



Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 5th July 2023.

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

CHAIR: President Mary Burton opened the meeting at 10:05 am and welcomed all present.

APOLOGIES: Jurgen Ahrens, Sibylle Ahrens, Cushla Appleby, Keith Booth, Ree Dowling, Woty Fanoy Fran Frost, Jo Hocking, Glen Knight, Sandra Knight, Bill Moncrieff, Lorna Moncrieff, Ron Needham, Sue Needham, Peter Rasmussen, Jacqui Reilly, Jan Roche, Terry Roche, Col Rogers, Ian Rose, Bev Sutherland, Bill Wallis, Joyce Wickins.

VISITORS: Max Collins, Monika Emerson, Michael Emerson, Greg Foster, Ramiss Nalayan, Michael Sheahan.

PRESENT: 45 Members, 6 Visitors, 23 Apologies.

BIRTHDAYS: JULY: Bruna Rosaia 5th, Keith Wickins 5th, Alan Hunter 8th, Beryl Pakes 13th, Doug Westcott 23rd, Chris Stott 28th, Jan Roche 29th.

PRESIDENT: Mary Burton informed members there would be an item "Trivia for the Month" published in the bulletin. This month is "Did you know that cats once delivered mail in Belgium". In 1870, 37 cats with mail attached to their collars, delivered mail to a village. One cat took at least 5 hours to complete the delivery.

MINUTES: It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Stephen Clifton, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7th June 2023 be accepted. CARRIED

REPORTS:-

SECRETARY – As published in the Bulletin. Additional correspondence received since the publication of Bulletin: - Caldermeade Farm are holding "Morning Melodies on Tuesdays in July. Our Club is attending same on Tuesday 18th July.

Invitation from the City of Whitehorse for the secretary and one other to represent our Club at the Whitehorse Community Dinner on Thursday 27th July at Box Hill Town Hall.

We have received the Certificate of Currency from 30/06/2023 to 30/06/2024 in respect of Public Liability Insurance cover for personal liability and property damage.

It was moved by John Hally and seconded by Kath Thompson, the Secretary's Report be received.

CARRIED

TREASURER – Net funds total \$3,430.68. It was moved by Bob Grierson, seconded by Trish Clifton, that the Treasurer's Report be received. CARRIED

GUEST SPEAKER – Beryl Pakes. The speaker for this month is our Club member Harish Shah who will talk about the Indian National Army in World War II and in opposing British rule in India after World War II.

WELFARE: Mary Burton. Sue Needham is home after surgery and 2 weeks in hospital. Peter Rasmussen is in permanent care at Regis, 40 Centre Road, Blackburn.

BULLETIN: As published

DISCUSSION GROUP: Next meeting is on Monday 17th July at 2:00 pm at the home of Harish and Jaya Shah.

OUTINGS – Mary Burton.

Lilydale Athenaeum Theatre, Wednesday 12th July, 7:30 pm.

Christmas in July at Caldermeade Farm, 18th July, 10:30 am, 2 course meal, \$21.95. Pay on arrival.

LADIES & MENS LUNCH – Kath Thompson. Sweet Lime Café, 1/630 Mitcham Road, Mitcham, Wednesday 23rd August.

WEBSITE – Doug Westcott. All up to date.

FRIDAY COFFEE – Moon & Spoon, Level 2, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon 3:15 pm.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH – Knox Club, 480 Boronia Road, Wantirna South.

GENERAL BUSINESS: There being no general business, the President adjourned the meeting for morning tea.

Following morning tea, Club member Harish Shah spoke of the formation of the Indian National Army known as "I N A". Harish had produced a sheet that was included in the July Bulletin being a prelude to his talk and referred to 1942 and the fall of Singapore to the Japanese Army. He followed this up with short films of how the Indian soldiers, who were captured in the surrender of Singapore, eventually worked their way home to India and were instrumental in helping the Indians obtain independence from Britain by driving the British Occupational Army out of India. Most of the audience did not know of the existence or exploits of the I N A.

At the conclusion of the excellent presentation given by Harish, the President thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12:05 pm.

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President 02/08/2023