



Combined Probus Club of Blackburn South Inc. No.58109

Reg. No A0029946T

MINUTES: Minutes of Monthly Meeting 4th March 2026.

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

PRESIDENT: Sandra - opened the meeting at 10:03 am and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sandra then shared a joke with the members. Sandra also welcomed the visitors we have today.

APOLOGIES: Shirley Mc Gorlick, Mike Mc Gorlick, Denise Parry, Geoff Parry, Eric Sutherland, Bev Sutherland, Stephen Clifton, Trish Clifton, Nelsa Counsell, Cath Pratt, Bruna Rosaia, Mary Rasmussen, Nelson Knight, Bob Grierson, Dennis Birt, Jennifer Birt, Liz Henwood, Beryl Marston, Vic McNamara, Colin Sando, Vin White, Cushla Appleby, Ron Chidgey, Jenny Fackrell, Palli Gajree, Christina Hunter, Ian Rose,

We had 27 apologies; 52 members present and 3 absent.

BIRTHDAYS: Geoff Parry, 15th, Jan Wajs 21st, Val Nixon 22nd, Bev Sutherland 29th

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

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was **Moved** by Gillian George, **Seconded** by – Lois Cheevers, that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 4th February be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

No Business Arising from Previous minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE: **IN:** PSPL re new Constitution rates

OUT: Letter to Mick and Sandra Both
Letter to Council re cupboard

Presidents Report

Constitution and Standing orders – Sandra spoke on the letter we received from PSPL, which has obtained a decrease in fees from the Victorian Government for the change of Probus Constitutions. The committee will now investigate adopting the constitution sent from PSPL, and accordingly, the standing orders they have recommended.

Sandra advised the members that a new computer and software had been donated to the club by one of the members, and she said she thanked this member for the kindness shown to the club.

Sandra also thanked her outgoing committee and said they had been a pleasure to work with.

Secretary Report

Advised members that the new Probian was on the bench and urged members to please take a copy.

Asked members to please fill out the emergency contact form asap as we need this information as a duty of care to the members.

Secretary asked if you were not staying for the AGM to please make sure you are marked off correctly on the sign in book.

Treasurer: – Harish -advised the members that the Bank Balance is \$6870, of which \$2395 is committed to tours and outings leaving a balance of \$4475.

Moved: Harish Shah **Seconded:** Ken Pakes

Carried

Speakers – Dot advised all is going well with speakers. She advised that the speaker for next month is from Keyton, and he will speak on the retirement village currently under construction on Burwood Hwy.

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 outing that was held to the Melbourne Aquarium and showed some photographs of members. Ree said how much the members who attended had loved the penguins.

Happy Hour is being introduced at Forest Hill Chase, 11th March at 4.00 pm. All welcome to attend and stay for dinner if they wish.

30th March is the date chosen for the next Morning Tea at the Round at 10.30 am. Come along and join other members over a cuppa.

Ree also thanked Doug for his assistance with the photos shown to the members and said how much she appreciated his assistance.

Ree then spoke about the Tram Boat Tour to be held on Wednesday, April 29th. She explained what the trip is about. More details on the bench or in your bulletin.

Ree also spoke on morning melodies at the Ringwood Club. Ree has placed a Keep the Date Reminder on the bench, and this will also be in the bulletin.

Tours: Sandra spoke on the tours we are organising for this year, Bright Chalets, spaces still available, please put your name on the sheet if interested or contact Sandra for any further information.

Full payment is due by 20th March. \$595.00 if you have paid the deposit. \$795 for singles.

Sandra also spoke on another trip she would like to organise with the same company that did the Barham trip, but this time it is a Riverina Tour. The bus will pick up from the club. Details and Itinerary on the bench. Please put your name on the list if interested.

The King Island trip has been cancelled due to a lack of numbers.

Guest Services - Roll Back the Clock: Kath spoke on the exercise group and advised members they are welcome to attend at the Vermont South Club on Fridays, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm for light exercise and morning tea.

Kath also advised the members that they were having green cupcakes today to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Sandra thanked Kath for all her work in preparing the morning teas.

Dine out on Wednesday, March 25th, at the Wheelers Hill Hotel. 6:00 pm all welcome.

Webmaster – Doug advised all is o.k. with the website. Sandra thanked Doug for the great effort with the website.

Discussion Group: Mike spoke on the discussion group which is held at the Vermont South Club on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2-4 pm. This will be on 17th March. The meeting is now on a Tuesday due to the change in the bowling season. Many items to discuss, finishing with fun topics and a cuppa. All are welcome to attend. The Booking Sheet on the bench or contact Mike for further information.

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

AFTER MEETING LUNCH: Sandra announced that the lunch will be at the Wantirna Hill Club and invited everyone to attend and to raise their hands if wanting to attend, approximately 28 people indicated they wished to attend.

Inductions: Sandra then inducted our 14 new members into our club. These new members are: Elaine Keast, Peter Taylor, Chris Frederic, Lyn Neve, Tony Neve, Jill Hiam, Jenny Walker, Barb Biggs, Siggy Gassert, Marie Wajs, Jan Wajs, Edith Krizmancic, Carol Ebert, Graham Ebert, Sandra advised all members that if they see a new member with a blue dot on their badge to please make them welcome and have a chat with them.

Sandra reminded everyone that the AGM will be held after morning tea. The meeting was then adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:45 am.

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President. April 2026