



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

**Reg. No A0029946T**

**MINUTES:** Minutes of Monthly Meeting 7<sup>TH</sup> May 2025

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

**PRESIDENT:** opened the meeting at 10:00 am and welcomed all present; she asked members to refrain from speaking during the meeting, so those with hearing problems can hear what is being discussed. Sandra also asked members to please turn off their mobile phones.

President Sandra then introduced Ken George, who was a Warrant Officer Class 1 in the Australian Army, to come and present the ANZAC tribute and Ode. Ken advised that the ANZAC spirit has been recognised in all conflicts since WW1, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and multiple peacekeeping actions. Ken said we especially remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice of their lives in doing their duty. If you are able, please rise for the Ode, the Last Post and Rouse.

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning

We will remember them.

Response: We will remember them

*Last Post*

*A minute silence*

Lest we forget

Response: Lest we forget

Ken also spoke on his Australian Army hat and explained the difference between the hat of today to his.

President Sandra then thanked Ken for his assistance with the ODE.

**APOLOGIES:** Woty Fanoy, Mike Bampffield, Bruna Rosaia, Mike Both, Denis Birt, Ron Henderson, Shirley McGorlick, Alan Hunter.

There were 53 members in attendance, 5 visitors, 8 apologies and 6 absent.

**VISITORS:** President Sandra welcomed all the visitors and invited them to join us for lunch at the Mitcham Hotel. Today's visitors were Jenny Fracknell, Gillian Horlock, Phil Smith, Denise Parry, Geoff Parry

**BIRTHDAYS:** Vin White 4th, John Henwood 5th, Graeme Brookes 6th, Lindsay Borgas 24th, Denis Hawthorn 26th, Mary Rasmussen 30<sup>th</sup>.

At the announcement of birthdays, it was announced that we are giving a small chocolate Caramello Koala to those who have a birthday. Vice President Lindsay gave out the chocolates to those who were celebrating their birthday in May.

**INDUCTION:** 3 new members were then inducted into the club, these were Phil Colbert, Liz Henwood, John Henwood, Sandra welcomed these new members and told them she hoped they would enjoy their time with the club.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

It was **Moved** by Gillian George, **Seconded** by – Cath Pratt, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting,  
**CARRIED**

#### **Correspondence:                      IN:**

- Probus Club Handbook for Management Committees 2025-2026
- Recommended Constitution and Standing Resolutions Explanatory information
- PAV delegates information day agenda
- A guide to attracting new members and effective club leadership

#### **OUT:**

- Letter to Bill Wallis (as per Mike Bampfield)
- Card for Gerry Burton 90<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Card for John Henwood 80<sup>th</sup> birthday
- PAV delegates meeting information
- Incident Report to PSPL

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **PRESIDENT: Sandra Knight OAM**

Sandra apologised for the error in her report in the newsletter and the word cautious should have read courteous.

Sandra reported that a subcommittee has been formed for the Constitution review, and these members were currently reading through the paperwork.

The Coffee Afternoon Survey showed the Moon and Spoon was to be the venue for our coffee afternoons. Thanked those who filled in the survey. Advised the meeting that a few people had voted for the Chase Hotel to have a glass of wine with their coffee and cake.

Advised the meeting that Glen Knight would be taking new photos of members to distribute to all members so that we can know whom we are speaking to and help identify the newer members.

Sandra also advised the members that we are looking at maybe a Chinese restaurant for lunch following our next meeting. Ken Pakes said he thought this would be a nice change. No one objected to the idea.

Sandra also thanked Mary Burton for providing macaroons for morning tea to celebrate Gerrys 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**SECRETARY:**

Advised copies of the Probian were left on the seats for members to take this is the latest May-June issues

Also advised new printouts of the members listing is on the front desk and advised that one can be emailed to you if you choose.

Announced the resignation of Bernie Starling.

This was discovered when Ree made a well-being check on Bernie, he advised that he was resigning from the club. He will now be removed from the members listing.

Advised members that if you are on the roster for setting up you are also expected to be there for the packing up. Members on pack up, need to help with the tables please.

Secretary advised that Sandra, Ree and Gilly attended the PAV meeting in Donvale on behalf of our Probus Club This was a great opportunity to learn about Probus and how the other clubs work and what they offer their members. Secretary advised this was a great day.

Secretary advised that places are still available at the Cancer Council morning tea on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. All welcome to attend.

Secretary also asked if any members have old handbags they no longer use, if they could be brought into the club, which are used to make up the Bags for Dignity for Domestic Violence victims.

Sandra Both then spoke on Sing Australia and how all members were very welcome to join in the choir and explained there are opportunities for travel with the Choir. Sandra's message was anyone can sing so come along and try.

**TREASURER: – HARISH SHAH**

Reported bank balance as at 7/5/25 is \$2878.00. 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. A short slide show was shown to all members so they could see the correct procedure for payments.

Treasurer has also printed new vouchers for those who require payments. Please collect a voucher and attach to your receipt or account.

Treasurer also advised that 13 members are still to pay their fees and asked could those members please address this matter.

**GUEST SPEAKER: – DOT THOMSON** – advised that the speaker at today's meeting will be Fay on behalf of Mercy Ships. We will be having a donation tin out for any members to give a donation to this organisation. The June speaker will be from Seeing Eye 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. Bulletin deadline is 23<sup>rd</sup> May for June issue.

**WELFARE:** - REE DOWLING - No issues that she has been advised of. Ree asked members going on outings to please wear their badge and have the information on the back filled in with next of kin details and current medications. If you need a new badge, please see the secretary.

**OUTINGS** - Ree spoke on the success of the Mornington Bus trip. She has advised Crown Bus lines that a portable step needs to be organised for our next trip to assist those who have trouble with the steps. Ree thanked Lindsay Borgas for his assistance in helping those members off the bus and presented him with a Top Dollar Award to thank him for all his help on the day.

The next theatre date is the Story of Anne Frank more details to follow. See bench list for details.

The tram museum has been organised for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. 9.30 am to 10.15 am is our tour times. This will be followed by lunch in Camberwell Junction at Deco then catch the tram back to Vermont.

Sunday lunch is 28<sup>th</sup> May at the Wantirna Hill Club, 12.30 pm all welcome to attend please let us know if you would like to attend.

Christmas in July date is 25<sup>th</sup> July, this is a bring a friend, or partner who is not a Probus member event. More information on bench.

Next Film Day "The Penguin Lessons", full details on bench and in bulletin. This is to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> 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 is organising a "Give it a Try" event of darts if you are interested, please see note on bench.

Cath Pratt spoke on the Tram Safari to Town Hall and St. Pauls cathedral tour which is on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Please see your event times on the list on bench. If interested, please put your name on list. The 75 tram leaves at 9.20 am please be on time for this.

**TOURS** – President Sandra spoke on the Murray Magic Tour. This tour will occur 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October. Itinerary on bench. Cost of the Murray Magic Tour should be approx. \$1400 single and \$1600 with the single supplement. Deposit of \$100 is now required. All welcome and we hope club members will support this activity.

President Sandra also spoke on the tour to Castlemaine and the Goldfields train trip to Maldon. This will now be held 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November. Form on bench for those interested. We need numbers to book accommodation. This is self-drive, if you can assist with taking some other members please let Sandra know please

**GUEST SERVICES** - Kath Thompson spoke on Men's and Ladies Lunch at the Box Hill Golf Club on April 30<sup>th</sup> and explained that there was problem with parking, and she has spoken to the Golf club about this.

Kath also spoke on the Roll Back the clock exercise group who meet at the Vermont South Club each Friday at 11.30 am – 12.30 am for light exercise and wellness and morning tea. All welcome to attend. Notice on bench for those interested.

**BOOK CLUB** - Gillian spoke on the book club, next one to be held 3<sup>RD</sup> June advised members to 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 a book or a movie you wish to discuss.

**DISCUSSION GROUP** – President Sandra spoke on the date for the next discussion group and explained Mike was unable to attend today. Next Discussion group to be held 20<sup>th</sup> May.

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

**FRIDAY COFFEE:** – Moon and Spoon, Forest Hill Shopping Centre, each Friday afternoon 3.30 pm. 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:** – will be held at the Mitcham Hotel about 20 people responded they would like to attend.

**Members then went to morning tea.**

After morning tea Dot Thomson introduced our speaker Fay from Mercy Ships. We enjoyed an interesting talk and learnt a lot about the work of the Mercy Ships. We had a donation tin on the table for members to donate to this cause. Fay thanked the club for their very generous donations.

Dot then presented the speaker with a small gift on behalf of the club.

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

President closed the meeting at 12:05 pm

.....

**President. 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**