



Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 4th February 2026.

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

PRESIDENT: Sandra - opened the meeting at 10:03 am and welcomed all back for the year and thanked all our visitors for attending and hoped they would enjoy our meeting. Sandra informed the meeting that we have an Australian Day theme.

APOLOGIES: Shirley McGorlick, Mike McGorlick, Nelson Knight, Bruna Rosaia, Eric Sutherland, Bev Sutherland, Trish Clifton, Beryl Marston, Ron Chigley, Palli Gajree, Dennis Birt, Jenny Birt, Colin Farr, Dot Farr, Colin Farr, Bob Grierson, Vin White and Ian Rose.

VISITORS: Secretary welcomed all the visitors and thanked them for coming, we have 16 visitors today. We had members from the Whitehorse Probus Club which has recently closed and we welcome them all here today, as well as all our other visitors, it is great to see you.

BIRTHDAYS: Ron Chidgey 3rd, Dot Browne 6th, Trish Clifton 6th, Dot Farr 10th, Jennifer Birt 12th, Beryl Marston 14th, Harish Shah 14th, Joyce Wickins 15th, Denise Parry 17th, John Hally 19th, Mike McGorlick 20th and a visitor Graham Ebert.

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

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE – 10 years to Lois Cheevers, Lois was thrilled to receive her certificate and could not believe she had been a member for so long and said she enjoyed all her time as a member.

There were 51 members in attendance, 18 apologies, 16 visitors.

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

No Business Arising from Previous minutes

CORRESPONDENCE: **IN:** Capitation fees for 2026
Hall Discount granted
PSPL 50TH Anniversary details
Whitehorse Council's new rules for hall
PAV delegates meeting agenda
PAV renewal
Resignation Letter from Mike and Sandra Both

OUT: Submission for Hall discount
Thanks, sent to MP for printing and gift basket
Email advising key allocation.

Presidents Report

Standing orders – Sandra spoke on the new Standing Orders and explained whilst we are not changing the constitution due to the large costs involved, the committee have updated the standing orders as recommended by PSPL. Members will vote on these changes at the next general meeting in March.

Vacancies on committee – Newsletter editor, Membership officer, Vice President, Sandra asked members to please consider taking a position on the committee at next month's AGM.

Nelsa was awarded the President's Award for 2025 at the Christmas lunch and Sandra advised members this was a special award, for her services to the club and her name has been added to our honour board.

We will be having inductions next month at the general meeting.

Sandra advised members of the AGM at next month's meeting.

Secretary Report

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

Asked members to wear their name badges on outings and asked could they fill in the emergency contact forms which are on the desk.

Secretary spoke on the upcoming Probus Cruise in October to celebrate the 50th year of Probus everyone is welcome to attend, details are on the front desk.

Treasurer: – Harish -advised the members that the Bank Balance is \$4004.00.

Moved: Harish

Seconded: Val Nixon

Carried

Wellbeing: Ree spoke on the members who had been ill. She has contacted them during the month and advised the club members on how they are all progressing.

Activities/ Outings: - Ree spoke on the current outings we are having and asked members to please fill in the forms on the bench if they are interested, please make payment to the treasurer via Tyro, pay into the Bendigo Bank account which is on the top of the bulletin, or give cash to the treasurer. Ree advised the club that due to having to book online, she has to pay bank fees, this may make some tickets a little more expensive to cover the extra cost.

Upcoming events: Movie Day = The Choral 11th Feb, Darts at Vermont South Club 10.15am 14th Feb, Jazz at the Lake 1st March, Melbourne Aquarium, 18th Feb, Lilydale Theatre, 15th Feb, Happy Hour is being introduced at Forest Hill Chase, 11th March at 4.00pm. Celtic Show, 14th March. Ree asked for those interested to please see the booking sheet on the bench, she is happy to answer any queries re these and hoped to see lots of people attending. Please speak to Ree is you need a lift to any of these events.

Tours: Sandra spoke on the tours we are organising for this year, Bright Chalets, spaces still available, please put your name on sheet if interested. King and Flinders Islands costings available now on booking form on bench, date to be arranged with tour company, but they are happy to run the tour and will fill it with other people to make up the numbers. Sandra is also trying to get another tour with the Murray magic

tour group, which hosted our Barham tour to see if their other tour is available, Sandra will let members know at next meeting. Sandra also discussed another tour with the Rowville Probus to NSW if interested please see Sandra for further information.

Roll Back the Clock: Elaine spoke on the exercise group and advised members they are welcome to attend at the Vermont South Club on Fridays 11.30 – 12.30 for light exercise and morning tea.

Speakers – Dot advised all going good with speakers.

Newsletter – Nelsa advised all well with newsletter.

Webmaster – Doug advised all is o.k. with the website.

Men's and Ladies Lunch: Ree then spoke on the Men's and Ladies Lunch 25th Feb at Persian Flavours all welcome, plenty of parking available during the day. Lunch is at 12.30pm.

Dine out Wednesday March 25th Wheelers Hill Hotel. 6.00pm.

Discussion Group: Mike spoke on the discussion group which is held at the Vermont South Club 3rd Monday of the month 2-4pm. Many items to discuss, finishing with fun topics and a cuppa. All welcome to attend Booking Sheet on bench or contact Mike for further information.

Book Club: Secretary spoke on the Book Club 10th Feb at her home, booking sheet on bench.

Coffee Afternoon: Sandra spoke on the coffee meet up on Fridays at the Moon and Spoon and invited everyone is welcome to attend 3.30pm 2nd Floor Forest Hill Chase.

AFTER MEETING LUNCH: Sandra announced that the lunch will be at the Blackburn Hotel and invited everyone to attend and to raise their hands if wanting to attend, approximately 32 people indicated they wished to attend. Sandra advised she would ring the hotel at morning tea and increase her booking.

Sandra then asked Ken George to speak on the quiz that will be held after morning tea and he told members their chairs would be turned around into groups for the Quiz and just sit anywhere in groups of 6 or 8.

Meeting was then adjourned for Morning tea and members were advised that it would be an Aussie morning tea in keeping with our theme for today.

After Morning Tea: Sandra then asked for everyone to return to their seats for the start of the Quiz, prizes will be awarded for winners of each round and overall winners. Ken read the questions to members, who got into the fun of the event and all members seemed to enjoy the morning.

Meeting closed at 11.50 am – Next meeting 4th March 2026, followed by AGM.

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President. March 2026