



Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc.

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES of Monthly General Meeting 5th November 2025

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

PRESIDENT: Sandra Knight OAM.

Opened the meeting at 10.00 am by welcoming members and visitors whilst reminding everyone to turn their mobile phones to 'silent'.

APOLOGIES: Eric Sutherland, Trish Clifton, Mick Both, Sandra Both, Vin White, Mike Bampffield, Elaine Kendler, Gillian Horlock, Keith Wickins, Joyce Wickins, Lorraine Hally, John Hally, Mary Rasmussen. Rachel McAlavey, Mike Mc Gorlick, Shirley Mc Gorlick, Colin Sando, Liz Henwood, Denis Hawthorn, Kath Hawthorn, Denis Birt, Lois Cheevers, Dot Farr, Colin Farr, Ian Rose, Sibylle Ahrens.

Present: 44 members, 26 apologies, 1 absent, 4 Visitors

VISITORS:

Sandra welcomed all visitors and said she hoped they would enjoy our meeting. Sandra invited visitors to join Members at the after-meeting lunch at Café Oggi, Lakeside Dr, Burwood East

BIRTHDAYS: Sandra wished members celebrating birthdays in November a Very Happy Birthday and Lorelle kindly handed out birthday chocolates, -

November Birthdays: Jaya Shah 9th, Woty Fanoy 12th, Lois Cheevers 13th, Eric Sutherland 24th, Rolf Arnoldi 29th,

Chocolates were then handed out to the members whose birthdays fell in the months we do not have a meeting:

December birthdays – Christina Hunter 3rd, Ree Dowling 8th, Cushla Appleby 11th, Ian Rose 13th, Col Sando 22nd, Dorothy Thompson 22nd, Sheilah Blanchfield 24th.

January birthdays – Catherine Pratt 9th, Mick Both 15th, Gillian Horlock 16th, Ron Henderson

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN: Various PSPL bulletins and ATO returns

OUT: Letter to MP re Christmas hamper

Letter to Mayor on behalf of John Hally Re BBQ

Letter to ATO re return

MINUTES: October General Meeting

Secretary moved the minutes previously circulated for the 1st of October General Meeting, be accepted as a true and accurate record of the October meeting

Moved – Gillian George **Seconded:** Cath Pratt **Carried.**

Business Arising Previous Minutes: No business arising

REPORTS:

Vice President – Lindsay

Lindsay spoke to the meeting suggesting the committee and members would be best served if Sandra did another year as Club President to maintain the continuity and complete the tasks the committee is currently looking at i.e. Standing Orders and club health check. Lindsay said the constitution allows for the extension of the President role and can be activated in Exceptional Situations. Lindsay asked that members to please think about this as a motion to ratify it will be raised at an AGM. Lindsay is happy to continue as Vice President but felt a younger member of the club would be better suited to fulfill this role moving forward. Lindsay is happy to take on the role as treasurer.

President: Sandra Knight OAM

- Sandra thanked all those attending the last meeting of the year and she welcomed everyone to attend the Christmas Lunch.
- Sandra also thanked everyone for their help this year.
- Sandra spoke on the electronic honour board that is the TV screen scrolling through the club Presidents and Life members. She thanked Ken George for his assistance with this.
- Sandra also asked members to think about taking a role on the committee in 2026.
- Sandra then drew the cup day raffle, the wine had very kindly been donated by Dan Murphy Liquor at Brentford Square, and the club greatly appreciates this, Prize 1 won by Sheilah Blanchfield and Prize 2 by Ree Dowling.
- Sandra unveiled the cup and wooden spoon for the Mini Golf Day and advised members they are very welcome to attend.

SECRETARY REPORT – Gillian

- Secretary welcomed the 4 visitors and hoped they enjoy the meeting.
- Secretary asked if anyone knew of Gwenyth Ayton who has recently passed away; her son was trying to locate which Probus Club she belonged to.
- Secretary thanked everyone who gave her bags for “Share the Dignity”. And thanked those that have given bags filled with items for this charity. Currently we have 12 bags to give to “Share the Dignity”.
- Secretary also thanked Kath Thompson for providing cupcakes for morning tea, this is greatly appreciated by all members.
- Secretary advised those going to Castlemaine to please complete an emergency contact form available at the front desk. She advised that these need to be filled out before attending the trip.

TREASURER – Harish Shah

Financial Report

Bank Balance 4th November

\$3,459.00 Net Club Balance.

Advised members the Tyro is available for any payment today. (card payment system)

GUEST SPEAKERS – Dot Thompson

November Dave Cox from “Guitars for Veterans”.

BULLETIN - Nelsa Counsell
Advised all good with bulletin.

WELFARE – Ree Dowling

Ree spoke on how Eric Sutherland is after his accident and, on behalf of Bev, informed the members of his progress.

OUTINGS – Ree Dowling

- Ree spoke on the trip that the club had to Pentridge prison and informed the members that it was very successful, and we learnt a lot of history re: the jail.
- Ree also spoke on those members who attended the Cup Day at the Vermont South club and said it was a very enjoyable day. She also noted that when the Probus club went on the MCG tour, they were able to hold the Melbourne Cup.

Upcoming events:

- “The Travellers” movie on Wednesday 12th November. Lorelle will be in carpark to give out parking vouchers and Catherine Pratt will take the money inside for the tickets.
- Mini Golf on 19th November costs \$11.50 please pay in advance, as the golf club wanted numbers. Come along and cheer if you do not want to play. Lunch to follow at the golf club
- Christmas Lunch Wednesday December 3rd \$45 please pay treasurer or direct deposit into bank, please place name on list on counter for numbers.
- Ree informed members that the movie “The Choral” will be booked for early Feb.
- Ree also asked for a show of interest in:” The Sound of Music” to be held in March at the Round. She needs to know numbers by 7th November to book concession tickets. Please see Ree if interested.

TOURS – Sandra

- Castlemaine is all booked and paid for, and this is a Ride Share, advised those going with someone to check on times. Everyone has an itinerary, if not, there are some available on the front desk. Sandra advised she will give the train tickets and advise arrangements for the Train at tea on Thursday night. She wished everyone safe travels.
- Bright itinerary is also available for those wanting to attend next year 13th – 17th April. All are welcome to attend. Notice on counter please put your names down if interested.
- King Island Trip notice on counter for names, unable to let the members know the full pricing as yet as still waiting on the Tour Company to release their 2026 pricing for this tour which will probably be in November 2026.

Roll Back the Clock - Sandra Knight

A fun time and good exercise.

Each Friday

11.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Vermont South Club.

Sandra invited Members to attend and meet others.

Guest Services- Kath Thompson.

Morning Tea will be cupcakes, and all going well and thanked the helpers.

Discussion Group – Gillian George

Advised date of next meeting is 17th November and invited everyone who is interested to attend.

Mike does a great job organizing this group and attendance is around 12-17 members,

Discussion is followed by afternoon tea and biscuits. Many varied topics are discussed.

Meets 3rd Monday of the month at Vermont South Club.

Web Master Report - Doug Westcott

All good.

After Meeting Lunch – Café Oggi Lakeside Drive Burwood East, approximately 20 members indicated they would like to attend.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Sandra presented Rolf Arnoldi with his 10-year membership certificate.
- Sandra also reminded the members that the positions of Bulletin Editor and Guest Services need to be filled and asked members to think about if they would be able to take on role.

President Sandra closed the meeting for morning tea: Time: 10.40am.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dot Thomson introduced Guest Speaker: Dave Cox from Guitars for Veterans, a non-profit organization that provides free guitar lessons and instruments to veterans helping them heal from PTSD and other emotional challenges through the power of music. Dave did an excellent talk and sang a couple of songs for us.

The G4V program starts with a 10-week instruction period. During this time Veterans are given one-on-one individualized lessons. They promote teaching the music that appeals to the student and works at the students' pace. After completing the lessons, the graduation process involves receiving a free acoustic guitar and guitar accessory kit. The next step is to continue practicing and learning. Each month there are group sessions organized by one of the 110 chapters and growing. The group sessions develop a community of fellow Veterans and guitarists. To date, GV4 has provided over 4,000 guitars to Veterans.

Dave then answered a few questions from the club members.

Dot thanked Dave for his presentation and presented him with a small gift.

Sandra thanked everyone for attending and said she hoped that she would see everyone at the Christmas Lunch.

Meeting Closed at 11.50 am.

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President February 2026



Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 1ST October 2025

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

PRESIDENT: Sandra Knight OAM - opened the meeting at 10.00 am and welcomed all present to a Happy Probus Month.

APOLOGIES: Cushla Appleby, Keith Wickins, Joyce Wickins, Jurgen Ahrens, Sibylle Ahrens, Bob Grierson, Shirley McGorlick Ian Rose, Vin White. Nelson Knight

VISITORS: Sandra welcomed our visitor, Vincent Winterbine and invited him and all members to the after-meeting lunch at the Asian Gardens in Wantirna.

BIRTHDAYS: Kathleen Thompson, 3rd, Jurgen Ahrens 12th, Dennis Birt 13th, Shirley McGorlick 13th, Jenny Fackrell 17th, Nelsa Counsell 21st, Vic McNamara, 24th, Sandra Knight 29th

These members were given chocolates to celebrate their birthdays.

INDUCTION: Elaine Kendler was welcomed into the club as a new member. Sandra gave some details on Elaine, and she was presented with her welcome pack. Welcome Elaine.

There were 58 members in attendance, 1 visitor, 10 apologies and 3 absent.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was **Moved** by Gillian George the minutes of the General Meeting held on 3rd September 2025, which were circulated to all members, be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Seconded: Stephen Clifton.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN: PSPL outstanding capitation fees
Whitehorse City Council Hall Hire agreement
Various emails from PSPL advertising
Link community transport (forwarded to Ree)

OUT: Letter to Mayor re speaking in October

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Sandra Knight OAM.

Sandra asked members to welcome the visitors and new members, and to make them feel welcome and chat to them.

President Sandra explained that a few of the committee will not be seeking re-election and asked members to think about serving on the committee. Positions vacant are: Treasurer, Guest Services and Bulletin editor. Sandra asked if anyone was interested to please see one of the committee members after the meeting.

SECRETARY:

Secretary thanked Lindsay Borgas for doing the secretarial position whilst she was away and said she greatly appreciated his hard work.

Secretary advised as the mayor is our speaker today and he has requested questions from the floor and the secretary asked for everyone to think of any questions you would like to ask him.

Secretary advised no book club until February.

TREASURER:

Harish informed the meeting the Bank Balance as 30th September was \$7,704.39, \$4,241.50 of that amount are Member advances for trips/outings etc.

Tyro is available if you would like to pay for your outing or trip, by credit card see Harish and he will take the payment.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Dot advised that the Mayor Andrew Davenport will be a speaker this month. Next month is Dave from Guitars for Veterans.

BULLETIN EDITOR:

Nelsa advised all going well with the bulletin.

WELLBEING:

Ree referred to members who were not well. She asked if anyone needs a ride to an outing to please contact her and she will do her best to arrange this.

OUTINGS:

Ree advised that the coach trip to Parliament House had been cancelled and expressed her disappointment that she had to cancel due to lack of numbers. 14 members attended the Lilydale theatre and enjoyed a very delightful show.

Ree spoke on the visit to Pentridge H Division Thursday 23rd October - please put your name on the list if you would like to attend.

Mini Golf tournament to be held Wednesday 19th November, this will be followed by lunch at the Morack Golf Club.

Films: Ree thanked Catherine Pratt for looking after the last two films.

Upcoming films:

Downton Abbey - Tuesday 7th October

But Also, John Clarke documentary – 9th October

The Travellers - 12th November

Lists on the bench with further information

Ree spoke on the Christmas Lunch to be held 3rd December at the Chirside Park Country Club. If you need any assistance getting there, please contact Ree.

Darts is being held on 10th October. All welcome, fun activity. Vermont South Club 10.15 am.

Cup Day at the Vermont South Club, all welcome. Ken George showed a slide of fun events on the day and advised that everyone is welcome to attend. Raffles, sweeps, BBQ, golf putting, nearest the Jack in bowling and other fun games.

TOURS:

Sandra Updated all on the Barham trip 12-18 October. All Booked, 12 people attending. She asked those attending please take an emergency contact form from the front desk and asked that these be filled out and returned.
Castlemaine trip 13-15th November, please put your name down if you wish to attend. Proposed coach trip to Bright early April next year, form on bench.
November – King Island and Flinders Island details to follow.

ROLL BACK THE CLOCK:

Kath highlighted the benefits being gained by those attending the Exercise sessions and encouraged more members to consider attending held at the Vermont South Club on Friday mornings at 11.30 am.

GUEST SERVICES:

Kath advised that Tic Toc biscuits are on the menu today as daylight saving starts this month. Cake is also available to celebrate Probus month.
Kath also advised of the men’s and ladies’ lunch to be held 29th October at the Box Hill RSL 11.45 am for 12 noon. List on bench all welcome to attend.

DISCUSSION GROUP/PUBLICITY:

Mike advised that the day of the meeting had been changed to the 3rd Monday of the month next one 20th October at the Vermont South Club.
Mike recapped on latest discussions and advised attendance has increased. Mike invited more Members to attend to enjoy the discussions and socialising.
Mike thanked Doug for the great job with the website and said this helps greatly with the publicity side of the club.

BOOK EXCHANGE and DVDs AVAILABLE: Members reminded to feel free to take these items on the table.

WEB MASTER:

Doug advised All Good and going well. Sandra also thanked Doug for the great effort with the website.

Sandra asked those attending the after-meeting lunch at Asian Gardens to raise their hand to let us know who is attending. Approx 24 people indicated they were attending

MORNING TEA BREAK: 10.45 am - 11.05 am.

After morning tea, Dot introduced Cr. Andrew Davenport, the current Mayor of Whitehorse Council, who did a short talk on this role and advised on some of the activities and future plans of the Whitehorse Council. He also answered questions from members.

Dot and Sandra thanked Cr. Davenport for his presentation and meeting was closed at 11.35 am.

Next meeting scheduled for 5th November 2025

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President. November 2025



Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc.

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MINUTES of Monthly General Meeting 3rd September 2025

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

PRESIDENT: Sandra Knight OAM.

Opened the meeting at 10.00 am by welcoming members and visitors whilst reminding everyone to turn their mobile phones to 'silent'.

APOLOGIES: Recorded include: -

- Ken and Gilly George, Alan and Christine Hunter, Mike and Shirley McGorlick, Phil Colbert, Jurgen and Sibylle Ahrens, Eric and Bev Sutherland, Colin and Dot Farr. Vin White, Cushla Appelby, Denis Hawthorn, Mary Rasmussen, Beryl Marston, Ree Dowling, Gillian Horlick, Ian Rose, Dennis Birt.

Present: 44 members, 22 apologies, 5 absent

VISITORS:

President Sandra made special welcome to **Ashley Simmons** on his first visit and acknowledging Ashley had indicated he planned to return.

Sandra invited visitors to join Members to the after-meeting lunch at BLACKBURN HOTEL, 111 WHITEHORSE ROAD. BLACKBURN.

BIRTHDAYS: Sandra wished Members celebrating birthdays in September a Very Happy Birthday and Lorelle kindly handed out Birthday Presents to: -

Liz Henwood 3rd; Colin Farr 4th; Lorelle Borgas 13th;
Hazel Hoellmuller 26th; Mary Burton 28th.

INDUCTION of NEW MEMBER:

Sandra was pleased to induct a new member, Sudershan Gajree.

Prefers to be referred to as: '**Palli**' Gajree.

Sandra requested Palli to come forward, where a Welcome Pack was handed over as Members gave Palli a warm welcome. Palli joined the Club for lunch.

MINUTES of Monthly General Meeting.

Acting Secretary moved the minutes previously circulated for the 6th August General Meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of the August meeting.

Moved – Lindsay Borgas **Seconded:** -Sheillah Blanchfield **Carried.**

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- Apology of Nelsa Counsell had been 'omitted' from minutes. Inserted to original.
- No other matters arising.

REPORTS:

- **President:** Sandra Knight OAM
 - Sandra advised the Whitehorse Probus Club was closing down as of December 2025. The current Whitehorse Probus President and two other members have visited our Probus club recently and plan merging with our Combined Blackburn South Probus Club.
 - We expect a number of Whitehorse Members will move across to our Probus club.
 - Mike Bampfield and Lindsay have met with the current Whitehorse Probus President to discuss best way to welcome a merge of Whitehorse Members to our Club. It has been a positive discussion, which is continuing.
 - The Management Committee will be following up to prepare for a smooth and happy transition for those merging into our club.
 - All members need to ensure we make a special effort to include the potential new members from the Whitehorse Probus Club in our activities.
 - Our Management Committee will follow up with Whitehorse Probus Club on proper procedures associated with such a merger of Probus Club Members.
 - Referred to the investigation and trial of the electronic payments/transfers system, TYRO, recommended by Bendigo Bank. (Refer Treasurer Report).

SECRETARY REPORT – Lindsay Borgas (Acting Secretary)

Correspondence.

IN:

- Various proposals have been received from individuals offering Speaking Sessions and services.
 - President Sandra, Ree and Catherine have details.
- Various Probus South Pacific communication.

OUT:

- Response and Acknowledgement to those offering services.
- Response to Membership enquiries.
- Monthly (September) Club Bulletin emailed to all.
 - Lilydale Theatre 'typo'. Free Sherry at 7:30 pm before the show.
 - **Not** starting Drinks at 1:30 pm as stated in the Bulletin.
- A copy of the Survey 'Report' and Photos of Members emailed to all.
 - Photos became 'disarranged' somewhat in transmission.
 - When Gilly returns the photos will be reset and resend to all.
- Those who were absent last month can find a Hard copy of the photos and Survey Report on the Desk.
- Latest PROBIAN newsletter is also available to all on the Desk.

TREASURER – Harish Shah

- Financial Report
 - Bank Balance 2nd September
 - \$6,588.39 TOTAL
 - \$3,063.00 ADVANCES (Trips etc).
 - **\$3,525.39 Net Club Balance.**
 - TYRO Electronic funds transfer is available now.
 - Associated fees described in PowerPoint presentation.
 - 0.7% Added to Debit Card transactions.
 - 1.4% Added to Credit Card transactions.

- On trial until end of financial year.
- Question asked Is TYRO safe with transactions?
 - Bendigo Bank recommends use and TYRO is used by many retailers

Moved: - by Harish our Club trials TYRO electronic facility.

Seconded: Lois Cheevers. **Carried.**

GUEST SPEAKERS – Dot Thompson

- Upcoming speakers.
 - October: Andrew Davenport. Whitehorse City Council Mayor.

BULLETIN - Nelsa Counsell

- All good.
- Lindsay thanked Nelsa for the excellent work she carries out in producing the monthly Club Bulletin.

WELFARE – Catherine Pratt

- Advised there are some Members who are not well. Referred to:
- Mary Rasmussen in hospital due home soon.
- Alan and Christine Hunter recovering from Covid.

OUTINGS – Catherine Pratt

- Films going well
 - Friends 18th September Pinewood Shopping Centre Mount Waverley.
- Lilydale Theatre
 - Need 'Numbers' for those planning to have meal at Gracious Grace restaurant pre: Theatre 26th September.
- Ex Pentridge Prison visit 23rd October.
 - Self-drive
 - Need more names to boost numbers visiting Pentridge.
- Planned Healey factory visit with Mont Albert Probus Club in November is cancelled due to Healey Factory changes. Will investigate a visit at a later date.

ACTIVITIES-

- **Tours** - Sandra Knight
 - Reminded all members attending outings and tours to wear Name Tags with contact details etc. on the back of the Name Tag. Important for medical and Insurance purposes.
 - 25th September planned **Coach Trip** to Parliament House and Old Treasury Building is short on numbers for the coach cost to be affordable.
 - Option to travel in by Tram is being considered if numbers don't increase.
 - Sandra to liaise with Ree to decide final plan.
 - 12th October Bahram trip booked. Sandra arranging transport options.
 - 13-15th November Self-Drive Castlemaine Trip booked. Payments due.
 - Other planned Tours include:
 - 13th to 17th April 2026.
 - Bright Chalet via Coach.
 - To be decided in 2026.
 - King Island and Flinders Island trip.

- **Roll Back the Clock** - Catherine Pratt.
 - A fun time and good exercise.
 - **Each Friday**
 - 11.30 am to 12.30 pm.
 - Vermont South Bowling Club.
 - Catherine invited Members to attend and meet others.
 - **Guest Services** - Kath Thompson.
 - Morning Tea held outside.
 - **Book Club** - On hold until Gilly returns.
 - **Discussion Group** – Mike Bampfield
 - Good attendance of around 17 members.
 - Mike described ‘typical’ topics the group tackles.
 - Reminded Members more are welcome to enjoy the fun and social activity over a coffee/tea and biscuits/cakes.
 - Meet every 3rd Tuesday of the Month at Vermont South Bowls Club.
 - **Book Exchange and DVD’s available** – Each Month these items are on the table to be used.
 - **Web Master Report** - Doug Westcott
 - All good.
 - Some positive reports from potential members who state our Web Site is excellent and very informative. Thanks to Doug.
 - **After Meeting Lunch** – Blackburn Hotel. 111 Whitehorse Road BLACKBURN.
 - 29 Show of hands.
 - **Other General business:**
 - No general business – from the floor.
 - **President Sandra closes meeting:** Time: 10.40 am.
- MORNING TEA:** 10.40 am – 11.05.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dot Thomson introduced Guest Speaker: - Ernie Brigham.

- Member and Web Master of East Malvern Probus Club.
- Ernie provided a PowerPoint presentation on how East Malvern Probus Club developed and grew.
- Key factors which Ernie claimed contribute to their success include: -
 - Club membership has always been Male and Female.
 - It started with around 32 members and has grown to 95 members.
 - Wary of Probus Head Office to grow Clubs and Members.
 - Success stems around.
 - ‘Nurturing’.
 - Ensuring Members are involved and motivated.
 - Strong ‘social’ activity.
 - Key is Friendship.
 - Not a focus on Club ‘Procedures’.
 - Short Meetings.
 - History indicates Clubs may be easy to start up - Difficult to maintain.

- Steps to understand:
 - Not the Responsibility of the Management Committee to seek new members.
 - Web sites are good - but who uses them and how they are used is key to success. Websites are meant for prospective members - not club members.
 - Use 'New' technology where possible.
 - Current members are Google savvy!
 - Aim for those born 1961 to 1980.
 - Set Plan for future. Eg; 5 and 10 years.
 - Use 'own' club surveys to plan ahead.
 - Promote what Probus Club is doing and offering.
 - Getting members to take on leadership roles is difficult especially 'after' completing eg, Chairman and other roles.
 - Spread the load.
 - Commended our Probus Club for offering to assist declining Probus Clubs. Ie: Whitehorse Probus closing.
 - Use Bendigo 'Community' Bank to benefit from annual Bendigo Bank Grants. (We may need to meet with and discuss with our Bendigo Bank...access to Grants etc).

Dot thanked Ernie for his presentation and presented him with a small gift.

Sandra thanked everyone again and wished FATHERS a very Happy Father's Day.

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 President October 2025



Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 6th August 2025

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

PRESIDENT: Sandra Knight OAM - opened the meeting at 10.05 am and welcomed all present.

APOLOGIES: Gillian George, Ken George, Phil Cobert, Gillian Horlock, Catherine Pratt, Sheilah Blanchfield, Mick Both, Sandra Both, Alan and Christine Hunter, Stephen Clifton, Trish Clifton, Denis Birt, Beryl Marsden, Joyce Wickins, Liz Henwood.

Secretary, Gillian is currently with family in England and Vice President Lindsay acted as Secretary.

VISITORS: Sandra welcomed our visitors: Palli Gajree 2nd visit, Carol Ebert and Elaine Keast from Whitehorse Probus Club. Sandra invited all, including visitors to join those attending the after-meeting lunch at the Chase Hotel Forrest Hill Shopping Centre.

VALE: One-Minute silence was conducted in remembrance of our Member – **John Henwood:** 5th May 1945 – 8th July 2025.

BIRTHDAYS: Ken Pakes 4th and Terry Roche 25th. Lorelle kindly gave out the chocolates to the birthday members for August.

There were 46 members in attendance, 3 visitors, 17 apologies and 7 absent.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was **Moved** by Lindsay Borgas the minutes of the General Meeting held on 2nd July, which were circulated to all members, be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Seconded: Terry Roche.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Sandra Knight OAM.

Sandra asked members to welcome the visitors and new members, and to make them feel welcome and chat to them.

Sandra invited all, including visitors to after meeting lunch at Chase Hotel in Forrest Hill Chase Shopping Centre.

Sandra reminded everyone in attendance would have been handed, at the meeting, a printed copy of the **REPORT TO MEMBERS** "Health Survey conducted during the July General Meeting. Those not at the 6th August General Meeting should seek a copy at the next meeting. Members were encouraged to take time to read/digest the Survey Report. Input and comments will be welcomed by the Management Committee and were thanked for their excellent contribution to the survey. It was very helpful and most useful.

Sandra also advised everyone should have also received a hard copy of the latest version of Members photo's. Likewise those who did not receive a copy should seek one at next meeting.

SECRETARY:

Correspondence.

IN:

*An invite, from the Mont Albert Probus Club our Probus Club, to join them for a visit to the Healy Factory in Mitcham in November. They are seeking 20 extra attendees. More about this later.

*A letter from Probus South Pacific, headquarters, promoting 50 years of Probus in Australia during 2026. They are seeking applications from Club Members to assist them set up of a small working group of Probus members for the planning.

*Probus South Pacific office advice on the financial position of the organisation to 31st March 2025. Plus, a document suggesting activities for Probus Clubs.

*Response 16th July from Whitehorse City Council to Gilly's letter 12th May suggesting parking restrictions at Nunawading Station adversely affects the Elderly.

*Offer" 24th July from *Australian Project Manager*, '**Site for All**' offering to present a session at one of our meetings.

OUT:

*Our Club lodged Submission on 23rd July to **Bendigo Bank Community Grants** program seeking funds which would cover the cost to replace our existing old laptop computer Doug uses. Application is for a grant of \$1,700 which covers laptop and required software.

TREASURER:

Harish informed the meeting the Bank Balance as August 5th was \$11,048.

\$7,809 of that amount are Member advances for trips etc.

Net Balance \$3,239.

Nothing else to report.

WELLBEING:

Ree referred to members who were not well.

ACTIVITIES:

Ree will be away for next 5 weeks in Scotland.

In Ree's absence, Catherine Pratt has kindly offered to keep an eye on 'activities' along with support from Lorelle Borgas.

Ree reminded of forthcoming activities including tram trip to MCG visit, *The Round Coffee* 20th August, Films at Pinewood Shopping Centre 21st August and 18th October, Ladies and Men's lunch 27th August, Parliament House Coach Trip 25th September plus Coffee at Forest Hill Fork and Spoon Café every Friday afternoon.

TOURS:

Sandra updated all on the Barham trip 12-18 October, Castlemaine trip 13-15th November, plus proposed coach trip to Bright early April next year, King Island and Japan potential trips next year. Members were advised we need a good number for various proposed coach trips to keep the individual cost down. Sandra reminded all to ensure deposits and full payments are made accordingly.

ROLL BACK THE CLOCK:

Kath highlighted the benefits being gained by those attending the Exercise sessions and encouraged more Members to consider attending.

GUEST SERVICES:

Kath advised coffee and nibbles would be made available from the servery inside.

DISCUSSION GROUP/PUBLICITY:

Mike recapped on latest discussions and advised attendance has increased. Mike invited more Members to attend to enjoy the discussions and socialising.

BOOK EXCHANGE and DVD's AVAILABLE. Members reminded to feel free to take these items on the table.

Web Master

Doug advised All Good and going well.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Dot advised Ernie Brigham will be the guest speaker at our September meeting. "Going Down Memory Lane" Eric is the Webmaster and Member of East Malvern Combined Probus Club.

MORNING TEA BREAK: 10.45am - 11.05am.

After morning tea, Dot introduced Eric Panter who conducts numerous presentations each month. To-date he has conducted around 235 sessions to Probus Clubs.

Eric shared his experiences associated with Family History 'searching' and highlighted various online resources available to use, most free. He described in a pleasant and at times humorous manner how information is collated and traps to watch out for, mainly associated with accuracy of spelling family names. Eric mentioned some Genealogy search web sites worth using, such as:

*www.ancestry.com.au

*www.wikitree.com

*<https://trove.nla.gov.au> (Newspaper records).

Eric was thanked for the presentation and meeting was closed at 11.45am.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH: Chase Hotel. Level 3 Forest Hill Shopping Centre.
Number indicating attending....22.

Next meeting scheduled for 3rd September 2025

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President. September 2025



Combined Probud Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 2nd July 2025

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

VICE PRESIDENT: Lindsay Borgas - opened the meeting at 10:03 am and welcomed all present, Lindsay then displayed a "L plate" to the members and explained as this is his first time chairing the meeting he asked members to be patient and be kind. He explained that Sandra is unable to be here due to her illness, but she sent her best wishes to everyone. Lindsay explained that as the meeting unfolds members will realise why the hall is set up the way it is for a Club Health Check.

APOLOGIES: Mike Bampfield, Sandra Knight, Woty Fanoy, Gillian Horlock, Nelsa Counsell, Denis Hawthorne, Kath Hawthorne, Dot Farr, Colin Farr, Sibylle Ahrens, Jurgen Ahrens, John Henwood, Liz Henwood, Christina Hunter Stephen Clifton, Trish Clifton, Phil Colbert, Dennis Birt.

A special message from President Sandra was read advising members about her health and that she hoped she would be with us soon.

VISITORS: Lindsay welcomed our five visitors Elaine Kendler, Eileen Pearson, Colin Browne, Don Jayasinghe, Palli Gajree and invited them to the after-meeting lunch at the Wheelers Hill Hotel.

BIRTHDAYS: Bruna Rosaia 5th, Keith Wickins 5th, Alan Hunter 8th, Beryl Pakes 13th, Doug Westcott 23rd, Rachel McAlavey 27th, Jan Roche 29th

Lorelle kindly gave out the chocolates to the birthday members for July.

There were 50 members in attendance, 5 visitors, 18 apologies and 3 absent.

INDUCTION: Vice President Lindsay inducted and welcomed our new members Jenny Fackrell, Denise Parry and Geoff Parry, and said he hoped they would enjoy Probud and asked the members to get to know these newly inducted members.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was **Moved** by Gillian George, **Seconded** by – Kath Thompson, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 4th June be accepted as a true correct record of the meeting

CARRIED

Due to the special meeting reports were shortened to allow time for the survey

SECRETARY: Advised copies of the bulletin and Probud are on the bench for members to take and asked members to check out the article in the Probud by Mike Bampfield about our club.

Secretary asked the members to welcome the visitors and new members, and to make them feel welcome and to have a chat to them.

Secretary announced that Eric Panther OAM who was a researcher at the MCG library and currently President of the Australian Cartophilic Society will be the guest speaker at our August meeting.

Secretary announced she will be away for the next two meetings. The book club will not be running during these two months.

TREASURER: – HARISH SHAH - Bank Balance is \$4695.00, some members are still to pay fees, could you please finalise these if you have not paid.

ACTIVITIES: - REE DOWLING – explained how to get to the Australian Synchrotron on 16th July, 800 Blackburn Rd, Clayton. Parking is available on site, and you will have to tell security on the gate you are there for a tour of the facility. Ree asked for anyone going who has any medical aid e.g. pacemaker to please advise her so she can inform the Synchrotron staff. Ree asked members to check the bench for other activities.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH: Lindsay announced that the lunch will be at the Wheelers Hill Hotel and invited anyone who would like to go to please indicate with a show of hands. Approximately 20 people indicated interest.

Meeting was then adjourned for Morning tea and members were advised that it would be served from the indoor servery and table by table please go and get your morning tea to avoid too much congestion in the foyer.

Lindsay then asked for everyone to return to their seats for the start of the next session. Ree introduced some slides on what was to occur and why the committee felt this was necessary (these were prepared by Mike Bampfield and Doug Westcott), Ree asked everyone to fill in the sheets so the committee could see the Health of the Club and explained the questions were prepared not by the committee but by PSPL. Members were given an hour to fill in as much as they could.

At the conclusion of the morning a raffle was drawn with three prizes for members.

Meeting closed at 12.00pm – Next meeting 6th August 2025

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President. August 2025



Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 4th June 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.

APOLOGIES: Woty Fanoy, Ron Chidgey, Alan Hunter, Kath Hawthorne, Denis Hawthorne, Mike McGorlick, Shirley McGorlick, Graeme Brookes, Mary Burton, Gerry Burton, Christine Hunter, Alan Hunter, John Henwood, Catherine Pratt, John Hally, Colin Farr, Dot Farr,

There were 49 members in attendance, 2 visitors, 16 apologies and 3 absent.

VISITORS: Elaine Kendler, Jenny Fackrell, these visitors were welcomed to our meeting.

BIRTHDAYS: Lorraine Hally 5th, Mike Bampfield 13th, Ken George 19th, Bob Grierson 20th, Nelson Knight 20th, Glen Knight 23rd, Gilly George 24th, Kath Hawthorne 26th, Philip Colbert 28th, Stephen Clifton 30th,

Vice President Lindsay handed out a chocolate to those celebrating their birthday in June,

INDUCTION: President Sandra welcomed our new member Gillian Horlock and said she hoped she would enjoy Probus and asked members to get to know her.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was **Moved** by Gillian George, **Seconded** by – Stephen Clifton, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 7th May be accepted as a true correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Correspondence:

IN:

- PSPL membership cards for new members
- Emails from Alex Brunetti Whitehorse Council re hall
- Eastern Health Dementia Directory flyers (on bench)
- Concert – Jennifer Fackrell to speak on this.
- (Jennifer spoke on the concert on 14th June, she is a member of the orchestra and plays the flute. She invited members to attend and placed some flyers on the bench for further information).

OUT:

- PSPL advice new members/retiring members

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Sandra reported that photos are being taken by Glen Knight and all members will receive a copy for their records once this has been completed

Constitution changes are being looked at by the Subcommittee and a report will be given to all members once the committee have looked at these and checked the recommendations from PSPL. We are also aware of our bank finances as it costs about \$450 to register any changes.

We now have an ABN number, so we were allowed to apply for a banking app, we are still in the process of getting the correct machine.

SECRETARY: Advised copies of the bulletin and Probian are on the bench for members to take.

If you have a change of address or phone number, could you please advise the secretary, so the records be kept up to date.

If you want to pay for an outing, tour or pay your fees, Harish is here from about 9.30am. It would be helpful if you are paying cash to please see him before the meeting, this allows him to still have morning tea and meet the members.

Please welcome our new members and visitors and assist them in any way you can.

A thank you was also given to Kath Thompson for all her work on behalf of members at morning tea, we thank Kath and her team for all their efforts.

TREASURER: – HARISH SHAH - Reported that he now has envelopes for your cash payments, these are on the front desk, please fill in with your details and which outing you are paying for and the amount. Harish thanked Ree for putting these envelopes together for the members.

There is also a payment voucher for anyone claiming expenses and these vouchers need to be filled out before payment can be made. Proof of payment is required.

Bank Balance is \$3145.00 some members are still to pay fees, could you please finalise these if you have not paid.

GUEST SPEAKER: – DOT THOMSON – speaker today will be from Seeing Eye Dogs 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. Deadline for next bulletin is 20.6.25

WELLBEING: - REE DOWLING – John Henwood is in hospital. John Hally has had a foot operation. Welcomed Jaya back after her operation. Please advise Ree if you know of anyone else who is not well or needs any assistance.

ACTIVITIES: - REE DOWLING – reported that the CBD trip was very successful and 16 members attended.

Cath Pratt is organising a meet up at “The Round” in Nunawading for 11th June at 10.30, a designated area has been set aside for us. All welcome. Form on bench for names.

Lilydale theatre is 12th July, at 2.00pm, ‘The Diary of Anne Frank’ is the name of the show, please see form on bench for names. All welcome we will have lunch before the show.

A trip to the Tram Museum is organised for June 18th please catch number 75 tram at 9.00am. Lunch will be in Camberwell at Deco, then tram back to Vermont. We are on the 10.00am tour.

Darts at the VSC club will take place on Friday 13th June, come along and give it a try. Contact Ree if you would like to attend or put your name on the list on the bench. Everyone welcome.

An outing to the Australian Synchrotron is organised for 16th July, 800 Blackburn Rd, Clayton. Parking is available on site, and you will have to tell security on the gate you are there for a tour of the facility. Ree explained some of the research that is carried out at the facility which is helping the scientists in their research in many fields. This tour will be followed by lunch at the Mulgrave Country Club.

GUEST SERVICES – KATH THOMPSON – Kath reported we will be having cheese and bickies for morning tea today as today is World Cheese Day, she also advised she has organised chocolate biscuits for next month as it is Chocolate Day. Kath has other special foods organised for the year.

Roll back the clock is held at the VSC club 11.30 to 12.30pm, gentle exercise for seniors, all welcome to try this. VSC club is Livingstone Rd Vermont,

Men’s and Ladies Lunch is 25th June, at the Chase Hotel at Forest Hill. 12.30pm. All welcome to attend.

TOURS – **President Sandra** – spoke on the trip to Barham, deposits have been paid, and the final payment is due in August.

The trip to Castlemaine on 13-15th November, is still available but names must be placed on the form today as the accommodation is very hard to get in Castlemaine, we are still waiting on the details for the train trip to Maldon. More details at next meeting. This is a self-drive/share ride tour.

BOOK CLUB – Gillian spoke on the book club, next one to be held 1st July. 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. 6 members attended the club this month, and we enjoyed a very interesting time together.

DISCUSSION GROUP – MIKE BAMPFIELD - invited those present to attend the discussion group, next one to be held on Tuesday 15th July, 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, which last month was the most embarrassing thing you have bought. This is followed by afternoon tea.

PUBLICITY OFFICER – MIKE BAMPFIELD - An article has been written to go into the next Probian magazine. Word of mouth is one of the best ways of letting people know of the benefits and activities of the club. Invite a friend or neighbour to attend.

Mike thanked Doug Westcott for all his hard work on the website and said it was such an asset to the club and congratulated Doug for all his efforts and said how much we all appreciated his work on behalf of the club.

WEBSITE: DOUG WESTCOTT: - All working well

AFTER MEETING LUNCH: – will be held at the Asia Garden Chinese Restaurant in Wantirna. Please indicate who is attending. Approx 23 members were to attend.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Sandra then advised the members it was time for morning tea, and asked members to look under their chairs and look for a snowflake, for those lucky members they were given a snowball and marshmallows to celebrate we are now in winter. Ree gave these out and we thank Ree for organising this activity.

No other general business

Members then went to morning tea.

After morning tea Dot Thomson introduced Stephaine from the Seeing Eye Dogs' Association. Stephanie had a dog which is currently in training with her. Jill Colbert also attended and brought her dog that she is also training. Stephanie spoke on the challenges of training the dogs to be ready to move onto the next part of their training. After question-and-answer time Dot presented Stephanie with a small gift of appreciation.

President Sandra thanked everyone for attending and invited members and visitors to lunch.

President closed the meeting at 11.45am

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President. 2nd July 2025



Combined Probud Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 7TH 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 Bampfield, 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 30th.

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 2nd 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 Bampffield)
- Card for Gerry Burton 90th birthday
- Card for John Henwood 80th 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 90th 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 22nd 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 23rd 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 18th 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 28th 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 25th 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 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 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 14th 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 12th – 18th 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 13th – 15th 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 30th 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 3RD 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 20th 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

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President. 4TH JUNE 2025



Combined Probans 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



Combined Probud Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 5TH March 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, Bill Wallis, Vin White, Vic McNamara, Graeme Brookes, Christina Hunter, Sandra Both, Cushla Appleby, Ian Rose,

There were 57 members in attendance, 3 visitors, 9 apologies and 1 absent.

VISITORS: Phil Colbert, Gillian Horlock, Denise Parry,

INDUCTION: An induction a new member was held for Rachel McAlavey, President Harish welcomed Rachel to our club and presented her with her welcome pack, and hoped she will enjoy the friendship and fellowship of Probud. Rachel responded by thanking everyone for making her feel welcome.

BIRTHDAYS: Val Nixon 22nd, Bev Sutherland 29th

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was **Moved** by Gillian George, **Seconded** by – Gerry Burton, the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5th February 2025 be accepted as a true correct record of the meeting

CARRIED

Correspondence:

IN: Insurance policy cover letter
Hall hire accounts
Post office box account
Falls Prevention and Recovery Seminar
Mercy Ships

OUT: Letter to Rod and Sue Needham
Letter to Nancy Greenslade

REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

- Welcomed all visitors
- Thanked Ree for her Valentines Day chocolates for those attending the coffee Afternoon.
- Asked for help for after the meeting to pack up.
- Mentioned Dot Farr and wished her a belated birthday. As this was a special "0" birthday.
- We are still trialling a new coffee venue for our Friday coffee afternoons, this is at the Koffee Kult outside of Target on the 2nd floor, Forest Hill Chase shopping centre. This starts at 3.15pm. This is still 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 March when the management committee will see how this is working. The management committee welcomes your feedback.

- A thank you was given to Harish for all his assistance this year to the club. It has been greatly appreciated, and we thank him for all his hard work and dedication to the club.

TREASURER: – Bob Grierson

Reported bank balance \$2,413.78, plus \$500 on hold with the deposit for the Christmas party, we have \$2913.78. in funds

Moved: Bob Grierson

Seconded: John Hally

Carried.

GUEST SPEAKER: – BERYL PAKES – advised that the next meeting, we will be having Traveller's Aid to speak, and for May we will have the speaker from Mercy Ships.

BULLETIN: As published. Nelsa would like all articles to be with her by the 18th of March so she can complete the bulletin before the Apollo Bay trip

WELFARE: - REE DOWLING – Christian Hunter still in pain with her knee but is doing lots of Rehab and hopes to return shortly.

ACTIVITIES:

- Catherine Pratt spoke on the activity which we had to the home of Dame Elizabeth Murdoch. She advised everyone enjoyed themselves looking around the lovely gardens, then went to the Langwarrin Hotel for a very nice lunch.

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. Bus to be paid now, Ree has 2 seats left to fill.
- 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. 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 is Black Bag on 13th March. This is a Thriller. Full details on bench and in bulletin. The movie we saw on 27th February, The Last Journey was enjoyed by all those who attended.
- Jazz in the Park was held on 2nd March at the Blackburn Lake Sanctuary About 6 Probus members attended and enjoyed the music.
- Dine out – Persian Flavours – 19th March at 6.00pm
- Sandra Knight spoke on the 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 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.

- Ten Pin Bowling – will no longer be held due to lack of numbers, but Sandra is very happy to start it again if you let her know you are interested.
- 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.

DISCUSSION GROUP: MIKE BAMPFIELD invited those present to attend the discussion group, next one to be held on Tuesday 18th March, 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 due to the lawn bowls change of season.

Gillian spoke on the book club, next one to be held 1st April. Also please take a book from the foyer book table. There is also a jigsaw if anyone want this.

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.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH: – will be held at the Waverley RSL Club, about 20 people responded they would like to attend.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Harish presented 2 10-year certificates to two members of the club, these were Trish Clifton and Jennifer Birt.

As Keith Booth has resigned from the club, Harish thanked him on behalf of all members and thanked him for all his hard work and dedication. Keith responded by saying how he had enjoyed his 20 years with the club. He is now moving on to the Cranbourne Probus club which is close to his home, this is a new club, and Keith has accepted the position of President at this club. His wife Helen will join this club with him. Harish wished them all the best and hope to see them again at another function.

Harish then advised the members it was time for morning tea, which would then be followed by our AGM for 2025/2026.

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President. 2nd April 2025



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.

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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.

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President. 5th March 2025