

CHAPTER 1.

PRESIDENT JACK COCKROFT: 2000 - 2001

The 189th General Meeting of the Club was held on Thursday 9th March 2000. President Bert Milgate welcomed 50 members, 31 Ladies and 17 Visitors. After the usual business of a General Meeting, including the annual report of the President, the meeting was suspended at 10.00 a.m. The President then declared open the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Lilydale Inc. to enable the incoming President Jack Cockroft to be installed. Retiring President Bert handed on the collar of office to President Elect Jack who in turn handed Bert his past President's badge. President Jack then installed his new team whose names and offices are shown at the end of the chapter.

The new President outlined his plans for his year of office.

President Jack reconvened the General Meeting at 11.05 a.m. and took the opportunity to apologise to Clive Manly for not recognising his attendance at the A.G.M. in his official capacity as representative of M.O.E.R.

As always the Caterers provided a splendid morning tea to allow members and guests to socialise in typical Probus fashion. President Jack presented Jack & Eileen Coffey with mementoes in appreciation of all they did in catering for the Club.

The club welcomed Lee Brooker with his wife Jean and Ken Brooks with his wife Heather as members at the April meeting.

Keith McLennan reported to the meeting that he had completed the writing of the Club history. Donald McLean agreed to do the proof reading.

At this meeting it was also agreed that meetings should in future start at 9.30 a.m. to allow for more fellowship time.

Activities Report from Ron Hand.

The trip to Nagambie had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

Lunch planned at Valentines for May 11th.

Members were advised that June trip to Toyota would have to be limited to 46 persons.

Lex Lillie reported on the Yarra Glen race day on the 21st March.

Les Wanstall reported on the City Walk held on March 30th.

The President reported that there were no FREE transfers from one ProBus Club to another. All clubs are autonomous and expect transferring members to pay joining club's fees.

The speaker for April was Mr Robert Ryan who spoke about his father's experiences at Gallipoli, in France and Singapore. His memorabilia was looked at with great interest.

It was with much sadness that members learned of the death of Founder member Carl Adamson on the 3rd of May, his 88th birthday. Carl filled many positions in the club over the years.

President Jack inducted Peter Husband at the May meeting and also welcomed his wife Lois.

The May meeting also saw two Club Rule amendments proposed, seconded and passed. The first extended Rule No.4 to include "The subscription shall include such capitation fee and insurance contribution as may be required by Probus Centre - South Pacific". The second added Section No. 5 to Rule No. 21 "The term of office of the President shall be one year, which may be extended to not more than two years if required due to special circumstances. Other officers may serve for not more than three successive years in any one office."

Activities Report from Ray Sparkes.

The President advised that Ron Hand had retired from his position on the Activities Sub-committee and asked that a motion of thanks for his past work be minuted. This was proposed by Henri Lausberg and seconded by Laurie Bolton.

Visit to Waverley Cinema proposed for June 22nd.

Bus trip "Round the Bay" for July 27th. This replaced the trip proposed to the Melbourne Aquarium.

A "Mystery Trip" is proposed for September 14th.

Annual Coach trip is in October (16th to 20th) to Victor Harbour

Ivor Lewis reported on the annual car trip to Wangaratta.

President Jack spoke on the forthcoming publication of the Club history. The committee have decided to hold a competition to name the book. The winner will receive a free copy, entries to be received by the end of July.

Osteopathy was the subject of the guest speaker, Dr Julie Streckfuss, who used Henri Lausberg as her guinea pig.

The President, at the June meeting, thanked two ladies, Peg Lillie for obtaining a crochet rug to be raffled and the anonymous lady who donated \$50 towards the cost of publishing the history.

This meeting saw the induction as members of Ted Douglas and John Nunn. Ted was accompanied by his wife Marlene and John by Doreen

Also at the June meeting, it was suggested that rather than wait for another 16 odd years for the continuing history of the Club to be written that it be updated each year.

Whilst agreed that this was a good idea and Peter Baddeley would take it on for the first two years it did not, in fact, actually occur. It was not to be put into action until 2009.

Activities Report by Ray Sparkes.

The visit to Waverley Cinema on the 22nd was confirmed. As was the 'Round the Bay' trip on the 27th July. The hoped-for trip to Toyota had to be cancelled but a trip to the BHP Steel plant at Hastings will replace it.

Keith McLennan is updating a register of members since the inception of the club. He read out a list of names where there were no details of joining etc and asked for help in completing this register.

The speaker this month was Max Griffiths whose subject was "Of Mines and Men" A most interesting talk about some of the people who discovered much of this country's mineral wealth in the remotest corners.

At the July meeting the formal thanks of the Club were minuted to all involved in writing the history, namely Keith McLennan, his consultant historian and editor Peter Baddeley, Bill Molyneux (research), and Don McLean (proof reading). The 16th November was announced as the date for the launch to be held at the Lillydale Lake Community Centre.

Peter Baddeley was proposed as an Honorary Member in recognition of his help with the history. Keith McLennan put forward this proposal, which was seconded by Martin Taylor and Carried.

Activities Report.

Ray Sparkes reminded members of trips currently planned and it was agreed that the September mystery trip be an officially minuted.

Kevin Cant asked if members could do more to support outings & trips as the trips committee spend a lot of time and effort in planning these.

The speakers to-day were Barbara Phillips and Susan Crabbs from Yarra Ranges Community Health Care for the Aged. Their talk was both informative and lively. With much member participation.

The Activities Report for August was presented by Keith McLennan and Ray Sparkes.

Keith talked about the Lake Walk and the April 2001 car trip.

Ray talked of the success of the 'Round the Bay' trip and that the BHP trip was now full. Looking ahead he suggested a trip to the International Air Show in February 2001. A trip to see the Christmas Lights was decided against.

Les Wanstall reported that he had arranged a 'split the bill' lunch at the Tatra Hut for Thursday 17th August. Minuted as an official club outing.

Under General Business the President reminded members of the garage sale at Martin Taylor's property. Income from raffles goes into general club funds to help with running costs.

He also referred to the club history. He pointed out that but for the voluntary work done by Keith, Don and Peter Baddeley the cost of having an outsider write the book would have been over \$30,000. He also referred to the fact that the cost for printing 100 copies will be about \$2,000 and that the club must accept responsibility for these costs. He advised that the club had applied to Arts Victoria for a grant to cover these costs. If this fails, a club member has offered to finance the project and be reimbursed at a later date. He further advised that the club has the support of ProBus South Pacific and the Shire of Yarra Ranges and all that is needed is for members to endorse the sub-committee's actions. The motion put forward by Don McLean was seconded by Harry Brennan and carried. The launch date will be 16th November 2000 at the Lillydale Lake Community Centre. Minuted that this will be an official club function.

The speakers this month were members of the club, namely Ian Robinson and Don McLean.

Ian spoke of his time in China involved in building a plant. As well as the technical side he spoke of the local living conditions and the problems associated with the language and Chinese economy.

Don related many amusing anecdotes of his travels around the world and tried to convince members that plain water is a good tongue loosener.

The September Activities Reports were given by Keith and Ray.

Keith advised that the Members Register was now complete.

Ray said the BHP trip had been much enjoyed. He reminded members that payment for Victor Harbour was required at this meeting.

The garage sale at Martin Taylor's property will take place on 30th September.

Monies raised from the sale will go towards the cost of publishing the history.

The President also announced the winner of the competition to name the history. The winner is Harry Brennan with the title " FRIENDSHIPS THROUGH THE YEARS".

Harry will receive his free copy on launch day. Everyone else will have to pay \$10 to get their own copy.

To say there was a " speaker" at this meeting would be a misnomer as the members were treated to a " one man" show by Chris Price. Entertainer, poet, writer, comedian, guitarist and mimic.

The October meeting was presided over by Acting President Kevin Robb.

The garage sale last month was a great success with a net profit of just under \$1,000. A vote of thanks to Martin and Helen for all their help was minuted. Thanks were also received from Doris Brookes for the gift of unsold garage items to Mooroolbark Salvation Army Thrift Store.

Ray Sparkes reported:

Thanks to Len Buckman for the Emergency Cards for members to carry on trips.

Thanks to Ivor Lewis for agreeing to become his assistant on the trips sub-committee.

Members reminded of the need to pay for the Philip Island trip at the November meeting at the latest.

A visit to see the Christmas lights was approved for the 14th December.

Keith McLennan also reported:

Lake Walk on 1st November followed by BYO everything BBQ.

Payment for the Christmas lunch at the R.A.C.V. on the 18th December required at the December meeting.

Matters regarding the history. Keith advised that the manuscript and photographs had been delivered to the printers, that invitations were almost complete; no replies had been received regarding the ABN or History Grant. He suggested a sub-committee be formed to perform necessary duties on launch day.

The speaker to-day was Valda Street. Valda was secretary to Sir Edward (Weary) Dunlop for 15 years. It was an enthralling presentation providing many insights into this great Australian's personality and background.

The November meeting held both gladness and sadness. On the happy side the club welcomed David Watson, accompanied by his wife Rhonda, as a new member.

Sadly the club mourned the death on 13th October of Reg Sinclair.

The Shire advised the November meeting that they would contribute to the costs of the catering for the History launch.

Activities Reports.

Ray Sparkes apologised for the state of the coach provided for the Victor Harbour trip. Ray Galloway said that notwithstanding this the trip had been a resounding success and hoped that there would be many more of the same.

Christmas Lights trip confirmed for the 14th December and that Philip Island Trip is now full.

Keith McLennan reported on the Lake Walk attended by 28 members/ partners.

City Walk planned for April or May will include Melbourne Museum.

A change to the rule regarding the appointment of Life Members. President Jack raised this subject. At the Committee Meeting in November it was decided to recommend that two members be awarded this distinction in calendar year 2000. A proposal to rescind the minute that Life Membership be restricted to one member per annum was passed by the meeting but this is a matter which needs to be discussed in the December committee meeting, before being put to the December general meeting.

The history launch. Keith advised that about 60 members and partners and about 20 other invitees were expected. The President has prepared an agenda for the day.

Peter Baddeley will be made an Honorary Member for his services to the Club and Keith in preparing the history. A motion to this effect was proposed by Keith, seconded by Martin Taylor and carried.

The meeting this month was addressed by Michael Liddy from the Forensic Dept. Michael gave a fascinating insight into the background work carried out by the Dept and the Police in their never-ending fight against crime.

The launch of "Friendship Through The Years" duly took place on the 16th November at the Lillydale Lake Community Centre. President Jack welcomed 21 guests and 51 Members, Partners and Widows.

Speakers at the meeting were Martin Taylor, Peter Baddeley, and David Wills and the author himself who thanked all who had helped him during the 30 months involved.

The Shire Mayor Councillor Robyn Hale then formally launched the book. President Jack thanked her and presented her with a copy for the Shire.

Copies of the book were also presented to David Wills, Ian McLennan, Harry Brennan, Stan Moser, Alan Thompson (Lilydale Library) Len Buckman and Bill Molyneux.

Vice President Kevin inducted Peter Baddeley as an Honorary Member.

An excellent selection of "finger food" was offered to and gladly accepted by the gathered assembly after the formalities.

After opening the December general meeting President Jack presented certificates of appreciation to Len Buckman and Bill Molyneux in recognition of their contributions towards the production of the Club History and for their work in general.

The December meeting duly accepted the motion that the number of Life members appointed in any one ProBus year be restricted to one, except in exceptional circumstances when the Committee may recommend a maximum of two. The term "Exceptional" to mean when there are two members of equal standing with similar years of membership and services rendered to our Club.

Activities Reports were received from Ray Sparkes:

Reminder that the Christmas lights trip would leave later in the day.

The Avalon trip is full and a waiting list will now be opened.

The bus trip to Bright was confirmed as an official club function.

Keith McLennan reminded:

Members that the bus for the Christmas lunch will leave the Senior Citizens Club at 11.30.

City Walk on 31st March 2001 will include the Melbourne Museum.

Yarra Glen races on 28th March 2001.

President Jack announced that, following the change in numbers of Life Members approved earlier in the meeting, two members have been nominated for 2000, Harry Brennan and Martin Taylor. The formal motion was carried with acclaim.

The speaker at this meeting was the Rev Howard Langmead who spoke of his childhood years in Hong Kong and Australia. He went on to tell of his reasons and motives for entering the ministry and his experiences as a priest. The club was happy to give Howard the collection taken up for the work of Anglicare. The sum raised was \$136.

Following the decision to confer Life Membership on Harry Brennan and Martin Taylor, the President invested these members with their lapel badges and engraved wall plaques at the January 2001 meeting.

Activities Report.

Ray Sparkes reported;

Members were given a programme of events for 2001 including proposed speakers up until June.

Trip in March to Mont de Lancy, Warburton Wheel and points East on 22nd March.

Trip confirmed as an official club outing.

William Bennett and Bert Patrick were formally re-appointed as Public Officer and Auditor respectively.

The speaker to-day was David Pettit whose subject was Tai Chi. David spoke of its origin, history and use in medical applications. David and his associate John Mancey then gave a practical demonstration of the first two movements'.

The 200th general meeting and President Jack's last meeting as President took place on 8th February 2001.

Two new members were inducted, Kevin Izzard (accompanied by his wife Betty) and Fred Pate.

Activities Reports;

Ray Sparkes reminded members of times etc for Avalon.

April outing will be lunch at the Bird & Bottle on 26th April.

Keith McLennan

advised that 66 copies of the history have been sold

reminded that annual car trip to Ballarat starts on April 30th

reminded that Yarra Glen races are on 28th March.

The President officiated at the election of Office Bearers and Committee members for 2001/2.

After discussion it was agreed that our Club would discontinue membership of the ProBus Association of Victoria.

The resignation of Geoff Paul due to ongoing medical problems was accepted with regret.

The speaker this month was Glenn Mawson, a Healesville Ranger, whose talk was on "Fighting Bushfires in the U.S.A. Glenn was one of many volunteers who went and helped out during the disastrous fires in California.

2000 - 2001 Office Bearers

Office.	Name of Member.
President.	Jack Cockroft
Vice President.	Kevin Robb
Secretary.	Bill Molyneux
Treasurer.	Con Kleinsmit
Committee.	Harry Brennan
Committee.	Ted Brookes
Committee.	Denis Lawson
Committee.	Ray Sparkes
Activities.	Ron Hand & Ray Sparkes
Almoner.	Alby Dowell & Ray Galloway
Speakers.	Martin Taylor
Newsletter.	Len Buckman & Brian Walsh
Trips.	Keith McLennan & Kevin Robb
Catering.	Keith Taylor & Ted Brookes
Assistant Secretary.	Henri Lausberg
Assistant Treasurer.	Ivor Lewis
Public Officer.	William Bennett
Auditor.	Bert Patrick

Attendance 2000 - 2001

Month.	Members.	Ladies.	Visitors.	Apologies.
2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
March	50	31	17	6
April	43	23	11	6
May	43	25	6	6
June	38	31	6	7
July	40	26	0	14
August	38	31	0	13
September	47	33	1	11
October	49	32	4	5
November	49	38	4	6
December	52	33	3	5
2001	46	33	8	9
January				
February	48	31	7	11

2000 - 2001 Outings and Trips

Date.	Details
21st March 2000	Yarra Glen Race Day
23rd March 2000	Train trip
29th March 2000	M.O.E.R Picnic at Maroondah Dam
30th March 2000	City Walk
11th May 2000	Lunch at Valentines
22nd June 2000	Visit to Waverley Cinema

27th July 2000	Round the Bay
24th August 2000	BHP Steel Western Port Works
14th September 2000	"Mystery
16th - 20th October 2000	Coach Trip to Victor Harbour
1st November 2000	Lake Walk & BBQ
16th November 2000	Launch of "Friendship through the Years"
14th December 2000	City Christmas Lights
18th December 2000	Christmas Lunch at R.A.C.V. Healesville

Guest Speakers 2000 - 2001

Meeting Number.	Date.	Speaker.	Subject.
190	2000 13th April	Mr Robert Ryan	His father's war experiences in World War I
191	25th May	Dr Julie Streckfuss	As a practising osteopath in Lilydale she gave a most informative talk about the intricacies of her profession.
192	8th June	Max Griffiths	Title "Of Mines & Men" on the lives of men who discovered much of the country's mineral wealth.
193	13th July	Barbara Phillips & Susan Crabb	A talk on the work of Yarra Ranges Community Health Care for the Aged.
194	10th August	Ian Robinson & Donald McLean	Ian spoke of his time in China where he was involved in building a plant to manufacture sanitary ware. Don spoke of his travels around the world.
195	14th September	Chris Price	Entertainer, poet, writer, comedian, guitarist, mimic
196	12th October	Valda Street	Secretary to Edward (Weary) Dunlop. Spoke of her time with him.
197	9th November	Michael Liddy	From Forensic Dept on their work of helping the Police.
198	14th December	Rev. Howard Langmead	Spoke of his childhood in China and his reasons for entering the ministry
199	2001 11th January	David Pettit & John Mancey	Tai Chi its origin, history and use in medical applications.
200	8th February	Glenn Mawson	Fighting bush fires in the U.S.A.

New Members 2000 - 2001

Date.	Member.	Partner.
13th April 2000	Lee Brooker	Jean
13th April 2000	Ken Brooks	Heather
25th May 2000	Peter Husband	Lois
8th June 2000	Ted Douglas	Marlene
8th June 2000	John Nunn	Doreen

9th November 2000	David Watson	Rhonda
8th February 2001	Kevin Izzard Fred Pate	Betty

Resignations 2000 - 2001

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of Membership.
Geoff Paul	Treasurer 1993 President 1995	12th July 1990 - 8th February 2001.

Bereavements 2000 - 2001

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of Membership.
Carl Adamson	Founder 1983 Auditor 1983-1985 President 1986 Trips 1987-1990 Trips & Speakers 1991-1992 Trips 1995-1997 M.O.E.R Delegate 1995 & 1997 Life Member 1999	2nd June 1983 - 3rd May 2000.
Reg Sinclair		8th October 1998 - 13th October 2000.
Vera Morgan		