



# **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.**