Piaff number (in French of course) by our own Wendy Fishley which was received with very enthusiastic applause.

One of our male guests Graeme Woolard from Bulleen Templestowe Club with an excellent voice sang three old favourite songs, also to much applause.

After several brackets of favourites like Abba, Neil Diamond, and lots of Rock & Roll, around midnight the band retired and we concluded what was a memorable evening.

Thanks to the entertainers, their helpers, and the many people who stayed on afterwards to clean up.

Elaine

Culture Walks with Kenneth Park (Wendy Fishley 9848 3749)

Thursday 27 May, 1pm, Footscray. Meet in front of Royal Hotel, 154 Barkly Street, corner of Droop Street. Cost \$20 which includes a great walk & coffee afterwards. You may like to stay on and have lunch at a local café. Please pay at May meeting.

Thursday 10 June – St Kilda No 2. Meet at old St Kilda railway station at 11am. Note new time, this is to avoid peak hour traffic. Please book and pay at May meeting.

Wendy

Getaways (Lyn Hudgson – 9844 0662)

Put your name on 'Expression of Interest List' if you would like to come to Sydney and play tourist with us, August 16th to 23rd 2010. Arrangements for those on the list will be given out in June.

Lyn

Golf (Lyn Crosbie – 9850 1801/Mike Bindon 9846 2173)

Results

Friday 9 April – Freeway

Winner –**Norm Edwards** with 38 stableford points on a countback.
Runner-up – David Dodds with 38 stableford points.
Both resulting in a break of handicap.

Friday 23 April – Freeway

Winner: Barbara Green with 40 stableford points.
Runner-up: Wayne Eames with 39 stableford points.
Both resulting in a break of handicap.

Next game–Friday 7 May Freeway Golf Course – Tee off 8.30am

Golf Getaway Phillip Island – April 18 – 20 2010 (Lyn)

What a great couple of days on the Island for 29 of our members. Perfect weather, beautiful golf course, excellent accommodation, plenty of food and lots of good wine. I would also like to add the company was not too shoddy either!

The course was very challenging with lush fairways and plenty of bunkers around the greens. Everyone enjoyed the course even though our game was disrupted on the first day. A few pennant teams were following us and as they caught up to our players on the back nine we were asked to leave the course and resume play after lunch. Not what is usually asked of golfers to do, but we complied and took up our posts again after lunch. Should we have quit at this point and called it a 9 hole comp for the day? **Definitely not!** As we have real troopers in our club, out they went again with their sore backs, bad knees, crook feet and collapsing hips to resume play as the competition was too important to abandon. Well done everyone.

The second day proved to be a lot less complicated and most enjoyable as there were no interruptions to our game. The course was just as difficult to handle but most players improved their scores.

Buffet breakfasts and two course dinners each night were organised for us and we had our happy hours in the BBQ area.

Congratulations to David Dodds on winning the 2010 Autumn Cup on a countback with a total score of 58 stableford points and runner-up was Leon Magree also with 58 stableford points.

My thanks to Mary Gault who organised our non golfing members.

Walkers' Report (Mary Gault)

As always, the Golf Getaway was great: - full of fun, life, chatter and action. To top it off, the weather was perfect- those lovely warm, still autumn days that make being outside a joy.

Those of us who did not partake in golf pursued a variety of activities. Some hit the shops and reported very pleasing results, while others went further afield to the Vietnam War Museum and its Garden of Reflection. A huge amount of work has been done here, and the resulting displays are most interesting.

On the move again, this time to the Koala Conservation Park where the interpretive centre's display gives fascinating details on the physiology, habits and behaviour of these extraordinary marsupials. The tree top board walk brought us very close to about twenty of them. Our final foray was to the Nobbies Centre where the board walk took us around the tip of the island with wonderful views of Seal Rocks, the Nobbies and the spectacular coastline.

It was all great. Many thanks to Lyn who gives so much time and energy in organising the weekend and to Jeff for his unfailing assistance.

GOLF GETAWAY THURGOONA – October 3 – 5 2010

See notice board

Golfers \$180.00 per person twin share
Non golfers \$150 00 per person twin share
Staying Thurgoona Country Club Resort
Includes buffet continental breakfast and 2 \$12 meal vouchers
Deposit \$50.00 per person due May meeting

Lyn

Theatre (Andrea Thomas 9852 2105.)

Wednesday 12 May: Regent Theatre – 1pm 'Fame the Musical'
Tickets now available for collection.

Friday 21 May – 'Anything Goes' 8pm. Besen Centre. Tickets are now available for collection.

Wednesday 2 June – 'A Day at the Great Music Hall'. 11am Whitehorse Centre. Tickets \$32. Payment April meeting. I have booked 10 tickets.

Friday 4 June: 'Kismet' Whitehorse Centre 8pm Tickets are now available for collection.

Wednesday 28 July 'Calendar Girls', 1pm, Comedy Theatre. Tickets \$62. Payment May meeting. I have booked 40 tickets and there are tickets still available.

Wednesday 22 September: Regent Theatre 1pm 'West Side Story', Cost \$66.00. Payment July meeting. I have booked 60 tickets and tickets are still available.

Wednesday 9 February 2011 – 'Mary Poppins'. Put your name on the sheet for expressions of interest. I will be taking payment in November so that tickets can be distributed before Christmas.

Andrea

Bike Riding (John Hudgson 9844 0662/0488 719 889)

Wednesday 5 May Eaglemont Tennis Club Mel.33 K10
Wednesday 19 May Fitzsimmons Lane Bridge Mel 21 G12

Novice Group

No rides in May (John away)

John

Walking (Wayne Eames 9841 5512 & Terry Cummins 9850 5852)

May 12 & 26 Templestowe Tour via Westerfolds Park. (1 hour approx easy) Meet at Finns Reserve Mel 33 B4. Morning Tea Café at Templestowe shops.

Wayne and Terry

"CROCS" Short Walks Group (Judy Chapman 9846 3286)

It has been suggested that we name our short walks group "CROCS". This is a name which epitomises the ethos of our newly formed group as

* We like to live life dangerously!?

* We don't take ourselves too seriously.

* It indicates a type of "high class" footwear suitable for wear on our walks.

* It does NOT have anything to do with our members being scaly and wrinkly!!

Everyone is welcome to join us, no bookings or apologies needed. Just turn up and enjoy some exercise, coffee, cake and plenty of friendly conversation.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our inaugural walk on 12 May and again, 26 May. We will meet in the Westerfolds car park, Porter St. entrance. Mel.33E3 at 9.50am. Morning Tea at Vibrante, Templestowe Village.

Collect your program for all 2010 walks at the next meeting.

Club Groups

Book Reading (Val Reid 9850 3161)

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

Val

Craft (Yvonne Boyall 9841 6295)

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month and this month's meeting is on 18 May at June Duncan's home, 5 Kiewa Street, Doncaster, at 10am. For those that enjoy knitting it is time to get your wool and knitting needles out and start knitting squares for sewing into rugs.

Yvonne

Cryptic Crossword Solving (Liz Turner 9850 4429)

Thursday 6 May 4-5pm at Reid's
Thursday 13 May 4-5pm at Turner's
Thursday 20 May 4-5pm at Turner's
Thursday 27 May 4-5pm at Turner's

Liz

Entertainers (Marg Campbell 9431 1958/Wilma Pontefract 9850 1905)

Thank you and congratulations to all the intrepid "Frenchies" who provided the entertainment for our May Social. To use a famous quote – "You all did very well!"

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 25 May at the Templestowe Scout Hall next to Wombat Bend Play ground from 1pm-3pm. \$2 for Hall Hire. Please come, especially if you are interested in participating in our end of the year item at our Christmas Breakup Lunch. We are also considering taking part with an item in the Probus Concert being held at the end of September, so please let me know of your intentions. Our wandering leader, Margaret, will be back for the June meeting and it would be good to surprise her with our progress!

Wilma

Fine Dining (Hugh Cornell 9855 8873)

Fine Dining is a good way for members to get to know each other a little better. It is necessary for leaders to return their 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
Mary & John Wilson (Leaders)	Lyn & Jeff Crosbie (Leaders)
Dee & Rex Atkins	Jane & Terry Pearlgood
Jenny & Graham Morcom	Judy & Alan Baker

Hugh

Fine Photography (Doug Hayne 9841 8645)

Meets Second Wednesday of the Month at 7.30pm at 30 PineHill Drive. Next Meeting 14 April

Doug

Games Club (Marion Cummins 9850 5852)

Crazy Whist Night Wednesday 28 April. This was a fun and challenging night and was enjoyed by 20 of our members at the Uniting Church Hall. It was great to welcome a few new faces. Winners were: Wilma Pontefract and Bob Anderson and the wet kiss prize went to Denis Wheeler!

Chicken, Salad, Chips, Ice-Cream and Cards or **CSCIC @ 13 Cygnet Ave Templestowe Lower. Tuesday 8 June @ 6.30pm for CSCIC.** Please BYO drinks and a small plate of supper. Tea & Coffee provided. \$10.00 per head. Room for 16-20 players. Please place your name on the list to reserve your seat.

Marion

Gardening Group (Faye Williams Ph 9899 0640)

The Garden Group will be visiting The Burnley College Gardens on Monday 17.May. Please add your name to the list if you would like to come. We will be taking a tour of the Gardens which will take about one hour and will focus on the heritage trees dating back to the 1850's, the herb garden, silver garden, rose garden and native planting. After the tour we will be free to roam on our own. The cost of entry will be \$5 per person. There is a cafe at the Gardens where we can have lunch or a coffee. Please organise your usual car pool, or phone me if you are unable to arrange transport. Drivers please plan to be at the gardens by 11am but note there is metered parking in The Boulevard. The No 70 tram from Wattle Park stops nearby which you may like to consider.

Hope to see you all there.

Faye

Genealogy (Ray Lawley 9850 4252)

The May Genealogy meeting will be held at Doncaster Library on Monday 17 May from 10-00 am – 12-00 noon. If you are interested in making a start on your search for ancestors, please come along & join us. We are only too happy to assist in guiding you on this very interesting journey.

Ray

Scrapbook (Verity Moore 5986 8840)

The Scrapbook group will meet this month at Maurelle and Les Thompson's home 47 Sheahans Road, Bulleen from 10.00 am. All welcome to observe or participate as we are happy to share our knowledge with you. Please contact Maurelle (9850 6850) or myself (5698 8840) to register your interest.

Verity

Club Administration

Your Committee 2010/11

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Craft	Yvonne Boyall	9841 6295 0409 581 953
Culture Walks	Wendy Fishley	9848 3749
Crosswords	Liz Turner	9850 4429
Cycling	John Hudgson	9844 0662 0488 719 889
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 0400 961 223
Golf	Lyn Crosbie	9850 1801 0409 312 113
Photography	Doug Hayne	9841 8645 0407 778 634
Reading Group	Val Reid	9850 3161
Scrapbooking	Verity Moore	5986 8840 0409 188 786
Theatre	Andrea Thomas	9852 2105
Trips – Events	Elaine Hayne	9841 8645 0407 778 644
Walks	Wayne Eames	9841 5512 0408 378 205

Our First Aiders

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

Tea Roster (Adrian Eltringham – Jan Harvie)

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 Adrian on 9850 2187 or Jan on 9497 2216.

Adrian & Jan

May	Leonard Williams and Merrill Smead
June	Carol Wilson and Gwen Young
July	Pamela Young and Pat Ajani

Editor's Notes

Newsletter Deadline (Les & Maurelle Thompson 9850 6850)

For the June Newsletter the deadline is **Saturday 5 June**. Could all Activity Leaders please note that this is one day earlier than before. Please carefully scrutinise any events you are involved with for correct dates and other information and do not hesitate to contact us if there are any errors or omissions. Thank you to all those Activity Leaders and those on Committee who sent their articles in early.

Les & Maurelle

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Please use this address for all club correspondence.

Our Web Site

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

Other Items

1940's Big Birthday Celebration

Our very select 1940's group, gathered at The Boulevard Restaurant, Kew on April 29th for our BIG Birthday celebration lunch.

The setting was tranquil, the food fine, we enjoyed the wine and the company was excellent. We discussed how life has changed during the last 70 years and laughed over items from Ron's Feb.1940 newspaper.

There was plenty of mirth as we passed around photographs of ourselves taken "many years ago". It has now been confirmed that both Ron and Ray were very pure and wholesome, maybe, even angelic, little boys. They looked absolutely adorable in their powder blue romper suits. Ron accessorised his with little powder blue shoes. Just perfect for displaying those, now famous, legs. Janet and Faye were two very cute and dainty little girls in their pleated skirts and /or frills. Jill and her mother were a picture of style and elegance in frocks and bathing suit, surely purchased from Ball & Welsh or Buckley & Nunn? Pat was an absolute stunner in a beautiful gown but who was that hunk by her side?? I was the chubby one. However, I deny all rumours that it was me reclining nude on a velvet cushion!!

Unfortunately, Wayne was not able to join us. Could it have been the thought of a 70th Birthday that made him feel bilious?

It was a great afternoon, one we look forward to repeating next year.

I'm sure many other year groups will organise similar celebrations and enjoy the fun, as we did.

Judy Chapman

Ed: This article was forwarded to us by one of our members and seems to be very appropriate in the light of all those 'special birthdays'.

For everyone with a Birthday this year, especially a special one.

A group of 40 year old girlfriends discussed where they should meet for dinner.

Finally, it was agreed upon that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the waiters there had tight pants and nice buns.

10 years later at 50 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner.

Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the food there was very good and the wine selection was good also.

10 years later at 60 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner.

Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they could eat there in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean.

10 years later, at 70 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner.

Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because the restaurant was wheel chair accessible and they even had an elevator.

10 years later, at 80 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner.

Finally it was agreed that they should meet at the Ocean View restaurant because they had never been there before!

Reduced price tickets. One or two tickets available for the 2pm performance on Sunday 16th May of the acclaimed London Production of Samuel Beckett's classic play "Waiting for Godot" at the Comedy Theatre. A friend and I bought these tickets for \$109 each plus \$7.50 booking fee. Willing to sell for \$75 each (or near offer). If interested, please ring me on (9850 4429) or email (geoliz@bigpond.com)

Below is a snippet taken from the web.....

"The funniest and most compassionate production you will ever see!" - Daily Telegraph (UK) 2010

Acclaimed British Theatre star, Sir Ian McKellen performs at the Comedy Theatre in Melbourne in May, alongside Roger Rees and Matthew Kelly in the Theatre Royal Haymarket Company's award-winning production of Samuel Beckett's Waiting for Godot, directed by Sean Mathias

Liz Turner

A Bit of History about the game of Monopoly

Starting in 1941, an increasing number of British Airmen found themselves as the involuntary guests of the Third Reich, and the Crown was casting about for ways and means to facilitate their escape....

Now obviously, one of the most helpful aids to that end is a useful and accurate map, one showing not only where stuff was, but also showing the locations of 'safe houses' where a POW on-the-run could go for food and shelter.

Paper maps had some real drawbacks – they make a lot of noise when you open and fold them, they wear out rapidly, and if they get wet, they turn into mush.

Someone in MI-5 got the idea of printing escape maps on silk. It's durable, can be scrunched-up into tiny wads, and unfolded as many times as needed, and makes no noise whatsoever.

At that time, there was only one manufacturer in Great Britain that had perfected the technology of printing on silk, and that was John Waddington, Ltd. When approached by the government, the firm was only too happy to do its bit for the war effort.

By pure coincidence, Waddington was also the U.K. Licensee for the popular American board game, Monopoly. As it happened, 'games and pastimes' was a category of item qualified for insertion into 'Care Packages', dispatched by the International Red Cross to prisoners of war.

Under the strictest of secrecy, in a securely guarded and inaccessible old workshop on the grounds of Waddington's, a group of sworn-to-secrecy employees began mass-producing escape maps, keyed to each region of Germany or Italy where Allied POW camps were regional system). When processed, these maps could be folded into such tiny dots that they would actually fit inside a Monopoly playing piece.

As long as they were at it, the clever workmen at Waddington's also managed to add:

1. A playing token, containing a small magnetic compass.
 2. A two-part metal file that could easily be screwed together.
 3. Useful amounts of genuine high-denomination German, Italian, and French currency, hidden within the piles of Monopoly money!
- British and American air crews were advised, before taking off on their first mission, how to identify a 'rigged' Monopoly set – by means of a tiny red dot, one cleverly rigged to look like an ordinary printing glitch, located in the corner of the Free Parking square.

Of the estimated 35,000 Allied POW's who successfully escaped, an estimated one-third were aided in their flight by the rigged Monopoly sets. Everyone who did so was sworn to secrecy indefinitely since the British Government might want to use this highly successful ruse in still another, future war.

The story wasn't declassified until 2007, when the surviving craftsmen from Waddington's, as well as the firm itself, were finally honored in a public ceremony.

It's always nice when you can play that 'Get Out of Jail' free card!

Probus Events List

MAY			
Sat May 1 st	Club Social at The Hall	7.30pm	Elaine Hayne
Sun May 2 nd	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Les Thompson
Wed May 5 th	Bike Riding – Eaglemont Tennis Club	10.00am	John Hudgson
Thu May 6 th	Bridge Games	9.30 am	Marion Cummins
Thu May 6 th	Cryptic Crosswords at the Reids	4.00 pm	Liz Turner
Fri May 7 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon May 10 th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Wed May 12 th	Walking – Templestowe via Westerfolds park. Meet Finns Reserve Mel 33 B4	9.30am	Wayne & Terry
Wed May 12 th	Theatre ‘ Fame The musical’	1pm	Andrea Thomas
Wed May 12 th	Photography Group	7.30 pm	Doug Hayne
Thu May 13 th	Bridge Games	9.30 am	Marion Cummins
Thu May 13 th	Cryptic Crosswords at Liz Turner’s	4.00 pm	Liz Turner
Mon May 17 th	Garden group – Burnley College		Faye Williams
Mon May 17 th	Genealogy	10.00am	Ray Lawley
Tue May 18 th	Craft Group	10.00 am	Yvonne Boyall
Tue May 18 th	Book Reading Group		Val Reid
Wed May 19 th	Bike Riding – Fitzsimmons Lane Bridge	10.00am	John Hudgson
Thur May 20 th	Cryptic Crosswords at Liz Turner’s	4pm	Liz Turner
Fri May 21 st	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Fri May 21 st	Theatre ‘Anything Goes’	8pm	Andrea Thomas
Mon May 24 th	Scrapbook	10.00 am	Verity Moore
Tue May 25 th	Entertainers	1-3pm	Marg Campbell
Wed May 26 th	Walking – Templestowe via Westerfolds park. Meet Finns Reserve Mel 33 B4	9.30am	Wayne & Terry
Thu May 27 th	Bridge Games	9.30 am	Marion Cummins
Thu May 27	Cultural Walk with Kenneth Park – Footscray	1pm	Wendy Fishley
Thu May 27 th	Cryptic Crosswords at Liz Turner’s	4.00 pm	Liz Turner
Sun May 30 th	BBQ Lunch at Birrarung Park	12.noon	Elaine Hayne
JUNE			
Wed Jun 2 nd	Bike Riding	10.00am	John Hudgson
Wed Jun 2 nd	Theatre ‘A Day at The Great Music Hall’	11am	Andrea Thomas
Thu Jun 3 rd	Bridge Games	9.30 am	Marion Cummins
Thu Jun 3 rd	Cryptic Crosswords at Liz Turner’s	4.00 pm	Liz Turner
Fri Jun 4 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Fri Jun 4 th	Theatre ‘Kismet’	8pm	Andrea Thomas
Sat Jun 5 th	Newsletter Deadline	12 Noon	Les Thompson
Mon Jun 7 th	Seeing Eye Dogs	10.15am	Elaine Hayne
Wed Jun 9 th	Walking – Ruffey Lake Perimeter Walk. Meet Victoria St Entrance Ruffey Park Mel 33 J1	9.30am	Terry Cummins
Wed Jun 9 th	Photography Group	7.30 pm	Doug Hayne
Tues 8 June	Games (CSCIC)	6.30pm	Marion Cummins
Thu Jun 10 th	Bridge Games	9.30 am	Marion Cummins
Thur Jun 10	Cultural Walk with Kenneth Park – St Kilda No 2	11am	Wendy Fishley
Thu Jun 10 th	Cryptic Crosswords at the Morcom’s	4.00 pm	Liz Turner
Mon Jun 14 th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45 am	The President
Tue Jun 15 th	Book Reading Group		Val Reid
Wed Jun 16 th	Bike Riding	10.00am	John Hudgson
Thu Jun17th	Kilmore Harness Racing	10.30am	Elaine Hayne
Thurs Jun 17 th	NO Cryptic Crosswords		
Fri Jun 18 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon Jun 21 st	Genealogy	10.00am	Ray Lawley
Tue Jun 22 nd	Craft Group	10.00 am	Yvonne Boyall
Tue Jun 22 nd	The Entertainers	1-3pm	Marg Campbell
Wed Jun 23 rd	Walking – Ruffey Lake Perimeter Walk. Meet Victoria St Entrance Ruffey Park Mel 33 J1	9.30 am	Terry Cummins
Thu Jun 24 th	Bridge Games	9.30 am	Marion Cummins
Sun Jun 27 th	BBQ Lunch	12.noon	Elaine Hayne
Mon Jun 28 th	Scrapbook	10.00 am	Verity Moore
Wed Jun 30 th	Bike Riding	10.00am	John Hudgson
JULY			
Sat July 3 rd	Newsletter Deadline	12 noon	Les Thompson
Fri July 2 nd	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Wed July 7 th	Bike Riding	10.00am	John Hudgson
Thu July 8 th	Bridge Games	9.30 am	Marion Cummins
Thu July 8 th	Cryptic Crosswords at the Reids	4.00 pm	Liz Turner
Mon July12th	Fellowship Meeting	9.45am	The President
Wed July 14 th	Walking – Kokoda Track Memorial Walk – Mel 74 H4	9.30am	Wayne Eames
Wed July 14 th	Photography Group	7.30 pm	Doug Hayne
Fri July 16 th	Golf at Freeway	8.30am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon July 19 th	Genealogy	10.00am	Ray Lawley
Tue July 20 th	Book Reading Group		Val Reid

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Wed July 21 st	Bike Riding	10.00am	John Hudgson
Thu July 22 nd	Bridge Games	9.30 am	Marion Cummins
Thu July 22 nd	Cultural Walk with Kenneth Park – South Yarra No 2	11am	Wendy Fishley
Thu July 22 nd	Cryptic Crosswords at the Reids	4.00 pm	Liz Turner
Fri July 23 rd	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Sun July 25 th	BBQ Lunch at Birrarung	12 noon	Elaine Hayne
Mon July 26 th	Scrapbook	10.00 am	Verity Moore
Mon July 26 th	Power Works – Latrobe City	8am	Elaine Hayne
Tue July 27 th	The Entertainers	1-3pm	Marg Campbell
Tue July 27 th	Craft Group	10.00am	Yvonne Boyall
Wed July 28 th	Walking – Elgar park – Along Freeway. Easy 7Km. Meet Elgar Park Car park Mel 47 B4	9.30am	Wayne Eames
Wed July 28 th	Theatre ‘Calendar Girls’	1pm	Andrea Thomas
Wed July 28 th	Walking – Finns to Banyule	9.30am	Wayne Eames
AUGUST			
Wed 4 Aug	Bike Riding	10.00am	John Hudgson
Sat 7 Aug	Newsletter Deadline	12 noon	Les Thompson
Mon 9 Aug	Fellowship Meeting	9.45am	The President
Wed 11 Aug	Walking –	9.30am	Wayne Eames
Wed 11 Aug	Photography Group	7.30 pm	Doug Hayne
Thurs 12 Aug	Bridge Games	9.30 am	Marion Cummins
Thurs 12 Aug	Culture Walk with Kenneth Park – Cremorne, Richmond.	11am	Wendy Fishley
Thurs 12 Aug	Cryptic Crosswords at the Reids	4.00 pm	Liz Turner
Fri 13 Aug	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon 16 Aug	Genealogy	10.00am	Ray Lawley
Mon 16-23 Aug	Getaway to Sydney		Lyn Hudgson
Tues 17 Aug	Book Reading Group		Val Reid
Wed 18 Aug	Bike Riding	10.00am	John Hudgson
Sun 22 Aug	BBQ at Birrarung Park	12 noon	Elaine Hayne
Mon 23 Aug	Scrapbook at ?	10am	Verity Moore
Tue 24 Aug	Craft Group	10am	Yvonne Boyall
Tue 24 Aug	Entertainers Group	1-3pm	Marg Campbell
Wed 25 Aug	Walk	9.30am	Wayne Eames
Thur 26 Aug	Bridge Games	9.30am	Marion Cummins
Thur 26 Aug	Cryptic Crosswords at the Reids	4pm	Liz Turner
Fri 27 Aug	Golf at Freeway	8.30am	Lyn Crosbie
SEPTEMBER			
Wed 1 Sept	Bike Riding	10.00am	John Hudgson
Fri 2 Sept	Golf at Freeway	8.30 am	Lyn Crosbie
Sat 4 Sept	Newsletter Deadline	12 noon	Les Thompson
Wed 8 Sept	Walking	9.30am	Wayne Eames
Thurs 9 Sept	Bridge Games	9.30am	Marion Cummins
Thurs 9 Sept	Cryptic Crosswords at the Reids	4.00 pm	Liz Turner
Mon 13 Sept	Fellowship Meeting	9.45am	The President
Wed 15 Sept	Bike Riding	10am	John Hudgson
Wed 15 Sept	Photography Group	7.30 pm	Doug Hayne
Fri 17 Sept	Golf at Freeway	8.30am	Lyn Crosbie
Mon 20 Sept	Genealogy	10.00am	Ray Lawley
Tue 21 Sept	Book Reading Group		Val Reid
Wed 22 Sept	Walking	9.30am	Wayne Eames
Thu 23 Sept	Bridge Games	9.30 am	Marion Cummins
Thu 23 Sept	Cryptic Crosswords t the Reids	4.00pm	Marion Cummins
Sun 26 Sept	BBQ at Birrarung Park	12 noon	Elaine Hayne
Mon 27 Sept	Scrapbooking	10am,	Verity Moore
Tues 28 Sept	Craft	10am	Yvonne Boyall
Tues 28 Sept	Entertainers Group	1-3pm	Marg Campbell

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