



Combined Probud Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 2ND April 2025

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

PRESIDENT: Sandra opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed all present. She asked members to refrain from speaking during the meeting so those with hearing problems could hear what was being discussed. Sandra also asked members to please turn off their mobile phones.

APOLOGIES: Woty Fanoy, Ken Pakes, Beryl Pakes, Hazel Hoellmuller, Val Nixon, Graeme Brookes, Cushla Appleby, Keith Wickins, Beryl Marsden, Jurgen Ahrens, Sibylle Ahrens,

There were 51 members in attendance, 4 visitors, 11 apologies and 3 absent.

VISITORS: Phil Colbert, Liz Henwood, John Henwood, Jenny Frackrell,

BIRTHDAYS: Sandra Both 15th, Sibylle Ahrens 17th, Gerry Burton 20th

President reported that due to unforeseen circumstances Denis Hawthorne could no longer be the treasurer, and that Harish Shah had stepped into the role. Sandra thanked Harish for his assistance in this.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was **Moved** by Gillian George, **Seconded** by – Stephen Clifton, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5th March be accepted as a true correct record of the meeting

CARRIED

Correspondence:

IN: Bill Wallis
Hall Account
Biggest Morning Tea
Professor Terry Haines AM
Sing Australia
Nancy Greenslade
OUT: Letter to Keith Booth

REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

Advised copies of the Probian are on the bench, these are free, and we need to see how many to ask for, so please take one so we can establish how many to organise for our club

Gillian advised members that the other passengers on the Apollo Bay coach trip were impressed with our bulletin, the content, and our website. One of the tour ladies was seeking assistance from Doug regarding her club's website. Secretary thanked Mary for organising a great trip.

TREASURER: – HARISH SHAH

Reported bank balance as at 1/4/25 was \$3272.00. Treasurer asked that when payments are made into the bank, please write your name and reason for payment, unless this is done, we cannot determine what the payment is for. This leaves your payment in limbo.

GUEST SPEAKER: – DOT THOMSON – advised that today's meeting we will be having Traveller's Aid speak, for May the speaker will be from Mercy Ships, and we will be having a bowl out for any donations to this organisation. The June speaker will be from Guide Dogs Australia and the lady will be Stephanie and hopefully she will have a dog with her.

BULLETIN: As published. Nelsa thanked all those who gave their articles early last month. 25/4 is the date for the next bulletin.

WELFARE: - REE DOWLING – Graeme Brookes is still recovering, and we are hoping to see him soon. Ree also welcomed back Christina Hunter. Ree advised that it takes her about 1 ½ hrs to do the rosters, she thanks all those who assist, this makes running the club much smoother. Roster time starts at 9.00am, could all those who are on the roster for the month please read the Roster booklet and if you have any queries, please contact Ree.

ACTIVITIES:

- Mary Rasmussen spoke on the trip to Apollo Bay and advised everyone had a wonderful time and the trip went well, and we saw some spectacular sights.
- Harish Shah thanked Mary for organising the trip and let her know we appreciated her efforts, and a big thank you from all those who attended.
- **Tours** – President Sandra spoke on the 2 tours that will be held later in the year, one to Castlemaine and the Goldfields train to Maldon, we are still waiting on the Railway to give us dates and times to determine when this will be held. The other tour is the Murray Magic tour to Echuca and surrounds, there is a flyer and info on bench and a form asking what room you would like for this trip. All those interested please put your name down on the list so we can organise accommodation. This tour will occur 12th – 18th October. Itinerary on bench. Cost of the Murray Magic Tour should be approx. \$1400 single and \$1600 with the single supplement. Further details next month.
- Catherine Pratt spoke on the activity we are having called "Tram Safari and City Landmarks". We will be having a tour of the Melbourne Town Hall, St. Paul Cathedral and having an Italian Lunch and afternoon tea on the riverbank. Notice on bench please put your name down if you are interested

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

- Ree spoke on the outing to Lilydale Theatre to see the Matinee Performance of "Haunted" which is a comedy, this is to be held on Sunday 4th May, details in bulletin, Ree advised we will have lunch first for those who wish to attend. Please let her know if you are not coming for the lunch but only the show. Notice on bench please put your name down and take a photo of the events you have written your name next to as this will help you to remember.
- Next Film Day "The Penguin Lessons", full details on bench and in bulletin. This is to be held on 28th May, all welcome to attend we will be having a boxed lunch afterward provided by the theatre. Ree advised that they like our group as we are friendly and undemanding. Cost is \$20 for the show and lunch, form on bench.

- Ree advised that those who have paid cash for the trip on bus and the Gondola morning tea, to see her please in the morning tea break. No food or drink on the bus, everyone must be on time as this is not a coach trip, but we hired the bus so must follow their timings.
- Ree asked all those attending functions to wear their badges with the medical and contact information on the back.
- Ken George spoke on the walking group, proposed for 3rd April to Strathdon house and a look around the homestead and then walk back for morning tea at the Jolimont Café. Morning tea should be about 11.30am for those just wishing to come for the morning. You can also just come to the Strathdon House precinct if you are unable to walk and just look around the house, this is a Thursday as this is when the house is open.
- 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 meet 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. This is now in recess until next month. Kath will advise new date.
- Kath also spoke on the guest services and advised we are having Easter eggs and Hot cross buns for morning tea.
- **PUBLICITY OFFICER:** MIKE BAMPFIELD spoke on the need to attract more members to the club and to ask friends and family or any social group that you are in, to see if anyone is interested in joining Probus. Any ideas to Mike if you can help.
- **DISCUSSION GROUP:** MIKE BAMPFIELD invited those present to attend the discussion group, next one to be held on Tuesday 15th April, 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. Please note this has moved to a Tuesday. Mike spoke on Bill Wallis and his contribution to the club and the discussion group. He advised that anyone wishing to visit Bill to contact Mike for details. Mike advised that Bill was a Major in the Army. Bill also organised the club trips for many years. Assisted with the BBQ and attended many activities that the club had to offer. Mike described Bill as an astute and articulate man and advised Bill will be in Vermont Views
- Gillian spoke on the book club, next one to be held 6th May. Also please take a book from the foyer book table. All welcome to attend book club and enjoy a cuppa and friendship over a discussion on the book you are currently reading or an old favourite.

WEBSITE: DOUG WESTCOTT: - All working well

FRIDAY COFFEE: – Koffee Kult Level 2, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon 3.30pm. Please note new time. This new time was decided on, so that members who were coming late still had a chance to see other members. All welcome to attend.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH: It will be held at the Blackburn Hotel. About 20 people responded that they would like to attend.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

President Sandra advised that Ken George had been appointed Auditor for the coming year by the management committee.

Glen Knight will be taking new club member photos, and these will start next month. He will take 2 photos one of you with your name tag and the other for the club news.

Sandra then advised the members it was time for morning tea, which would then be followed by our speaker from Travellers Aid.

Members then went to morning tea.

After morning tea Dot Thomson introduced our speaker from Travellers Aid. We enjoyed a very good presentation by Gary from Travellers Aid who advised us of the services that Travellers aid can provide to the community. He provided a slide show and brochures of services and advised where we can access these services at e.g.: Southern Cross and Flinders Street stations, as well as some country areas. He also advised of the mobility aids that they can offer the community. After question-and-answer time Dot presented Gary with a small gift of appreciation.

President Sandra thanked everyone for attending and invited members and visitors to lunch at the Blackburn Hotel.

Secretary wished everyone a Happy Easter and notified the members that next month we will be having the Anzac ode and Anzac biscuits for morning tea.

President closed the meeting at 11.55am

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President. 7th May 2025