

Combined Probus Club of

Blackburn South Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 5TH February 2025

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

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

APOLOGIES: Woty Fanoy, Keith Booth, Dot Browne, Stephne Clifton, Trish Clifton, Cushla Appleby, Graeme Brookes, Dennis Birt, Jenny Birt.

INDUCTION: An induction of two new members was held for Mick and Sandra Both, we welcome these members to our club and hope they enjoy the friendship and fellowship of Probus.

BIRTHDAYS: Ron Chidgey 3rd, Dot Browne 6th, Trish Clifton 6th, Jennifer Birt 12th, Beryl Marston 14th, Harish Shah 14th, Joyce Wickins 15th, John Hally 19th, Mike McGorlick 20th

VALE: The President requested a minute's silence and a time of reflection for - Terry Cheevers, Peter Rasmussen, and Nita Bate- who have recently passed away. We send our sincere condolences to the families of these previous members.

VISITORS: There were 8 visitors present, and President Harish welcomed these visitors to our club and invited them to our after-meeting lunch.

PRESENT: 50 present, 9 apologies, Absent 7

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was **Moved** by Gillian George, **Seconded** by Val Nixon - the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 6th November 2024 be accepted as a true correct record of the meeting **CARRIED**

Correspondence: IN: Capitation Fee Update

Resignation of Rod and Sue Needham Resignation of Nancy Greenslade

Letter from Keith Booth Anzac Day DC-3 Joy flight

OUT: NIL

Prior to the club reports the Club Life members were invited to come forward and speak about what Probus has represented to them. – Eric Sutherland, Ken Pakes, Ron Henderson and John Halley were able to all let us know what their time in Probus had meant to them. We thank these Gentlemen for all their time and efforts, and they are greatly appreciated by the Club and all members. President Harish then thanked them all.

REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

Welcomed all members back after the Christmas break and thanked all for attending the meeting. Welcome was also given to the visitors today.

A request was made for all members to wear their outing badges when out in a Probus group. The back of the badges should contain the medical information and emergency contact number. A book was placed on the front table for those who had misplaced or lost their badges.

Secretary advised members that next meeting is the AGM.

We are trialling a new coffee venue for our Friday coffee afternoons, this is to be held at the Koffee Kult outside of Target on the 2nd floor, Forest Hill Chase shopping centre. This starts at 3.15pm. This is a trial as some members had asked for a change of venue. The previous venue has been advised, and this will be trialled for the month of February when the management committee will see how this is working.

Secretary advised the meeting that we are still in need of a Vice President and asked if anyone would like the position.

TREASURER: - Bob Grierson

Reported bank balance \$14,700.00 which includes payments for the Apollo Bay trip,

Moved: Bob Grierson Seconded: Denis Hawthorne Carried.

GUEST SPEAKER: – BERYL PAKES – advised that the next meeting is the AGM and the April meeting she is hoping to have the speaker from Mercy Ships, she is having trouble contacting them.

BULLETIN: As published.

WELFARE: - REE DOWLING – advised Graeme Brooks was in Hospital and in now home all going well. A letter was read by Ree from Lois Cheevers, thanking all members who attended Terry's funeral and thanking all those for their kindness. Mary Rasmussen also spoke and thanked the club for their flowers on the passing of Peter and thanked everyone for their kind words and assistance.

ACTIVITIES:

Catherine Pratt spoke on the activity to the home of Dame Elizabeth Murdoch. This is Cruden Park it is a self-drive and share a ride with another member outing. To be held 19th February. Details on sheet on bench.

Ree Dowling then spoke on other outings and activities that are planned for members.

Mornington Peninsula by Coach 24-seater bus. To be held April 10th. This trip includes Arthurs Seat and the Eagle, Glass blowing in Red Hill and lunch at Balnarring at the Tulum Store, with time to visit the beach. Details on sheet on bench please pay prior with cash or into Bendigo Bank account, please place your name on the sheet if interested.

2 Film days have been arranged – 27th February to see The Last Journey and the other movie is Black Bag on 13th March. Full details on bench and in bulletin.

Jazz in the Park is to be held on 2nd March at the Blackburn Lake Sanctuary starting 4pm, just come along and sit as a group. This is a free event.

Dine out – Persian Flavours – 19th March at 6.00pm

Christmas in July – 25th July save the date.

Sandra Knight spoke on proposed tours she will be arranging for later in the year. One will be to Maldon and Castlemaine and a ride on the Goldfields Railway. The other tour is with Murray Magic Tours to Echuca and surrounds this one will occur around October 2025. Keep a look out for these.

Ten Pin Bowling – 14th Feb – Forest Hill Chase Bowling Alley note on bench everyone welcome.

President Harish spoke on the walking group, proposed for 12th February around Jells Park Lake, notice on bench please add your name if interested.

Kath Thompson spoke on Men's and Ladies Lunch at the Box Hill Golf Club on April 30th 202 Station Street. Everyone welcome.

Roll Back the clock exercise group meets at the Vermont South Club each Friday at 11.30 for light exercise and wellness and morning tea. All welcome to attend. Notice on bench for those interested.

DISCUSSION GROUP: MIKE BAMPFIELD invited those present to attend the discussion group, next one to be held on Monday 17th February, 2pm to 4pm at the VSC club in Livingstone Rd, Vermont South. All members are welcome many items are discussed with a fun item finishing off the day with afternoon tea.

WEBSITE: DOUG WESTCOTT: - All working well

FRIDAY COFFEE: – Koffee Kult Level 2, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon 3.15pm. All welcome to attend. Please note new venue.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH: – will be held at Forest Hill Chase Hotel, 3rd Floor Forest Hill Shopping Centre

GENERAL BUSINESS: Certificates of Recognition were handed to those members who had completed their 10 years of service, these Certificates were presented by Mary Burton who was the President in 2023 when these members attained their 10 years' service. Other Certificates presented by President Harish to those who attained 10 years and plus in 2024. President Harish was then presented with his 20 years' service certificate by incoming President Sandra Knight OAM.

Meeting was closed at 11.30am.

President invited everyone to attend a special morning tea to help celebrate the milestones of those who received their certificates.

President. 5th March 2025