



# **Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109**

**Reg. No A0029946T**

**MINUTES:** Minutes of Monthly Meeting Wednesday 6th November 2024

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

**CHAIRMAN:** President Harish Shah opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present.

**VALE:** The Chairman informed the members Colin Rogers, who joined our Club in August 2017, died on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. He asked all present to rise and stand for one minute of silence in respect for the late Colin Rogers.

**APOLOGIES:** Stephen Clifton, Trish Clifton, Woty Fanoy, Alan Hunter, Christine Hunter, Vic McNamara, Val Nixon, Gilly George, Ken George, Mike Bampfield, Lois Cheevers, Kath Hawthorn, Denis Hawthorn, Ian Rose, Dorothy Thomson, Cushla Appleby, Nancy Greenslade

**VISITORS:** Alan Marshall, Rachel McAleavy, Mick Both,

**PRESENT:** 5 Absent, 3 Visitors, 17 Apologies.

**BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER:** Jaya Shah 9<sup>th</sup>, Woty Fanoy 12<sup>th</sup>, Lois Cheevers 13<sup>th</sup>, Eric Sutherland 24<sup>th</sup>, Rolf Arnoldi 29<sup>th</sup>.

**MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:** - In the absence of Gilly George, who is currently touring in Europe, John Hally is standing in as "acting secretary for the November meeting. It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Joyce Wickins, the minutes of monthly meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024 be accepted. **CARRIED**

## **REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:** – John Hally (as acting Secretary) reported having received an email from Probus Head Office which stated Probus South Pacific was in the process of producing a new Constitution for all Clubs which would require the document to be accepted by Corporate Affairs Offices in all Australian States before becoming operational. This may take many months before becoming operational.

It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Ken Pakes, the report be received.

**CARRIED**

**TREASURER:** – Bob Grierson advised that due to his computer being hacked, he was unable to present a financial report at this stage.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** – Beryl Pakes advised that the speaker for today is Denis Davis who will speak on his experience doing the Kokoda Trail.

**ACTIVITIES:** - Sandra Knight reported on “Mini-Golf” at 10.30am on 20th November and next Ten Pin Bowling on Friday afternoon 6<sup>th</sup> December, before afternoon coffee at Moon & Spoon. All Welcome to attend.

**WELFARE:** Ree Dowling: - reported that a card had been sent to Col Rogers family

**BULLETIN:** As published.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Ree Dowling informed the meeting our annual Christmas Lunch was at Chirnside Park Country Club on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 12 noon. The cost was \$40 per person, and we needed at least 50 people to attend.

**DISCUSSION GROUP:** Mike Bampffield: The next meeting is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 2-4pm.

**CLUB SERVICES:** Kath Thompson: - Lunch today would be served in the garden after the meeting. Kath thanked all those members who have helped during the year.

**WEBSITE:** Doug Westcott: - All in order.

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** The President presented Keith Booth with a Certificate of Appreciation for his services to the Club and members. Keith joined our Club in 2002, and organised Guest Speakers in 2004, served as Club President in 2007 and has been involved with the Club Barbeque since its inception.

President invited everyone to attend morning tea.

After morning tea, the judging of the display of Melbourne Cup hats. As members arrived at the meeting, they displayed a classic range of creative styled hats & fascinators to join in the Melbourne Cup Celebrations.

Our thanks go to Jenny & Dennis Birt who sorted winners during morning tea & presented awards before the speaker.

It was difficult to compete with Jenny’s home styled lolly – pink brimmed number though, a definite standout from our judge.

**SPEAKER:** Following morning tea our speaker, Denis Davis provided a most interesting talk on his experience in “Walking the Kokoda Trail”. He provided some photos during the talk and the members thoroughly enjoyed listening to his experiences, the hardships and the planning required to take on this task.

After Denis Davis had finished, President Harish Shah invited members to take part in the Chicken and Salads lunch prepared by Kath Thompson and other members as part of the Melbourne Cup festivities.

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**President. 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025.**



# **Combined Probud Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109**

**Reg. No A0029946T**

**MINUTES:** Minutes of Monthly Meeting 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> September with the amendment for the Ladies and Men's lunch date change to 23<sup>rd</sup> October, be accepted as a true correct record of the meeting **CARRIED**

**Correspondence:** **IN:** Whitehorse Council Hall Hire  
Probud 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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**



# **Combined Probud Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109**

**Reg. No A0029946T**

**MINUTES:** Minutes of Monthly Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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

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

**APOLOGIES:** Ree Dowling, Christina Hunter, Alan Hunter, Sandra Knight, Glen Knight, Graeme Brookes, Beryl Marsden, Rod Needham, Sue Needham, Ian Rose,

**ABSENT:** Shirley McGorlick, Mike McGorlick, Woty Fanoy, Cushla Appleby, Vic McNamara, Vin White,

**VISITORS:** Sheila Blanchfield, Sandra Both, Mick Both,

**PRESENT:** 49 present 10 apologies, Absent 6

**VALE: Pauline Lavery 9/10/27 to 20/7/24 joined club in 2013.** the President asked Colin Sando to say a few words about Pauline and her husband Brian, who was also a member of our club who had passed away. Col spoke about their life and coming to Australia and their friendship. He then asked that all members to observe a minute's silence to remember Pauline and Brian.

**BIRTHDAYS September** - Lorelle Borgas 13<sup>th</sup>, Hazel Hoellmuller 26<sup>th</sup>, Mary Burton 28<sup>th</sup>

## **MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:**

It was **Moved** by Gillian George, **Seconded** by Mary Rasmussen, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7th August 2024 be accepted as a true correct record of the meeting

**CARRIED**

**Correspondence:** IN: PSPL letter re new club  
PSPL new management team in head office.  
OUT: NIL

## **REPORTS:**

### **SECRETARY:**

Thanked everyone who came in their footy colours and invited everyone to share in the morning tea of pies and sausage rolls kindly prepared by Kath and her team.

Secretary asked those present and staying for the BBQ to please keep badges on so we all know who we are talking to. Thanked everyone who went on the Tram safari and the visit to Young and Jacksons, everyone had a great time. Please think about being an office bearer for the 2025 Probud year.

Probud Magazine is available on the bench please take one.

Asked members to think about planning a special event for Probud month in October.

### **TREASURER: –**

Reported bank balance \$3865.39 which includes payments for the Apollo Bay trip,

**Moved:** Bob Grierson

**Seconded:** Ron Henderson

**CARRIED.**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** BERYL PAKES advised that today's speaker is from Home Instead. The speakers booked for this month had to cancel, so Home Instead kindly stepped in.

**BULLETIN:** As published.

**ACTIVITIES:**

Sunday Lunch – booked for 12.30 Wantirna Hill Club 29<sup>th</sup> September. Could members please put their names down on the sheet on the bench.

Book Group -1<sup>st</sup> October at 1.30 pm 3 Howqua Court, Vermont all welcome.

Mary Rasmussen spoke on the trip to Apollo Bay – March 24-29<sup>th</sup> 2025 flyers on bench. Deposit \$200 due now please.

Eric spoke on Ten Pin bowling on 13<sup>th</sup> September, notice on the bench, speak to Eric or Sandra and come along and join in the fun, then go for coffee after.

Welfare – Kath did not have any notice of anyone who was sick but was advised at the meeting that Beryl Marsden is having severe leg problems.

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

Exercise Classes – “Roll Back the Clock” next one on 6<sup>th</sup> September \$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. 11.30am to 12.30.

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

The next men’s and ladies’ lunch will be held 24<sup>th</sup> October at the Box Hill Golf Club notice is on the bench,

**DISCUSSION GROUP:** MIKE BAMPFIELD invited those present to attend the discussion group, next one to be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 2pm to 4pm at the VSC club in Livingstone Rd, Vermont South. He also welcomed back Bill Wallis who had been the previous organiser of the discussion group.

**WEBSITE:** DOUG WESTCOTT: - All working well

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

**AFTER MEETING LUNCH:** – will be a BBQ, all welcome to stay and attend.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** Dennis Birt asked if the person who asked him about GJ Coles, please see him after the meeting as he had some information for them.

President invited everyone to attend morning tea.

**SPEAKER:** from Home Instead, spoke about Home Care packages, she stressed she was not from My Aged Care, Home Instead is a service provider. She will help those who need to navigate Aged Care programs and handed out a small package of details.

Beryl then thanked the speaker for her informative presentation.

Meeting closed at 11.50am.

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# **Combined Probud Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109**

**Reg. No A0029946T**

**MINUTES:** Minutes of Monthly Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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

**PRESIDENT:** opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present. The president also thanked Doug Westcott for all his hard work on the flyer that was on everyone's seat today, this is a flyer that can be given to prospective members. Harish thanked Doug for his great assistance in producing this flyer and wished to acknowledge the efforts that Doug gives to the club.

**APOLOGIES:** Bruna Rosaia, Ree Dowling, Cushla Appleby, Alan Hunter, Bob Grierson, Stephen Clifton, Trish Clifton, Dennis Birt, Nancy Greenslade, Val Nixon, Rolf Arnoldi, Beryl Marston, Sue Needham, Kath Hawthorne, Sibylle Aherns, Rod Needham. Ian Rose

**VISITORS:** Sheila Blanchfield

**PRESENT:** 1 Visitor, 44 Present: 17 Apologies: 3 Absent:

**BIRTHDAYS AUGUST:** Ken Pakes 4<sup>th</sup>, Terry Roche 25<sup>th</sup>

## **MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:**

It was moved by Gillian George, seconded by Terry Roche, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

## **REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:** – Gillian advised next month will be wear your footy gear month, to celebrate the event that happens in September in Melbourne. We will be having a special morning tea. A report and thank you to all who attended the Sunday lunch at the Wantirna Club, we had a lovely time together and the meals were very nice.

**TREASURER:** – Gillian reported on the finance in Bob Griersons absence and the total in the bank is \$2325.44 and a holding deposit of \$500 for the Christmas lunch has been paid.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** – BERYL PAKES - advised that the speaker for today is Ken Pakes who will speak on the Kimberley Region. The speaker for September will be Mercy Ships.

**WELFARE:** Kath Thompson will be looking after welfare until Ree is able to. Few members ill with the flu. Kath then reported on the "Roll back the Clock" exercises and invited all interested members to attend. This is held at the VSC club in Livingston Road at 11.30 – 12.30.

**BULLETIN:** As published



**OUTINGS:** Young and Jacksons tram Safari 21<sup>st</sup> August details on sheet on bench it is not too late to join in the fun.

**TRIPS:** Mary Rasmussen spoke on the upcoming trip to Apollo Bay; Details are on the bench with list of activities planned. Please see Mary for more information.

**BOOK GROUP:** Gillian reported next book club will be 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 3 Howqua Crt Vermont. All welcome

**DISCUSSION GROUP:** MIKE BAMPFIELD reported all going well and members enjoying the new venue. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 2-4pm all welcome to attend. Discussion followed by fun topics and afternoon tea.

**CLUB SERVICES:** KATH THOMPSON: - Thanked all members who assist in the kitchen with preparation of morning tea.

**LADIES & MENS LUNCH:** KATH THOMPSON -next lunch will be at Wheelers Hill Hotel, at 12.30pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. All welcome, sheet on bench.

**BOOKS AND DVDs** on table in foyer if anyone wants one please take.

**WEBSITE:** DOUG WESTCOTT: - All working well

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

**AFTER MEETING LUNCH:** – will be at the Burvale Hotel approx. 20 members indicated they will be attending,

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** Ten Pin Bowling, to commence 13<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm. All welcome, form on bench.

President then invited everyone to attend morning tea.

**SPEAKER:** Our speaker Ken Pakes spoke on the Kimberley region and showed photos of the area and discussed the trip taken by himself and Beryl After the presentation Beryl Pakes thanked the speaker.

President Harish then closed the meeting at 11.50am thanked everyone for attending and invited everyone to the luncheon. Next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> September.

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**President. 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**



# **Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109**

**Reg. No A0029946T**

**MINUTES:** Minutes of Monthly Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

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

**PRESIDENT:** opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present and reminded all members to please turn off their mobile phones.

**APOLOGIES:** Lorraine Low-Shang, Joyce Wickins Keith Wickins, John Hally, Mary Rasmussen, Sue Needham, Cushla Appelby, Mary Burton, Gerry Burton, Ree Dowling

**VISITORS:** President Harish welcomed our visitor Sheila and invited her for lunch

**PRESENT:** 54 Attendance, Apologies 10,

**BIRTHDAYS JUNE:** Bruna Rosaia 5th, Keith Wickins 5th, Alan Hunter 8th, Beryl Pakes 13th, Doug Westcott 23rd, Jan Roche 29<sup>th</sup>

**VALE:** A minute's silence was held for Fred Caitlin who passed away 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Fred became a member on 7<sup>th</sup> of May 1997 and was a long-time member of the club.

## **MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The secretary asked that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5th June 2024 with amendment for Men's and Ladies Lunch be accepted as a true and accurate record of June Meeting.

**Moved:** by Gillian George,

**Seconded:** by Val Nixon

**Carried:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** IN: Positive Ageing Team – Movie

OUT: PSPL Capitation fees  
Probus Victoria

## **REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:** – Reported on the new contact detail forms available on front table or can be sent electronically if you advise.

Someone forgot to pay their bill at Sofias please see secretary if this was you.

Probian Magazine has been ordered for all members.

Competition for names on new flyer on notice board.

Equip4Life forms are still available for those wanting to take part in the program that last month's speaker spoke about.

**TREASURER:** – Reported that the current bank balance is \$2943.99 with \$500 of this amount comprising of an amount paid as a deposit for the Christmas Lunch, so bank balance is \$2443.99.

**Moved:** Bob Grierson

**Seconded:** Beryl Pakes

**Carried:**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** – BERYL PAKES advised that the speaker for today will Terry Roche, who will speak on Classic Cars. Beryl also advised the meeting that the next meeting our guest speaker will be Ken Pakes speaking on the Kimberley's by Land and Sea. September will be Mercy Ships

**WELFARE:** No one has advised of any welfare needs. A note of thanks received from Kath was read, thanking the club for the card sent to her on the death of her brother.

**BULLETIN:** As published.

**OUTINGS:** -Young and Jacksons Tram Safari, 21<sup>st</sup> August. Sheet on bench. All welcome to attend. Parking at Vermont South Shopping centre. No. 75 tram meandering through suburbs on the way into city. Leaving approx. 10.30am. If you are going in another way we will meet at approx. 11.45am for 12.00 lunch second floor. We will have lunch in the dining room of Young and Jacksons. \$38 Main 4 choices, small desert/tea or coffee, glass of wine. Please contact Ree for further information.

**APOLLO BAY TRIP:** – Gillian spoke on Mary's behalf re a trip being organised to Apollo Bay. Interest forms are on the bench as well as a flyer with all details. This is to be held 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Please see Mary if you require further information.

**SUNDAY LUNCH:** We are having a Sunday lunch on 28<sup>th</sup> July at the Wantirna Hill Club 12.00noon all welcome please place name on form on bench.

**EXERCISE CLASSES:** Kath spoke on "Roll back the Clock" classes being held at VSC in Livingstone Rd, classes are \$10 per class which includes morning tea. Gentle exercises and presentation on topics related to good physical and mental health for both men and women. Currently 4 of our members attending. Group size is about 15 with the other participants. All Welcome. 11.30am to 12.30pm.

**DISCUSSION GROUP:** MIKE BAMPFIELD advised that all members are invited to attend the discussion group and give it a try, the discussion time is then followed by a short quiz, afternoon tea and social time. The venue the VSC club in Livingston Road, New time is 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 16<sup>th</sup> July. 2pm -4pm,

**BOOK EXCHANGE:** There are books on the table in the foyer please take them to read. This month there are also some DVD's. Please take the books that are left home if you brought them as we do not have anywhere to store them.

**WEBSITE:** DOUG WESTCOTT: - All working well

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

**AFTER MEETING LUNCH:** – will be at Mitchum Hotel. President asked for show of hands on who is attending, with about 22 people showing their wish to attend.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Book club has started, and the participants had a great time. Next book club meeting will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August at 3 Howqua Ct Vermont all invited to attend. Please place your name on the sheet if you are interested.

The books on display that some members had brought to the meeting were discussed and Stephen Clifton spoke on the books he had from his childhood. He also showed the book that was given to Trish when she was a child. Thank you to those who brought books for the display.

Eric spoke on Ten Pin Bowling and asked if anyone is interested to please speak to him in the hope this can be re-established once again.

The meeting then had morning Tea which we were advised by Kath included chocolates provided by Doug Westcott as it was World Chocolate Day.

The meeting reconvened for the guest speaker at 11.05am:

**SPEAKER:** Beryl introduced our speaker Terry Roche who spoke on Classic Cars. Terry had a great knowledge of these and had a PowerPoint presentation to show us. He had also brought his car to the meeting which was a 1974 Triumph TR6. Question and answer time followed.

After the presentation Beryl Pakes thanked the speaker and handed him a small gift and thanked him for his interesting presentation.

President Harish then closed the meeting at 11.53am and thanked everyone for attending and invited everyone to the lunch at The Mitchum Hotel and advised the next meeting is 7<sup>th</sup> August.

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**President. 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024**



# **Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109**

**Reg. No A0029946T**

**MINUTES:** Minutes of Monthly Meeting 5<sup>TH</sup> June 2024

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

**PRESIDENT:** opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present and reminded all members to please turn off their mobile phones. The President also reminded everyone that the yearly fee of \$50 is now due and to please pay the treasurer.

**APOLOGIES:** Mike McGorlick, Shirley McGorlick, Bruna Rosaia, Lois Cheevers, Lorraine Low-Shang, Kath Thompson, Keith Wickins, Jurgen Ahrens, Sibylle Aherns, Cushla Appelby, Ron Chidgey, John Hally, Denis Hawthorne, Kath Hawthorne, Alan Hunter, Christina Hunter, Glen Knight, Nelson Knight, Sandra Knight, Col Rodgers

**VISITORS:** President Harish welcomed our 3 visitors – Isobel Paton, Graham Bergin and Brenda

**PRESENT:** 41 Attendance, Apologies 20, Absentees 5

**BIRTHDAYS JUNE:** Lorraine Low-Shang 5th, Mike Bampfield 13th, Ken George 19th, Bob Grierson 20th, Nelson Knight 20th, Glen Knight 23rd, Gilly George 24th, Kath Hawthorne 26th, Stephen Clifton 30th,

**INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS,** Lindsay Borgas, Lorelle Borgas, and Bernie Starling were presented with their welcome pack and were introduced to the members.

## **MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The secretary asked that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 be accepted.

**Moved:** by Gillian George,                      **Seconded:** by Mary Rasmussen                      **Carried:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**     IN: Tech Help Nunawading Library

## **REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:** – Reported on the new contact detail forms, which the committee would like all members to complete and return. The hard copy of the new contact details is now on the front desk, available for members. Digital copies are available please check with secretary. New Flyer on notice board advertising our Probus group. Report on meeting held by PSPL re new Combined Club of Vermont South opening and our dismay that we were not notified of this before the meeting was held.

**TREASURER:** – Reported that the current bank balance is \$3880.69, with \$500 of this amount comprising of an amount paid as a deposit for the Christmas Lunch, so the bank balance is \$3380.69. The Treasurer advised members to please pay your fees.

**Moved:** Bob Grierson                      **Seconded:** by Stephen Clifton                      **Carried:**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** – BERYL PAKES the speaker for today was Alain Young from Equip4Life speaking on habits to secure a longer and healthier life. Beryl also advised the meeting that the next meeting our guest speaker will be Terry Roche speaking on Classic cars.

**WELFARE:** REE DOWLING: Welcomed back Mary Burton and said how we had missed her, and it was great she was able to join us. Lois Cheevers hopes to join us soon. Chris Stott sent a letter of thanks for our card sent to her when Warwick passed away. Ron Chidgey is in hospital after an operation. Some of our members are ill with COVID, including Sandra and Glen Knight and Nelson Knight. Please check the dates of your RAT test kits, due to the expiry date they are giving incorrect readings.

**BULLETIN:** As published.

**OUTINGS:** REE DOWLING – Ree advised of an outing to the Yarrowood Estate winery on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. This winery is in Yarra Glen. Form on Bench.

**LADIES & MENS LUNCH:** Ree (In Kath's absence) advised next lunch will be at Club Ringwood 522-535 Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30 pm, details as per newsletter. All welcome to attend.

**APOLLO BAY TRIP:** – Mary Rasmussen spoke on a trip being organised to Apollo Bay. Interest forms are on the bench as well as a flyer with all details. This is to be held 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Please see Mary if you require further information.

**EXERCISE CLASSES:** “Roll back the Clock” Ree and Ken spoke of the exercise classes being held at VSC in Livingstone Rd, classes are \$10 per class which includes morning tea. Gentle exercises and presentation on topics related to good physical and mental health for both men and women. Currently 4 of our members attending. Group size is about 15 with the other participants. All Welcome.

**DISCUSSION GROUP:** MIKE BAMPFIELD advised that all members are invited to attend the discussion group and give it a try, the discussion time is then followed by a short quiz, afternoon tea and social time. The venue is changing to the VSC club in Livingston Road, notice will be in Bulletin with further details. Mike then thanked Col Sando for his generosity in allowing the group to have met at his home.

**BOOK EXCHANGE:** There are books on the table in the foyer please take them to read. This month there are also some DVD's. Please take the books that are left home if you brought them as we do not have anywhere to store them.

**WEBSITE:** DOUG WESTCOTT: - All working well

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

**AFTER MEETING LUNCH:** – will be at Sofia's Italian Pizza restaurant. President asked for show of hands on who is attending, with about 22 people showing their wish to attend.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** Activities for members, Gilly is organising a book club on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 1.30 pm, at her home, notice on bench for names if you wish to attend. They will discuss the current book they are reading, followed by afternoon tea. All welcome.

Ree then spoke on an activity for next month's meeting where we are invited to bring our favourite book from our childhood or one, we had read to our children or grandchildren. She asked we please bring a book with our name on it, and we can all look forward to seeing what special book you cherish.

Eric spoke on Ten Pin Bowling and asked if anyone is interested to please speak to him in the hope this can be re established once again. Eric spoke on the previous activity and how much this was enjoyed by members.

President Harish spoke on the benefits of Gym and exercise with the “if you don’t use it, you lose it theme”.

President then invited everyone to attend morning tea

The meeting reconvened for the guest speaker:

**SPEAKER:** Beryl introduced our speaker Alain Young, who spoke on the free Government initiative for all members to have a free health check. He handed out forms and asked if we were interested to fill them in. The response was very good and over 25 people attending filled these out. He will send further information on a follow-up for the program. He also left forms and flyers for those who could not attend today. He showed comparisons of different foods and drinks and showed how advertising can affect the data.

After the presentation, Beryl Pakes thanked the speaker and handed him a small gift.

President Harish then closed the meeting at 12.05 pm and thanked everyone for attending and invited everyone to lunch at Sofias

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**President. 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**



# **Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109**

**Reg. No A0029946T**

**MINUTES:** Minutes of Monthly Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

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

**PRESIDENT:** Opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present and reminded all members to please turn off their mobile phones. The President also reminded everyone that the yearly fee of \$50 is now due.

**APOLOGIES:** Mary Burton, Nancy Greenslade, Mike Mcgorlick, Shirley Mcgorlick, Bruna Rosaia, Lindsay Borgas, Lorelle Borgas, Lois Cheevers, Bill Moncreiff, Lorna Moncrieff, Dorothy Thompson

**VISITORS:** Nil

**PRESENT:** 50 Attendance, Apologies 11, Absentees 6

**BIRTHDAYS MAY:** Ron Rivett 3rd, Sue Needham 4th, Vin White 4th, Graeme Brookes 6th, Lorna Moncrieff 13th, Rod Needham 16th, Denis Hawthorn 26th, Keith Booth 29th, Mary Rasmussen 30th

**INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER:** Hazel Hoellmueller, was presented with her welcome pack and was introduced to the members. Hazel expressed her delight in being part of our club.

**MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:** The secretary asked that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April be accepted.

**Moved:** by Gillian George,      **Seconded:** Sandra Knight,      **Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- \*Letter of Resignation Laurie Williams.
- \*New Presidents pack from PSPL
- \*Nova Theatre at the Round – Brigadoon
- \*PSPL expressions of interest for a PSPL Treasurer

## **REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:** – Reported on the new contact detail forms, which the committee would like all members to complete and return. This is so that the members can be given an updated contact list. Forms are to be returned to the secretary. Members were also advised of the resignation of Jo Hocking and Bill Wallis.

**TREASURER:** – Reported that the current bank balance is \$2661.41, with \$500 of this amount comprising of an amount paid as a deposit for the Christmas Lunch, so the bank balance is \$2161.41. The Commonwealth Bank account has now been closed.

**Moved:** Bob Grierson      **Seconded:** Stephen Clifton      **Carried**



**GUEST SPEAKER:** – BERYL PAKES - The speaker for today will be Darren Arnott, the author of the book “No Regard for the Truth”. The speaker for June will be Alain from Equip4life speaking on the habits to secure a long and healthier life.

**WELFARE:** REE DOWLING: – Lois Cheevers is still in Rehab, a card has been sent. A card has also been sent to Chris Stott. Bruna Rosais is still recovering from her hospital stay. Please advise Ree if you know of anyone who needs any support.

**BULLETIN:** As published.

**OUTINGS:** REE DOWLING – Film “Wicked Little Letter” Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at Pinewood Shopping Centre, Mount Waverley, 10:30 am, \$20.00. Pay on the day. Details as per newsletter. Glen Knight will be in the parking area to give out vouchers. The outing to Arthurs Seat on 17<sup>th</sup> April was cancelled due to maintenance on the equipment. Ree explained that this will now be held over until October as our Spring Trip and all members are invited to attend. Ree also advised of an outing to the Yarrowood Estate winery on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. This winery is at Yarra Glen.

**CLUB SERVICES:** KATH THOMPSON: – advised all was going well with these.

**LADIES & MENS LUNCH:** KATH THOMPSON – The next lunch will be at the Box Hill Golf Club Ringwood on 26.6.24 at 12.30 pm, details as per newsletter. All are welcome to attend.

**DISCUSSION GROUP:** MIKE BAMPFIELD advised that all members are invited to attend the discussion group and give it a try, the discussion time is then followed by a short quiz, afternoon tea and social time. Mike advised that due to the numbers increasing, members are asked to put their names on the attendance list. Col Sando hosts and a thanks was given to him, due to the extra numbers a new venue is being sought, Mike to advise at next meeting. The next meeting is 20<sup>th</sup> May. Details are as per bulletin.

**WALKING GROUP:** KEN GEORGE – next walk on 15<sup>th</sup> May, weather dependant, variety of walk lengths with a picnic afterwards. All are invited to attend. The walk is at Schwerkolt Cottage. 11 am Walk, 12 noon for picnic.

**BOOK EXCHANGE:** There are books on the table in the foyer please take them to read. Please take the books that are left home if you brought them as we do not have anywhere to store them.

**ACTIVE RETIREES:** Ree Dowling advised we have been invited to attend an exercise program called “Roll back the Clock” which comprises of 30 minutes of light exercise and 30 minutes of wellness. The first session is free, then \$10 per session. This will be held at the Vermont South Club in Livingstone Rd, Vermont South. 11.30am to 12.30 followed by a free afternoon tea. Ken George then gave a short overview of the program and showed a video of the program in operation. This activity is aimed at older Australians.

**BISTRO:** Ree Dowling – advised that the Bistro evening will be held at the Dorset Garden Hotel on Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6.00 pm. Details as per newsletter. Sheets for all these events are on the bench and could members indicate if they wish to go.

**WEBSITE:** DOUG WESTCOTT: - All working well

**FRIDAY COFFEE:** – Moon & Spoon, Level 2, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon 3:15 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**AFTER MEETING LUNCH:** – will be a BBQ held at the centre, please indicate if you are attending. Everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy -

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** Activities for members, such as Music and Arts and Crafts were discussed. As no one offered to be a convenor for these activities, these will be held over and discussed at a later date.

President then invited everyone to attend morning tea.

**SPEAKER:** Beryl introduced our speaker Darren Arnott who is the author of the book “No Regard for the Truth” This book is about the Italian POW camp which was in Rowville from 1944-1946. Darren explained his research and meeting some of the families of people who were in the camp.

After the presentation Beryl Pakes thanked the speaker.

President Harish then closed the meeting at 11.53 am and thanked everyone for attending and invited everyone to the BBQ lunch.

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**President. 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**



# **Combined Probud Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109**

**Reg. No A0029946T**

**MINUTES:** Minutes of Monthly Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

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

**PRESIDENT:** opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present and thanked the outgoing committee for their years of service.

**APOLOGIES:** Jurgen Ahrens, Sibylle Ahrens, Dennis Birt, Jenny Birt, Dot Browne, Mary Burton, Stephen Clifton, Trish Clifton, Nancy Greenslade, Denis Hawthorne, Kath Hawthorne, Jo Hocking, Bill Moncreiff, Lorna Moncrieff, Ron Needham, Sue Needham, Peter Rasmussen, Jan Roche, Terry Roche, Bruna Rosaia, Ian Rose, Bill Wallis, Laurie William,

**VISITORS:** Lorelle Borgas, Lindsay Borgas, Hazel Hoellmueller, Margaret Miller.

**PRESENT:** 37 Members, 4 Visitors, 23 Apologies.

**VALE:** The President asked that all members please observe a minute's silence for Warwick Stott who passed away on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The President asked everyone to please rise and remember Warwick.

**BIRTHDAYS APRIL:** Sibylle Ahrens 17<sup>th</sup> and Gerry Burton 20<sup>th</sup>

## **MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:**

It was moved by Gillian George, seconded by Glen Knight, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 be accepted. **CARRIED**

## **REPORTS:**

**SECRETARY:** – Reported on the new contact detail forms, which the committee would like all members to complete and return. This is so that the members can be given an updated contact list. Forms are to be returned to the Secretary.

**TREASURER:** – Apologised for not being able to attend the AGM, and as per the motion that was moved at the AGM

**Motion:** moved by Ken George and seconded by Ken Pakes: that the acceptance of the Annual records, balance sheet and the setting of the annual subscriptions for 2024-2025 be held over to our next meeting:

The Treasurer advised the membership that a new balance sheet and budget were now available and, due to the shortfall predicted, wished to move a motion.

**Motion:** That the annual subscription be increased to \$50 per member.

**Moved:** Bob Grierson      **Seconded:** Sandra Knight

After a question was raised on Administration costs the Treasurer advised that he will explain the cash book to the individual who raised the question after the meeting.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** – BERYL PAKES - advised that the speaker for today is from Australian Unity. The speaker for June will be Darren Arnott who is the author of the book “No Regard for the Truth”.

**EVENT REGISTRAR:** – SANDRA KNIGHT - reported on the new events calendar she is now preparing and asks if anyone wishes to host an event to please contact her re the date of this event to make sure that dates do not clash.

**WELFARE:** REE DOWLING: - reported that all those who are ill do not necessarily want to have this known. If any of the members know of anyone who is struggling, please contact Ree, as we as a club are happy to assist anyone with a difficulty.

**BULLETIN:** As published.

**OUTINGS:** REE DOWLING – Film “Wicked Little Letter” Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at Pinewood Shopping Centre, Mount Waverley, 10:30 am, \$20.00. Pay on the day. Details as per newsletter. Ree also explained due to the glitch at the cinema at the last outing, the cinema wished to give 2 free double passes. Ree then asked the President to draw 2 names out to determine who would win these. The winners were Lindsay Borgas and Col Rodgers. The outing to Arthurs Seat on 17<sup>th</sup> April was discussed, and all members were invited to attend. Details as per newsletter. The Members were also advised that the Bistro evening will be held at the Dorset Garden Hotel on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm. Details as per newsletter. Sheets for all these events are on the bench and could members indicate if they wish to go.

**DISCUSSION GROUP:** MIKE BAMPFIELD acknowledged the contribution of Warwick Stott to the group and spoke how Warwick had been a valuable member of the group, with his wisdom, good humour, and wit. Mike then advised that all members are invited to attend the discussion group and give it a try, the discussion time is then followed by afternoon tea and social time. Next meeting is 15<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm.

**CLUB SERVICES:** KATH THOMPSON: - Thanked all members who assist in the kitchen with preparation of morning tea. Kath advised members that the tables and chairs outside have been removed as these were unsafe. She advised members to be vigilant outside on the grass as this ground is uneven and due to the rain, the grass has not been cut. She suggested we stay on the verandah or bring our morning tea inside.

**LADIES & MENS LUNCH:** KATH THOMPSON -next lunch will be at the Box Hill Golf Club 24.4.2024. Club Ringwood will be venue 26.6.24 at 12.30pm, details as per newsletter. All welcome to attend.

**WALKING GROUP:** KEN GEORGE – will plan a walk in May, weather-dependent, with a variety of walk lengths with a picnic afterwards.

**WEBSITE:** DOUG WESTCOTT: - All working well

**FRIDAY COFFEE:** – Moon & Spoon, Level 2, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon 3:15 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**AFTER MEETING LUNCH:** – will be at the Burvale Hotel approx. 20 members indicated they would be attending,

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** No General Business

President invited everyone to attend morning tea.

**SPEAKER:** Our speaker Casey Olori, from Australian Unity spoke on “My Aged Care” and invited all members to “Consider your needs” and register with My Aged Care and have their details entered into the system so their assessment can be simplified. After the presentation Beryl Pakes thanked the speaker.

President Harish then closed the meeting at 11:50 am thanked everyone for attending and invited everyone to the luncheon.

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**President. 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024.**

# Combined Probus Club of BlackburnSouth



**Inc. No.58109**

**Reg. No A0029946T**

**MINUTES:** Minutes of Monthly Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

**CHAIR:** Due to President Mary Burton being unable to be present, former President Ree Dowling occupied the Chair, opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present.

**APOLOGIES:** Jurgen Ahrens, Sibylle Ahrens, Cushla Appleby, Mike Bampfield, Mary Burton, Denis Hawthorne, Kath Hawthorne, Jo Hocking, Bill Moncrieff, Lorna Moncrieff, Ron Needham, Sue Needham, Bruna Rosaia, Ian Rose, Chris Stott Warwick Stott, Bev Sutherland, Eric Sutherland, Bill Wallis, Laurie Williams.

**VISITORS:** Lorelle Borgas, Lindsay Borgas.

**PRESENT:** 46 Members, 2 Visitors, 20 Apologies.

**BIRTHDAYS MARCH:** Brenda Griffin 1<sup>st</sup>, Peter Rasmussen 14<sup>th</sup>, Val Nixon 22<sup>nd</sup>, Nancy Greenslade 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bev Sutherland 29<sup>th</sup>.

**INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER:** The Chairperson invited Ron Chidgey to come forward and be welcomed as a new member of our Club. The Chairperson presented Ron with a copy of the Constitution and name badges. She then presented Ron to the members, who welcomed him accordingly.

**MINUTES:** It was moved by Terry Roche, seconded by Col Rogers, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7th February 2024 be accepted. CARRIED

**REPORTS:** -

**SECRETARY:** As published in the Bulletin. Additional correspondence received:- PSPL has forwarded a "Gold Certificate of Congratulations" on the occasion of our Club's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary" It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Doug Westcott, and the Secretary's Report be received. CARRIED

**TREASURER:** As the Treasurer was not present, there was no report this month.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Beryl Pakes. There will not be a guest speaker this month as our Annual General Meeting will follow the morning tea break. The guest speaker for May will be an author.

**WELFARE:** Ree Dowling - Mary Burton is managing her medication.

**BULLETIN:** As published.

**OUTINGS:**

Ree Dowling - Film "The Great Escaper" on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at Pinewood Shopping Centre, Mount Waverley, 10:30 am, \$20.00. Pay on the day.

Mary Rasmussen: Thank you to the members who enjoyed “The Picnic in The Park”.

Oliver The Musical at THE ROUND THEATRE, Nunawading, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30 pm. Tickets \$49.00. There are only 5 tickets left.

**DISCUSSION GROUP:** A new venue will be announced subsequently.

**LADIES & MENS LUNCH:**

Kath Thompson - To be announced.

**DINE OUT:**

Ree Dowling - Mulgrave Country Club, Wheelers Hill, Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, at 6:30 pm. Details in March Bulletin.

**WEBSITE:**

Doug Westcott - The Website had crashed and was out for 3 or 4 days but is now operating.

**FRIDAY COFFEE:**

Moon & Spoon, Level 2, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon at 3:15 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**AFTER MEETING LUNCH:**

“Sausage Sizzle” in the garden.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** Chairperson Ree Dowling, on behalf of Mary Burton, thanked everyone who had rallied during Mary’s illness, thanks to Treasurer Bob, Beryl for guest speakers, Kath and assistants for the morning teas, Nelsa who manages the Bulletin, Mike for the Discussion Group, Doug for the website and Mary Rasmussen for outings, and people who drive people to events, and the secretary. Following morning tea, we will hold the Annual General Meeting.

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President. 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024.



# Combined Probud Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

**MINUTES:** Minutes of Monthly Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

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

**VALE:** - The Chairman informed the meeting Graeme Thomson, who joined our Club on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2002 and was the husband of current member Dot Thomson, died on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December 2023 and asked the members to stand for one minute of silence in tribute to Graeme.

**APOLOGIES:** - Dennis Birt, Keith Booth, Mary Burton, Nancy Greenslade, Alan Hunter, Shirley McGorlick, Bill Moncrieff, Lorna Moncrieff, Val Nixon, Ian Rose, Chris Stott, Warwick Stott, Bill Wallis, Keith Wickins, Laurie Williams.

**VISITORS:** Helen Carter, Bernie Starling (Second Visit), and Judith Sullivan.

**PRESENT:** 51 Members, 3 Visitors. **APOLOGIES:** 15.

**BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY:** - Dot Browne 6<sup>th</sup>, Trish Clifton 6<sup>th</sup>, Jennifer Birt 12<sup>th</sup>, Beryl Marston 14<sup>th</sup>, Harish Shah 14<sup>th</sup>, Joyce Wickins 15<sup>th</sup>, Gwenda Davey 18<sup>th</sup>, John Hally 19<sup>th</sup>, Mike McGorlick 20<sup>th</sup>.

**INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER:** - The Chairman invited Lorraine Low-Shang to come forward and be welcomed as a new member of our Club. The Chairman presented Lorraine with a copy of the Constitution, a history of our last ten years and name badges. He then presented Lorraine to the members, who welcomed her accordingly.

**ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL:** - On behalf of the members of the Club, the Chairman extended congratulations to Sandra Knight who was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the "Australia Day Honours List" for service to people who are blind or have low vision.

**MINUTES:** - It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Kath Thompson, and the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 1st November 2023 be accepted. CARRIED

**REPORTS:** - **SECRETARY:** – As published in the Bulletin. Additional correspondence received: - Notice from Probud South Pacific of proposed changes to the Constitution. The City of Whitehorse has granted our Club a 90% discount on the annual rental of the Horticultural Centre. Whitehorse City Council Positive Ageing Forum, 29<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00 am. Consumer Affairs Victoria, notification of requirement to lodge Annual Statement. It was moved by John Hally, seconded by Kath Thompson, the Secretary's Report be received. CARRIED

**TREASURER:** – The Treasurer informed the members that funds at the bank totalled \$1,594.59. It was moved by Bob Grierson, seconded by Gerry Burton, the Treasurer's Report be received. CARRIED

**GUEST SPEAKER:** – Beryl Pakes. Our guest speaker for this month is our member Nelson Knight and his subject is Antiques. There will not be a guest speaker next month as it is our Annual General Meeting.

**WELFARE:** - REE DOWLING As per bulletin.

**BULLETIN:** As published.



**OUTINGS:** - MARY RASMUSSEN. Picnic Lunch at SIMPSON PARK, Cochrane Street, Mitcham, 12 noon, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February. BYO Lunch, Chair, Drink, and enjoy the company.

**DISCUSSION GROUP:** - MIKE BAMPFIELD. The next meeting is on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, at the home of Harish and Jaya Shah, 12 Chippendale Terrace, Burwood East, at 2.00 pm. Mike has taken over management of the Discussion Group from Bill Wallis, and he thanked Harish and Jaya for hosting the group.

**LADIES & MENS LUNCH:** - KATH THOMPSON: - Wheelers Hill Hotel, 871 – 881 Ferntree Gully Road, Wheelers Hill, 12 noon WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY.

**WEBSITE:** - Doug Westcott. All are up to date.

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

**AFTER MEETING LUNCH:** – Wantirna Hill Club, 715 Boronia Road, Wantirna.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** - Stephen Clifton distributed books of “The Acts” to be performed at “THE ROUND”, Nunawading.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for a long morning tea.

Following morning tea, Nelson Knight presented a very interesting talk and display of his personal collection of antique items. Nelson indicated this display represented about 10% of the collection at his residence. The members were delighted with his presentation, knowledge, value and range of items on display.

Following the conclusion of Nelson’s presentation, the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11.50 am.

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**President. 6th March 2024**