

# **Probus Club of Templestowe Valley**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Club**

**Held at the Community Centre, Ted Ajani Reserve, Thompsons Road,  
Templestowe**

**On Monday, 9 February at 10am ✓**

**1. The President, Kerry McInerney, took the Chair.**

### **2. ATTENDANCE:**

Ninety-seven members and one visitor made up the meeting.

**Apologies: 24** Mary Amarego, Alan & Judy Baker, Don & Ellen Boyd, Elsie Branchflower, Helga Braun, Annamaria Cremasco, Jeff Crosby, Ian Gault, Doug Gibson, Janet Hammond, Ema Lim, Philip and Kay Mithen, Jane Pearlgood, Joan Planck, Marilyn Platford, John Reid, Tony & Yvonne Shembrey, Rod Sinclair, George Thomas, Pamela Young.

### **3. WELCOME:**

The President welcomed the members and the visitor, Eileen Dansy.

### **4. REPORTS:**

#### **4.1 Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer presented her report: cash in bank \$5645.60 - full report attached. The report was accepted on a **motion** from Pat McInerney **seconded** by Noel Hatton.

## **4.2 Secretary's Report:**

The main points were:

- The progress of the application by the Club for Incorporation is being followed up;
- Members should advise if corrections are required to the membership list published in the *Newsletter*;
- The Sub-Committee for Streamlining Activities will report its findings at the Committee Meeting on Wednesday (11 Feb.);
- Three amendments to by-laws dealing with 1) nominations to the Committee, 2) limiting the number of times a person may attend Club Meeting as a visitor, and 3) the capping of the Wait List, will not be pursued at this meeting as advertised, because of a last minute revelation that 21 clear days notice must be given beforehand. A fourth amendment liberalising the 50% attendance rule is also proposed for the consideration of members (For details of the four proposals see *Proposals for By-Law Changes and Additions* attached).
- Notice of alteration of the By-laws is therefore given now. Members should avail themselves of copies of the proposed changes as outlined in a printed sheet available from the table near the rear of the hall. Copies of the *Constitution and By-Laws* and nomination forms are available there also; and
- Nominations for office on the Committee may be lodged up until the commencement of the AGM (Monday, 15 March).

## **5. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### **5.1 Reports on Activities:**

- Elaine Hayne gave a brief synopsis of the trips and tours on offer. She indicated that two vacancies remained for the Across the Bay trip. The trip to Bright was unlikely to go ahead as only 16 seats had been booked for the minimum coach load of 30. A new excursion on offer is a tour of the Grand

Hotel (former Victorian Railways headquarters), Spencer Street. High tea at the hotel is an optional extra.

- Wendy Fishley corrected mis-information in the *Newsletter* about the cost to individuals taking the tour of the Melbourne Museum: the fee will be a dollar each. She advertised the tour.
- John Mugridge advertised golf tournaments he will organize. He offered to organize golf clinics for beginners, at Eastern Golf Club, at a cost of about \$10 a player.

## **6. FELLOWSHIP BREAK:**

The meeting broke for refreshments and fellowship.

## **7. SPEAKER:**

Gabriella Byrne, founder of the Free Yourself Program, spoke to us about the problem of gambling addiction. Her talk, "My Passionate Affair with the Pokies," drew on her own experience in overcoming an addiction to gambling which plagued her for over four years and very nearly cost her her life. On the way out of her personal abyss, she founded a not-for-profit organisation - Chrysalis Insight - set up to counsel and rehabilitate others. Part of this endeavour is a restaurant in Lilydale called The Chapel. (Note: As a result of this moving and insightful talk, the Club is making a group booking for around fifty members to attend The Chapel for an evening meal soon.)

### **7.1 Thanks to Speaker:**

On behalf of the Club, Lynne Hudgson thanked the speaker and presented her with a cheque for \$20 made out to Chrysalis Insight Inc., to help further Ms Byrnes's work in her chosen area.

**8. NEXT MEETING AND CLOSING REMARKS:**

The President reminded members that the next Club meeting is Monday, 15 March and is our AGM. The speaker will be Peter Sellars, a bus-tour operator.

The President thanked Ron McBain and Noel Hatton for constructing the pin boards for displaying forth-coming activities.

**9. CLOSE:**

11.45  
~~11.30~~

The meeting closed on time at ~~11.30~~ 11.45am. Lunch at the Manningham Club for about 50 people completed the occasion.

**President**.....

**Date**.....

*Note: The Treasurer's Report is appended*

*Proposals for By-Law Changes and Additions is appended*

Templestowe Valley Probus Club

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Meeting held on Monday February 9, 2004

Bank Account	B/Forward	\$4,223.75
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INCOME

Joining Fees	\$ 20.00
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Membership Fees	\$ 40.00
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Door fees	\$ 158.00
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Bay Trip	\$1,620.00
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Total Credits	<u>\$6,061.75</u>
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WITHDRAWALS

BAD Tax	\$ 2.20
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Manningham City Council, Nov. Dec. Rent	\$ 110.00
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D. & E. Hayne (Stationery)	\$ 153.95
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Petty Cash	\$ 150.00
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Total Debits	<u>\$ 416.15</u>
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Total held at Bank	<u>\$5,645.60</u>
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## Proposals for by-law changes and additions

### **Proposal 1**

That a period of 15 days notice be required for nomination for office bearers at the Annual General Meeting

**By-Law affected: Article IV (c) Election of Officers:**

“All nominations and acceptance of nominations shall be in writing and signed by the nominators and candidates and shall be in the hands of the Secretary **no less than 15 days** before the meeting at which the election is scheduled”

### **Proposal 2**

That non-Probus members be allowed a maximum of three visits to monthly fellowship meetings per year.

**By-Law affected: Article IV (a) Meetings:**

“General meetings of the club shall be held monthly at such place and time that members decide.

**Non Probus members may attend as guests, no more than three monthly meetings in a year.”**

**Non Members shall pay the same hall fee as prescribed for members.**

### **Proposal 3**

That the maximum number of membership and wait-list numbers be decided by the committee.

**By-Law affected: New By-Law, Article II (e)**

“The committee can at any time set the maximum membership and or waitlist number.

These numbers will be reviewed at the first committee meeting after the annual general meeting and if changed, put to the vote for acceptance at the next monthly meeting of the club.

### **Proposal 4**

At the discretion of the committee, any current membership be declared non-active if the member has not attended more than 50% of club events including fellowship meetings without apology, over the club's financial year (1 April to 31 March).

**By-Law affected: Article II (a) Membership:**

“Membership of this club shall be contingent upon attendance of not less than fifty percent of **the total number of events and regular meetings** without apology in any club year...”

Doug Hayne  
Secretary.