



**Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc.**

**Annual Report**

**2022 - 2023**

**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**

By 1981 there were 44 Clubs in Australia and New Zealand and this saw the formation of the “Probus Information Centre”.

PSPL is a not-for-profit (NFP) organisation and, therefore, does not allow the distribution of surpluses (profits) to its members. Any surplus PSPL makes is put back into providing services to Probus Clubs and Probus Club members.

PSPL established an inaugural Probus Day on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

### **Mission**

PSPL’s role is to serve the members of the Probus community, a community that shares the Probus values that have been developed over more than 46 years. It is these values and our motto of fun, friendship and fellowship that are at the core of Probus.

Under the guidance of the PSPL Board, the PSPL Team is responsible for ensuring the efficient and effective delivery of a wide range of services including administration, insurance, member benefits and support to Probus Clubs and Probus Club members in the South Pacific region.

### **Vision**

The vision of PSPL is to promote the growth, development and ongoing support for the Probus Community in the South Pacific region, as the most widely recognised and accessible organisation for retirees, fostering the true spirit of Probus – friendship, fellowship and fun.

**Motto:** PROBUS – Tomorrow’s vision for Active Retirees <sup>TM</sup>

## **Melbourne East Probus Group “MEPG”**

The MEPG 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.

Our President, Colin Neal, and Treasurer, Liz Turner, attended the June 2022 meeting held at Blackburn Bowls Club. Unfortunately, the October meeting was held on the same day as our Club 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.

Some topics/issues being encountered by Clubs include:

- As Clubs age in time of existence their membership profile inevitably changes.
- Challenges of reducing membership due to ageing, moving to villages, etc.
- Interests changing over time.
- “Single” members (new and existing) sometimes need special attention to continue to feel included.
- Prospective new younger members need to feel they can fit into the “older existing group”.
- Difficulty in gaining new committee members as Clubs age.
- Clubs finding members wanting fewer nighttime activities.

## **Probus Club of Templestowe Valley (Combined) Inc.**

Currently we have 139 Club Members, including two Life Members, Doug Hayne and Lyn Hudgson and one Honorary Member, Kerry McInerney. 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. 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.

<b>The Management Committee for 2022-2023</b>		<b>Officers Appointed by The Committee</b>	
President	Colin Neal	Minute Secretary	Anne Lukeman
Vice President	Jenny Powell	Assistant Treasurer	Lorraine Cooper
Past President	Rhonda Sinclair	Assistant Activities	Alan Baker
Treasurer	Liz Turner	Newsletter	Phil Mithen
Secretary	Pam Brown		
Membership	Jeni Moodie		
Welfare	Maurelle Thompson		
Activities Co-Ordinator	Ron McBain		

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2022 - 2023**

### **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT**

**Colin Neal**

My year as President of our wonderful Club has literally flown! It has been a great experience and privilege to hold this Office and I encourage other members who have not already done so to put up their hand for future President and Committee roles. You will enjoy the mental stimulation and have the opportunity to put something back into our great Club!

I have also been privileged to work with an excellent Committee, who have all contributed to robust and meaningful discussions on the various issues affecting our Club. We haven't necessarily agreed on every matter but have always been able to reach a quick consensus without on-going dispute or ill feeling. A big thank you goes to Rhonda Sinclair (our past President), Jenny Powell (our incoming President), Pam Brown (our Secretary), Anne Lukeman (our Minute Secretary), Liz Turner (our Treasurer), Jeni Moodie (our Membership Officer), Maurelle Thompson (our Welfare Officer), Ron McBain (our Activities Co-ordinator) and David French (our Speaker Convenor). Pam, Liz, Rhonda and Ron are all retiring after three years of service in their respective roles. Thank you also to Gordon and Cathie Culbard for looking after our morning teas at our Club meetings.

2022 was almost back to normal after two years of major disruption from the Covid virus. Most of our regular Club activities have resumed and been well supported by our members. Thank you to all our Activity Leaders who continue to serve up such a variety of interesting things to do and enjoy together.

Our mini-speaker segment at our Club meetings continues to be a great success, giving us the opportunity to learn about the diverse backgrounds, interests and talents of our members. We look forward to many more of these presentations! We have also been entertained and stimulated by the various main speakers, some of whom are not on the regular speaking circuit but are personal friends of our Speaker Convenor. Thank you, David!

The "Cinderella" production at our annual Christmas lunch once again exposed the latent acting talents of our Club members. Congratulations to Trudy Neal for her script writing and production!

During the year we were able to induct Kerry McInerney as our first Honorary Club Member. Thank you to both Kerry and Pat for their wonderful service and contributions since the Club's inauguration.

Templestowe Valley Probus Club was first established in 2003. As we approach our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we note that many of the inaugural members are still active within the Club, and we wish to congratulate them on their support and contributions over the years. We are also aware however that our average age profile is increasing each year, in common with many other Probus Clubs in our region. To this end, we have been pursuing a new member drive, to give the Club the best opportunity of thriving into the future.

Speaking of our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are looking forward to our special celebration in July 2023. Do join us on this occasion as we celebrate our past successes and look forward to many more years of ongoing friendship, fellowship and fun!

## **SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT**

**Pam Brown**

After two years of lockdowns and curfews and not being able to meet in person very often, our 2022/23 year was back to pre-Covid times with good attendances at Club meetings and activities. AND, no QR codes! Once again, we were able to enjoy a good variety of speakers thanks to David French and his contacts. Our "mini speaker" segment has also proven very popular with members.

Correspondence was attended to and forwarded, where appropriate, to the Management Committee, activity leaders and members. Annual Capitation fees, new committee members' details and membership changes were advised to PSPL. New office bearers' details were also forwarded to Manningham City Council and the Department of Consumer Affairs Annual Statement was completed.

As I reflect on my three years as Secretary, I have found it a very rewarding and enjoyable experience. I have appreciated all the assistance extended from the committee especially, Anne Lukeman, who does such a fantastic job as Minute Secretary and makes the Secretary's job so much easier. To Liz Turner, the outgoing Treasurer, it has been a pleasure working closely with you authorising the many bank transfers especially during Covid. Thanks to Colin Neal, Rhonda Sinclair, Jeni Moodie, Maurelle Thompson and Ron McBain. My thanks also to Phil Mithen and Doug Hayne and best wishes to incoming President, Jenny Powell.

I would like to thank Rita Webb for volunteering for the position of Secretary. I wish her well and hope she enjoys the role as much as I have.

## **TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

**Liz Turner**

Despite the continued threat of COVID, we managed to have all our Meetings in the Ajani Centre this year, apart from the one in January 2023 when the Manningham City Council was re-polishing the Meeting Room floor - again.

We ended the financial year on 31st January 2023 with a balance of \$4,725.03 in Club Funds which is quite a bit less than this time last year. Your Committee, therefore, deems it necessary to revert to the pre-COVID figure of \$35.00 per Member for the Annual Membership Fee (due in March 2023). This follows one year of no fees being payable and another of a reduced figure of \$30 per member.

Activities mostly returned to normal, thanks to the tenacity of the Activities Leaders and we ended the financial year with \$375.50 in the bank.

Once again, our inveterate Craft Group Member, June Duncan (with the help of several other Craft Group Ladies) held a fund-raising event at the Hayville Retirement Community, adding \$2,902.90 to the Group's coffers. Also, several Club Members kindly chose to donate various refunds due to them to Craft Group funds. All this meant that it has been unnecessary to apply for any grants to keep up with the financial needs of the Group. They ended the financial year with cash-in-hand of \$5,344.90, which is approx. \$2,000 less than at the same time last year and, therefore, it may be necessary to apply for another grant in the coming financial year.

Thank you to all our Members and, to the Management Committee in particular, for your support during my three years as your Treasurer. At the AGM I shall be handing over the reins to Frank Schlechta and would like to take this opportunity to wish him well and to thank him for volunteering to do this important job.

## **MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT**

**Jeni Moodie**

A mini membership drive was the focus for this year with some good results, using flyers, bring a friend meeting and targeted advertising. Although the membership numbers have dropped due to resignations (6), unfortunately two deaths, and a few members becoming non active (3), the waiting list has increased, and it is expected that a few more inductions will take place this year. A few members have taken up the option of medical leave exemptions to excuse them from club meeting attendance; including concerns re COVID infections. Pleasingly some have recovered and been able to re-join Probus activities.

Reminder - after a few years of interruptions, it is members' responsibility to attend 50% of meetings per Probus year (5).

Our Membership is at 139 (February 2023) which includes Kerry McInerney our Honorary Member inducted September 2022. Our wait list is ten.

Thank you to all who have assisted me with membership and meeting registration over this year and special thanks to our door assistants, Laurel Bishop and Bill Mirams, and their spouses Wayne and Jenny, who have offered a friendly face and helping hand as you enter for our meetings. Thanks to my in house computer expert, David M.

## **WELFARE**

**Maurelle Thompson**

The welfare of our members is extremely important at TVPC as we like to see everyone each month at our meetings as well as participating in the Group activities. As our Club ages we see our members experiencing more health issues requiring medical intervention. We have seen quite a number having falls, so have stressed the importance of using a walking stick or pole to help with their balance. 'Get Well' cards are sent to those in hospital and sympathy cards to those who have lost a loved one.

Every month we celebrate our members' birthdays by singing 'Happy Birthday' to them at our meetings. A card is sent to those having a special zero birthday.

I work in with our Membership Officer, Jeni Moodie, if any of our members need to suspend their membership while having medical treatment or for other reasons. Both of us rely on being told when people are sick or have lost a loved one.

Member Jim Douglas, passed away in December last year and his wife, Claire, in January 2023. Our condolences have been sent to the family. They were both inducted in August 2003. Two of our members' children also passed away during the year and we stand with them in their grief. I send sympathy cards to partners or family members on behalf of TVPC.

## **ACTIVITY CO-ORDINATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

**Ron McBain**

All activity groups continued to thrive this year despite suffering a hangover from the dreaded Covid.

It was good to see a resurgence of new members joining the activities on offer and the continued input from older members was a boost to the activity leaders.

On a personal note, I would like to mention the effect that "Grumpys" has had on those that attended this fortnightly event. It is plain to see the improvement in the intelligence level of the men who attended, this was no doubt brought about by the head grump.

The Getaway to Daylesford was a great time for members to mix and mingle. It was an event which will long be remembered for the artistic talent shown by members during an evening of fun and frivolity.

As per normal the Entertainers put on a fantastic Christmas show, however, one might question the skills of some of the performers, especially the Fairy Godmother. Nevertheless, a great job - well done.

Planning is well advanced for the 2023 Getaway to Horsham and Swan Hill and with planned Golf getaways underway plus the many other activities on offer we should look forward to a truly great 2023.

I encourage leaders to continue their great work in providing such interesting outlets for all members both old and new.

It is hoped that all members continue to support our truly wonderful activity leaders.

I wish to acknowledge all leaders for their efforts during the year, your patience and, in particular, your organisational skills are exceptional.

A job well done. I luvs ya all.

## **WEBMASTER ANNUAL REPORT**

**Doug Hayne**

Our web site has been online for 17 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 had a drop in membership due to Covid, publicity via the web has helped to gain a few replacement members.

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 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.

## **SPEAKER CONVENOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

**David French**

**January** Janine Marshall Wood – spoke about the story contained in a book she wrote titled “No Ordinary Convict – A Welshman Called Rebecca”. Janine’s great-great-grandfather was a “Rebecca” during the Tollgate Riots in Wales and was transported to Van Diemen’s Land in 1844.

**February** Lorraine Smith – gave a talk on a book she authored titled “Journey of a Lost Manuscript”. This book resulted from her discovery of, by accident, an ancient manuscript at her book shop and the research she undertook before writing her book.

**March** Richard Olive – An engineer who specialised in dam construction. Richard gave a very informative talk on the risks and reasons of dam collapses and, in particular, the 1889 disastrous dam failure in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

**April** Ian Sutton – Ian’s topic was titled “What a Lot of Rubbish”. Ian’s history was in the plastics manufacturing field and he spoke to us about the various plastic types, their environmental suitability and recycling for the future.

**May** Warrick Duncan – Warrick was the recipient of a heart/lung donor transplant. Warrick explained how, each year, he takes on a major challenge such as climbing Mt Kilimanjaro or hiking the Kokoda Trail to honour his donor.

**June** Jenny & David Powell – Jenny & David gave their fellow members a wonderful talk and slide presentation on their kayaking trip in Alaska in 2007 with their daughter and son-in-law.

**July** Margaret Watkinson – courtesy of Eastern Palliative Care. Margaret’s subject was “Palliative Care – Not As Scary As You Think”. This was a wonderful talk that dealt sympathetically with a subject that some may have found confronting.

**August** Christine Helps – courtesy of Hearing Australia. Christine spoke to us about the various aspects of hearing loss.

**September** Gareth Andrews – Whilst Gareth’s past as a Geelong and Richmond footballer gained some interest and questions, the main thrust of his talk centred around his period of depression and how he overcame it. Gareth spoke of the Foundation he now heads up, and the lessons that can be learnt from the Aboriginal community in understanding life and the world we live in.

**October** Tammy Shepherd – an ambassador from the Mercy Ships organisation. Tammy informed our audience of the wonderful work being done by this group and its team of volunteers in providing medical services to underprivileged countries and communities, particularly in Africa.

**November** Rob Dolan – owner of Rob Dolan Wines in Warranwood. Rob spoke to our members about his history in the industry and entered into a question-and-answer segment. Rob fielded questions from the members on many different aspects of wine types, retailing and general industry operations.

## **GROUP LEADERS’ ANNUAL REPORTS 2022 – 2023**

### **BARBEQUES – SUMMER & WINTER      Ron & Lynette McBain/David & Jeni Moodie**

This year we were able to hold six BBQs with an average of ten participants. It is a relaxed occasion to swap news and stories with others, share food and drinks and many laughs. Thank you to all who participated. The event starts again on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 5pm. Everyone welcome, including friends, 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 off Church Rd - King Street entrance in Doncaster.

### **BIKE RIDING      Geoff Grimster & Wayne Eames**

It was a great year for the group when we could get back on our bikes after Covid.

We had seven riders on our list with an average of five riders.

The weather was kind to us and we were able to get in nineteen rides for the year

The coffee stops added to the enjoyment of rides.

**BOOK READING GROUP (Day)****Sue Hudson & Bev Wignall**

The Day Book Group has had a year of good meetings, great books and interesting discussions. Thanks to Pat Egan and staff at Rosanna Library for their selections of books and guidance.

To the members of the group, thanks for welcoming us into your homes, leading discussions, collecting and returning books and providing afternoon tea.

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

With no lockdowns or restrictions for 2022 our book club was back to normal. Consisting of ten members, we completed the year reading ten books. We were able to have and enjoy the meetings once again and, to round the year off, we had our annual dinner in December.

The Rosanna Librarian chose the ten books for us to read, and we were only disappointed in one. With some excellent choices the range was both varied and interesting and we looked forward to our discussions each month.

It was a successful and satisfying year for our group.

**CRAFT GROUP****Yvonne Boyall & Jenny Morcom**

The group has been able to regularly meet this year at the home of Elaine and Doug Hayne. Many products have been made and distributed to the various hospitals and the items made by the group are very much appreciated.

Our thanks to June Duncan for the fund-raising lunch she held at Hayville in October which raised \$2,902.90 for the Craft Group for the purchase of the materials needed to continue the work. Thanks too to those members who donated their membership fee, reimbursement from an activity etc. Your generosity is very much appreciated. And lastly, our thanks to Barbara Green for the purchasing of fabric on behalf of the group and co ordinating all the products that are finally sewn and packed ready for distribution.

**ENTERTAINERS****Wilma Pontefract & Ray Walker**

We were fortunate to be able to meet at Maple Rise on many occasions throughout the year thanks to Maurelle Thompson and the Hudsons.

Colin Neal devised a program for our Christmas Entertainment, but it was decided that it would be more suitable for our 20 Year Celebration to be held in July 2023.

Many members escaped the Melbourne winter, so fewer meetings were held. Trudy devised our Performance of "Cinderella" starting in September, and so it was necessary to return to hiring the Scout Hall for one month.

Our Christmas Lunch performance went smoothly to much acclaim.

We will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month following the Probus Meeting on the second Monday.

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

Probus Club of Templestowe Valley members were unable to enjoy many outings during 2022 once again due to the Coronavirus. We will hopefully have many more activities in 2023. Plans for our outings are presented to the Activities Officer for approval by the Committee.

Outings we had were:

- Australia day BBQ
- Yarra Glen Races
- Mornington Market
- Morning Melodies at Ringwood Club
- Elvis Presley Exhibition Bendigo
- Club Social
- Tramboat trip to Williamstown

Thanks to Pam and Lorraine for their contribution in planning our activities.

## **FINE DINING**

**Laurine Eames**

Fine dining is now in recess for the Christmas period.

There are 54 active members who have attended 14 dine outs during 2022.

In June and July we had no dine outs as quite a few members were holidaying and the weather in Melbourne was cold and wet. I hope some of the new members will consider taking part in fine dining as it is a great way to meet others in a small group.

I have been the coordinator for five years now and will be handing over the task to the new volunteer, Jenny Mirams, for 2023. Thank you, Jenny.

## **GAMES & BRIDGE**

**Marion Cummins**

Our little band of bridge players gained three new members during the year. We are now playing at The Orchards, a Bapcare community, which is now Marion and Terry's new home. We play every Thursday morning from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Lounge. Everyone welcome.

For the last few years, we have played Crazy Whist at Maple Rise. Maurelle Thompson and Lyn and John Hudgson have kindly allowed our club to use their function room. Our games are now played at the Orchards Lounge combining with the residents. Many thanks to Bapcare for allowing us to use their very comfortable facilities.

Look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

## **GARDENING GROUP**

**Anne Doull & Jeni Moodie**

### **French Island day trip 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022**

Although not strictly a garden event, 21 Probians boarded the Westernport Ferry for a trip from Stony Point to French Island. We were met at the ferry by a small bus that transferred us to the French Island General Store for coffees and a delicious lunch. Next, we visited David Neal's off grid property for an insight into how living on French Island can be self-sufficient albeit the various challenges involved. Another great afternoon tea and then back to the ferry at Tankerton and home. Our thanks to David, Rita, Colin and Trudy for a great outing.

### **Broughton Hall Jindivick 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Twenty-six members visited Broughton Hall garden and Musker's nursery at Jindivick. It is a few years since a prior visit and the garden was beautiful in autumn colours. Now 26 years old, it has various designed areas cascading down the hill, offering areas of rest and to admire the beautiful views. We enjoyed morning tea in the garden room and later lunch at the Warragul Country Club.

## **Royal Botanical Garden tour 30<sup>th</sup> May (cancelled)**

A lack of drivers for the Explorer bus prevented us from doing this popular tour, and the day also provided challenging Melbourne weather.

## **Rivers of Yarrambat 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Morning tea and a walk around this expansive and beautiful nursery was enjoyed by ten Probians. Retail therapy complemented our morning.

## **Beleura House & Garden 26<sup>th</sup> October**

Meeting at Mornington Golf Course, 13 members rode to Beleura House built in 1863. After delicious refreshments we were given a talk on the development of the property and its present status as a State heritage property. The house has many items from past owners and visitors (including Nellie Melba) and displays the musical interests of the last owner John Tallis. Some completed the day with lunch at the Grand Hotel in Mornington.

We appreciated your participation and suggestions for our events with special thanks to the drivers. Anne and Jeni are taking a break from organising garden activities but would certainly be happy to assist anyone who is interested in taking on this rewarding role.

## **GETAWAY GROUP**

**Trudy & Colin Neal**

Our annual getaways have been thwarted over the past couple of years with the Covid virus preventing us from travelling. However, we did manage to tack a short general getaway of three days onto the golf cup at Daylesford in March 2022. Forty members enjoyed the many attractions in the area and our activities included a game of lawn bowls and a fun social night at the motel. Thank you to Ray Walker for the background music, to Jenny Powell and Laurine Eames for preparing the skits and to the participants who again showed off their amazing acting talents!

## **GENEALOGY**

**Pat Marsh & Pam Brown**

Thankfully, after the lifting of restrictions, our Genealogy group was able to meet on a regular basis once again during 2022. Although we have not had access to the private room upstairs, meeting on the ground floor of the library has not been a problem as we are still only around half a dozen members in number.

The year 2022 has produced a very quiet period of research overall.

After diligently searching for some time, one of our members was finally able to locate her Paternal Great Grandfather through DNA.

Another member was connected to a relative who was previously not known to them, also via their DNA results.

Sharing the development of these surprise connections was extremely interesting for each of our members.

Our small group joined together to assist with the ancestral research of a fellow Probus member, locating further details of their elusive parentage.

During the upcoming year we hope to encourage more members to make use of our services with the possibility of maybe joining our group.

We look forward to 2023 with a positive attitude and hope to share stories and ideas once again, as well as be inspired to discover new ways to preserve the ancestral findings of our families.

## **GOLF**

**Colin Neal**

The 2021 golf getaway cup was due to be held in October 2021 but owing to the Covid virus restrictions, was deferred until March 2022. We based ourselves in Daylesford, with the first round of golf at Trentham and the second at Hepburn Springs. Twenty-two players participated in the event and the overall winner of the Cup was David Powell with a total of 76 stableford points over the two days. Runner-up was Dawn Pratley with 75 stableford points. A special thank you goes to the volunteer staff at Hepburn Springs who turned on typical country hospitality with lunch on the second day.

The 2022 golf getaway cup was held in October 2022 at Rosebud, with two rounds of stableford golf over the two days. The overall winner was George Thomas with 66 points, runner up was David Powell with 60 points.

## **FRIDAY GOLF**

**Barry Murphy & Wayne Eames**

A challenging year for our Friday golf group with Covid and inclement weather. We did manage to play 18 games with an average attendance of six players over the year. This year's winner of the Jeff Crosbie Memorial Trophy was Barry Murphy.

PS. Many thanks to Barry Murphy for organising and running our golf group for 2022 - a job well done.



## **INVESTMENT GROUP**

**Bob Anderson (Acting Chairman)**

Following ten years of operation, it was agreed by Members to wind up the Group and sell all Investments by 30 June 2022. This was done and all net proceeds (after costs) returned (in equal shares) to the 14 Members of the Group.

Members who joined the Group at or near commencement of operations all made modest gains via the Australian Stock Market.

Thanks to all Members who participated in regular meeting discussions and investment decisions.

### **MEN'S MORNING COFFEE GROUP**

**John Reid, Head Grump**

Coffee mornings for 2022 and into 2023 have continued to be well supported and we celebrated the Christmas Season with an excellent breakfast in December with 15 attending.

It is possible this success is partly due to ageing memberships where drinking a double shot latte or an iced coffee with cream is slightly less strenuous than a round of golf. Although talking can be strenuous as well.

We will continue meeting at 10.00 am on the First and Third Tuesdays of each month unless otherwise advised. Thanks to all who have participated.



### **MAHJONG – Afternoon Group**

**Anne Lukeman & Irene Baird**

The afternoon Mahjong group is comprised of ten members all committed to both the game and the camaraderie of the group. We meet every first and third Monday of the month either at the home of Anne Lukeman or Irene Baird.

Games start at 1.00 pm and we play until about 4.00 pm after which we have afternoon tea and a chat.

This is a most enjoyable group and Irene and I really enjoy hosting it.

## **NEW SKILLS**

**Dawn Anderson & Margaret McGregor**

### **MAHJONG - Morning Group**

Our Morning Group has met consistently throughout the year at Applewood Retirement Village and we have enjoyed playing together and each other's company. It is a good, fun game and we would welcome any other Members who would like to join us (no experience required). We meet twice a month on the first and fourth Tuesdays at 9.30 am at Applewood in the Lounge area.

Please call Dawn Anderson or Margaret McGregor if you are interested.

### **NEEDLES & STITCHES**

We meet once a month on the second Wednesday at 1.30 pm, mainly at Dawn Anderson's, for a very social get-together. We enjoy knitting, crocheting, sewing or any other craft creations the girls bring along and we "sometimes" copy or create new ideas. Again, we would welcome any members who are interested, and we can help with any projects or UFO's (unfinished objects) you may have in your cupboards and we generally have a good "natter" during the afternoon with a cuppa too.

Call Dawn if you are interested.

### **SCRAPBOOKING/PHOTO BOOKS**

**Maurelle Thompson**

We have a keen group of Probus members working on their photo memories, either by way of scrapbooking or a digital photo book. Our numbers have increased over the year but we are always ready to welcome anyone interested in getting started on a new book, either scrapbooking or a photo book. One of our members has produced a lovely photo book incorporating her family tree. We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 10 am till 12 noon in our homes. Venues are published in the monthly Probus newsletter.

### **THEATRE**

**Judy Baker**

It was a good year for the theatre group. We attended the following four shows at the Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre:

1. "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder" on 27<sup>th</sup> February - 30 members attended lunch at the Crown Hotel, Lilydale and 32 members attended the theatre.
2. "The Deep Blue Sea" on the 12<sup>th</sup> June - 17 attended lunch and 24 attended the theatre.
3. "COSI" on the 28<sup>th</sup> August - 36 attended lunch and 36 attended the theatre.
4. "Moving On" on 20<sup>th</sup> November - 17 attended lunch and 20 attended the theatre.

This was a good outcome after a trying couple of years with COVID.

Thanks to all theatre goers for your ongoing support.

### **WALKING GROUP**

**Judy and Colin Gaskell**

Another year of activities of the walking group saw us fit in about 20 walks.

Our February walks were at Warrandyte riverside and Mullum Mullum.

March saw us walk around Blackburn Lake and the Fitzroy Gardens where Jeni Moodie showed us points of interest and we enjoyed coffee and cake at the visitor centre.

April and May we did walks at Tikalara Park, Birrarung Park and Finns Reserve followed by Ruffey Lake Park and a sausage sizzle.

June and July we did Banksia Park, Pound Bend, Slater Reserve and Belmore Park where we had morning tea on the platform of the Box Hill miniature railway due to the drizzling rain.

August we walked Westerfolds Park and Lower Eltham Park.

September we did a walk around the 100 Acres Park at Park Orchards and the Mullum Mullum walk again and had coffee at the Mullum Stadium.

October we did a later walk around Ruffey Lake Park followed by lunch at the Doncaster Inn.

Studley Park.Boathouse was our next walk where Peter Vander Sluys gave us an informative tour around where he grew up. Unfortunately, the Boathouse was under renovation at the time, but he gave us some history of the area.

Our last walk for the year was at Birrarung Park before our breakup at Carlucci's restaurant in Templestowe.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

## PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.

### Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31st January 2023

Despite the continued threat of COVID, we managed to have all but one of our Meetings in the Ajani Centre this year.

More Members are now feeling comfortable with making payments and receiving refunds by Electronic Funds Transfer which reduces the number of cheques being issued and received.

A \$5,000 Term Deposit with Westpac has now been terminated and a new computer for audio visual presentations at our Monthly Meetings was purchased for \$1,516.

The Greythorn Branch of the Westpac Bank was closed during the year and our "Probus Club of Templestowe Valley" account was transferred to the Westpac Branch at Westfield Doncaster Shopping Town.

We ended the financial year on 31st January 2023 with a balance of \$4,724 in **Club Funds** which is nearly \$2,000 less than at the same time last year. Therefore, your Committee deems it necessary to revert to the pre-COVID figure of \$35 per Member for the Annual Membership Fee payable in March 2023. This follows one year of no Membership Fees being paid and another of a reduced figure of \$30.

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.

**Activities** mostly returned to normal, although several outings had to be cancelled at the last minute with many refunds being made. Some members kindly donated their refunds to the **Craft Group**. \$120 of surplus **Activities** money was transferred to **Club Funds**.

The **Craft Group** started the financial year with \$7,556 and ended it with \$5,345. A fund raising enterprise at Hayville Retirement Community by June Duncan and other Craft Group Ladies added \$2,900 to their coffers.



**Elizabeth J. Turner**  
Hon. Treasurer

**PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.**

**STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEARS ENDED:**

	31st Jan. 2023	31st Jan. 2022
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Membership Fees	4,217	280
New Member Joining Fees	120	160
Visitors Fees (PSPL purposes: more than 3 activities p.a)	0	20
Westpac Cheque Account - Interest	0	0
Westpac Term Deposit No. 033-365 37-5121 - Interest	0	17
Westpac Term Deposit No. 033-054 37-6266 - Interest	19	43
Contribution to Speaker (Gift by Noel Freeman)	0	30
Transfer of Surplus Funds from Australia Day BBQ	10	70
Transfer of Surplus Funds from Club Social	0	190
Transfer of Surplus Funds from Christmas Lunch	100	119
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,466</b>	<b>929</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>		
Hall Hire for Meetings	1,543	762
Morning Tea Supplies	163	154
Stationery & Office Supplies	65	39
Printing, Photocopying and Laminating	0	110
Postage	0	33
Post Office Box Fee	139	136
Probus South Pacific - Annual Per Capita Costs	2,130	2,250
Badges, Certificates, Magazines	5	0
Activities Expenses (20xFace Masks)	20	0
AGM 2022 - Drinks and Food for Morning Tea	250	0
Speakers' Gifts	235	224
Membership Expenses	16	57
Welfare Expenses	65	211
Consumer Affairs Victoria - PMT Annual Statement	60	59
Website Domain Name Registration x 2 years and Web Management Fees	172	93
New Computer	1,517	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>6,380</b>	<b>4,128</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficiency) of income over/(under) Expenditure:</b>	<b>- 1,914</b>	<b>- 3,199</b>

**PROBUS CLUB OF TEMPLESTOWE VALLEY INC.**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEARS ENDED:**

	31st Jan. 2023	31st Jan. 2022
	\$	\$
<b>THE CLUB HAS FUNDS AS FOLLOWS:</b>		
<b>Club Member Funds:</b>		
Funds on Hand (Excl. Activity and Craft Funds) at Beginning of Year	6,638	9,838
Excess of Expenditure under Income for the Year	-1,914	-3,199
<b>Total Club Member Funds:</b>	<b>4,724</b>	<b>6,639</b>
<b>Craft Group:</b>		
Net Funds on Hand at Year End:	5,345	7,556
<b>Activities -</b>		
Net Funds on Hand at Year End - Accrued for Australia Day BBQ, Kerrisdale Mountain and Edgars Mission.	376	486
<b>Total Craft and Activities Funds:</b>	<b>5,721</b>	<b>8,042</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND AT YEAR END:</b>	<b>10,445</b>	<b>14,681</b>
<b>THESE FUNDS ARE REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
Cash at Bank - Westpac	10,445	9,638
Westpac Term Deposit	0	5,043
<b>TOTAL FUNDS ON HAND AT YEAR END:</b>	<b>10,445</b>	<b>14,681</b>

**FINANCIAL REVIEWER'S REPORT**

I have received the above "Statement of Financial Position" as at 31 January, 2023 and the attached "Statement of Income and Expenditure" for the year ended 31 January 2023 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 \$376 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 2023 and Total Club Funds, as reported in the "Statement of Financial Position" as at 31 January 2023.



Robert W. Anderson. FCPA, FGIA, FCG(CS)

Date: 22nd February 2023