



Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc.

Annual Report

2021 - 2022

Compiled by Pam Brown - Secretary

INTRODUCTION

This is the 19th Annual Report of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc.

The Probus movement had its genesis in two ancestors – both in the UK and both established by Rotary Clubs. The first was formed in 1965 and was known as the Campus Club – its name was derived from the area of the town in which it was conceived – the Campus. The second was formed by the Rotary Club of Caterham in 1966 and was named the Probus Club for the “PRO” in professional and the “BUS” in business and which also made up the Latin word from which “PROBITY” is derived. Both were formed to meet the need for companionship of their peers and mental stimulation for retired business and professional men.

Today there are Clubs for male, female and combined gender.

The first Club in Rotary’s South Pacific area was the Probus Club of Kapiti Coast, New Zealand in 1974. The first Club in Australia was the Probus Club of Hunter’s Hill, NSW in 1976.

Today Probus is a world-wide movement in 25 countries.

Probus South Pacific Limited

What is now known as PSPL was formed in 1981 in Sydney when five Rotarians, all of whom had been involved in the formation of Probus Clubs came together to share their experiences. They recommended the provision of an information service to Rotary Clubs throughout the region. The result was the Probus Information Centre.

At the time of formation, it was noted that “It was important, however, that the Centre would not be a controlling body, or Probus Head Office, but rather a service or information centre.” In 2010 the Board of Probus Centre – South Pacific created a new organisation to replace the Centre.

The new organisation is a company limited by guarantee, and Probus South Pacific Ltd. (PSPL) is formed under NSW law. It is a commercial organisation but simultaneously takes for itself the right to control all non-profit Probus Clubs and organisational structures in the South Pacific.

Mission

PSPL is dedicated to promoting the development of friendship, fellowship and the advancement of intellectual interests for active retirees through Probus Clubs in the South Pacific area.

Vision

The vision of PSPL is to co-ordinate the growth, development and ongoing support for Probus Clubs, as the most widely recognised organisation for active retirees, in fostering the true spirit of Probus – friendship, fellowship and fun.

Core Values

- Friendship, fellowship and fun
- Supportive Active Retirees
- Adaptable Growth
- Diversity.

Motto: PROBUS – Tomorrow’s vision for Active Retirees TM

Melbourne East Probus Group “MEPG” (formerly Manningham Probus Interest Group “MPIG”))

Following the death of Ken Falconer OAM (who acted as Chairman and Secretary of the MPIG), a request was sent to all member clubs to attend a special meeting convened for 29 March 2021 requesting volunteers to join the committee to enable the continuance of MPIG. The result was zero which meant that MPIG had to fold.

Subsequent offers were made to members of clubs (who were MPIG members) from outside the Manningham area to join a committee comprising Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. In conjunction with restarting, the newly formed group name is **Melbourne East Probus Group**. Those clubs who were financial with MPIG as of March 2021 will be excused from paying fees until March 2023.

The new Group will meet each February, June and October with two delegates from each club invited to attend. Each club is requested to email a report outlining their activities. Each report will be appended to the minutes which will be sent within seven days of the meeting.

It is important that inter-action between clubs be maintained as the group meetings offer clubs information on outings, speakers and other items of interest affecting all clubs.

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc.

Currently we have 146 Club Members, including one Life Member, Doug Hayne. It is 19 years since our Club had its inaugural meeting on June 12, 2003, under the guidance of Manningham Rotarians, the late Ken Murray and Max Didier, when 62 Foundation Members signed up in the hall at the Ted Ajani Reserve.

The Club was incorporated in 2004. The Secretary holds the official position of Public Officer. By being incorporated, any litigation needs to be directed to the incorporated body and cannot be directed to individual members.

The Club meetings are held on the second Monday of every month throughout the year and commence at 9.45 am in the Ajani Centre, 284 Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe, 3107.

Club Insurance

PSPL provides universal insurance cover for Members and third parties attending official and approved Club events. Each Club is levied an annual fee to cover this insurance. The PSPL charges an annual fee per member.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc. Management Committee Meetings

These meetings are held monthly on the second Monday of the month in a Committee member's home.

<u>The Management Committee for 2021-2022</u>		<u>Officers Appointed by The Committee</u>	
President	Rhonda Sinclair	Minute Secretary	Anne Lukeman
Vice President	Colin Neal	Assistant Treasurer	Lorraine Cooper
Past President	Peter Vander Sluys	Assistant Activities	Alan Baker
Treasurer	Liz Turner	Newsletter	Phil Mithen
Secretary	Pam Brown		
Membership	Jeni Moodie		
Welfare	Lyn Hudgson		
Activities Co-Ordinator	Ron McBain		

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2021 - 2022

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Rhonda Sinclair

My year as President has been challenging. Once again meetings were cancelled because of Covid restrictions. It was decided by the management committee to hold meetings via Zoom. These were highly successful with members able to interact through breakout fellowship rooms. After months of uncertainty and the easing of Covid restrictions, we were able to conduct a triumphant Christmas function with 124 people attending.

The highlight of my year as President has been the increased involvement of members in our monthly club meetings. A club member is invited to prepare and present a mini- speech on a topic of their own choosing. Everyone has thoroughly enjoyed listening to the experiences of fellow members.

During the year three Special Resolutions were passed. It was determined that the Speaker Officer did not need to attend management committee meetings thereby relinquishing their voting rights. The Minute Secretary was granted full voting rights. The management committee was given the privilege of appointing a Life Member from the list of nominations from club members. The Life Membership will be presented at the AGM.

The past year has seen us sadly lose some friends. We have also inducted a number of new members who will become active valued members.

The club's finances remain sound and meet all the established criteria. Fortunately, the club was able to secure monies for our Craft group to enable them to continue their invaluable work.

Thank you to our wonderful Activity Leaders. They are certainly the backbone of our club.

Thank you for the dedication of our Newsletter Editor, Phil Mithen. His role in keeping everyone informed and connected has been especially significant during the lockdowns of Covid.

To be your President during the past twelve months has been both a privilege and an honour. My sincere thanks and gratitude to the wonderful management committee members who have encouraged and supported me throughout my term as President. Everyone has worked together in harmony, mutual respect and enthusiasm to ensure the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley remains the strong and great club we all love.

Finally, I would like to wish our incoming President, Colin Neal, a successful enjoyable year in 2022.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

Pam Brown

With high hopes of a year with no lockdowns, we were able to enjoy meetings in February, March, April and May before a lockdown in June. All members had to sign in using the QR code.

Our July birthday meeting included a "Guess Who" segment. Our "mystery" lady was Lola Brown, who, as a young girl, entered a beauty contest and was selected to play the leading role of "The Spirit of Freedom" in a Box Hill Council organised pageant called "The Cavalcade of the Southern Cross". The pageant, in March 1954, coincided with the Queen and Prince Philip passing through Box Hill by train during the Royal Visit. Lola was in the main scene of the Federation tableaux and appeared in a beautiful dress on a magnificent white horse alongside the famous Australian actor, Chips Rafferty.

There were no club meetings in August and September due to a further lockdown but in October and November the Management Committee decided to hold them via Zoom. These proved very successful with break out rooms and speakers. A very big thank you to Trudy and Colin Neal for managing this task and getting so many logged in.

Fortunately, our Christmas lunch was able to be held in the Ajani Hall and was a huge success. The Christmas decorations looked fantastic thanks to the efforts of the volunteers setting up on the Sunday afternoon. A special thank you to Jill Vander Sluys and Pat Marsh who purchased all the decorations. Great company, entertainment and food.

Unfortunately, due to Council doing maintenance in various halls, we again had to rely on Zoom in January. February was back in the hall with no restrictions on numbers, however, QR codes, vaccination certificates and face masks were still the order of the day.

During the year, I completed the Annual Forms for PSPL regarding Capitation fees and advised of any membership changes as they occurred. Manningham City Council was notified of new addresses for office bearers and the Department of Consumer Affairs Annual Form was completed. The "Active Retirees" magazine and "Staying Connected with Probus" newsletters were forwarded to members to keep them informed of what was happening in other Probus clubs.

I received many updates during the year from the Department of Health and Human Services keeping the Club up to date with any changes as they were announced by the government. At the end of October, a "Covid Safe Plan" was completed to gain access to the Ajani Hall. This meant a Covid Check-In Marshall had to be assigned to ensure each person used the Services Victoria QR Code and had their vaccination status verified.

Thank you letters from recipients of the wonderful work of the craft group were received and some via email were responded to. Letters were also sent to members who have resigned during the year thanking them for their participation and contribution to the Club.

As no-one from our Club could attend the two MPEG meetings, reports were sent detailing our Club's activities and speakers during the last few months. These were included in the Minutes along with activity reports from other clubs in the region.

I would like to thank the Management Committee, especially Minute Secretary, Anne Lukeman, for their support during another challenging year.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Liz Turner

Again, during this year, the smooth running of the Club has been interrupted by COVID-19 lockdowns but we did manage to have seven face-to-face meetings in the Ajani Hall and three meetings on Zoom. Members were able to enjoy a fee-free year.

We paid the full Member Capitation Fee of \$15 per Member from **Club Funds** to PSPL and received some Membership and Joining Fee income from several new Members. As a consequence, we find ourselves in a reasonable financial position and are able to offer Members a reduced Annual fee of \$30.00 instead of the previous \$35.00 for the 2022/23 year (payable in March 2022).

Activities were largely curtailed, postponed or cancelled. However, an overall surplus of \$650.00 was achieved and transferred to Club Funds.

The **Craft Group** finances continue to chug along nicely, ending the year with cash-in-hand of \$7,556.13. The balance of the Manningham City Council "Grass Roots Recovery Grant" of \$3,600.00 was spent by July, at which time I submitted a report to the MCC.

In May I applied for and received a very welcome \$1,000.00 "good2give" Grant from the Stockland CARE Grants Team. This was discharged in July, necessitating the submission of another completion report. It was deemed inappropriate to apply for any new Grants while there was such a substantial balance, but this may need to be reviewed later in the 2022/23 financial year. Keep up the good work, girls!

The current comfortable position is due in part to a very welcome donation of \$2,226.60 by June Duncan, money which she had once again raised at Hayville Retirement

Community. Many thanks to June! There have also been a few very much appreciated individual donations by Club Members during the year.

I have continued in my practice of inserting my Monthly Treasurer's Report in the Newsletter in those months when we were unable to have face-to-face meetings.

MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

Jeni Moodie

There have been some changes in membership with the induction of seven new members over the period: Judy and Roger Gray, Beverley Bartholomew, Joan Bryce, John and Noella Powell and Glenda Fullard. The club farewelled Prue & Tony Jefferies, Pat Ajani, Pat Burns, Neil English, Guy Tuddenham, Jeanne Ellis, Felicity Rentos and Pat & Kerry McInerney. Sadly, Andrea Thomas passed away. We thank them for their contributions to the club.

Presently there are seven people on the waiting list. During the year a few members have availed themselves of exemption to membership attendance obligations due to ongoing illness and COVID. We are pleased to welcome some back.

WELFARE ANNUAL REPORT

Lyn Hudgson

My role as Welfare Officer has been enjoyable and busy although the last two years have been a challenge for most of us.

Many Big O Birthdays have been celebrated, some seventy, some eighty. All are happy and valued members of our club. We wish you many more Happy and Healthy Birthdays in the coming years.

Our condolences and sympathy go to any member who lost a friend or loved one over the last two years. Cards are always sent for Big O Birthdays, Bereavement, Operations and Accidents when the Welfare Officer is notified. Please keep doing this, as our members need to know their Probus Family is thinking of them.

ACTIVITY CO-ORDINATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Ron McBain

Whilst we still have 20 Activity groups within the Club it was a quiet year with respect to actual happenings. The bike riders and the walkers managed to squeeze in a few activities.

The Entertainers, through much hardship, managed to put on a great show for our Xmas function. A great job done by the organisers. Many other groups had limited chances to get together but still managed to communicate via various mediums such as Zoom and small group coffee sessions.

The Grumpy men's coffee group got grumpier and the Getaway planned for October has at last been given the green light for February 2022. November showed renewed interest and some form of returning to the new norm.

It is with renewed interest and new ideas that myself and all Activity leaders look forward to a great new year in 2022.

I encourage all members, new and old, to actively support all Leaders. Remember, without them you have no club.

From a personal point of view, I wish to acknowledge all leaders for their efforts through a difficult year, your organisational skills, your patience and imagination are second to none.

A job well done, I luv ya all.

WEBMASTER ANNUAL REPORT

Doug Hayne

Our web site has been online for 16 years now and has been useful for members to access information concerning the Club including our newsletters and minutes which are all available from the time of our first meeting.

As we have an almost full members list, publicity via the web is not needed but we have had some feedback from other clubs who have seen the usefulness of the site for their members in getting ideas.

Minutes of our Club meetings and AGMs and other documents of interest to members and our forms are also available for viewing and downloading if necessary for member use. We have a Gallery Page with photo presentations from Probus outings, and also from our Scrapbook which has been put together by our Scrapbooking group for several years. We also have several external links to other Probus entities such as Probus South Pacific and Probus Association of Victoria for Information on Probus travel insurance and other club activities.

Due to privacy concerns, our newsletters, minutes and other documents containing members' personal details have been quarantined from public access but can be accessed by using an unpublished link which can be obtained from the Webmaster for members only.

We have established a members' email list so the Webmaster can pass on the Newsletter and Minutes and other information to members via email. Members who receive the emails pass the information on to those without email where necessary. This has been very useful during the Covid times.

The Webmaster is also responsible for archiving club records. A task that is ongoing.

GROUP LEADERS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2021 – 2022

BARBEQUES – SUMMER & WINTER

Ron McBain & Jeni Moodie

The monthly Probus BBQs were a safe venue to socialise during the ins and outs of COVID lockdowns of 2021. We were able to get together for five events with an average of 14.2 attendees through heat, winds and even thunderstorms. Thank you to all who participated with chatter, laughter, and food to share. Looking forward to more events next year. Everyone welcome - just bring something to eat and a sense of fun. Check newsletter for monthly details re dates and times, presently meeting at BBQ area Ruffey Lake Park, Church Rd, off King Street entrance in Doncaster.

BIKE RIDING

Geoff Grimster & Wayne Eames

It has been a stop start year caused by covid. We managed to get ten rides in out of a possible twenty-nine.

There are seven riders in our group and we have on average four or five riders regularly. We ride 20 to 30 kms on each outing with a coffee break.

It is an enjoyable outing for all.

BOOK READING GROUP (Day)

Sue Hudson & Bev Wignall

In another year of difficult circumstances and limited opportunities to meet in person, the group successfully completed another year. My thanks to Rosanna Library for their continued support and to the members of the group for their patience in our Zoom meetings.

BOOK READING GROUP (Evening)**Lyn Crosbie & Judy Baker**

Another challenging year, as it was for all Probus activities. Our group consisted of eleven members, and we were fortunate enough to complete the year reading all ten books the Rosanna Librarian had allocated for us. With a few excellent choices and the range being both varied and interesting, it certainly helped having something new to read each month while in lockdown.

Due to the restrictions, we managed to have three meetings (one more than 2020) in March, May and November. Once again, we were able to have our end of year dinner and our members enjoyed the night.

CRAFT GROUP**Yvonne Boyall**

It has been another year of not being able to meet very often. However, with the help of a few willing sewers the group has continued to supply the following hospitals with products - Peter Mac, Ringwood Private, Mitcham Private and Cabrini.

We thank everyone for their help and look forward to resuming meeting as a group when we can.

ENTERTAINERS**Wilma Pontefract & Ray Walker**

The year commenced with our Australia Day BBQ and Music at the Scout Hall park which was well attended.

Following on from our disappointing year in 2020 when we were unable to hold our Christmas Lunch and Entertainment because of Covid, we continued on with the program that had been devised!

After a promising start, we were once again prevented from our rehearsals, but with the help of Trudy and Colin Neal we were able to connect a few times via Zoom. This enabled interesting catch ups, but sounds did not match up!

Fortunately, we were able to meet outdoors a couple of times before a final practice in the Scout Hall in November. So, it was with great pleasure that we were able to provide the entertainment at our Christmas Lunch.

EVENTS, TRIPS & OUTINGS**Elaine Hayne, Pam Walker, Lorraine Cooper**

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley members were unable to enjoy many outings during 2021 once again due to the Coronavirus. Thanks to Pam and Lorraine for their help and suggestions.

The plans for our outings are presented to the Activities Officer for approval by the Committee. We hope to resume activities in 2022.

Outings we did have earlier in the year were our Australia Day Barbeque and our Social in November. Hopefully we can plan for more this year. These will be notified in the Newsletter.

FINE DINING**Laurine Eames**

During 2021 Covid restricted Fine Dining activities. Only four groups were chosen for the year, three groups having already participated and one group yet to dine together, but that should happen early in 2022.

The number of members who are still able to continue as Fine Diners has dropped slightly. Six diners are selected to dine together at an agreed venue and date which is organised by the leader. If you would like to take part in this activity, please contact me and I am happy to answer any questions. All being well, we will be starting up again in February.

GAMES & BRIDGE

Marion Cummins

Crazy Whist is a great hit with our new and old members mixing and playing together. All of our 5 nights were held in the Community Centre at Maple Rise. We are able to use this very comfortable venue because of the generosity of Maurelle Thompson and Lyn and John Hudgson who are residents of the village. Many thanks for your kindness in sharing.

COVID had certainly clipped our wings last year and we hope to return to our regular nights as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. Crazy Whist should be promoted as one of the best ways for new and old members to meet, mix and mingle.

Bridge Club

We usually meet every Thursday morning to enjoy our social, fun bridge but with restrictions it has been a quiet bridge year. Some have played on line and enjoyed the experience but not the same as face to face bridge. We are starting 2022 with a more hopeful note.

Among our merry band we have a couple of experienced players whom we treasure for their wisdom.

Bridge by the Beach was held at Lorne this year and was fantastic fun. Weather in March was perfect and the Bishops were generous and gracious hosts. We all look forward to a challenge each week and enjoy each other's company.

Always room for new members.

GARDENING GROUP

Anne Doull & Jeni Moodie

Heronswood Diggers Heritage Garden in Dromana on 19th March was attended by 13 participants. The Head Gardener took us on a comprehensive and informative tour of the garden with the wonderful displays. We also enjoyed great views of Port Phillip Bay. Much of the planting has focused on indigenous species, vegetable gardens for produce use in the cafe and water reducing strategies. The culmination was a sumptuous morning tea in the garden area - Devonshire scones, slices, chocolate brownies with tea or coffee.

Mt Dandenong Autumn Tour on Thursday 6th May included three gardens and 9 people joined. By car pooling, we met at the Piggery Café to then walk through the Alfred Nicholas Gardens in Sherbrooke and admire the autumn foliage. Then onto the George Tindale Garden, on a sloping aspect with plantings of hydrangeas, azaleas, rhododendrons and wonderful conifers. Lunch was in Olinda and afterwards to the Karawarra Native Garden nursery in Kalorama. This nursery has a wonderful array of native plants and many have been propagated for sale.

Warren Glen Nursery in Warrandyte (Wednesday 17th November) and **Kuranga Native Plant Nursery** in Mt Evelyn (Thursday 18th November) for morning tea, an enjoyable chat and walk through the nursery with obligatory purchases. Eleven ladies including visitors enjoyed this event

We appreciate your participation in our events. Special thanks to the drivers and we welcome any suggestions for 2022.

GETAWAY GROUP

Trudy and Colin Neal

Ongoing uncertainty about Covid issues again influenced planning for the 2021 Getaway. However, in April, members enjoyed beautiful weather and stunning autumn colours during an eight-day Getaway to Eildon, Mansfield and Bright.

A cruise on Lake Eildon, and sightseeing around Mt Buller, Jamieson and Bright brought different yet spectacular scenery in each location. The experience was enhanced of course

by trips to numerous cafes and expeditions to local shops. In terms of planned activities, bare foot bowling and the mini-Olympics provided intense competition and an opportunity for proud winners to display their medals at Happy Hour. In the evenings, games, the trials of Cinderella and Ray's beautiful music brought much fun and frivolity

Although concerns about Covid remain, it is hoped our everyday life will soon return to normal allowing the Club's tradition of great Getaways to continue in the coming year.



GENEALOGY

Pat Marsh & Pam Brown

Genealogy meetings were once again few and far between this year due to Covid 19.

Our group still remains at around half a dozen staunch researchers. This year, during lockdown, some members produced an Ancestral chart of their family. A family ancestry book was also put into production and should be completed early 2022.

When our group finally were able to return to our normal meeting venue, we were told it was to be booked on a permanent basis, therefore, we would be required to either move our meeting to the afternoon or to another day if we wished to continue in the study area of the Library. The other option is to meet in the Library in the general reading area towards the back of the ground floor space.

The next time we met was to celebrate "freedom" in December when we enjoyed coffee and cake at Melissa's Cafe in Templestowe, where we also discussed our options for meeting in 2022.

The latter option above was the consensus, being aware that this may require a change of plan when students are nearing exam time. We will also look to explore the options available which will encourage more members to join our group.

Looking towards 2022 with a positive attitude, we hope that we will once again be able to meet on a regular basis. We look forward to sharing stories and ideas and being inspired to discover new ways to preserve the ancestral findings of our families.

GOLF

Andrea Thomas and Colin Neal

2021 was another disrupted year for our Probus Friday golfers, owing to the Covid virus. However we still managed to fit in a number of Friday golf rounds, playing every Friday towards the end of the year to make up for time lost earlier in the year.

We started off 2021 playing at Freeway but had to find somewhere else to play when the Freeway course was closed in September to make way for the new North-East Link project. Subsequent rounds were played at Yarra Valley and Morack. Our numbers in 2021 were again strong, with up to 12 players on occasions. Thank you to all those members who have supported this activity!

We plan to make Morack our home in 2022 until the reconfigured Freeway course is reopened (current forecast November 2022.)

Six of our Friday golfers managed to get in the minimum equivalent of 10 rounds of 9 holes, thus qualifying for the Jeff Crosbie Memorial Trophy. The final result came down to a close 3-horse race between Wayne Eames, Barry Murphy and Ray Walker. The final winner on handicap in 2021 with the best aggregate stableford score over the best 10 rounds was Ray Walker. Congratulations again Ray!



We were not so lucky with our annual Golf Getaway Cup. We were all set to head for the Daylesford area in October but had to postpone owing to the Covid lockdown. This event is now scheduled to take place in February 2022.

Barry Murphy and Wayne Eames have agreed to take over the running of the golf activity in 2022. A big thank you to you both.

INVESTMENT GROUP

Bob Anderson for George Thomas

Normal monthly "face to face" meetings could not be held for most of the year due to the COVID pandemic. However, during those months that meetings were permitted, they were held at the normal venue (the "Ajani Centre"). For other months, Members continued buying and selling shares, with voting performed "on line" via Email exchanges.

The TVIG currently comprises of 14 members, with a possible maximum of 20 members under the rules governing a registered Partnership. Any member of our Probus Club is welcome to join, with up to six vacancies available to be filled.

The Group looks forward to a successful and normal 2022/2023.

MEN'S MORNING COFFEE GROUP

John Reid

During 2021 Men's Morning Coffee missed out on three months of getting together due to Covid restrictions. However, the Grumpy Lads took every opportunity to get together for a fine coffee at Carlucci's and numbers on those occasions kept at about a dozen. This is a goodly number to gather around the table. So, I conclude that 2021 was a success despite the circumstances and look forward to a repeat in 2022. Thanks to all who participated.



MAHJONG – Afternoon Group

Anne Lukeman & Irene Baird

The afternoon Mah-Jong group meets on the first and third Monday of the month at 1pm. We can usually field two tables and amidst much laughter and angst over not getting our required tiles, we can have three hours pass in a flash. We finish our sessions with afternoon tea, lively conversation and great camaraderie.

During Covid restrictions we kept in touch via telephone and group Zoom meetings.

We all look forward to 2022 being a year with no restrictions and good tiles. Irene and I would like to thank all our players for making this such a fun activity.

NEW SKILLS

Dawn Anderson & Margaret McGregor

MAHJONG - Morning Group

We have had very few get-togethers again during 2021 due to Covid, however, after lockdown we did have a couple of games at private houses, as Applewood was still in lockdown. We were able to have our last game for the year at Applewood, followed by "Take our own Food" lunch in their dining room. It was good to be able to be all together again and look forward to hopefully, being back to normal in 2022.

NEEDLES & STITCHES

Again, we had very few get-togethers for this group too, but we had all been busy doing our own projects during the year. We got together for our last day for the year in December and had a nice afternoon tea at Dawn's.

We wish everyone a happy & healthy 2022.

SCRAPBOOKING/PHOTO BOOKS

Maurelle Thompson

Our group was not impacted as much as in 2020, and last year managed 7 workshops. Numbers have fluctuated between 4 and 8 which has been very encouraging. Of course, during lockdowns our members have been able to work on their books at home.

We continue to meet in each other's homes and everyone has been happy to host these.

We all look forward to having no more lockdowns this year as we continue to work on our books, helping and encouraging one another.

I am grateful to Margaret McGregor working on our Club Scrapbooks and for Dawn & Bob Anderson storing them at their home.

New members are always welcome to come to our monthly workshops on the 4th Monday of each month.

THEATRE

Judy Baker

Many false starts due to COVID for the theatre group in 2021, but at last we struck gold, "This Way Up" at the Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre was going ahead. Forty tickets were booked for the 27th June 2021 and lunch at the Crown Hotel Lilydale was also booked. A good time was had by all. Unfortunately, this was the only theatre outing for 2021. We are hoping for a better theatre year in 2022.

Thanks to all theatre goers for your ongoing support.

WALKING GROUP

Judy and Colin Gaskell

After another year of Covid interruptions, the walking group managed to fit in about 16 walks.

During February, our first walk was at Tikalara Park followed by morning tea at Beasley's nursery. Next walk was at Mullum Mullum.

In March we visited the 100 Acres Park in Park Orchards where we were given a guided tour and some history of Park Orchards by fellow Probus member, David French. A very informative tour complete with maps, brochures and stories of the past.

Later in March, we did an afternoon walk around Ruffey Lake Park followed by dinner at the Doncaster Hotel.

April, we did Finns Reserve and the Warrandyte walk followed by a barbecue at Stiggants Reserve.

May saw us do a walk from Slater Park beside the Eastern Freeway back to Wayne and Laurine Eames' for lunch.

Lockdowns set in but we managed to get in a couple of walks at Birrarung Park and Blackburn Lake.

In June we attempted a walk at Banksia Park but as we were about to start the rain came and halted the walk so we decided that coffee at Carlucci's was a good solution.

Belmore Park walk was good but we encountered rain on the way back. Due to further extended lockdowns, we had no walks again until mid October where we did Ruffey Lake Park, Banksia Park, Mullum Mullum and Lower Eltham Park.

We had our Christmas breakup with the walkers and the bikers at Carlucci's restaurant where everyone enjoyed a hearty breakfast.

Although we had an interrupted year, we still managed to average about 20 people on our walks and enjoyed each other's company.

I look forward to 2022 being a better year and hope to see the regulars and any newcomers at our walks.

PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.

Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31st January 2022

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- * The Club had only seven face-to-face meetings and three meetings by zoom.
- * Members were able to have a fee-free year.
- * The Committee has decided to reduce the annual Membership Fee from \$35 to \$30 for the year 2022/23 as there was \$6,910 on hand at 31st January, 2022.

We paid the full Capitation Fee of \$15 per Member from **Club Funds** to PSPL and received some Membership and Joining Fee income from new Members.

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Elizabeth J Turner

Elizabeth J. Turner
Hon. Treasurer

PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.			
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEARS ENDED:			
	31st Jan. 2022	31st Jan. 2021	
	\$	\$	
INCOME:			
Membership Fees	280	5,040	
New Member Joining Fees	160	0	
Visitors Fees (PSP/L purposes: more than 3 activities p.a)	20	0	
Westpac Cheque Account - Interest	0	5	
Westpac Term Deposit No. 033-365 37-5121 - Interest	17	79	
Westpac Term Deposit No. 033-054 37-6266 - Interest	43	98	
Contribution to Speaker Gift by Noel Freeman	30	0	
PSP/L Refund of per capita fees	0	460	
Transfer of Surplus Funds from Australia Day BBQ - 26 January 2021	70	0	
Transfer of Surplus Funds from Club Social - 26 November 2021	190	0	
Transfer of Surplus Funds from Christmas Lunch - 13 December 2021	119	0	
Total Income	929	5,682	
EXPENDITURE:			
Hall Hire for Meetings: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, July & Dec.	762	204	
Morning Tea Supplies	154	58	
Stationery & Office Supplies	39	105	
Printing, Photocopying and Laminating	110	10	
Postage	33	100	
Post Office Box Fee	136	134	
Probus South Pacific - Annual Per Capita Costs	2,250	2,260	
Badges, Certificates, Magazines	0	36	
Manningham Probus Interest Group Affiliation Meetings	0	10	
Annual Return Fee - Department of Justice	0	59	
Speakers' Gifts	224	0	
Membership Expenses (Lanyards)	57	13	
Welfare Expenses	211	148	
Consumer Affairs Victoria - PMT Annual Statement	59	0	
Website Domain Name Registration x 2 years and Web Management Fees	93	124	
Refund of Membership Fee to The Estate of Liz Naumann	0	35	
TVPC Archival Albums: Printing of photos/Scrapbooking Adhesive	0	40	
Total Expenditure	4,128	3,336	
Surplus/(Deficiency) of Income over/(under) Expenditure:	(3,199)	2,346	

PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEARS ENDED:

	31st Jan. 2022	31st Jan. 2021
	\$	\$
THE CLUB HAS FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:		
Club Member Funds:		
Funds on Hand (Excl. Activity and Craft Funds) at Beginning of Year	9,838	7,492
Excess of Income over/under Expenditure for the Year	-3,199	2,346
Total Club Member Funds:	6,639	9,838
Craft Group:		
Net Funds on Hand at Year End:	7,556	8,284
Activities -:		
Net Funds on Hand at Year End - Accrued for Christmas Lunch 2021	486	0
Total Craft and Activities Funds:	8,042	8,284
TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND AT YEAR END:	14,681	18,122
THESE FUNDS ARE REPRESENTED BY:		
Cash at Bank - Westpac	9,638	8,122
Westpac Term Deposit @ 0.50% p.a. Maturing 22/4/2021	0	5,000
Westpac Term Deposit @ 0.33% p.a. Maturing 27/4/2022	5,043	5,000
TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND AT YEAR END:	14,681	18,122

FINANCIAL REVIEWER'S REPORT

I have received the above "Statement of Financial Position" as at 31 January, 2022 and the attached "Statement of Income and Expenditure" for the year ended 31 January 2022 and other records of the Club, comprising cheque butts, bank statements, receipts and other supporting documents.

The accounts of the Club are prepared on a "Cash Basis" with Nil accruals or provisions for income or costs, apart from net funds of the "Craft Group" and \$486 for Activities, which are recorded in the "Statement of Financial Position" (above).

Based on the records and information presented to me it is my opinion that the Financial Statements of the Probus Club of Templestowe Valley Inc. are drawn up so as to give a proper and fair view of the "Statement of Income and Expenditure" for the year ended 31 January 2022 and Total Club Funds, as reported in the "Statement of Financial Position" as at 31 January 2022.

Robert W. Anderson. FCPA, FCG(CS)



Date: 14 February 2022