

CHAPTER 5.

PRESIDENT BILL MOLYNEUX 2004 – 2005

The President welcomed members, ladies and 11 guests. Clyde & Margaret Aitken from M.O.E.R., Jin & Kath McWharton, Clive Manly Heathmont Probus & M.O.E.R, Peg Smith Lilydale Probus, Joyce Summers Lilydale Probus, Kellie Heber-Percy, Chris & Berna Meyer, Marj Hookey Mooroolbark Combined Probus, Monika Critchley Ringwood East Probus, and David Grover Mooroolbark Combined Probus, Burni Bergi was presented with a Foundation Member pin by the President and Stan Moser spoke of Berni's contribution to the club.

Glenn Paterson and Chris Meyer were inducted into the club and with their wives Mary and Berna were welcomed and given their badges and pins.
Activities.

The President presented Certificates of Appreciation to John Nunn, Con Kleinsmit, Dough Lewis, Brian Walsh and Keith Taylor

David Watson reported back on the trip to Nagambie and was happy to give refunds to members due to the large number of attendees.

Keith McLennan reminded members that the Urban walk will be on the 25th.

M.O.E.R. Nothing to report.

Door prize was won by Keith Taylor.

The meeting was closed at 10.20 and after a 10 minute break was re-opened as the 21st Annual General Meeting by President Alby. Guests from other clubs were Clyde & Margaret Aitken (M.O.E.R.), Clive Manley (Heathmont) Joyce Summers & Pat Smith (Lilydale Ladies), Marg Hookey & David Grover (Mooroolbark) and Monica Critchley (Ringwood East).

The President presented his report for the year 2003/2004 which was received on the motion of Ray Galloway, seconded by Ivor Lewis and CARRIED.

Also presented and carried was the Treasurer's report.

The President then declared all positions vacant and the chair was taken by Public Officer William Bennett. He read out the main nominations which equalled the positions and these were duly elected in accordance with the list of Office Bearers at the end of this chapter.

Outgoing President Alby inducted incoming President Bill Molyneux with acclamation. President Bill then inducted his new Committee, presenting each with their appropriate name bar and label. President Bill also presented Alby with his Past President's pin, past Treasurer's pin to John Nunn and name bar to Almoner Ted Brookes. President Bill then inducted the nominees for the subsidiary positions which are also listed at the end of the chapter.

President Bill spoke of his aims and desires for the club in the forthcoming year.

The meeting was closed at 11.10 a.m. with the cutting by Alby & Bill of the birthday cake which was followed by refreshments and fellowship.

The 238th meeting of the club was opened by President Bill at 9.30 a.m. on the 8th April as his first full general meeting. In addition to members and ladies there were guests, Lorris Miller, Kath & Jim McWharton and Peter Tucker and 20 apologies. Bill outlined for members some procedural items which he felt would help in the conduct of meetings.

Apologies must be authentic

Mover/Secunder should stand to be identified.

Any one asking a question to give their name

Brevity in all things

Ladies were reminded that they do not have a vote.

Car Parking. The first bay is reserved for deliveries.

Owen Egan and Les Wanstall were presented with the O.B.E. by President Bill and their attainment was remarked upon by Bert Milgate and Stan Pickersgill respectively.

President Bill then presented Past President Alby with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked him for his contribution to the club in many capacities.

Activities Report.

David Watson reported back that 28 members attended the M.O.E.R. picnic despite the rain.

Keith McLennan reported on arrangements for the car trip to Moama, Yarra Glen races on 19th April and Lake Walk & BBQ on 19th May.

General Business.

Golden Wedding Anniversaries were celebrated this month by William & Audrey Bennett and Kevin & Dorothy Cant. President Bill congratulated them on behalf of all the members.

Keith Taylor won the door prize AGAIN!

Past member John Coffey's death was reported.

The speakers today were our own members David & Rhonda Watson who spoke about "Our teaching in China" A very interesting talk accompanied by many pleasing slides.

On the 13th May President Bill welcomed members, ladies and 8 visitors, Philip & Maureen Venn, Colin & Joy Krause, Jim & Kath McWharton, Ian Walker and Peter Tucker.

For those who missed it last month the President listed again the procedural matters.

Jim McWharton was inducted as a member by the President and his wife Kath was welcomed. Both were given their name badges and pins.

Activities Reports.

The Manhattan lunch was happily attended by 50 members and ladies.

Keith McLennan advised members that the Lake Walk was now on the 26th May.

A good day was had by all who went to the Yarra Glen races

John Nunn reported on the great programme on the Moama trip.

M.O.E.R.

Harry Brennan advised that there will be an information day on 21st May and the Spring lunch will be held on 29th October.

General Business.

The door prize was won by Don McLean.

Margaret Clifford spoke on her upbringing in South Africa and her decision to start a new life in Australia. She displayed photographs, clothing, food and personal effects as part of her presentation.

Meeting No. 240 was opened by President Bill on the 10th June 2004, when he welcomed members, ladies and 4 visitors, Alwyn Burney a member of Wantirna Heights Combined Probus, Kellie & Rosalind Heber-Percy and Ian Walker. .

Kellie Heber-Percy was inducted and presented with his pin and name badge. His wife Rosalind was welcomed.

Activities Reports.

David Watson reported that 34 attended the Waverley Cinema outing.

Keith McLennan reported on the arrangements for the car trip in 2005 to Bright. He also advised that the 2006 trip will be to the R.A.C.V. Cobram.

M.O.E.R. Nothing to report.

General Business.

President Bill advised that concerns were being expressed that high numbers of attendees were posing problems in relation to seating and safety. The Club will have a full quota of members when the three applications currently pending are inducted.

It was therefore agreed that no admissions for new members will be accepted after this meeting.

Door prize was won by Ray Galloway.

Liz Bailey of Metro Ambulance spoke of her life in the service and took us through a case study of a heart attack incident to illustrate each aspect of the Service.

The President opened the July meeting and welcomed members, ladies and 2 visitor, namely Ian Walker and Peter Tucker .

Activities Reports.

David Watson reported on the success of the 21st birthday lunch. During the lunch Arthur Coster was made a Life Member to recognise his services to the club. Much to his surprise!

Members can join with other groups to attend an APT Tours presentation.

There will be an urban tour of the National Art Gallery on the 26th August and an Indian lunch in Lilydale on the 23rd September.

General Business.

President Bill conveyed the news that a tree near the BBQ area at the lakeside had been planted and had been designated as The Len Buckman Memorial Tree. Len had requested that his ashes be scattered here.

A head and tails competition was won by Aileen Coffey and Bert Walker won the door prize.

The President , as usual, read out the birthdays for the month with special reference to Kath Hill on her 90th and Arthur Coster on his 95th

David Larkworthy spoke on the last days of the British Raj during which time he was in fulltime military service in India. He spoke of the problem of dealing with soldiers who spoke many languages.

On the 12th August President Bill welcomed members, ladies and 1 guest, Peter Tucker to the 242nd general meeting of the club.

Peter was inducted as a member and given his badge and pin. His partner Lois Husband was unable to attend.

Activities Reports.

Keith Quibell reported on a most enjoyable trip to Rupertswood, Sunbury and the Organ Pipes National Park.

Keith McLennan advised that the Yarra Glen races in 2005 will be on the 18th April. M.O.E.R. President Bill reported on behalf of Harry Brennan:

A new ProBus club has been formed at Wantirna Heights.

2 or 3 extra clubs are joining M.O.E.R.

The Ringwood East and Upper Yarra Ladies Clubs are looking for members from other clubs to make up numbers for trips within Australia

General Business.

It was recommended that Berni Burgi's member status be changed to that of "Non-Active". AGREED.

Betty Izzard was commended for her voluntary work.

Kevin Robb won the door prize.

Our speaker today was Francis Sullivan the C.E.O. of Catholic Health. He spoke on "The future of Aged Care in Australia". A very informative if, sadly, short talk due to travel problems.

At the September meeting President Bill welcomed members, ladies and one visitor, Ian Walker who was inducted.

Ian was provided with a short history of Probus, inducted and presented with his name badge and pin.

Lee Brooker's resignation was accepted with regret and a letter sent to him wishing him well in his employment.

A letter was sent to James Ellis advising that non-payment of his subscription by this meeting would result in his name being removed from the club register, thus terminating his membership.

Activities Reports.

17 members and ladies enjoyed their visit to the National Gallery.

Planned trip to Waverley Cinema to see "Shall we dance" on the 25th November.

M.O.E.R. No report.

General Business.

John Auld was summoned to the front to be presented by President Bill with his O.B.E, his actual 80th birthday being on the 25th September.

Sandy and Helene Orbinson were congratulated are reaching their 49th wedding anniversary – quote from Sandy "... and they said it wouldn't last".

Appropriately the door prize was won by Sandy.

Brad Martin who manages the Lillydale Lake Complex gave a fascinating insight into the origins, development and future of the complex.

The 244th general meeting was held on the 14th October. The President welcomed members, ladies and 1 guest, Peter Loosley from Lilydale Rotary Club.

Activities Reports.

David Watson advised that 31 attended the very pleasant Indian lunch.

He also laid out all the details for the Mildura trip.

The Christmas Lunch, as in past years, will be at the R.A.C.V. Country Club on the 20th December.

Also, as usual, there will be a BBQ after the January meeting.

Keith McLennan reminded members of the Lake Walk on the 5th of November.

Also the Bright Motel venue for the car trip has had to be cancelled as there was not enough accommodation. In lieu thereof he has booked the club into the Inverloch Holiday Park on the same dates. He asked all members to confirm that they will still go to the changed venue.

M.O.E.R. Nothing reported.

General Business.

Peter Loosley addressed the meeting regarding the sale of Christmas cakes and puddings. Orders will be delivered at the December meeting.

Con Kleinsmit was awarded the O.B.E. by President Bill.

Con also won the door prize.

Community Radio was the subject of our speaker to-day. The speaker being our own Elaine McCarthy. Elaine volunteers at Radio Yarra Valley FM 99.1 and she explained it's development, staffing and contribution to the Valley.

President Bill welcomed members and ladies to the November meeting. There were no visitors to-day.

The committee has agreed to approach the Dept of Human Services for a grant for a new sound system. The formal request was sent out earlier this month.

Activities Reports.

Chris Meyer reported back on the bus trip to Mildura. Members were kept busy with visits to local attractions and a good time was had by all who attended. David regretted that the bus was not filled.

Keith McLennan reported that once again the lake walk and BBQ were rained out.

He advised that the 2005 car trip is fully booked with 2 on the waiting list. The dates have been changed to 3rd to the 7th April 2006.

Anyone wishing to go on the 2006 car trip to Cobram must have their name down and deposit paid by the April 2005 meeting at the latest.

One Club history has been sold and then there were 4.

M.O.E.R. Harry Brennan advised that the next meeting will be later in November, on 30th March 2005 is the picnic day, May is the Information Day and the Spring Lunch in October.

The door prize was won by Les Wanstall.

Following morning tea members were asked to stand at 11.00 a.m. for a minute in silence on this Armistice Day.

The speaker today was Brian Garth who spoke on his ancestors who were First Fleeters and served time in Sydney and Norfolk Island. He was ably assisted by his wife Joyce.

The last meeting for 2004 took place on the 9th December when President Bill welcomed all.

A grant application had been received from the Dept of human Services.

Activities Reports.

David reported that the film "Shall we Dance" was enjoyed by all who attended.

There will be a car trip to the Singing gardens at Toolangi on the 24th February 2005.

M.O.E.R. Harry was able to supply dates for the Spring Lunch – 30th September 2005, Information Day – 27th May and Picnic – 30th March.

General Business.

The Park Manger has provided a Fire Evacuation Plan.

President Bill presented a gift to Brad Martin, Park Manager for all his assistance in the past year.

Ken Brooks won the door prize.

Our last speaker for the year was Jeanette Marshall who has spent a life time in volunteer work including Gowarth Villa and Ronald McDonald House.

The first meeting for 2005 was the 247th and was opened by the President who welcomed members, ladies and two visitors, Doreen Corcoran and Baden Chadwick who is a member of the Ringwood Probus.

A tribute to Berni Burgi, prepared by Keith McLennan, was read by Lex Lillie and members stood to remember his passing.

Members also stood to remember those who lost their lives in the recent tsunami

Our application for a grant towards the sound system was rejected.

Activities Reports.

David Watson thanked Keith McLennan for his excellent organisation of the Christmas Lunch – a most enjoyable function.

The President reported on behalf of Keith McLennan that the urban walk on the 8th April will cover St Kilda and Port Melbourne.

General Business.

The Vice-President advised that there could be unfilled vacancies for the year 2005 - 2006, in particular V.P. and Almoner.

President Bill asked if there was someone who would volunteer to take photographs for the Newsletter etc. Someone with a digital camera would be preferred.

The Secretary announced that the A.G.M. will be held on 10th March 2005, nomination forms will be available at the February meeting.

M.O.E.R. There was no report.

Ian Walker won the door prize.

With the usual January BBQ there was no speaker this month.

President Bill opened the 248th meeting and welcomed members and ladies.

Activities Reports .

The BBQ was reported as having been a great success thanks to Keith & Meredith Quibell.

David Watson thanked Rhonda and his committee for their help with trips and activities over the past year and, in turn, was thanked by President Bill for a years work well done.

Keith McLennan reminded members that payment for Inverloch was required at the April meeting and that booking for Cobram in April 2006 must be reserved by 10th March and the necessary deposit paid by 12th May 2005.

M.O.E.R. Members reminded that the M.O.E.R. A.G.M will be on 14th February. General Business.

President Bill reminded members that they should carry their Emergency/ Contact record at all times.

The President congratulated Keith & Evelyn McLennan on their 60th wedding anniversary on the 25th of January. Also celebrating 60 years of marriage on the 3rd of February were Fred & Marjorie Harding.

A.G.M. The Secretary has the formal Notice of Meeting ready for collection with nomination forms which must be returned to him by 3rd March.

The door prize was won by Ivor Lewis

Anne Baker took us for a walk through the tombstones of the Melbourne General Cemetery and outlined for us the history of the cemetery and early Melbourne together with stories behind some of the more famous and infamous “residents”

2004 – 2005 Office Bearers.

Office	Bearer
President	Bill Molyneux
Vice President	Keith Taylor
Secretary	Graeme West
Treasurer	Doug Lewis
Committee	Ray Galloway
Committee	John Nunn
Committee	Ian Robinson
Committee	David Watson
Activities	David Watson
Almoner	Ted Brookes
Speakers	Hugh Macaulay
Newsletter Editor	Lee Brooker/ Bill Molyneux
Trips	Keith McLennan
Catering	Kevin Izzard
Public Officer	William Bennett
Auditor	Bert Patrick
Welcoming	Bert Milgate
MOER Delegate	Harry Brennan
Bowls	Don Jones
Newsletter Delivery	Brian Walsh
P.A. System	Harry Brennan
Tradesmen	Bruce Woodward

2004 – 2005 Attendance.

Month.	Members.	Ladies.	Visitors.	Apologies.
March 2004	53	36	11	11
April	48	36	3	20
May	53	40	8	11
June	55	43	4	16

July	40	32	2	29
August	53	38	1	5
September	41	27	1	27
October	54	42	1	14
November	58	44	0	14
December	51	35	0	27
January 2005	53	42	2	17
February	54	42	0	17

2004 – 2005 Outings and Trips.

Date	Details
25 th March	Lygon Street & Federation Square Walk
29 th March	MOER Picnic
19 th April	Yarra Glen Races
22 nd April	Lunch at Manhattan Hotel
26 th – 30 th April	Car trip to Moama
26 th May	Lilydale Lake Walk & BBQ
27 th May	Waverley Cinema "In America"
24 th June	21 st Birthday lunch at Kilsyth Club
22 nd July	Trip to "Rupertswood" and Sunbury
26 th August	National Art Gallery tour
23 rd September	Indian Lunch at Severa Lilydale
25 th – 29 th October	Mildura
5 th November	Lake Walk and BBQ
25 th November	Waverley Cinema "Shall we dance"
20 th December	Christmas Lunch at R.A.C.V. Healesville
13 th January 2005	Club BBQ
24 th February	Toolangi Singing Gardens

2004 – 2005 Guest Speakers

Meeting Number.	Date.	Speaker.	Subject.
238	April	Rhonda & David Watson	Education in China
239	May	Margaret Clifford	Life in Africa
240	June	Liz Bailey	Life in the Metropolitan Ambulance Service
241	July	David Larkworthy	Last days of the British Raj in India
242	August	Francis Sullivan	Future of Aged Care in Australia
243	September	Brad Martin	The Development of Lilydale Lake
244	October	Elaine McCarthy	Community Radio
245	November	Brian Garth	First Fleet & Australia
246	December	Jeanette Marshall	Leukaemia Foundation
248	February	Anne Baker	Tombstones at Melbourne General Cemetery

2004 – 2005 New Members.

Date.	Member.	Partner.
11 th March 2004	Glenn Paterson	Mary
March	Chris Meyer	Berna
May	Jim McWharton	Kath
June	Kellie Heber-Percy	Rosalind
August	Peter Tucker	Lois

2004 – 2005 Resignations.

Name	Position(s) Held	Dates of Membership
Lee Brooker	Secretary 2001 – 2003	13 th April 2000 – and September 2004

2004 – 2005 Bereavements.

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of Membership.
Berni Burgi	Foundation Member	2 nd June 1983 – 3 rd January 2005.

2004 – 2005 “O.B.E.’s” Presented.

Name.	Date of Birth.	Date of Presentation.
Owen Egan	29 th April 1924	8 th April 2004
Les Wanstall	13 th April 1924	8 th April 2004
John Auld	25 th September 1924	9 th September 2004
Con Kleinsmit	2 nd October 1924	14 th October 2004