

## CHAPTER 9 .

### PRESIDENT BERT PATRICK: 2008 -2009.

President Keith opened the 285<sup>th</sup> General meeting and welcomed members, ladies and the following representatives from other clubs – Ian Evans and Clive Manly from Heathmont, Pat and Jack Ray from Sorrento, Margaret Pettit from Maroondah ladies, Margaret & Clive Aitken from M.O.E.R., Jeanette Wood, Bev Rohleder & Marcia Allwell from Maroondah Combined, Barbara Nixon from Seville, Aurielle Lee & Patricia Van Driel from Healesville Ladies, Dorothy Hill from Lilydale Ladies, Jean Baxter from Seville Combined, a lady from Bayswater Probus and last but not least Ted Brewster from Ringwood Mens.

The President congratulated all members with birthdays this month with special mention of the big ones being celebrated by Audrey Bolton and John Dineen.

Ted Brookes requested and was granted leave of absence for 12 months.

Activities Reports.

Jim McMinn reported on the Narbethong outing which was enjoyed by all who went. The President thanked Jim and his team for the many enjoyable functions they had arranged.

Ian Walker advised members of the following trips

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Point cook and RAAF Museum

26<sup>th</sup> June - Club's 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Buffet lunch

Blue Waters – there are 14 participants.

Keith McLennan mentioned the Urban Walk on the 29<sup>th</sup> April and Chrissy's Walk will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> April.

General Business.

The only general business was to present the door prize to Ken Brookes.

The meeting closed at 10.25.a.m. President Keith then opened the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting of the club and welcomed all present.

Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> A.G.M were read by Secretary Doug with one amendment being noted - Bert Milgate as Welcomer not Bert Patrick.

The President and Treasurer presented their reports. There were no matters arising. President Keith then declared all positions of the Committee of Management vacant and called upon Public Officer William Bennett to take the chair. William congratulated all on their terms of office and read the nominations for the incoming Committee. He was satisfied that the nominations had been duly received as required and as nominations equated to positions vacant they were declared elected. Their names follow at the end of the chapter as do those of other electees all of whom were acknowledged with acclamation. The President accepted the proposal of Bert Milgate that Doug Lewis be appointed Auditor and William Bennett Public officer. These nominations were seconded by Keith Quibell and were accepted. President Bert thanked all had come and invited them to stay and partake of the abundant and delicious morning tea. The President invited PP Keith to join him in cutting the traditional A.G.M cake.

President Bert opened his first full meeting as President on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2008. He welcomed members, ladies and visitors Jack & Pat Ray, Russell & June Watson and Victor Scarborough.

Hugh Macaulay will act as Almoner in the absence of Clive Bunston

Activities Reports.

Ian Walker reminded members that the coach for Point cook will leave at 9.15 a.m. on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Alfred's Homestead will be the venue for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary lunch. A buffet will be served.

Keith McLennan set out the details of the urban walk which will take in the coffee shops in Maling Road and other shops in St. Kilda. He suggested that gum boots be a portion of all that members bring for the Lake walk on the 16<sup>th</sup> May.

John Wicks advised that the trip to Bright for 2009 had been cancelled and he has made a booking for Cowes instead.

John Nunn thanked all who had attended the recent M.O.E.R. picnic and will give more details of the M.O.E.R. programme for 2008/9 at the next meeting.

General Business.

Alby Dowel was the winner of the lucky door prize.

Our speaker to-day was Canath Fox who is a Sherlock Holmes aficionado and gave a fun presentation with questions for the floor, a few of which we less learned ones got right. A great morning.

President Bert welcomed members, ladies and guests Jack & Pat Ray, Russell & June Watson and Victor & Pauline Scarborough to the May meeting. An apology was received from Lex Lillie who had a rather more important date to take tea at Government house.

The President had the great pleasure of investing Brian Walsh with his O.B.E.

The President also congratulated all birthday boys and girls especially Olive Whitefoot on her special date.

Activities Reports.

Ian Walker reminded members of the coach trip to Point Cook and the Birthday lunch. New trips are

31<sup>st</sup> July – Sanctuary Motel Restaurant

28<sup>th</sup> August Coach trip around Melbourne's Freeways and Tunnels.

John Wicks thanked all who went to Cobram. It was clear that all had enjoyed themselves although poor Keith McLennan was unwell for the last couple of days.

John confirmed the booking for the car trip in 2009 at Cowes for the dates 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Chrissy's walks for May and June will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> respectively.

John Turner reported back on the urban walk during which two couples became somewhat disoriented.

M.O.E.R. John Nunn gave a brief talk on the activities of M.O.E.R. and their activities for the next few months.

General Business.

President Bert presented the prizes won at Cobram. John Turner and Dough Lewis won the famous Bocce Trophy and for the second year in a row John Wicks won the Golf.

Les Wanstall won the door prize.

The speaker to-day was Bruce McBain. Bruce reminded members that the Australian flag was raised for the first time on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1901 at the Exhibition Building. For then he went on the talk about matters Melbourne through the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. A talk much enjoyed by all us oldies.

Meeting No. 288 was opened by President Bert who welcomed, as always, members and ladies. He also welcomed visitors Russell & June Watson, Victor & Pauline Scarborough and Barry Lowther.

The President inducted Russell Watson to the Club and welcomed his wife June. It was with regret that the resignation of Murray Bird was received and accepted.

Activities Reports.

Russ Handasyde reported back on the very enjoyable trip to Point Cook and the R.A.A.F. Museum.

Ian Walker advised that in future it will be necessary for at least 40 people to make a day coach trip viable.

Keith McLennan said he felt the concept of the Lake Walks needs to be reconsidered in the light of the poor attendance at the latest one.

Chrissy's Walk in June is to Bayswater and in July to Toolangi Forest.

Alby reported on Chrissy's walk on the 12<sup>th</sup> May. A tough one of 14 Kms. Rhonda Watson's aerobatic fall regrettably has no photographic image to be displayed.

Bert Milgate reminded members of upcoming speakers and raised the issues of out-of-pocket expenses and the desire of some to sell their wares.

General Business.

After a long absence it was great to welcome back Bert Walker.

Changes to the Constitution were accepted.

Ivor Lewis won the door prize.

Chris McMillan was our speaker to-day. A morning filled with amazement and laughter from a professional magician.

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Club was celebrated at Alfred's Homestead, Warrandyte on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June. 85 members and ladies attended. Keith McLennan, as a founding member, was asked to speak on the history of the club.

The following is an extract of his reminiscences.

"There are only 3 founder members still with us, namely Keith, Jack Coffey and Lex Lillie.

Our Club came into existence on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1983 so as at the date of the lunch was actually 25 years and 24 days old. Our Club was the 16<sup>th</sup> to be formed in Victoria so we can be said to be among the early clubs in the State.

Keith was our second President succeeding Founding President Stan Moser.

Lex Lillie was second Secretary succeeding Bob Shellard and in 1989 was President. Jack Coffey made his name in the club because of the time he put into the catering activities and was President in 1992.

In the early years the President was responsible for obtaining guest speakers, arranging outings and much otherwise. Carl Adamson made several major changes which are still followed to-day. The monthly meeting used to be on the first Thursday of the month. As this clashed with important Bowls days the day was changed to the present 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. Carl also relieved the President of the guest speaker and outing duties."

President Bert welcomed all to the July meeting including visitors Milton & Ann Sansom, Victor & Pauline Scarborough and Jack & Pat Ray.

Victor has the dubious "honour" to be our youngest member.

The Club mourned the passing of Laurie Bolton. Ray Galloway spoke about his life and asked members to stand for a minute to remember him.

The President inducted Jack Ray and Victor Scarborough to the club and welcomed their wives Patricia and Pauline. Both couples were received with applause.

Activities Reports.

Ian Walker reported on the very happy birthday occasion.

It was suggested that we move the Christmas lunch to Alfred's but members preferred to stay with Bram Leigh.

The August coach tour date has been changed to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>.

The June Chrissy's walk was along the Dandenong Creek.

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

General Business.

The Secretary asked members to keep their Medical Forms up to date and on their persons. In the kitchen drawer the form serves no useful purpose.

Max McKenzie won the door prize.

The meeting was closed at 10.25 a.m. and re-opened one minute later to discuss and vote upon changes to the Constitution.

Those changes had been circulated with the last newsletter.

Graeme West presented the details to the meeting and the vote to accept was unanimous. The meeting lasted 9 minutes.

Ray Galloway introduced his special guest Marg Kearsley from Anglicare. Between they spoke of their experience of foster caring, which Ray and Bev did for many years.

Meeting No. 290 occurred on the 14<sup>th</sup> August with the President in the chair. Milton Sansom and John & Wendy Moody were welcome visitors.

Several important birthdays were celebrated. Tom Jacobs was presented with his O.B.E. by President Bert. The 99<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays of Arthur Coster and Lex Lillie were greeted with loud acclamation. Jack McGuinness reaches the status of an octogenarian during the month

Activities Reports.

Ian Walker confirmed 43 people for the Freeways and Tunnels trip with a reminder of the change of date.

September will comprise lunch at the Templestowe Hotel on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

It was suggested that October be at the Twisted Vine but more starters required.

People going to Blue Water are reminded that payment is required by 22<sup>nd</sup>

September.

Last month's Sanctuary House luncheon was deemed good food and ambience.

Keith McLennan said the Yarra Glen races will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December all other things being equal.

The Urban Walk will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October and will include the Shrine.

John Wicks advised that Chrissy's Walk on the 21<sup>st</sup> August will start from the car park opposite the Warrandyte Hotel.

General Business.

Ray Galloway was thanked for making a "Guest Parking" sign.

M.O.E.R.

John Nunn provided a brief on the activities of M.O.E.R. through the year.

The lucky door prize was won by Bruce Wadson.

Our speaker Mrs Jan Dimmock spoke on her life as a Tennis umpire. She told amusing tales of her time officiating at various levels up to and including the Australian Open.

President Bert welcomed members, ladies and guests Milton & Ann Sansom to the September meeting.

The early part of the meeting was a mixture of joy and sorrow. We noted with sadness the deaths of Ian Douglas (Ted & Marlene's son), Jean Sinclair and Glenn Patterson.

The joy came from the big "0" birthday of Audrey Bolton, the little "0" birthday of Rhonda Watson and the presentation of the O.B.E. to Jack McGuinness.

It was also a joyful occasion for the President to induct Milton Sansom into the Club and welcome his wife Ann.

Activities Reports.

The bus for the Templestowe Hotel will leave from Senior "Cits" on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

The self-drive to The Twisted Vine needs some more members.

Members were advised that on the 18<sup>th</sup> November the Australian Army Band will be in concert at Karralyka.

Ron Ferguson reported back on the last coach trip. 21 participants voted it a most enjoyable and informative day.

The Chrissy's walk at Warrandyte was cold and wet physically but the fellowship and food were warm.

General Business.

The President presented John Wicks and Betty Macauley with golf trophies.

M.O.E.R.

John Nunn reported.

Keith Quibell advised of an upcoming concert at Cherry tree on the 4<sup>th</sup> September. The Club has been given keys to the Clubhouse and the keeper thereof is Ken Mackley.

The President asked for leave of absence overseas for the October meeting.

Granted.

Jack Coffey won the door prize.

Our speaker to-day was warmly welcomed on his return visit to the Club. Dr Laurie Simpson spoke on "Lessons learned from the History of Medicine" We who live to-day certainly have a lot for which to be thankful.

The 292nd general meeting of the Club was opened by Vice President David Watson who welcomed members and ladies. There were no visitors.

As with other meetings there was sadness and joy. Sadness in the report of the death of Marj Pollock, widow of long term member Frank. Joy came in the form of the investiture of Clive Bunston with his O.B.E. and the arrival of Jim McWharton to the ranks of Septuagenarians.

David gave special thanks to Bill Molyneux, media mogul extraordinary, preparer of the News letter, corrector of secretary typo's and expert on power point presentations.

Activities Reports.

Milton Sansom gave his first report-back as a member telling of the Urban Walk.

M.O.E.R.

John Nunn gave notice that a club representative for M.O.E.R. in 2009 is needed.

The lucky door prize winner was Doug Lewis.

Our speaker to-day was Ian Penrose. Ian took us on a delightful verbal cruise down the Yarra River from Mt Gregory to the Bay.

President Bert was back to open the November meeting and to welcome members and ladies. No visitors to-day.

He thanked David for standing in.

The President read a tribute to our late Public Officer William Bennett and we stood for a minute in silence to remember him.

Keith McLennan celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this month and Jim McMinn his 70<sup>th</sup>.

Both were wished a very happy birthday as were all those who also celebrated their birthdays in November.

Activities Reports.

Keith Quibell reported on both the Port Stephens and Twisted Vine outings which he said had been successful.

Tom Whitefoot also said how much he had enjoyed the Police Show Band and Pipe Band

Ian Walker advised that 80+ have booked for the Christmas lunch.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> January there will be "Pancakes on the run"

Yarra Glen races are still scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Chrissy will walk again on the 27<sup>th</sup> this time along the Tanglefoot Track to Toolangi.

M.O.E.R.

John Nunn advised that Ray Galloway had agreed to represent us at future M.O.E.R. meetings.

General Business.

Following the sad death of William Bennett, Bert Milgate has been appointed Public Officer.

Bert doubles up by winning the door prize.

Rudi Hoenen's father served in the Dutch army in what is to-day Indonesia. Rudi was born there and survived these extremely difficult wartime days. After living back in

Holland for a period the family emigrated to Australia when Rudi was 11. However Rudi overcame the setbacks and has for many years lived happily in Victoria.

The last meeting of the calendar year had the President welcoming members and ladies.

Two will become octogenarians this month, Kath Turner and Jack Ray.

Activities Reports.

Ian Walker advised that the final tally for the Christmas lunch is over 90 and approximately 80 for Pancakes on the run.

John Wicks handed out activities packages for the Cowes Car Trip.

Victor Scarborough had accompanied Chrissy on the Tanglefoot Track which he had found challenging but interesting.

Milton Sansom won the door prize.

Our speaker to-day was Bob O'Neill . After retiring Bob and his wife Dot purchased 8 acres in Wandin and established their wildflower garden Katandra. Bob spoke with enthusiasm of the hard work, trial and error which led to the current gardens which are open to the public.

President Bert welcomed members and ladies to the first meeting of the year. He had the great pleasure of presenting Jack Ray with his O.B.E. and made especial mention of Dot McKenzie who has also joined that elite group and Lorraine Dineen who has joined the 70's club.

Activities Reports.

Ian Walker thanked all who had contributed to a wonderful Christmas lunch.

Coming events include Woop Woop, Sanctuary House, Alfred's Homestead and Templestowe.

Also a trip to Tallangatta was mooted and was fully booked with a waiting list by the end of the meeting.

Twice as many members attended the Yarra Glen races as in 2007 but that hardly filled the course.

M.O.E.R.

John Nunn thanked the trips organisers for their proposed events for 2009 for distribution to there M.O.E.R clubs. They reciprocate.

The annual picnic at Maroondah dam will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> March.

General Business.

The Secretary read the notice for the A.G.M. on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Ken Mackley was the lucky winner of the door prize.

Enlightenment, Engagement and Entertainment with a possible fourth Enough were the opening words of our speaker to-day. Ken Jepsen is an apiarist and passionate about bees, honey and all that. His talk was greatly welcomed by all.

President Bert's last full meeting was No. 296 when we all reflected on the horrors of the bush fires before he welcomed members, especially Bert Walker, and our ladies. Among the birthday people this month are Russ Handasyde who has joined the 70's club and Bev Galloway who was about to celebrate a very special day.

Activities Reports.

Ian Walker set out some of the trips and activities in the coming year.

John wicks handed out Cowes itineraries and advised that the next Chrissy's walk will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February starting at the Wicks home.

M.O.E.R.

John Nunn presented his last report followed by new representative Ray Galloway who encouraged all to attend the annual picnic.

General Business.

The Secretary again reminded members of the A.G.M. and read the formal Notice.

The Media Mogul was congratulated on achieving an article in the ProBus magazine.

Keith McLennan introduced his grand daughter Rebecca who spoke to us about the joys and tribulations of working in a Zambian school with especial reference to HIV/Aids education.

### 2008 - 2009 Office Bearers.

Office	Bearer
President	Bert Patrick
Vice President & Treasurer	David Watson
Secretary	Doug Mackie
Committee	Ken Mackley
Committee	Ian Robinson
Committee	William Molyneux
Committee	Ian Walker
Auditor	Doug Lewis
Public Officer	William Bennett
Almoner	Clive Bunston
Welcomer & Speakers	Bert Milgate
P A System	Ted Douglas
M.O.E.R.	John Nunn
Trips	Ian Walker, Ian Robinson & John Turner
Car Trips and Chrissy's Walks	John Wicks
Catering	Ken Mackley
Newsletter, Media & membership master list	Bill Molyneux
Safety Warden	John Wicks
Bowls	Keith Taylor
Club history & Update	Bill Molyneux
Door Prize	Stan Pickersgill

### 2008 - 2009 Outings and Trips.

Date.	Details.
31 <sup>st</sup> March 2008	M.O.E.R. Picnic at Maroondah Dam
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Chrissy's Walk in the Warramate Hills
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2008	Car Trip to Cobram
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Urban Walk
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Chrissy's walk
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Lake Walk & BBQ
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Point Cook and RAAF museum
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Chrissy's Walk – Along the Dandenong Creek
26 <sup>th</sup> June	25 <sup>th</sup> Birthday at Alfred's Homestead
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Chrissy's Walk
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Self drive lunch - Sanctuary House Restaurant
21 <sup>st</sup> August	Chrissy's Walk from Warrandyte
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Coach trip – Melbourne Freeways and Tunnels
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Chrissy's Walk on the Warburton Rail Trail

25 <sup>th</sup> September	Lunch at the Templestowe Hotel
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Urban Walk including the Shrine
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Lunch at the Twisted Vine
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Australian Army Band at Karralyka
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Chrissy's walk
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch at Bram Leigh.
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Yarra Glen Races
8 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	Pancakes on the run
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Chrissy's Walk
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Lunch at Manhattan Hotel – self drive

### 2008 - 2009 Guest Speakers.

Meeting No.	Date.	Speaker.	Subject
286	April	Canath Fox	Sherlock Holmes
287	May	Bruce McBain	19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Melbourne
288	June	Chris McMillan	Professional Magician
289	July	Ray Galloway	Foster Car Past & Present
290	August	Mrs. Jan Dimmock	Cricket &/or Tennis umpiring
291	September	Dr. Simpson	Medical Care down the ages
292	October	Ian Penrose	What's happening to the Yarra River
293	November	Rudi Hoenen	Life's Story – The Good Old days
294	December	Bob O'Neill	2005 Gardener of the Year
295	January 2009	Ken Jepsen	Honey bees and Us
296	February	Rebecca McLennan	Health Issues in Zambia

### 2008 - 2009 New Members.

Date.	Member.	Partner.
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2008	Russell Watson	June
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Jack Ray	Patricia
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Victor Scarborough	Pauline
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Milton Sansom	Ann

### 2008 - 2009 Resignations.

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of Membership
Murray Bird	-	09/03/2006 – 12/06/2008

### 2008 - 2009 Bereavements.

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of membership.
Laurie Bolton	-	10/09/1998 – 30/06/2008
Glenn Paterson	-	(1) 14/10/1992 – 13/02/1997 (2) 11/03/2004 – 12/06/2008

### Attendance 2008 - 2009.

Month.	Members.	Ladies.	Visitors.	Apologies.
March	46	29		23
April	46	39	5	17
May	43	32	5	25
June	49	36	5	20
July	39	27	6	20
August	48	40	3	17
September	47	36	2	20
October	45	38	0	28
November	52	45	0	9
December	42	37	0	19
January 2009	41	44	0	10
February	46	37	0	26

### O.B.E's Presented.

Name.	Date of Birth.
Brian Walsh	22 <sup>nd</sup> April, 1928
Tom Jacobs	22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 1928
Jack McGuinness	11 <sup>th</sup> August, 1928
Clive Bunston	13 <sup>th</sup> January, 1928
Jack Ray	21 <sup>st</sup> December 1928