

CHAPTER 8.

PRESIDENT KEITH QUIBELL: 2007 - 2008.

President John Wicks opened the 273rd meeting with the request for members and guests to stand and remember the survivors of the Indonesian disaster the previous day. He then welcomed members, ladies and visitors David & Jillian Ratcliff from the U.K., Wendy McLennan – Lilydale Ladies Probus, Margaret & Clyde Aitken-M.O.E.R. Clive Manly – Heathmont Probus, Marcia & John Allwell – Mooroolbark Combined Probus, David Gibb – Ringwood Probus, and Tim Heenan - Mayor of Lilydale.

Among other birthday good wishes was a special one for Rita Sparkes.

A letter of resignation was received from James Grant which was accepted on the motion of the Secretary and Graeme West. It was noted that club numbers are now at the recommended level and there is no vacancy.

Activities Reports.

President John reported on the visit to the Blue Lotus Water Lily Farm and lunch at the Yarra Junction RSL Club.

The Round the Bay trip will cost \$47 on the 26th April, the M.O.E.R. picnic will occur on the 29th March.

Keith McLennan updated members on the Anglesea trip, City Walk on the 17th of May and advised that there will be a Lake Walk in late April/ May.

Harry Brennan thanked John & Alison on behalf of all the walkers at the previous Chrissy's Walk for the gourmet lunch.

M.O.E.R. John Nunn was congratulated on his appointment as Vice President of M.O.E.R.

General Business.

Members were reminded that 'flu jabs were now available.

Tartan Day dinner, not a Probus function, will be held on the 7th July.

David Watson won the door prize.

President John introduced his guests and relatives Gillian & David Ratcliffe. David spoke of his time as an Anglican priest in various places around the world. Gillian spoke briefly of the difficulty of leaving friends and family to follow David in his calling.

The meeting was closed and then re-opened as the Annual General Meeting.

Apologies were received from 5 Probus Clubs.

President John presented his report for the year as did Treasurer David Watson. It was agreed that the Accounts would be audited on the return from holidays of Auditor Bert Patrick.

The President then declared all positions vacant and Deputy Public Officer Bert Milgate took the Chair.

Nominations for various positions were read out and as nominations equalled positions, the nominees were duly elected. The table at the end of the chapter shows the names.

The Past President then inducted Keith Quibell as the new President and presented him with his symbols of Office, collar, collar bar, Pin and Club History.

Other electees were presented with appropriate pins and name tags.

President Keith and Secretary Doug nominated Bert Patrick as Auditor and William Bennett as Public Officer. They were elected there being no other nominations.

The President then presented his ideas for the forthcoming year and appointed members for other posts.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m. and members and guests joined in a period of fellowship following the cutting of the birthday cake by P.P John and President Keith.

A special thank you to Mavis Bird for the beautiful birthday cake
President Keith opened his first full meeting No. 274 on the 12th April and welcomed members and lady guests.

Activities Reports.

David Watson reported back on the Anglesea car trip which had been a great success. The President advised members that after 20 years Keith McLennan was stepping down from responsibility for arranging car trips. John Wicks has agreed to take on this activity for 2008.

Jim McMinn advised that the Round the bay trip was now fully booked and confirmed the trip to Henkels Wines on the 24th of May.

The car trip next year will be from the 3rd to the 7th March 2008 at Inverloch. There will be a Seminar on the 30th August "Towards Life's End". John Wicks reported on the arrangements so far.

The Chrissy's walk will be on the 16th April.

Jim McMinn won the door prize.

The speaker to-day was Dacre Smyth, a retired Naval Commodore. Dacre spoke humorously of his career in the Navy during and after the second World War. His talk included his involvement in the D-Day landings in Normandy.

The May meeting was opened by President Keith who welcomed members and ladies. There were no visitors this month.

The President congratulated all whose birthdays fell at this time and especially Kevin Izzard who was presented with his O.B.E.

Activities Reports.

John Turner reported on a happy day touring around the Bay.

Jim McMinn circulated a list of proposed trips for 2007/8 with a questionnaire regarding interest for an extended tour,

A vote of confidence was passed to hold the Christmas lunch at Bram Leigh.

On the 17th May the City Walk will take place followed by lunch at the R.A.C.V.

A seminar entitled "Towards life's end" will be held later in the year and a circular giving details was passed around.

M.O.E.R. Harry Brennan has resigned as our M.O.E.R. representative after many years. John Nunn presented a report on his behalf. John noted that of 23 prizes given out at the annual picnic 3 went to members of our Club.

The President was the winner of the door prize.

Peter McPhee spoke about the Kakoda Track and especially of the actions of the 39th Battalion.

The 276th general meeting in June was attended by 53 members, 36 ladies and guests Kelvin Thomas, Karen Gould, Tom & Wilma Jacobs and Ted Brewster, Vice President of the Ringwood Men's Probus Club. The President welcomed all.

Some special anniversaries were announced – Ray Galloway on his 70th birthday, the Club's 24th birthday and the golden wedding anniversary of Con & Marlene Kleinsmit.

Activities Reports.

The Media Mogul reported on the City walk which had been somewhat damp but successful.

Max McKenzie said the lunch at Henkel's Winery had been very enjoyable.

The questionnaire on an extended trip had been returned by a few members but enough to make an informed decision.

The visit to the Waverley Cinema will now be on the 21st of the month.

Christmas in July will be celebrated at the Sky High Restaurant on the 26th of July.

The seminar referred to last month will be held on the 30th August. Further details will be available next month.

M.O.E.R. John Nunn who has taken over as our representative from Harry Brennan reported that their Spring Lunch at Bram Leigh will be held on the 31st October. Jim McMinn was the lucky winner of the door prize. The expected speaker was unable at the last minute to attend and the President, Ian Robinson and Doug Mackie kindly stepped into the breach.

President Keith opened the July meeting and welcomed members, ladies and our guests for the day Tom & Wilma Jacobs on their second visit.

The President congratulated Peter & Lois Tucker on their wedding and Ken & Heather Brooks on their 55th wedding anniversary.

Activities Reports.

The visit to the Waverley Cinema was enjoyed by all both for the company and the film. Even more was the refund.

Keith McLennan reported that the first Club outing in 1983 had been to the Sky High Restaurant and compared the cost this year of \$24.50 with that in 1983 of \$8.50.

The September outing will be on the 27th to Daylesford & the Circle and Willow.

Keith McLennan reported that he had, the previous day, received the tariffs for the visit to the R.A.C.V. Inverloch which were outrageously high. It was agreed to abandon this trip. Keith was however able to replace Inverloch with the R.A.C.V. Cobram at a more reasonable rate but with the date changed to the 14th to the 18th April 2008.

Ian Robinson presented the apologies of last month's absent speaker. She had slept in following a 24 hour stint at work.

M.O.E.R. John Nunn advised that the speaker at the Spring lunch would be Jenny May speaking about the Commonwealth Games Swimming Carnival.

General Business.

There will be two inductions next month.

There will be no Committee meeting in August.

Murray Bird was the winner of the door prize.

The speaker to-day was Simon Purssey who spoke about the taxi industry in Melbourne. An indication of the education of drivers here as compared with London. Here 80 hours of tuition, in London 3 years.

The 278th general meeting was opened by the President who welcomed members, ladies and guests Tom & Wilma Jacobs.

Keith McLennan paid tribute to founding Secretary Bob Shellard following his recent death.

Activities Reports.

The President reported on the Christmas in July lunch. A wonderful social outing, sadly the food did not match and was, at best, adequate.

Due to lack of support the seminar "Towards life's end" has been cancelled. To replace it there will be a self-drive visit to the Big Bouquet in Healesville on the 30th August.

Also the Daylesford trip has been changed to lunch at the Herb Farm in Lilydale on the 29th September.

M.O.E.R. John Nunn advised that there are vacancies for the Spring lunch.

General Business.

George Saaty won the door prize.

Sandy Ross gave a most interesting talk on the history of Lilydale. His talk included the early hotels, the vineyards, the quarry and the coming of the railway and covered the period 1850 - 1905.

In the absence of the President on sick leave, Vice President Bert Patrick opened the September meeting and welcomed members, ladies and 3 visitors, Tom & Wilma Jacobs and Kelvin Thomas.

The Vice President inducted Tom and Kelvin giving them their Probus badges and her name badge to Wilma.

John Dineen reported on the passing of Glenys Winnett, a lady guest for many years. Activities Reports.

The trip to the Big Bouquet was rated successful and a happy time was spent learning about alpacas and gerberas.

Jim McMinn gave notice of upcoming trips as follows:

26th September, as advised last month, the Daylesford trip replaced with lunch at the Lilydale Herb Farm.

25th October – Rhododendron Gardens, self drive.

22nd November Bus trip to the MCG and State Library. Lunch at the Chequers Hotel in South Melbourne.

17th December – Christmas lunch at Bram Leigh.

Keith McLennan advised:

That the Cobram trip is fully booked.

Friday 30th November will be self drive visit to Pound Bend.

Yarra Glen Race Day will be on Friday 21st December,

M.O.E.R. John Nunn advised that 12 of our members attended the Spring lunch.

The annual Picnic at Maroondah Dam will be held on the 31st March 2008.

General Business.

Ted Douglas advised that a State of the Art sound and visual system is being installed in the hall.

Bob Holt was the member lucky enough to win the door prize.

The Health Commissioner for Victoria Beth Wilson was our speaker to-day. She presented a very informative, humorous and musical talk. Her musical interlude was accompanied by our own Henri Lausberg.

The October meeting was opened by the President who welcomed members, ladies and guest Zita Ragg, who is President of M.O.E.R.

Keith McLennan paid tribute to Ron Hand and all stood for a minute of silence in his memory.

Activities Reports.

51 attended the great social event at the Lilydale Herb Farm. John Wicks reported on this event.

Jim McMinn asked members to remember two responsibilities. One, if you have booked for an event and can't come please to let him know. Two, if you are interested in an event ensure that you have put your name down and paid.

M.O.E.R. John Nunn advised that 12 members had booked to attend the Spring Lunch. Annual picnic will be on the 31st of March 2008.

Bert Patrick walked off with the door prize and was threatened with washing up duties in November.

Our speaker was Des Shinkfield who spoke of his early life in banking and then his life in the Navy and in particular the Japanese Kamikaze pilots who damaged H.M.A.S. Australia.

President Keith opened meeting No. 281 and as always welcomed members and ladies. There were no visitors to-day.

The death of Kevin Izzard was remembered by all for his many activities in the Club including kitchen and photographic duties.

Activities Reports.

Doug Lewis told members that he and 33 others went up to the Rhododendron Gardens and a further 6 came for the lunch. A good day was had by all.

For the lunch at Bram Leigh seating will be allocated with two main courses served at alternative seats.

The November walk has been moved to Stiggarts Reserve.

M.O.E.R. John Nunn said that the Spring lunch had been enjoyed by our 12 who attended.

Max McKenzie won the lucky door prize.

Betty Izzard very kindly presented a fruit cake for all to enjoy at the fellowship time.

Laurie Simpson spoke movingly of his time in Korea, and of the medical conditions he met with there.

The last meeting for the year 2007 was opened by the President who welcomed members, ladies and guests Gran & Val Waterworth and John Wigley.

Members stood to remember Helene Orbison who will be sadly missed.

On a happier note President Keith invested Laurie Bolton with his O.B.E.

Owen Egan was inducted as a member. Owen was also a member some years ago and was specially welcomed on his return.

The resignation of Ray Sparkes was accepted with regret.

Activities Reports.

The coach trip to the M.C.G. and visit to the State Library was greatly enjoyed by all the participants.

M.O.E.R. John Nunn presented his report and Christmas greetings.

General Business.

Graeme spoke of proposed changes to the Probus South Pacific rules which our Committee recommends be accepted. This was duly done.

Con Kleinsmit won the door prize.

Robin Bowles, author, reporter and speaker par excellence was our very welcome speaker to-day.

President Keith welcomed members, ladies and Gran & Val Waterworth to the 283rd meeting on the 10th of January 2008.

Letters of resignation were received from George Saaty and Glenn Paterson.

Activities Reports.

Jim McMinn reported the Christmas lunch was a very successful day.

A self drive lunch to the Black Spur Inn on the 23rd of February.

M.O.E.R. John Nunn said there was nothing to report.

General Business.

Secretary Doug gave notice of the A.G.M.

No door prize was presented this month, deferred to February..

Vickie Lamble spoke on the proposed tour to the Blue Water Wonderland Tour in October/ November.

Due to problems with the caterers, the usual January BBQ the President invited members to a brunch in the hall. This proved to be a very successful idea and all enjoyed a happy occasion and warm thanks were given to the "cheese cake ladies".

The President opened his last full meeting on Valentines Day and welcomed all, especially our visitors Val & Gran Waterworth, Russell Watson and Ron & Elaine Macknamara.

The President outlined some of Lex Lillie's life-time achievements and congratulated him on his recent Order of Australia award.

President Keith then inducted Gran Waterworth as a member of the Club. The President gave Gran his Probus pin and name badge and her name badge to wife Val.

Keith McLennan presented a sincere tribute to Derek Reeve-Cox, a Foundation member who died last month.

Activities Reports.

The 2008 Christmas lunch will be at Bram Leigh on the 15th December 2008 and the M.O.E.R. picnic on the 31st of March.

Ian Walker asked members to advise him when they have paid their deposits to Lambles.

John Wicks advised he will distribute details for Cobram at the next meeting. He also advised that Chrissy's Walk will be on the 7th March from the Club venue finishing back here for a BYO BBQ.

M.O.E.R. John Nunn was congratulated on becoming head Pooh Bah.

Lucky Door Prize. Tom Jacobs was the belated winner of the January prize and Brian Walsh for this month.

Our speaker Robin Anderson outlined the role of nursing sisters from the Boer War to the present day. Robin spoke deprecatingly of her service as a nursing sister in the Vietnam war.

2007 - 2008 Office Bearers.

Office	Bearer
President	Keith Quibell
Vice President	Bert Patrick
Treasurer	David Watson
Secretary	Doug Mackie
Committee	Graeme West
Committee	Ian Robinson
Committee	Jim McMinn
Committee	Jim McWharton
Welcomer	Bert Milgate
Almoner	John Dineen/ Alby Dowel
Speakers	Ian Robinson/ Henri Lausberg
Newsletter	Bill Molyneux/ David Watson
Trips	Jim McMinn/ John Turner/ Ian Walker
Catering	Doug Lewis/ Ivor Lewis
Public Officer	William Bennett
Auditor	Bert Patrick
Safety Warden	John Wicks/ Don Mc Murray
Bowls	Keith Taylor
Car Trips	Keith McLennan
P.A. System	Ted Douglas
M.O.E.R.	Harry Brennan
Chrissy's Walks	John Wicks

2007 - 2008 Outings and Trips.

Date.	Details.
16 th March 2007	Chrissy's Walk
19 th March -23 rd March	Car trip to Anglesea
29 th March	M.O.E.R. Picnic
16 th April	Chrissy's Walk to Warburton
26 th April	Around the Bay Bus Trip
4 th May	Lake Walk & BBQ
17 th May	City Walk and lunch at the R.A.C.V.
24 th May	Lunch Henkel Wines
21 st June	Waverley Cinema " Becoming Jane"
26 th July	Christmas in July at the Sky High Restaurant
23 rd August	Lunch at the Big Bouquet in Healesville

26 th September	Lunch at The Herb Farm in Lilydale
8 th October	Walking Group to Mount Lofty or Riverside
25 th October	National Rhododendron Gardens
19 th November	Walk to Warramate Hills
22 nd November	Bus trip to MCG and State Library
30 th November	Walk to Stiggarts Reserve
17 th December	Christmas lunch at Bram Leigh
21 st December	Yarra Valley Race Day
10 th January 2008	D.I.Y. lunch at Lilydale lake
28 th February	Self-drive to Black Spur Inn for lunch

2007 - 2008 Guest Speakers.

Meeting No.	Date.	Speaker.	Subject
274	April	Dacre Smyth	Reminiscences of Naval Service
275	May	Peter McPhee	Kakoda Track
276	June	Keith Quibell, Ian Robinson and Doug Mackie	Each spoke on an interesting aspect of their life
277	July	Simon Pursey	The taxi industry in Victoria
278	August	Sandy Ross	A History of Lilydale
279	September	Beth Wilson	Health in Victoria
280	October	Don Shinkfield	Kamikaze Bombers and us
281	November	Laurie Simpson	North Korea
282	December	Robin Bowles	Crime Investigation Reporter and Author
284	February	Robin Anderson	Vietnam War Nurse

2007 - 2008 New Members.

Date.	Member.	Partner.
13 th September	Tom Jacobs	Wilma
13 th September	Kelvin Thomas	
13 th December	Owen Egan	
14 th February 2008	Gran Waterworth	Val

2007 - 2008 Resignations.

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of Membership
James Grant		08/04/1999 – 08/03/2007
Ray Sparkes	Trips Organiser	11/03/1999 – 13/12/2007
George Saaty		08/06/1993 – 10/01/2008
Glenn Paterson		(1) 14/10/93 – 13/02/99 (2) 11/03/2004 – 10/02/08

2007 – 2008 Bereavements.

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of membership.
Bob Shellard	Founder Member, President, Secretary	02/06/1983 – 13/04/1995
Ron Hand	Trips Assistant	14/05/1997 – 13/09/2007
Kevin Izzard	Club Photographer and Catering Officer	08/02/2001 – 12/10/2007
Derek Reeve-Cox	Rotary Convenor of the Club, Founder Member, Honorary Member	02/06/1983 – 11/04/1985 Died 27/01/2008

2007 - 2008 Attendance.

Month.	Members.	Ladies.	Visitors.	Apologies.
March	46	41	10	20
April	47	37	0	24
May	45	34	0	24
June	53	36	5	21
July	40	24	2	39
August	36	23	2	45
September	42	30	3	31
October	51	33	1	26
November	47	31	0	24
December	50	38	3	15
January	31	21	2	36
February	48	34	5	21

O.B.E's Presented.

Name.	Date of Birth.
Kevin Izzard	08/05/1927
George Saaty	09/10/1927
Laurie Bolton	28/12/1927