



# ***Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc.***

No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

**MINUTES:** Minutes Monthly Meeting 5th May 2021.

**HELD:** Whitehorse Horticultural Centre, 82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill Vic 3131.

**CHAIR:** President Kath Thompson opened the meeting at 10:05 am and welcomed all present.

**RESIGNATION:** Sharron Slight has, by letter, tendered her resignation.

**APOLOGIES:** Cushla Appleby, Keith Booth, Dot Browne, Gwenda Davey, Ree Dowling, Joan Forward, Nancy Greenslade, Mike McGorlick, Shirley McGorlick, Vic McNamara, Stan Moore, Jackie Reilly, Chris Stott, Dot Thomson, Bill Wallis, Joyce Wickins, Keith Wickins, Laurie Williams.

**VISITORS:** Mike Bampffield, Denis Hawthorne.

**PRESENT:** Members 43, Apologies 18.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Ron Rivett 3<sup>rd</sup>, Vin White 4<sup>th</sup>, Graeme Brookes 6<sup>th</sup>, Yvonne Bohnstedt 9<sup>th</sup>  
Lorna Moncrieff 13<sup>th</sup>, Keith Booth 29<sup>th</sup>, Mary Rasmussen 30<sup>th</sup>, Vic Stewart 30<sup>th</sup>.

**INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER:** The Chairperson introduced Woty Fanoy to the meeting. Woty had been a Finance Information Officer during her employment and had already attended a number of meetings both before and after "Covid-19 Lockdown," and also had attended several Club events. Woty was presented with a package containing Probus Pin, club badges, copy of constitution, our 3<sup>rd</sup> Ten year History and list of members. Woty was welcomed as a member of our Club by the Chairperson and the members.

**MINUTES:** It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Ken Pakes, the minutes of monthly meeting held on 07/04/2021 be accepted.

CARRIED

## **REPORTS:-**

**SECRETARY** – It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Val Nixon, the secretary's Report be received

CARRIED

**LADIES & MENS LUNCHESES** – The next Ladies and Men's Lunches will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 12:30pm at The Groove Train – The Loft, Level 3, Forest Hill Shopping Centre. Place your name on the appropriate list.

**FINANCIAL** – The Treasurer reported current funds totaled \$3,641-76.

It was moved by Bob Grierson, seconded by Lois Cheevers, the Treasurer's Report be received.

CARRIED.

**GUEST SPEAKER** – Beryl Pakes informed members, Dennis Birt would be our guest speakers today and the subject was the history of G. J. Coles

**WELFARE TEAM** – As per Bulletin. Ken Pakes reported he and Beryl had visited Stan Moore who currently was in Box Hill hospital.

**BULLETIN** – As published.

**CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP** – Next meeting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm.

**BISTRO** – Jo Hocking. Khyber Pass Indian/Pakistani Restaurant, 272A Morack road, Vermont South, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Details in June Bulletin.

**PERIDOT THEATRE** – Members are advised to purchase individual tickets, if interested.

**MOVIES** – Jo Hocking. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 1.00pm. BYO food and drink.

**WALKS** – Wolfram Bohnstedt. Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am. Mitcham – Simpson Park.

**GOLF** – Come along on a Friday morning 9.30 start.

**OUTINGS** – Val Nixon – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 10.15am sharp for tour at 10.30am.

Fire Brigade – East Melbourne, 39 Gisborne St. 10.15am sharp. Cost \$8.00

Val asked members if they were interested in day tours by Bus at about \$50.00 per head; the members indicated they were very interested.

**TOURS** – Mary Rasmussen announced a possible Northern Victoria Silo Art Tour from 11<sup>th</sup> October

to 15<sup>th</sup> October, accommodation at Benalla at an approximate price of \$1,599.00 per head.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY** Mary Rasmussen has arranged for lunch at “Poppies on Canterbury” Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Cost \$45.00 per head.

**AFTER MEETING LUNCH** – Sausage Sizzle in garden.

**FRIDAY COFFEE** – Fridays 3pm at Shingle Inn, Forest Hill Chase.

**WEBSITE** – Doug Westcott. Website is up to date. Would members be interested in a contact list of members be available on the website. It would only be available to members by a password and could keep members informed and up to date. He asked members to give the proposal their consideration.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

The Chairperson informed the meeting, vacancies had occurred for positions of Publicity Officer and monthly Walks. She asked members to consider volunteering to fill these positions for the remainder of the year.

Morning tea break was at 10.35am.

Following morning tea, Guest Speaker Co-Ordinator, Beryl Pakes introduced long time Club member Dennis Birt who presented a most interesting talk on the history of G. J. Coles and various members of “The Coles Family”, commencing from their background of retailing in England and then in Australia. He nominated Sir Edgar Coles”, whose name was known to many of us, as a great person who built the family name and fortune. Dennis himself had spent his working life as an employee of G. J. Coles & Co. and was a Manager of East Burwood K-Mart when it opened. The members thanked Dennis for his great presentation, supported by handouts of pictures of the Coles family members and some of their retail premises.

The chairperson thanked the members for their attendance, invited members to stay for the Sausage Sizzle and closed the meeting at 11.45am.

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President.