

CHAPTER 2.

PRESIDENT KEVIN ROBB 2001 - 2002.

The 201st General Meeting of the Club was held on Thursday 8th March 2001.

President Jack welcomed 54 Members, 34 Ladies and 7 Visitors.

After the usual business of a General Meeting the meeting was suspended at 10.15 a.m and the 18th Annual General Meeting declared open.

Retiring President Jack presented retiring Secretary Bill Molyneux with a Past Secretary Badge and then presented his report. President Jack then invested Kevin Robb as President for the ensuing year. The new President then invested outgoing President Jack as Immediate Past President and Lee Brooker as Secretary.

President Kevin expressed his desire that the Club continue its policy of friendship and to seek out new faces and members.

President Kevin then invested the members of his incoming Committee as set out at the end of this chapter.

The A.G.M. was closed at 10.45 and the General Meeting resumed at which the President presented Jack Cockroft with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Activities Reports.

Ray Sparkes commented on the success of the visit to the Avalon Air Show. The proposed visits to Warburton and the Lavender Farm had to be cancelled but the programme was still full. He reminded members that due to limited numbers the visit to Toyota was on a first come first served basis.

The April outing is to be a two-course meal at the Bird & Bottle.

Harry Brennan reminded members that the M.O.E.R. picnic will be held at Maroondah Dam on Friday 30th March.

Keith McLennan advised that

Copies of the History are still available

Ballarat Car trip motel is still accepting deposits.

Provided revised details of the 13th March City Walk.

Reminded members that Yarra Glen Races are on 28th March.

General Business

Jack Cockroft advised that Bert Milgate had been awarded the Australian Sports Medal for his services to Bowls. Also that Don Jones and Jean Grant had won most points in the Victorian Bowls Competition.

Jack Keefe tendered his resignation in July 2000, the offer of extended leave of absence was not accepted and his resignation was accepted on the motion of Bill Molyneux, seconded by Keith McLennan.

Bruce Woodward won the door prize.

President Kevin opened his first General Meeting on 12th April and welcomed 40 Members, 31 Ladies and 4 guests. Apologies were received from 10 Members. The 4 guests were Hugh & Betty Macauley and Doug & Marion Mackie. Hugh and Doug were inducted and welcomed into the Club.

Activities Reports.

Ray Sparkes reported on the Bird & Bottle lunch, Toyota trip, Gippsland Gourmet Getaway, Bright Tour and informal lunch at the home of Lee & Jean Brooker,

Harry Brennan reported on the MOER picnic. A success.

Keith McLennan advised that 66 histories had been sold and recommended that the Christmas lunch be held at the R.A.C.V. Country Club. John Nunn reported on the City Walk and Lex Lillie reported on the Yarra Glen Races.

The resignation of Michael Clancy was accepted on the motion of Bill Molyneux, seconded Stan Pickersgill.

Door Prize won by Ted Douglas.

Martin Taylor introduced Philip White, a veteran of the Viet Nam War. Philip spoke of his experiences in the Services leading up to and during his posting and the relationship between the Australian and U.S. forces. A most informative and interesting talk.

The May meeting reported on a large number of Members and Ladies who were unwell for some reason. Almoner Alby had been kept busy.

Activities Reports.

Ray Sparkes advised that the Toyota Trip was fully booked as was the Bright Trip.

Ray gave details of the "Wallaby Rise" trip planned for July.

Keith McLennan reported on history sales and quotes for coach service to Christmas Lunch. He also advised of a Christmas in July lunch at Lilydale International. A booking will be made for this.

Keith reported back on the Ballarat Car Trip.

Door Prize won by Ivor Lewis.

The speaker for the day was John Lahey, author and journalist. John related interesting anecdotes about some the prominent and "behind the scenes" figures associated with the establishment of Federation and the Australian Constitution one hundred years ago. A light lunch was then enjoyed to celebrate the occasion.

June was also a bad month for members and spouses on the sick list. The Club mourned with Keith Appleby on the loss of his wife Nan on the 20th May.

Activities Reports.

Ray Sparkes reported that the Toyota trip was very successful

Harry Brennan reported on the MOER Meeting. He expressed the view that our Club has little to learn from MOER. On the contrary we can provide other Clubs with much needed guidance.

Special Business. There is a need to update the Club's Rules and Statement of Purposes to correct anomalies with the way our Club is operated and to incorporate changes required by Probus Centre South Pacific. Ray Galloway and John Nunn seconded the following Motion " That a Special Meeting of members be held at the Chirnside Park Country Club at 9.30 a.m. on July Thursday 19th to receive and approve the change to the Rules and Statement of Purposes in accordance with the draft recommend by the Committee and presented to this meeting. The meeting shall be open to members only".

General Business

Jack Cockroft presented a roster of members for tea duty reminding members that if they cannot attend, it is their responsibility to find a replacement.

Members reminded of the Christmas lunch at the Lilydale International on 4th July.

In order to accumulate some funds toward the cost of future editions of "Friendship Through the Years" it was moved by Keith McLennan, seconded Ray Galloway that the proceeds of the Shire Raffle be retained on an annual basis for this purpose.

Motion carried.

A letter of resignation was received from Alf Morgan on the grounds of ill-health. This was accepted with regret on the motion of Jack Cockroft, seconded Keith McLennan. A "heads and tails competition for the rug donated by Peg Lillie was won by the donor and returned with thanks for a future raffle. The competition raised \$66.

Today's speaker was Mrs Jan Calder. Mrs Calder is a biologist who has twice visited the Galapagos Islands. Her presentation of slides and dissertation on the uniqueness of the flora and fauna was very informative.

In the absence of the President, Vice President Ray Galloway opened and presided at the July meeting.

The Vice President inducted Jim Pugh to the Club and welcomed his wife Marge. A suggestion that a 50c contribution be levied towards the cost of the monthly door prize was not favoured and the matter was referred back to the Committee. Woornambool Probus Club offered a copy of their history of ProBus in Australia. It was agreed that we should purchase a copy.

The Committee recommended and the meeting accepted a proposal that Alf Morgan be elected an Honorary Member of the Club. Both Bert Walker and Keith McLennan spoke of Alf's dedication to and hard work for the Club.

Activities Reports.

Ray Sparkes advised that good feedback had been received by all who took part in the Gourmet Tour. Places are still available for the Glen Maggie trip and more participants needed for the Kyneton trip.

Ray told members that the mystery trip in September promises to be even better than the trip last year.

Keith McLennan advised that the Car Trip for 2002 will be to Yarram from 15th to 19th April 2002. Confirmed as an official Probus trip.

General Business.

Vice President Ray expressed the thanks of all members to the ladies who continue to provide assistance for teas and for such functions as the Federation lunch.

The Vice President also advised members that the Committee had decided that the newsletter would continue in its present format. If space ran out activities would be omitted from the minutes part of the letter.

Probus Centre South Pacific has arranged Travel Insurance for members and near relatives taking part in any official trip.

Members were reminded that the ProBus Centre newsletter was available at the door.

The door prize was won by Owen Egan.

The speaker to-day was Mrs Christine Fyffe MLA who spoke on "Life in the Public Eye". She recounted some of her early life, how she came to Australia, her entry into politics and some insight into her life in Parliament.

The Special General Meeting agreed to at the June meeting was duly held. 18 Members attended with apologies from 8. The meeting was opened by the President at 9.30 a.m. The motion was moved by Ray Galloway, seconded by Keith McLennan and passed unanimously. The meeting closed at 9.45 a.m. making it, probably, one of the shortest meetings ever held by the Club.

The President opened the meeting on 9th August and welcomed members, lady guests and visitors. The visitors were Graeme and Jan West.

At the July meeting it was recorded that Alf Morgan tendered his resignation due to ill health and it was accepted. However at the Committee meeting in July Keith McLennan suggested that, rather than lose a valuable member completely, Alf should be offered Honorary membership. At the July general meeting therefore President Kevin called on Bert Walker to present Alf Morgan with a plaque in recognition of his being awarded Honorary Membership of the Club. Alf thanked Bert and the members for the honour.

Activities Reports.

Ray Sparkes reported that the Wallaby Rise trip was well received. He advised members that payment for the mystery trip was payable at this meeting. He also advised that as two members had pulled out of the Bright trip there were two vacancies, that he needed any instructions regarding sleeping and dietary requirements and thirdly that payment was needed by 11th October.

Keith McLennan reminded members of the annual car trip in 2002 and that deposits were needed at the September meeting. Keith also spoke, mainly for new members, of how the car trips helped encourage friendship.

General Business.

The door prize was won by Doug Lewis.

John Nunn thanked members for donations of used spectacles.

The speaker for the August meeting was John Kennedy who based his talk on the changing face of Australian Rules football over the last 50 years. His absorbing talk, spiced with many humorous anecdotes was extremely well received.

The September meeting was duly opened by the President who welcomed members, ladies and 6 guests, Graeme & Jan West, Barry & Doreen Wilder and John & Lorraine Dineen.

He called for members to stand for one minute in silence to remember all those who had died in the terrorist attack in America on the 9th September.

The Committee has recommended that Stan Moser be elected a Life Member. Bernie Burgi, Brian Walsh and Keith McLennan all spoke of all that Stan did, as Founding President, and ever since. The motion was carried.

Activities Report.

Ray Sparkes reported that the Kyneton trip was well supported. The guide was entertaining and competent. He reminded members that he needed to be told of any dietary or sleeping requirement for the Bright trip. Money for the mystery trip was still outstanding from some members,

The proposed trip to Point Cooke in November was available and it was proposed that this be an official trip. Carried

Martin Taylor reported that the Rotary truck had left for Darwin and East Timor that morning.

Keith McLennan advised that he is still waiting for the R.A.C.V. to confirm the cost of the Christmas lunch on the 17th December.

A dry run to Yarram had been done by Ray Galloway, Ted Brookes and Laurie Bolton. In view of their experience the venue for next year's trip has been changed to the Mansfield Valley Motor Inn. This is a 3 1/2 Star motel with happy hour facilities but only 22 units. The new destination was minuted as an official ProBus trip.

General Business.

MOER is conducting a Club concert on 9th October at the Nunawading Community Centre.

Len Buckman has produced a CD of the Club's past records and History and this is available to members on request.

Shire raffle. Jack Cockcroft now has books and needs 12 more volunteers to sell tickets. He pointed out that the Club receives 95.5% of monies raised by members.

Door prize winner was Fred Harding.

The speaker, introduced by Martin Taylor was Bryan Neal. Bryan talked on fire investigation and methods used to determine causes of fire.

The 208th meeting was held on 11th October and President Kevin welcomed members, ladies and 9 visitors, namely John Dineen, Clive & Joan Bunston, Barry & Doreen Wilder, Bryan & Lynette Sharp, Pamela-Jean Morris and Evan Moser.

The President called on Bernie Burgi to make the presentation of a Life Member's plaque and pin to Stan Moser. Stan replied by expressing his appreciation and that so many members were present to witness his induction.

Jack Cockcroft asked if members were charged for the cost of replacing badges. The Treasurer confirmed that this was a cost borne by the Club.

Jack also queried whether the Club subsidised bus trips which ran at a loss. Ray Sparkes replied that trips did not run at a loss and members did not get refunds if notice was given too late to find a substitute.

Activities Report.

Ray Sparked reported that no one guessed the destination of the Mystery trip but that those who went now know 101 ways to eat potato including potato ice cream.

The Bright trip is ready for the "off".

Ray was happy to receive money for the Point Cooke trip.
Keith McLennan advised that the R.A.C.V has confirmed the cost for the Christmas lunch as \$22. The coach cost to be advised in November.
The 2002 car trip to Mansfield in 2002 is full with a waiting list but Keith is still happy to take more nominations for the waiting list.
The Lillydale Lake walk and BBQ will be on 17th October and, looking ahead, Yarra Glen Picnic Race Day will be on 9th April 2002.

General Business.

Raffle books and the money must be with Jack Cockroft by 31st October.

Door Prize was won by Kevin Izzard.

All who went on the Red Centre Tour entertained the members with a rousing rendition of the "Tour Song" - "The Lambles are coming". The tour had been a great success.

The speaker to-day was De Lacey Lowe who gave an interesting talk on the Melbourne Tram System and points of interest on some of the tram routes around the City.

The November meeting was opened by President Kevin who welcomed members, ladies and 4 visitors, Clive & Joan Bunston and Barry & Doreen Wilding. Barry was inducted into the Club and he and Doreen welcomed by the President. The meeting was advised that with 2 more inductions pending the Club ceiling of 60 had been reached and any future applications would need to be placed on the waiting list.

Activities Reports.

Ray Sparkes said that the Bright trip had been an outstanding success, Reminded members that Point Cook money is awaited a.s.a.p.

On 28th February 2002 there will be a trip on the Yarra Tramboat. Transport will be with Lambles and will include a bus tour in the afternoon, weather permitting.

Keith McLennan advised that the cost of the coach for the R.A.C.V. lunch will be \$8 p.p.

The Lake walk and BBQ was attended by 20 members and Stan Moser was commended for completing the full circuit in dubious weather.

Harry Brennan explained the purpose of M.O.E.R. for the benefit of new members and advised on the following activities being put on by MOER – Information day on 30th May 2002, Picnic Day at Maroondah Dam on 29th April 2002 and AGM on 11th February 2002. Harry will be inducted as President that day.

Keith McLennan advised members that Probus South Pacific had advised that the changes approved at the recent Special General Meeting were unacceptable as they did not include certain conditions. Keith therefore gave Notice of Motion to hold a further Special general Meeting on 13th December to amend the previous changes so that they accord with the Probus standard constitution.

General Business.

Jack Cockroft moved that in view of the potential cost savings in producing the club history in CD form, the proceeds of the Shire raffle, approximately \$380, be taken into consolidate revenue. Seconded Keith McLennan and carried.

Door Prize won by Bert Walker.

There was no single speaker this month. Instead four members were invited to speak of some of their past experiences.

Keith Taylor led off with reminiscences of life as a workshop proprietor in Henty N.S.W, the trial of being an NRMA Agent and what happens to sailors who go AWOL.

John Astley spoke on how to cope with bereavement and the importance of having a purpose in life.

Doug Mackie spoke of the experience of learning and then doing ones first parachute jump.

Last but not least Bernie Burgi talked of the trials and tribulations suffered in coming to Australia by the early settlers to the Wandin area.

The December meeting was opened by the President who welcomed all members, ladies and guests John & Lorraine Dineen and Graeme & Jan West. Graeme and John were inducted into the Club and Jan and Lorraine welcomed. The President asked members to contribute to a collection for Anglicare to be given to our Speaker to-day.

Activities Reports.

Ray Sparkes said that whilst the Point Cook trip was interesting it fell below expectations in that there was not enough time to see all the exhibits and the lunch was not up to scratch. Ray has conveyed this feedback to the tour company. 68 members put their names down for the Tramboat trip. However as there are only 48 seats available those who pay first will get the seats.

Keith McLennan confirmed that Christmas lunch at the R.A.C.V Country Club will be for 12 noon for drinks, 12.30 sit down. As there was insufficient demand for the bus, members will need to make their own way. Keith is happy to help anyone who is having trouble with transport.

The City Walk for 2002 will be to either Prahran or Moonee Ponds. No date has yet been set for this event.

Harry Brennan advised that Club affiliation fee to MOER will be increased by \$10 next year.

His report will be his last as a delegate. Bill Molyneux will assume that role when Harry is installed as MOER President.

General Business.

Henri Lausberg has details of a chance to see the Melbourne Welsh Choir.

The President asked all members always to wear their badges to help those suffering temporary memory lapses.

Bill Molyneux still has Christmas puddings and cakes available for sale.

There will be a chicken & BBQ lunch after the January meeting, cost \$3.

Door prize was won by Ted Brookes.

He speaker to-day was the Rev. Jock Ryan who spoke of "Cranks, Crooks and Chaos of Early Melbourne". It was a most entertaining insight into some of the colourful characters and incidents of our early history. In thanking Jock, Ray Galloway handed an amount of approximately \$130 being the donations collected earlier for Anglicare.

Immediately after the general meeting the Special General Meeting agreed to in November was held. The business was to discuss and if agreed pass the following motion proposed by Keith McLennan and seconded by Jack Cockroft

"To consider the notice of motion given by Keith McLennan at the 209th general meeting that the "amendments and additions to the Statement of Purposes and Rules(Draft 2) as tabled at the meeting of 8th November, be approved and passed."

The motion was put and passed unanimously. The meeting lasted 10 minutes, a record.

The first meeting for 2002 began as usual at 9.30 a.m. and the President welcomed members ladies, and 6 visitors, Sandy & Helene Orbison, Clive & Joan Bunston and Brian & June Ralphs.

A letter of resignation was received from John Astley which was accepted
Activities Reports.

Ray Sparkes advised that 45 members had paid up for the Tramboat trip.

Keith McLennan said that whilst there were no vacancies for Mansfield he will still take names to add to the waiting list.

Yarra Glen race day is 9th April and the City walk to Prahran will be on 22nd March. It is planned that the Lake walk will be some time in April.

Door prize won by Con Kleinsmit.

The speakers to-day were Jeff & Jill Gaff. Jill spoke of the life of women in Moslem Saudi Arabia whilst Jeff explained the origins of Islam and gave insights into how people live within this regime.

The President's last full general meeting was No. 212 on the 14th February. 6 visitors were welcomed Sandy & Helene Orbison, Clive & Joan Bunston and Brian & June Ralphs.

A one minute silence was held to remember Ray Christie who passed on aged 90 on 7th February.

The President inducted Sandy and Clive and welcomed Helene & Joan to the Club. Activities Reports.

Ray Sparkes confirmed that the Yarra Tramboat trip was fully subscribed and finalised.

The March outing is to be a smorgasbord lunch at the Manhattan.

Keith McLennan told members that there would be a Tit for Tat hat competition during one happy hour at Mansfield and to "bring your most treasured possession". Members to BYO lunch for the races on 9th April.

The urban walk will be around Swan and Chapel Streets on Friday 22nd March and the Lake Walk on 26th April.

Bill Molyneux reporting on the MOER AGM advised that Harry Brennan had been duly inducted as President and that he, Bill, had congratulated Harry on behalf of all members. He advised that there had been discussion regarding a per capita charge for ProBus News. The consensus was that clubs should "go slow" until this is resolved.

Bill reminded members that holders of a pension card but not ambulance subscription only had ambulance cover in Victoria.

General Business.

John Nunn gave notice that he will propose at the AGM that the annual fee be increased to \$40 per member.

Nominations for office bearers must be in the hands of the Secretary by 7th March.

Keith McLennan donated a vase of roses to auction for Valentines Day. Len Buckman was the successful bidder at \$10.

Ray Galloway conducted a Heads and Tails competition for a painted plaque donated by Jack Cockroft. The winner was Ron Hand. The collection taken raised \$80.60. The President thanked Jack for his generous donation.

Door Prize was won by Ray Sparkes

The speaker was Virginia Simpson who spoke on the development of the bionic ear. Virginia gave a very informative and personal account of her association with the Bionic Ear Institute and the history of its development by Professor Graeme Clark.

2001 - 2002 Office Bearers.

Office.	Bearer.
President	Kevin Robb
Vice President	Ray Galloway
Treasurer	Con Kleinsmit
Secretary	Lee Brooker
Committee	Harry Brennan
Committee	Keith Taylor
Committee	Ray Sparkes
Committee	John Nunn
Activities	Ray Sparkes/ Ivor Lewis
Almoner	Alby Dowell / Ray Galloway

Speakers	Martin Taylor/ Les Wanstall
Newsletter	Len Buckman
Trips	Keith McLennan/ Lex Lilley/ Jack Coffey
Catering	Keith Taylor
Public Officer	William Bennett
Auditor	Bert Patrick
Assistant Secretary	Bill Molyneux
Assistant Treasurer	John Nunn
Trades register	Bruce Woodward
Club History	Bill Molyneux
Newsletter Delivery	Martin Taylor/ Brian Walsh

2001 - 2002 Attendance.

Month.	Members.	Ladies.	Visitors.	Apologies.
March	54	34	7	8
April	40	31	4	10
May	46	34	5	14
June	48	28	4	18
July	52	27	2	13
August	42	34	2	14
September	40	25	6	15
October	51	33	9	14
November	51	31	4	18
December	50	32	4	13
January 2002	45	33	6	25
February	51	31	6	18

2001 - 2002 Outings and Trips.

Date.	Details.
13th March	City Walk
28th March	Yarra Glen Races
26 th April	Bird & Bottle Lunch
30 th April – 4 th May	Ballarat Car Trip March
24 th May	Toyota Factory
24 th May	Ladies lunch
28 th June	Gippsland Smoke House Gourmet getaway
4 th July	Christmas in July lunch at Lilydale International
26 th July	"Wallaby Rise" Lake Glenmaggie
23 rd August	Kyneton
27 th September	Mystery Trip ???
17 th October	Lillydale Lake Walk & BBQ
22 nd -26 th October	Bright Coach Tour
22 nd November	Point Cooke Air Force Museum and Williamstown
17 th December	Christmas lunch at the R.A.C.V. Country Club.
28 th February 2002	Yarra Tramboat

2001 - 2002 Guest Speakers.

Meeting Number.	Date.	Speaker.	Subject.
202	12th April	Philip White	His experiences leading up to and in the Viet Nam War.
203	10th May	John Lahey	"Faces of Federation. Prominent and "behind the scenes" figures of this time
204	14 th June	Mrs Jane Calder	Galapagos Islands
205	12 th July	Christine Fyffe	Life in the Public Eye
206	9 th August	John Kennedy	Australian Rules Football
207	13 th September	Bryan Neal	Fire Investigation
208	11 th October	De Lacey Lowe	Melbourne Trams
209	8 th November	Keith Taylor, John Astley, Doug Mackie & Bernie Burgi	Keith - on life in Henty N.S.W in the motor trade . John – on coping with bereavement. Doug – on a first parachute jump. Bernie – The experiences of the early settlers in the Wandin area
210	13 th December	Rev. Jock Ryan	Cranks, Crooks and Chaos in Early Melbourne
211	10 th January 2002	Jeff & Jill Gaff	Jill spoke of the life of women in Moslem Saudi Arabia and Jeff explained the origins of Islam.
212	14 th February	Virginia Simpson	The development of the bionic ear.

2001 - 2002 New Members.

Date.	Member.	Partner.
12th April	Hugh Macauley	Betty
12th April	Doug Mackie	Marion
12 th July	Jim Pugh	Marge
8 th November	Barry Wilding	Doreen
13 th December	Graeme West	Jan
13 th December	John Dineen	Lorraine
14 th February 2002	Sandy Orbison	Helene
14 th February	Clive Bunston	Joan

2001 - 2002 Resignations.

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of Membership
Jack Keefe		14/02/1991-03/03/2001
Michael Clancy		10/01/2000-12/04/2001
John Astley		10/02/2002-31/12/2001

2001 - 2002 Bereavements.

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of membership.
Ray Christie		11/04/1996-07/02/2002

Shirley Macintosh		
Nan Appleby		

“O.B.E’s” Presented.

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