

CHAPTER 4.

PRESIDENT ALBY DOWEL 2003 – 2004

President Ray welcomed 46 members, 28 ladies 13 visitors – Maureen Grigg, Margaret Aitken (MOER), Clyde Aitken (Ringwood), John Duke & Bob Sellick (Montrose), Bruce Wadson, Les Matthews & David Grover (Mooroolbark), Bev Simmonds & Joan Hill (Healesville Valley Ladies), Kel Milbourne, Shirley Martin & Dorothy Hill (Lilydale Ladies).

Activities Reports

Kevin Cant reminded members of the forthcoming trip to Lorne.

Kevin thanked all who had helped him over the past year.

David Watson thanked Kevin and his crew for a job well done and advised that the programme for the coming year was virtually complete. He called for all proposed trips be minuted as official club activities. Seconded Henri Lausberg and Carried.

Keith McLennan reminded members of the Urban Walk on the 11th April, Yarra Glen Races on the 6th May and Norfolk Island from 21st to 28th May.

MOER Harry Brennan reminded members of the picnic on the 31st March.

Notice of Motion.

Secretary Lee proposed, seconded by Henri Lausberg that the By-Laws as notified be adopted. Carried.

1. Membership

Membership shall be limited to sixty (60) active members not including life or honorary members.

2. Fees

Shall be –

Joining Fee - \$25.00

Annual Subscription - \$40.00.

New members joining after 31st May shall pay a pro-rated amount equal to \$10.00 for each remaining quarter of the year after the joining date.

3. Meetings

(a) General meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of each month unless the committee of management agrees that circumstances deem otherwise.

(b) Committee meetings shall be held as determined by the President and agreed by the committee of management.

4 Rules

A copy of the Rules of the Club shall be made available to active or life members on request.

5. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at a general meeting of the Club, a quorum being present, by the affirmative vote of not less than three-quarters of the members present and voting, notice of such proposed amendment having been published to all members at least 21 days before such meeting.

General Business.

The 20th Anniversary lunch will be held on Monday 2nd June at the Kilsyth Club. Further to be advised.

Lex & Peg Lillie were congratulated on celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Also, on 11th April, Brian and Myra Walsh will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Door Prize was won by William Bennett.

Brad Martin, Parks Manager was invited into the meeting and presented with a certificate and gift to thank the Lake Team for their assistance and support over the years.

The meeting closed for a short break prior to the A.G.M.

At 10.45 a.m. President called the meeting to order for the 20th Annual General Meeting.

President Ray presented his report. Alby Dowel proposed and Laurie Bolton seconded that his report be accepted. Carried.

Treasurer's report was presented and accepted.

The President then declared all committee positions vacant and Public Officer William Bennett took the Chair.

Nominations for the incoming Committee were read out by the President and accepted on the nomination of Henri Lausberg, seconded Brian Walsh. The officers are shown at the end of this chapter.

The President recalled Ray to the Chair to induct Alby Dowel as the new President by and presented him with his Chain, pin and name bar.

President then inducted his committee presenting each with his name bar and pin. He also announced his auxiliary committee whose names also appear at the end of the chapter.

President Alby then inducted Past President Ray and Past Secretary Lee with their appropriate pins.

He then addressed the meeting saying that the new Committee was committed to ensuring that the Club continued to provide an enjoyable venue for socialising and activities.

The birthday cake was cut by the President & Past President and all present were invited to stay for refreshments.

President Alby opened his first meeting, No. 226, as President and welcomed 44 members, 34 ladies and 6 visitors – Kel Milbourne, Bruce & Pam Wadeson, Thomas Lyttle and John & Alison Wicks.

The President inducted Bruce Wadeson as a member and welcomed his wife Pam. Bruce was no stranger to ProBus Clubs as a past member and President of the Box Hill ProBus Club .

Activities Reports.

Kevin Cant reported on the Lorne trip and thanked all who had helped him over the past year.

Keith Quibell reminded members of the following

April 24th Manhattan - lunch

The Anniversary Lunch will be held at the Kilsyth Club on Monday 2nd June.

24th July Science Works

Mount Gambier.

Keith McLennan advised that there were two vacancies for the car trip and reminded members of the following

11th April Urban Walk

6th May Yarra Glen Races

21st May Norfolk Island.

MOER Harry Brennan said the picnic was an enjoyable day attended by several members.

General Business.

The Anniversary lunch will comprise a 3 course meal including a choice of main courses. Seating will be at round tables of 10 with no prior placements.

The Committee has recommended that the Christmas Lunch be at the R.A.C.V. Country Club on Monday 15th December. The recommendation was Carried.

The winner of the door prize was Bert Patrick.

Clive Bunston introduced the speaker for the day, Ted Pritchard. Ted, a self-proclaimed steam addict, gave a very interesting talk on the history and development of steam for power and his aspirations for the future of steam.

President Alby welcomed 51 members, 47 ladies and two visitors Kel Milbourne and Jim McMinn to the 227th meeting on the 8th May.

Activities Reports.

Keith Quibell reported on the Manhattan lunch and reminded members of the trip to ScienceWworks and the Lindsay Fox Museum and the Mt Gambier buy trip.

Clive Bunston reported back on the Bendigo car trip and said how the contributions made by all had enhanced the enjoyment.

The report back on the Urban walk was given by Ian Robinson.

MOER There will be an information day on 29th May.

Keith McLennan advised that the Yarra Glen Races had been cancelled and told members that the Car Trip for 2004 would be to Moama. A deposit of \$50 will be required by the 11th September.

General Business

Bruce Woodward asked members to advise him of good tradesmen for the Contacts File.

Jean Aird was congratulated on her receiving the Centenary Award Medal.

President Alby's son had also been awarded this medal.

Members were advised that they must confirm attendance at the 20th Anniversary lunch to-day.

The door prize was won by Ray Galloway.

The Speaker to-day was Ken Haymes of State Trustees. Ken covered the wide range of services provided by this organisation.

Unusually, the June meeting was opened by Foundation President Stan Moser to acknowledge the Club's 20th birthday. President Alby then welcomed members, ladies and 5 visitors, John & Alison Wicks, Tom Lavery, Jim McMinn & Tom Lyttle.

It was the sad task of Bill Molyneux to pay a personal tribute to the memory of Martin Taylor. Martin was a very active member of our club and organised the speakers for many years. He was V.P. in 1987 and President in 1988 and took part of most of the club activities. He was made a Life member in 2000.

The order of Business was then suspended so that the Treasurer could make a short slide presentation as to how spectacles donated by members are re-used in Nepal.

Activities.

Keith Quibell gave a report on the Mount Gambier trip and advised that the cost for the ScienceWorks trip had been reduced.

Due to Privacy Laws it will not longer be permitted for the Emergency Contacts list to be used by the Club.

Keith McLennan reported on the 20th Anniversary Lunch. Attendees included Derek Reeve-Cox and Colin Dean who were so involved in the formation of the club. Foundation President Stan Moser and President Alby cut the birthday cake. The work done by President Alby and P.P. Ray Galloway in organising the lunch was acknowledged with acclamation.

General Business.

MOER President Ann Oughtibridge will be a special guest at the August meeting.

A rug formed the prize for a raffle held during the break.

The door prize winner was Michael Carter.

Lance Cooke of Victorian Organ Donor Services was the speaker.

Meeting No. 229 was opened by President Alby who welcomed members, ladies and 6 guests.

The President inducted 3 new members, John Wicks, Jim McMinn and Tommy Lyttle and welcomed their partners Alison, Brenda and Peggy.

The club accepted with regret the resignation due to ill-health of Keith Appleby.

Activities.

Keith McLennan confirmed the Moama trip dates and that a \$50 deposit was required by the September meeting.

General Business.

The MOER President will be an official guest at the August meeting.

Kevin Cant won the door prize.

Ken Larkin and his team from the Bank of Melbourne spoke on the Australian Banking System and how members can assess various banking options.

The President welcomed MOER President Anne Oughtibridge, 41 members, 19 ladies and guest Jean Gray from Terang to the 230th meeting of the club on 13th August.

Members stood to remember Marge Brennan who had passed away the previous day.

The resignation of Fred Pate was accepted.

Activities.

David Watson reported on the ScienceWorks and Lindsay Fox Museum trip which he said had been enjoyable despite the inclement weather.

The Kelly Gang Tour has been cancelled due to lack of support and in lieu there will be a lunch at the Manhattan Hotel on the 28th August.

David advised members that the cost of the TramBoat Tour will be \$40.

MOER.

David Watson also reported on their meeting on the 11th August which included a forum on the Constitution & Bye-Laws of Clubs.

MOER President Anne spoke of the value of exchanging information between clubs in the region and the personal contact at regional functions. The President presented Anne with a copy of "Friendship Through The Years".

General Business.

Dot Cant & Con Kleinsmit were the winners of the Lucky Ticket Draw and John Wicks won the door prize.

The speaker was Bruce Evans of Boys Town Family Care. He spoke of the work of counselling boys & others in need of support to cope with the underlying problems which exist in to-day's community.

President Alby welcomed members, ladies and visitors Tony & Beryl Owen, Karl & Margaret Tok & Myrtle Breen to the September meeting.

The club remembered, with a time of silence, John Loutit who had died since the last meeting.

Activities Report.

42 attended the lunch at the Manhattan and all enjoyed the outing.

David Watson advised members that there were till vacancies for the TramBoat Tour. The bus trip to Mount Gambier only interested 24 people but 35 were needed to break even. The trip was therefore cancelled.

Hugh Macauley, who won the Canberra Heritage Hotel prize, reported on his visit.

The door prize was won by Bruce Wadson.

The speaker for this meeting was Miss Marjorie Swales who spoke on her involvement with the Prisoner Network Ministries in counselling and helping female prisoners with their rehabilitation.

45 members, 31 ladies and visitors Chris Meyer, Ron & Judy Ferguson and visitors from the U.K. Henry & Beryl Matthews were welcomed to the October meeting.

Under the Treasurer's report it was proposed and agreed that the club would subsidise all members attending the Christmas lunch to an amount of \$5.00. Guests will be required to pay the full amount of \$25.00.

Activities Report .

Clive Bunston reported back on the TramBoat Trip which had been greatly enjoyed.

Members were asked to return the member survey which formed part of the September newsletter.

Keith McLennan reported that 6 copies of the club history remained unsold.

Henri Lausberg won the door prize.

The speakers for this meeting were drawn from our own ranks.

Ladies first. Jan West spoke about some of the many and varied highlights of her life. Then Don McLean gave an outline of his family history both in Scotland and in Australia.

President Alby presided over the 233rd meeting on the 13th November and welcomed members, ladies and guests Mac & Elaine McCarthy and Chris Meyer.

The passing of Len Buckman and Betty Grant was marked with a time of silence.

Activities Report.

David Watson advised that 40 had registered to see "Calendar Girls".

Keith McLennan reported that there is one vacancy for Moama.

The MOER programme for 2004 is as follows:

29th March Regional Picnic at Maroondah Reservoir

31st May Information Day

29th October Spring Lunch at R.A.C.V. Healesville

General Business.

William Bennett advised members that Rotary Christmas puddings and cakes were available for to be ordered.

Ivor Lewis won the door prize, and the Lucky Tickets by Ted Douglas and Aileen Coffey.

The speaker was Fran Sirio of Australian Pacific Touring. Her presentation which included videos of many and varied locations was greatly enjoyed by all.

The 234th general meeting took place on 11th December with 49 members, 31 ladies and 4 guests in attendance, Ron & Judy Ferguson, Mac & Elaine McCarthy.

Activities Report.

David Watson reported on the outcome of the activities survey from the 47 respondents.

Members indicated a preference for alternate coach and other outings. To retain the annual car trip. To include extended coach trips every two years and to use car pooling for some outings.

The January meeting will be followed as usual by a BBQ.

Bert Walker reviewed the Calendar Girls film and lunch.

Members were reminded that cakes and puddings needed to be collected to-day.

Con Kleinsmit won the door prize.

The last speaker for 2003 was John Barclay who spoke on his teaching experiences in Nepal and India.

The first meeting for 2004 was opened by President Alby welcoming members, ladies and 9 guests. The guests were January & Don Kinnersley, Mary & Glen Paterson, Kath & Jim Mc Wharton, Mac & Elaine McCarthy and from the Port Macquarie Combined Probus – Gay Cowan.

Activities Report.

The Christmas lunch was voted a success as was the seating and service.

86 planned to attend the BBQ.

David Watson reminded members that payment for the Nagambie trip on 26th February is due at the February meeting.

Keith McLennan reminded that the Yarra Glen Races would be on 19th April and the date for the City Walk will be announced next month.

Keith McLennan also handed out information for the Moama trip.

MOER Report.

Harry Brennan advised that the MOER A.G.M. will be held on 9th February 7 the annual picnic will be at Maroondah Dam on 29th March.

General Business.

Secretary Graeme advised that our A.G.M. will be held on the 11th March and that nomination forms were available to-day. Also the normal meeting will follow the A.G.M.

Don McLean celebrated his 80th birthday this month and this was remembered by presenting him with his O.B.E. medal.

Others reaching this milestone this month were Gladys Allen and Rene Christie.

Don McLean made it a double by winning the door prize.

The February meeting on 12th February was opened by President Alby who welcomed members, ladies and 9 guests, two of whom are candidates for induction this month, Ron & Judy Ferguson, Charles (Mac) & Elaine McCarthy, Jim & Kath McWharton, Kellie Heber-Percy and Mary & Glenn Paterson.

The President duly inducted Ron Ferguson and Charles (Mac) McCarthy and presented them with their Probus Club pins and names badges. He also welcomed their wives Judy and Elaine and presented them with name badges.

Members were reminded to collect their "Notice of Meeting" for the A.G.M.

John Nunn reported that the caterer chosen for the January BBQ had not performed as required in that there was not sufficient food and he was late. John therefore demanded that the caterer refund the money paid him. Members were reimbursed.

Activities Report.

David Watson advised that 26 have booked for the Nagambie trip. The City/ Urban walk to Lygon Street and Federation Square will be on 25th March.

General Business.

In the months leading up to the February meeting the President learned that Peg Lillie was shortly to celebrate her 80th birthday. Knowing that Peg enjoyed a good laugh Alby decided to buy her an O.B.E medallion. As expected Peg did greatly enjoy the fun. This led Alby to discuss the presentation of an O.B.E. to all our members in the month of their attaining their four score years.

Harry Brennan celebrated his 80th birthday this month and became the first member to be presented with his O.B.E. by President Alby.

Members were asked to bring a plate of refreshments for the A.G.M.

The door prize was won by Arthur Coster

S/C Donna Hansen spoke on "Living confidently in our community". They opined that such confidence comes from better information & understanding of what we can do to avoid "difficult" situations.

2003 – 2004 Office Bearers.

Office	Bearer
President	Alby Dowel
Vice President	Bill Molyneux
Secretary	Graeme West
Treasurer	John Nunn
Committee	Keith Taylor
Committee	Ian Robinson
Committee	Ray Galloway
Committee	David Watson
Activities	David Watson, Keith Quibell & Con Kleinsmit
Almoner	Doug Lewis
Speakers	Martin Taylor, Clive Bunston & Hugh

	Macaulay
Newsletter	Len Buckman
Trips	Keith McLennan, Lex Lillie, Jack Coffey & Ray Galloway
Catering	Keith Taylor & Kevin Izzard
Public Officer	William Bennett
Auditor	Bert Patrick
Assistant Secretary	Lee Brooker
Trades Register	Bruce Woodward
Club History	Bill Molyneux
Newsletter Delivery	Brian Walsh
Welcoming Officer	Bert Milgate & Ray Galloway
Tea Roster	Alby Dowel & Ray Galloway
MOER Delegate	Harry Brennan

2003 – 2004 Attendance.

Month.	Members.	Ladies.	Visitors.	Apologies.
March	46	28	13	22
April	44	34	6	13
May	51	47	2	12
June	41	33	5	6
July	45	35	6	12
August	41	19	2	21
September	44	30	5	25
October	45	31	5	25
November	48	36	3	15
December	49	31	4	19
January 2004	47	36	9	14
February	49	38	6	18

2003 – 2004 Outings and Trips.

Date	Details
27 th March	Lorne
11 th April	Urban Walk to Moonee Ponds
24 th April	Lunch at the Manhattan
28 th April – 2 nd May	Car trip to Bendigo
6 th May	Yarra Glen Races
21 st – 28 th May	Norfolk Island
2 nd June	20 th Anniversary Lunch at Kilsyth Club
24 th July	Science Works & Lindsay Fox Museum
28 th August	Lunch at Manhattan Hotel
25 th September	TramBoat Tour & River Cruise
29 th October	MOER Spring Lunch
31 st October	Lilydale Lake Walk & BBQ
27 th November	“Calendar Girls” Film at Waverley Cinema
15 th December	Christmas Lunch at R.A.C.V.
8 th January 2004	BBQ at Lilydale Lake
26 th February	Nagambie Coach Trip

2003 – 2004 Guest Speakers

Meeting Number.	Date.	Speaker.	Subject.
226	10 th April 2003	Ted Pritchard	Steam engines
227	8 th May	Ken Haymes	Services provided by State Trustees.
228	12 th June	Lance Cooke	Victoria Organ Donation Service
229	10 th July	Ken Larkin & Others	Banking Systems and Financial Planning
230	13 th August	Bruce Evans	Boystown Family Care
231	11 th September	Marjorie Swales	Prison Network Ministries
232	9 th October	Don McLean & Jan West	Personal Experiences
233	13 th November	Fran Sirio	Australian Pacific Touring
234	11 th December	John Barclay	Education in Asia
235	12 th February	Donna Hansen	

2003 – 2004 New Members.

Date.	Member.	Partner.
April	Bruce Wadson	Pam
July	John Wicks	Alison
July	Tommy Lyttle	Peggy

2003 – 2004 Resignations.

Name	Position(s) Held	Dates of Membership
Keith Appleby		14 th May 1998 – 18th May 2003
Fred Pate		8th February 2001 – 14th August 2003

2003 – 2004 Bereavements.

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of Membership.
Martin Taylor	President 1998-1999, Life Member 11 January 2001, Speakers 1994 – 1998 & 1999 - 2003	10th September 1992 – 18 th May 2003.
John Loutit		11 th July 2002 – 17 th August 2003
Len Buckman	News Letter Editor 1999 – 2003	10 th April 1997 – 11 th November 2003

2003 – 2004 “O.B.E.’s” Presented.

Name.	Date of Birth .
Don McLean	15 th January 1924

Harry Brennan	19 th February 1924
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