



Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 2ND October 2024

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

PRESIDENT: opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present and welcomed our visitors

APOLOGIES: Christina Hunter, Cushla Appleby, Keith Booth, Lindsay Borgas, Lorelle Borgas, Lois Cheevers, Ron Chidgey, Stephen Clifton, Trish Clifton, Nancy Greenslade, John Hally, Nelson Knight, Lorraine Low-Shang, Vic McNamara, Jan Roche, Bruna Rosaia, Ian Rose, Vin White, Joyce Wickins, Keith Wickins

ABSENT: 1

VISITORS: Sheila Blanchfield, Sandra Both, Mick Both, Colin Farr, Dorothy Farr,

PRESENT: 45 present 20 apologies, Absent 1

INDUCTION: President Harish welcomed Sheilah Blanchfield into the club and presented her with our new club member's pack.

BIRTHDAYS October - Kathleen Thompson, 3rd, Jurgen Ahrens 12th, Bernie Starling, 12th, Dennis Birt 13th, Shirley McGorlick 13th, Bill Wallis 16th, Nelsa Counsell 21st, Vic McNamara, 24th, Sandra Knight 29th

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was **Moved** by Gillian George, **Seconded** by Beryl Pakes, the minutes of the monthly meeting held 4th September with the amendment for the Ladies and Men's lunch date change to 23rd October, be accepted as a true correct record of the meeting **CARRIED**

**Correspondence: IN: Whitehorse Council Hall Hire
Probus Month – October news PSPL**

**OUT: Hall Booking forms
Submission for discount fees
Council re electric BBQ**

REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

- Reported on the need for office bearers for 2025 and told the meeting that Denis Hawthorn had nominated for the position of incoming treasurer, we still have vacancies and need assistance from members to fill these positions. Positions still vacant are Vice President, Assistant Secretary/publicity officer, Outings and activities convenor, the Speaker convenor role is vacant as Beryl Pakes has completed her three years.

- The Guidelines for the use of the hall were displayed and the secretary spoke on these matters and the fact we will no longer be able to have a BBQ due to the issue with gas bottles and the health and safety regulations that we are required to follow. We have a submission into Council for the reduction of our hall hire fees and the obtain this reduction we must abide by the conditions of hire. We will still be having our after-meeting luncheons, these will just different, eg: the next lunch after the November meeting will be cold meat and salads. We will be celebrating the Melbourne Cup and have lunch together after the meeting. Please wear a hat, fascinator or Melbourne Cup outfit. We can no longer serve alcohol at any function, this is not only a Whitehorse Council condition, but also a state law, to serve alcohol we need a liquor license. The Club will also be having an evacuation drill at the February meeting to meet council guidelines. The committee understands the need to still meet after the meetings and will still have the onsite lunches. The Club has a letter into Council re an electric BBQ and are waiting for them to get back to us. The committee understands the need to share the fellowship and friendships we hold close and understands the tradition of the sausage sizzle, please know we will still have lunch get together. The committee is working on the removal of the BBQ and if anyone is interested in this, please speak to President Harish.
- John Hally will take the minutes at the next meeting. Gillian will be away

TREASURER: –

Reported bank balance \$2707.34

Moved: Bob Grierson **Seconded:** Gerry Burton **Carried.**

GUEST SPEAKER: – BERYL PAKES - advised that the speaker for today is Janet Werkmeister who will talk on the Roaring Twenties. The November speaker will be Denis Davis who will talk on his experience doing the Kokoda trail.

BULLETIN: As published.

ACTIVITIES:

Sandra spoke on Ten Pin bowling 11th October 2.30pm at Forest Hill Chase, notice on bench, Sandra invited everyone to come along and join in the fun of bowling, then go for coffee after. Sandra reported that the last bowling day was enjoyable, and the participants are eager for another chance to improve their techniques.

Sandra also spoke of the Mini Golf Day the club is holding on 20th November at the Morack Golf course. 10.30am rollup, notice on bench for those interested.

Welfare – Ree did not have any notice of anyone who was sick but asked if anyone knew a member who needed help to please contact her, and the club will be happy to assist in anyway.

Outing - to Miss Lucys restaurant is planned for 13th October at 11.00am to celebrate Probus Month, all are invited to come along, notice on bench but ring Ree is you would like to attend please so she can book a spot for you. 133 Central Rd Nunawading near Blackburn Lake Sanctuary. Support this event for Probus Month.

Member Services – Kath Thompson, thanked her team for helping, all going well.

Exercise Classes – “Roll Back the Clock” next one on 4th October \$10 per session – all welcome notice on bench, come along join in light exercise followed by a cuppa. Held at the VSC Livingstone Rd, Vermont South. 11.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Christmas Lunch –Chirnside Park Country club. See Bulletin for details. \$40 per person pay by November meeting. Need 50 to attend. Pay into club account or to Treasurer.

Men’s and Ladies’ lunch - will be held 23rd October at the Box Hill Golf Club notice is on the bench, 12.30 pm 202 Station Street Box Hill.

DISCUSSION GROUP: MIKE BAMPFIELD invited those present to attend the discussion group, next one to be held on Monday 21st October, 2pm to 4pm at the VSC club in Livingstone Rd, Vermont South. Mike said the topics were wide ranging and the group always finished off with a fun topic and afternoon tea.

WEBSITE: DOUG WESTCOTT: - All working well

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

AFTER MEETING LUNCH: Forest Hill Chase Hotel all welcome.

GENERAL BUSINESS: A special certificate was presented to Gerry Burton for his assistance and help with the club over the years and President Harish thanked Gerry for all his support.

Secretary thanked Doug Westcott for his assistance with the slides on the screen.

President then invited everyone to attend morning tea.

SPEAKER: Janet Werkmeister spoke on life in Melbourne in the Roaring Twenties and showed photos of Melbourne, and spoke on the fashions, music and transport in this era.

Beryl then thanked the speaker for her informative presentation.

Meeting closed at 11.55 am.

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President. 6/11/24