

Combined Probus Club of BlackburnSouth Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 2nd August 2023.

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

CHAIR: President Mary Burton opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present. APOLOGIES: Cushla Appleby, Keith Booth, Gerry Burton, Ree Dowling, Woty Fanoy, Brenda Griffin, Jo Hocking, Alan Hunter, Mary Rasmussen, Jacqui Reilly, Jan Roche, Terry Roche, Ian Rose.

VISITORS: None.

PRESENT: 55 Members, 13 Apologies.

BIRTHDAYS AUGUST: Ken Pakes 4th, Laurie Williams 19th, Jo Hocking 24th.

MINUTES: It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Val Nixon, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5th July 2023 be accepted. CARRIED

REPORTS: -

SECRETARY – As published in the Bulletin.

It was moved by John Hally and seconded by Warwick Stott; the Secretary's Report be received CARRIED

TREASURER – Net funds total \$3,466.10. It was moved by Bob Grierson, seconded by Kath Thompson, the Treasurer's Report be received.

GUEST SPEAKER – Beryl Pakes. The speaker for this month is Martin Semken who is a landscape gardener of note. Next month will be author Margaret O'Mahony who will speak on "writing your own memoirs".

WELFARE – Mary Burton. Sue Needham is at the meeting today after her recent surgery. Ree Dowling is having a medical procedure today, and Gerry Burton is currently in Knox Hospital

BULLETIN – As published.

DISCUSSION GROUP – Bill Wallis. The next meeting is on Monday 21st August, at 2.00 pm at the home of Harish and Jaya Shah, 12 Chippendale Tce, Burwood East.

OUTINGS – Mary Burton. Box Hill Town Hall – Tour and Morning Tea, Wednesday 13th September 10.00 am. Cost \$17.95.

Lilydale Theatre – "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (in 97 minutes), A Comedy, on Thursday 14th September at 7.30 pm. Pre-Theatre Dinner option at Gracious Grace Café 6.15 pm. All details were published in August Bulletin.

LADIES & MENS LUNCH – Kath Thompson. Sweet Lime Café, 1/630 Mitcham Road, Mitcham, Wednesday 23rd August at 12.30 pm.

DINE OUT – "CLUB RINGWOOD", 523-535 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood, (Corner Oban Road) A La Carte Menu, Wednesday 27th September. Details in August Bulletin.

WEBSITE - Doug Westcott. All up to date.

FRIDAY COFFEE – Moon & Spoon, Level 2, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon at 3.15 pm.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH - Wantirna Hill Club, 715 Boronia Road, Wantirna.

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

Following morning tea, Beryl Pakes introduced our guest speaker - Landscape Gardener Martin Semken. Martin informed the members how he and a team had exhibited their creative work at the Chelsea Flower Show for a number of years. He supported his talk with slides of the various exhibits including his meeting the late Queen Elizabeth at one of the Chelsea Flower Shows. He explained the difficulties in raising funds to create, build and show the exhibits and the hard work to put them together for an exhibition at the Chelsea Flower Show. It was a most interesting and informative presentation.

At the conclusion of the presentation by Martin, the President thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11:55 am.

President 06/09/2023