



Combined Probus Club of BlackburnSouth

Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 1st November 2023

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

CHAIR: Due to the President Mary Burton unable to be present, inaugural President and last living club foundation member Ron Henderson occupied the Chair, opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present.

There would not be a Guest Speaker today as it would be a “fun day” wearing hats.

Chairman Ron introduced himself as the first President of our Club which commenced on 5th April, 1989. Ron gave a brief summary of how he became President and mentioned the names of other office bearers who had served the Club in its earliest years. At the time of the inaugural meeting of our Club, there were 34 members, with 13-14 other Probus Clubs in the area. Membership quickly grew to 50 and subsequently to 80 – 90 with a waiting list. In 2013 the Club invited the Ladies to join and became a Combined Probus Club.

APOLOGIES: Dennis Birt, Jenny Birt, Mary Burton, Ree Dowling, Brenda Griffin, Jo Hocking, Bill Moncrieff, Lorna Moncrieff, Mary Rasmussen, Ian Rose, Bill Wallis, Joyce Wickins, Keith Wickins, Laurie Williams.

VISITORS: Ron Chidgey (second visit), Lorraine Low – Shang (second visit), Hazel Hoellmueller, Bernie Starling.

PRESENT: 48 Members, 4 Visitors. **APOLOGIES:** 14.

BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER: Col Rogers 2nd, Jaya Shah 9th, Woty Fanoy 12th, Lois Cheevers 13th, Eric Sutherland 24th, Rolf Arnoldi 29th.

MINUTES: It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Val Nixon, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 4TH October 2023 be accepted. **CARRIED**

REPORTS: -

SECRETARY: – As published in the Bulletin. Additional correspondence received since publication of Bulletin: - Email from Blue Lotus Water Garden advising their visiting season runs from 26th December, 2023 until 14th April, 2024. It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Stephen Clifton, the Secretary's Report be received. **CARRIED**

TREASURER: – The Treasurer informed the members there was no financial report today due to problems with the Bendigo Bank, for a number of days, in receiving information.

GUEST SPEAKER: – Beryl Pakes. No speaker this month. Nelson Knight will be the speaker for February, 2024 and his subject is Antiques.

WELFARE: Mary Rasmussen currently is in hospital. Bev Sutherland is here today after a short stay in hospital.

WALK: - KEN GEORGE. Wednesday 18th October, 2023 Schwerkolt Cottage Complex – Eastlink Indigenous Art Trail. 5 people took part in the walk with 3 doing the 5 kilometre trail and 2 doing the 2 kilometre trail, followed by lunch.

BULLETIN: As published.

OUTINGS: Val Nixon. Coombe Cottage, Melba Estate, Wednesday 22nd November 9.45am. \$30.00. Pay on the day. Full details in Bulletin.

DISCUSSION GROUP: The next meeting on Monday 20th November will be at the home of Harish and Jaya Shah, 12 Chippendale Terrace, Burwood east at 2.00pm.
LADIES & MENS LUNCH: Kath Thompson. At Box Hill Golf Club on Wednesday 25th October. A very enjoyable lunch. Only 5 men in attendance.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Wednesday 6th December, 12 noon at Chirnside Park Country Club. 3 Course Seniors Meal, \$35.00. Place your name on list and indicate if you require transport. Payment to be made to Treasurer or into bank account.

WEBSITE: Doug Westcott. All up to date.

FRIDAY COFFEE: Moon & Spoon, Level 2, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon 3.15pm. All welcome to attend.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH: “Sausage Sizzle”.

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

MORNING TEA: Chicken sandwiches and non alcoholic wine were served at morning tea. Members also wore an amazing variety of hats they had brought to the meeting to celebrate “Melbourne Cup Season”. A number of hats were judged as the best for various categories and the whole exercise was supported, enjoyed and appreciated by all the members present.

Following the long morning tea and the “hat judging” the Chairman Ron Henderson conducted an open discussion on the need to fill committee positions next year with the members. As a result of these discussions, a number of members have offered to stand for committee positions at the Annual General Meeting next March.

Following the closure of the discussion, the members were invited to participate in the annual November “Sausage Sizzle”.

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President. 7th February 2024