

CHAPTER 7.

PRESIDENT JOHN WICKS : 2006 – 2007

President Keith welcomed members, ladies and guests to the March general meeting. Our guests to-day were – Don & Norma McMurray, Murray & Jean Bird, Russ Handasyde, Suzanne Campbell from M.O.E.R., Clyde & Margaret Aitken also from M.O.E.R., Marcia Allwell, Les Matthews & Anne Oughtibridge from Mooroolbark Combined Probus, Robert Tyres-Moorhouse from Seville Probus, Dr Bill Hardy from Lilydale Rotary, Ray Cowie & Clive Manly from Heathmont Probus.

The President welcomed new members Don McMurray and Murray Bird and presented them with their Probus pins, names badges and emergency packs. The President also welcomed their wives Norma and Jean and gave them their name badges and emergency packs.

Activities Reports.

Les Wanstall reported on the M.O.E.R. picnic and advised that the Spring Lunch will be held on the 29th June 2006.

John Nunn noted that some 93% of members attended at least one outing with many attending eight or more. As an example the coach for the South Gippsland Rail Trip was full.

John Dineen won the door prize.

The President closed the general meeting at 10.30 a.m. and re-convened the meeting as the A.G.M. He then presented his Report for the year.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Kevin Izzard (Catering), Doug Lewis (Treasurer) and Graeme West (Secretary) in recognition of their services to the Club in their various capacities.

The Treasurer presented his report, received on his motion, seconded by Harry Brennan and CARRIED.

President Keith then declared all positions on the Committee of management vacant and called on Public Officer, William Bennett, to take the Chair. The Chairman read out the nominations which equalled the positions vacant and all were therefore declared elected. Their names and positions are listed at the end of this chapter, as usual.

Past President Keith then inducted incoming President John Wicks by presenting him with his symbols of office – President's collar, Collar Bar, President's pin and Club history book. Other officers were presented with appropriate Office pins and name tags. These were all done with acclamation. The President and Secretary Graeme nominated and seconded for election as auditor (Bert Patrick) and Public Officer (William Bennett) and there being no other nominations they were declared elected. P.P. Keith was presented with his Past President's pin.

Dr Bill Hardy, representing the Rotary Club of Lilydale addressed the meeting.

President John spoke of his hopes for the coming year and thanked all who had brought refreshments. He and the P.P. cut the birthday cake.

President John welcomed members, ladies and visitors Adrian & Mable Stukker, Tom & Wilma Jacobs, Jack & Meg McGuinness and Russ Handasyde to his first full meeting as President.

The President congratulated Jim and Doreen Grant on their recent marriage and wished them much happiness together and commiserated with them on the car accident.

Activities Reports.

Keith Taylor reported on the annual car trip to Cobram. 63 members and ladies had enjoyed the 4 days, claimed by some to be the best ever car trip.

Jim McMinn reminded members of upcoming activities

Lunch at the York on Lilydale on the 27th

Bus trip to Maldon on the 25th May.

In June it is expected that there will be a trip to Waverley Cinema and a possible show at the Athenaeum in July.

Keith McLennan advised that the Yarra Glen races had been spoiled by cockchafers and had to be cancelled. On Friday the 5th May we have the Docklands walk.

M.O.E.R. No report.

Our speaker to-day was Joanne Weeks from Southern Cross Railway Station.

Joanne gave a very informative and interesting insight into the changes required to extend and update the old Spencer Street Station into the new Southern Cross.

The 263rd general meeting was held on the 11th May and President John welcomed members, ladies and visitors Jack & Meg McGuinness, Michael Paice and Russ & Geraldine Handasyde.

The President inducted Russ and presented him with his name badge and pin. The President also welcomed Geraldine and gave her her name badge.

Activities Reports.

Con Kleinsmit gave feedback on the 57 who enjoyed the lunch at the York on Lilydale

The urban walk to Docklands was an epic day which included just about everything that could go wrong and during which no Probus member or lady reached further West than Ringwood. Keith McLennan was congratulated on the fact that to make up for everything else the weather was fine.

M.O.E.R. It was not considered surprising that there was no report.

General Business.

The President reminded members that our guest speakers were with us at our request and as such should be treated with the same respect which we show to each other.

Stax the Didgeman took us through how to make and play a didgeridoo . He brought along a number of didgeridoos which he had made and personally decorated.

President John welcomed our visitors Tom Jacobs, Jack & Meg McGuinness and Kelvin Thomas together with members and ladies to our June meeting.

John Turner was awarded his O.B.E. amid acclamation.

Activities Reports.

Ian Walker reported on the Maldon bus trip which had been greatly enjoyed by 43.

Secretary Doug was asked to write to Jenny Svendsen and Cathy McCallum who acted as out tour guides in Maldon. Both are sisters to our own Judy Ferguson.

Bill Molyneux reported on Urban Walk II and advised members not to eat at a certain well known fish & chippery.

The autumn city walk will be another Mk II this time to replicate the first ever City Walk.

Members were requested to pay their deposits for Anglesea at the November meeting.

General Business.

The walking group will meet at Silvan Dam car park at 10.a.m. on the 6th June.

Bill Molyneux raised the question of the efficiency of serving morning tea in the present format.

The door prize was won by Lex Lillie.

The Rev. Dough Goodluck, retired Anglican priest, traveller and raconteur was our speaker to-day. Doug told us true stories and yarns of funny people he had met here and overseas. The laughter level was very high.

President John welcomed 48 members and 36 ladies to the July meeting.

One minutes of silence was observed in memory of Beth Taylor who died on the 9th June 2006.

The President read out the birthdays for July and regretted that Moira Burgi was not able to be present on this special birthday, her 90th.

Activities Reports.

John Auld told the meeting that 40+ people had enjoyed lunch at the Stamford Hotel and the visit to the East Link Display Centre.

Keith McLennan, from the depths of a bag clearly marked "Op Shop", produced the championship trophies for Bocce and golf – many thanks to Bill Molyneux.

Keith McLennan also reminded members of the Spring walk and BBQ to be held at Badger Weir.

John Dineen reported on two other walks, - Silvan Dam to Mount Evelyn and return and Croydon to Ringwood and back.

There was nothing to report from M.O.E.R. However Harry Brennan laid out for members the purpose and aims of this area of Probus.

General Business.

The President presented members with a recommendation from the Committee that due to safety and Insurance concerns, the club's waiting list be closed immediately.

Of the 5 prospective members of the waiting list it was proposed

1. One to be inducted at a future meeting
2. The four remaining applicants be requested to attend no further meeting after their initial visit.

The President emphasised that members are encouraged to bring personal guests, especially folk from other ProBus clubs, interstate and overseas visitors.

The door prize was won by Kevin Robb.

The Vice President introduced our speaker Nicole Everard a lady with a keen sense of humour and an enthusiastic searcher after very old people who live or to be more accurate used to live near Inverloch. She brought casts of bones, teeth and the like of those very old residents, the dinosaurs.

The 266th general meeting of the club was opened by the President who welcomed 47 members and 37 ladies.

The club mourned the death of Aileen Coffey and observed a minute of silence.

Activities Reports.

Kevin Izzard gave a brief summary on the successful trip to the Waverley Cinema.

For some inexplicable reason there was once again nothing to report on the M.O.E.R. front.

General Business.

Following the Committee's recommendation regarding prospective members

President John made it clear that prospective members are welcome to participate at club outings at their own cost.

A Wicks walk is planned for the next day, the 11th August.

John Dineen spoke about the new concession rail fares and had available application forms.

The news letter will be a little late as Bill Molyneux is having a short break.

Lex Lillie won the door prize.

Local historian Sandy Ross imparted some of his passion for the history of settlement here in Lilydale. Sandy explained for "newcomers" how some parts of the area are spelled Lillydale and some Lilydale.

On the 14th September President John welcomed members, ladies and guests Jack & Meg McGuinness.

The President inducted Jack into the Club and presented Jack with his Probus pin and name tag and in welcoming Meg presented her with a name tag.

Activities Reports.

Keith gave an illuminating chat on the adventures at the Templestowe lunch and thanked John Nunn for his capable last minute organising of the event. Jim McMinn advised that due to lack of numbers the visit to the Jewish Museum had been cancelled . This will be replaced by lunch at Henkell's Vineyard. Members were reminded of the Yarra Valley Railway and lunch at the R.S.L. trip on the 23rd November.

Keith McLennan reminded members of the Spring walk and BBQ at Badger's Weir and the date for the Yarra Glen Races on the 2nd February.

The President mentioned the Eastern Palliative Care Senior's Week concert on the 3rd October.

M.O.E.R. Surprise! There was nothing to report.

General Business.

Ted Douglas compared Ian Robinson's hearing aid with his own. Ian paid \$6500 and Ted \$24.95. He invited members to listen to the difference.

The next Wicks Walking Trip to be held on the 15th September, i.e. next day.

Keith Taylor invited all Lawn Bowlers to speak to him about the Heathmont ProBus annual bowls day.

Neil Smith came from Cadbury-Schweppes to talk to us. His fascinating talk covered the history of Cadbury from the 1800's through to the present day. He also explained the many problems involved with allergies and the minefield of labelling.

President John opened the 268th meeting on the 12th October and welcomed members and ladies.

The presentation of his O.B.E. to Henri Lausberg was acclaimed from the floor. Other birthdays were announced as usual and Clive Bunston was asked to be careful on his birthday the next day, Friday the 13th.

Chris Meyer's resignation was tabled. Acceptance was moved by Secretary Doug and seconded by John Auld.

Activities Reports.

The Yarra Valley Rail excursion and lunch at the R.S.L. Club on the 23rd November..

John Turner reported on the very successful lunch at Henkells winery.

Secretary Doug reported on the Wick's Walk to Mullum Mullum Creek and advised that the next walk will be on the 10th November.

Keith Quibell advised that the Maroondah Symphony Orchestra will be performing at Cherry Tree on the 29th October.

The President reported on the Eastern Palliative Care concert, a great concert which, sadly, was poorly supported.

The President reported favourably on the M.O.E.R. Spring lunch. He noted that our club was the best represented at this event

General Business.

A member of Rotary will be at the November meeting to arrange for the purchase of Christmas cakes and puddings.

The door prize was won by Henri Lausberg a suitable recipient on this auspicious day. Ted Brookes and Doug Lewis won tickets for free drinks at the International Club.

Our speaker to-day was Lady Garvie, wife of our Governor. She spoke entertainingly about her 5 years at Government House covering such things as visits around the State, the wide variety of people who had to be entertained and the difficulties of remembering names.

The November meeting was opened by the President who welcomed members ladies and special guest Peter Walter from Rotary.

Last month it was noted that the Secretary hoped that Clive Bunston would have a happy birthday on Friday the 13th. Clive wrote to thank for the get well messages and

assured all that his birthday went off without mishap. Clive reported on the successful Badger Weir stroll and BBQ with plenty of birds.

Activities Reports.

Ray Galloway reminded members that the Yarra Valley Railway trip included lunch at the R.S.L.

Keith Taylor reported on the Maroondah Combined Probus 2nd Birthday function.

M.O.E.R. No report as they are in recess.

General Business.

Bob Holt demonstrated a very large remote control for household gadgets. A useful object. He also read a verse from "Back Block Bellows" by C.J. Dennis to remind us of our recent past history.

The door prize was won by Ron Hand.

Our speaker to-day was Graham Webber from the National Crime Commission. He gave us a detailed insight into the background and workings of the Commission mentioning not only the investigative aspect but also the gathering of general background information. A very complex but interesting topic which was much appreciated by the members.

On the 14th December the President welcomed members and ladies, there were no visitors to-day, to the 270th general meeting.

Activities Reports.

40 people went on the Railway Trolley and had an enjoyable day.

As usual the January meeting will be followed by a Spit roast, B.Y.O. everything else.

Six members visited the Heathmont Bowls Club. Happily, for the 2nd year running, we had members on the winning team, namely Keith Taylor and Sandy Orbison.

M.O.E.R. Minutes of the November meeting were tabled.

General Business.

The Secretary advised that nomination forms for the 2007/8 team will be available at the January meeting and must be returned to him no less than 7 days before the A.G.M.

Disabled car parking. Sadly it is not possible to increase disabled car parking spaces.

John Nunn was thanked for sorting out the Christmas cakes and pudding shemozzle.

Judy McPherson from the Dandenong Ranges Oxfam was our speaker. She presented a number of slides emphasising that one billion people continue to live on less than \$1 per day. The club presented a cheque to Judy towards Oxfam funds.

The first meeting for 2007 was opened by the President who welcomed members and ladies.

Dorothy Adamson who has died in her 96th year was mourned.

The question was raised as to why a cheque had been given to Oxfam at the December meeting. It was established that this was in lieu of a personal gift to the speaker. It was further agreed that whilst Probus is a non-fund raising organisation it is able to present gifts of money as thought appropriate.

The Secretary giving notice of the forthcoming A.G.M. advised members that nomination forms were available from him.

Activities Reports.

Doug Lewis reported on the Christmas lunch with special thanks to Joan Bunston who had kept us entertained with her skills at the piano.

Jim McMinn advised that on the 22nd February there would be self drive trip to the Blue Lotus Water Lily Gardens at Yarra Junction followed by lunch at the Upper Yarra Valley R.S.L.

It was proposed that there be a Round the Bay trip on the 26th April if 40 people agree.

Jim thanked Ray Galloway for acting as locum whilst he, Jim, was in hospital.

Keith McLennan reminded members of the Yarra Glen Races on the 2nd of February.

General Business.

Subscriptions are due at the A.G.M.

The door prize was won by John Auld yet again. John asked that it be re-drawn and this time the winner was Bert Patrick.

Brad Martin was asked to come in and was presented with a gift and the thanks of all members.

Although there was no formal speaker Ted Douglas entertained members with some poetry written by his wife Marlene and Ian Robinson told of some of his ex[periences in Italy and Indonesia.

Members then adjourned for the Annual BBQ which this year was a spit roast.

Regardless of the heat it was a wonderful social event.

President John opened his last full meeting on the 8th February and welcomed members, ladies and one guest Shirley Mitchell.

Activities Reports.

50 people have booked to go to the Blue Lotus Water Lily Gardens.

More volunteers are needed to make up numbers for the Round the Bay trip.

Earlier in the year the walks arranged by the President were known just as the Wicks Walk. In honour of John's dog who always comes on the walks they are now to be known as "Chrissy's Walk" and in this guise would happen on the day after the meeting.

Keith McLennan reported that the turn out for Yarra Glen was the lowest ever and in the heat most if not all attendees lost on the 6th race.

General Business.

Members reminded please to bring a plate to the A.G.M.

Ron Hand was the lucky winner of the door prize. Again!

Keith Quibell advertised the Big Band Recital at Cherry Tree on the 4th March.

M.O.E.R. The minutes of their A.G.M. were received and a request that a member of our Club stand for Vice President

The speaker to-day was Annette Alison who talked about the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the 2nd biggest airline in Australia. After a start 79 years ago the service now has 50 aircraft and flies many million miles a year. A very fascinating talk.

2006 – 2007 Office Bearers.

Office	Bearer
President	John Wicks
Vice President	Keith Quibell
Secretary	Doug Mackie
Treasurer	David Watson
Committee Member	Doug Lewis
Committee Member	Jim McMinn
Committee Member	Ian Robinson
Committee Member	Graeme West
Auditor	Bert Patrick
Public Officer	William Bennett
Almoner	John Dineen/ Alby Dowel
Activities/Trips	Jim McMinn/ Ray Galloway/ Mac McCarthy and Keith McLennan
Welcoming Officer	Bert Milgate/ Alby Dowel
Speakers	Ian Robinson/ Henri Lausberg

Newsletter Editor	Bill Molyneux / David Watson
Catering	Ivor Lewis / Doug Lewis
Newsletter Delivery	Bill Molyneux/ Brian Walsh/ Sandy Orbison/ Kevin Izzard/ Con Kleinsmit & Keith Taylor
P.A. System	Ted Douglas/ Harry Brennan
Trades Register	David Watson
Assistant Secretary	Graeme West
Assistant Treasurer	Doug Lewis
M.O.E.R. Delegate	Harry Brennan/ Bill Molyneux
Evacuation Plan Warden	Keith Quibell/ Bill Molyneux
Inter Club Bowls	Keith Taylor/ Bert Patrick

2006 – 2007 Outings and Trips.

Date.	Details.
23 rd March 2006	Lake Walk & BBQ
3 rd – 7 th April	Car Trip to R.A.C.V. Cobram
27 th April	York on Lilydale Lunch
5 th May	City Walk Docklands
19 th May	Urban Walk
25 th May	Bus trip to Maldon
22 nd June	“Learn about East Link”
27 th July	Waverley Cinema “On a clear day”
24 th August	Lunch at the Templestowe Hotel
28 th September	Lunch at Henkell’s Vineyard
26 th October	Spring Walk and lunch at Badger’s Weir
23 rd November	Healesville Railway Trolley followed by lunch at R.S.L.
18 th December	Christmas Lunch at Bramleigh.
2 nd February	Yarra Glen Races
22 nd February.	Blue Lotus Water Lily Gardens

2006 – 2007 Guest Speakers.

Meeting Number.	Date.	Speaker.	Subject
262	April	Joanne Weeks	Southern Cross Station Development
263	May	Mr. Stax	Didgeridoo plus
264	June	Doug Goodluck	Funny people I have met
265	July	Nicole Everard	Palaeontology
266	August	Sandy Ross	A History of Lilydale
267	September	Neil Smith	History of Cadbury’s and the problems of allergies
268	October	Lady Garvie	Life at Government House
269	November	Graham Webber	National Crime Commission
270	December	Judy McPherson	Oxfam
272	February 2007	Annette Alison	The Royal Flying Doctor Service

2006 – 2007 New Members.

Date.	Member.	Partner.
11 th May 2006	Russ Handasyde	Geraldine
14 th September	Jack McGuinness	Meg

2006 – 2007 Resignations.

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of Membership.
Chris Meyer		11 th April 2003 – 12 th October 2008.

2006 – 2007 Attendance.

Month.	Members.	Ladies.	Visitors.	Apologies.
March.	47	36	15	33
April.	47	38	7	29
May.	45	39	5	28
June.	49	31	4	25
July.	48	36	0	23
August.	47	37	0	29
September.	48	40	2	26
October.	49	30	0	22
November.	47	34	1	18
December.	51	32	0	20
January 2007.	41	32	0	20
February.	49	31	1	21

2006 – 2007 “O.B.E.’s Presented.

Member.	Date of Birth.	Date Presented.
John Turner	24 th June 1926	8 th June 2006.
Henri Lausberg	19 th October 1926	12 th October.