

CHAPTER 10.

PRESIDENT DAVID WATSON: 2009 - 2010.

President Bert Patrick opened the March general meeting and welcomed members, ladies and visitors Clyde & Margaret Aitken from M.O.E.R, Anne Wheeler and Ray Donovan of Lilydale Rotary. An apology was received from the Mayor.

In wishing members a happy birthday the President drew especial attention to the 90th birthdays during March of Evelyn McLennan and Joyce Jefferies and a lower "0" of Jan West.

Activities Reports.

Ian Walker thanked his team for their assistance during the year.

John Turner commented on the popular Manhattan lunch.

Ian Robinson reminded members that deposits for Tallangatta were due to-day.

John Wicks gave final details for the Cowes Car Trip and reminded members that Chrissy's next walk will be on the 16th April.

The next Urban walk will be on the 16th June to Government House and the Botanic Gardens.

Commiserations were presented to our Bowlers who were thoroughly beaten.

General Business.

The Secretary read the Notice for the A.G.M.

The meeting closed at 10.15 a.m. and after a brief recess was opened by the

President as Annual General Meeting No. 26.

The President and Treasurer presented their reports which were accepted on their motions.

The President then declared all positions on the Committee of Management vacant and called on our Public Officer Bert Milgate to take the chair. Bert congratulated President Bert, Treasurer David and Secretary Doug on their work over the past year. He satisfied himself that nominations for the incoming committee were duly received within the regulations. Nominations equalled positions and their names are recorded as usual at the end of this chapter.

Bert Milgate then handed the meeting back to Past President Bert who inducted incoming President David Watson with his symbols of office.

President David took the chair and inducted the rest of his Committee of Management and other officers all of whose names appear at the end of the chapter. Such appointments were greeted with acclamation. The President then nominated Bert Milgate for the post of Public Officer and Bert Patrick for that as Auditor. There being no other nominations they were duly elected.

The President then presented his thoughts for the Club in the coming year.

The following procedural motions were put to the meeting and carried.

1. Members elected at the Annual General Meeting shall be authorised to administer the affairs of the Club prior to the 1st April 2009 and shall report such matters to the members at the April General Meeting for ratification.

2. The signatories for the CBA & ING Bank accounts shall be any two of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

3. The safe Deposit Box at the CBA Bank Lilydale be closed.

The President thanked all present and invited P.P. Bert and new nonagenarian Joyce to assist him to cut the birthday cake. It had been hoped that Evelyn McLennan would also have been able to assist in this little ceremony but circumstances had prevented her from attending. Members, ladies and guests then enjoyed good company and a delicious tea.

President David opened his first full meeting on the 9th April 2009 and welcomed members and ladies.

The President congratulated all birthday boys and girls with a special reference to Joan Bunston on her upcoming 80th.

Activities Reports.

Ian Robinson reminded members that deposits were due for the Sanctuary House lunch. Ian also advised that the date for the Urban walk had been changed to the 15th June.

Christmas in July will follow the usual pattern at Alfred's Homestead on the 30th July.

John Wicks thanked all who had attended the Cowes car trip. Keith Quibell reported back on the trip with especial thanks to the Wicks family and all who helped make it such a worthwhile event. The golf trophy was presented to Keith McLennan.

The 2010 car trip is planned for Benalla and John would like to hear from possible participants.

Chrissy's walk will be on the 16th April starting at Chrissy's home.

M.O.E.R. Our delegate advised that the picnic had been well attended with a number of our members there to enjoy the Huffers and Puffers.

The President reported that all resolutions passed at the A.G.M. had been dealt with satisfactorily.

General Business.

President David advised that he and Rhonda were going to Strath Creek on the 12th May and invited others to join them.

Doug Mackie spoke of a trip he and Marion intended to take to Lake Eyre in May and asked others to talk to him if interested in forming part of the party.

Chris Wriedt won the luck door prize.

Our speaker to-day was Captain Dale Newman of Qantas. This, his first talk of two, was mainly about the airline itself and in particular flight safety standards.

The President welcomed members, ladies and guests Ray and Joan Reynolds to our May meeting.

President David wished all those with birthdays a happy day and especially Doug Mackie on his 70th and Gradie Lausberg on her 80th. Ted Douglas had very special congratulations on being awarded his O.B.E.

Members were reminded that it is only good manners to stay and hear our speakers if it is at all possible.

Activities Reports.

Ian Robinson reminded members of the Christmas in July lunch and Tallangatta trip. He asked for a show of hands for another lunch at Sanctuary House which was positive.

John Wicks gave notice of Chrissy's walk on May 21st the City Amble on the 15th June and advised of a Tartan Dinner at Alfred's Homestead on the 3rd July.

Jim McMinn reported back on the Sanctuary House lunch and the President on the Strath Creek trip. A report back on Lake Eyre was also given by Doug Mackie.

Forms were distributed asking for updates on mobile numbers and E-Mail addresses.

M.O.E.R. There will be a Planning & Organisation meeting on the 29th May for Presidents and Secretaries

General Business.

The lucky door prize to Vice President Ivor Lewis.

Captain Dale Newman returned to give us the 2nd part of his talk on Qantas. This time he "talked" us through a typical air trip, in this case from Perth to Melbourne.

The 300th general meeting of the ProBus Club of Lilydale Inc was duly opened by our President David Watson who welcomed 46 members, 36 lady guests and two visitors Ray and Joan Reynolds.

Birthday boys and girls were duly congratulated with especial mention of Hugh Macauley who was presented with his O.B.E. by the President. Hugh maintained that this was premature and had not earned the honour as his birthday was not for another week, until the 18th to be exact.

Activities Reports.

Ian Robinson spoke about forthcoming events including Christmas in July, lunch at Sanctuary House and the bus trip to Geelong Mill Markets.

John Wicks detailed the City Amble, Chrissy's next walk and the 2010 Car trip.

General Business.

Only one piece of this and that was the presentation of the door prize to Bruce Wadeson.

The speaker this month was Warren Joel the well known auctioneer. Warren spoke of how the industry has changed in the 90 years since his grandfather started the business in 1919. Warren offered practical advice to our collectors, in many cases surprising and often deflating. He very kindly gave verbal valuations to items which members had brought in.

President David opened the July meeting and welcomed members, ladies and guests Ray & Joan Reynolds. Ray has applied for membership of the Club.

The President congratulated all who have or will have birthdays this month with a special mention of Arthur Coster who will be our first centenarian. Arthur and some members of his family have been invited to be the guests of the Club for the Christmas in July lunch which will be on his actual birthday.

Activities Reports.

Ian Robinson mentioned all forthcoming events including a new one for lunch at the Templestowe Hotel.

Keith McLennan spoke about resurrecting the "Split the Bill" lunches where coupons are collected from the Herald Sun newspapers and used to get half price meals at selected venues.

The Urban Amble and Chrissy's walk had both been successes according to participants.

M.O.E.R. Ray Galloway reported that there was nothing to report.

General Business.

Our special birthday boy won the door prize!

The speaker this month was Peter Sprott of "Crimestoppers". His most interesting talk covered a vast array of information some very disturbing but all of great interest.

The President opened the August meeting on the 13th, lucky for some, and welcomed members, ladies and Ray and Joan Reynolds. President David had pleasure in inducting Ray into the Club and formally welcoming Joan to join in the activities of the club. Both were presented with their badges and Probus pin for Ray. This is not the first Probus Club of which Ray has been member as he and Joan were founders of the Mitcham Orchards Probus Club and Joan is a Past President of that Club.

A big welcome was accorded by all to Clive & Joan Bunston after their recent trying times .

Activities Report.

At last Keith McLennan has been able to get a date for the Yarra Glen Races. The big day will be on Friday 18th December.

General Business.

President David spoke of the bus trip to Warburton and suggested that more extra-curricular activities would help members to get to know each other even better.

M.O.E.R. Ray Galloway advised that the Spring lunch will be at Bram Leigh on the 30th October. Cost \$35 p.p.

Russell Watson was the winner of the lucky door prize.

Dr Peter Larkin was our speaker. Peter graduated from Melbourne University with degrees in medicine and medical science(exercise physiology) followed by post graduate degrees overseas. Since then he has practised as a sports physician. He has served as Team Doctor in a wide range of sports. His talk was light hearted and full of interest.

The September meeting was one of both sorrow and joy. The President first broke the sad news about the deaths of Stella Graham, Chris Wriedt, Don Jones, Ray Sparkes and John Auld. Members and ladies stood to honour their memory. The joy was for the 80th birthday of Betty Macaulay on the 14th and the 90th on the 25th of Jack Coffey.

President David advised that Clive Bunston had resigned as Almoner. Alby Dowel will take his place with Doug Lewis acting as his deputy until the end of the year. Activities Reports.

Ian Robinson detailed forthcoming trips to Sanctuary House Motel, Geelong Mill Markets and Templestowe Hotel.

John Wicks thanked all who attended the Tartan Dinner and set out details of Chrissy's next walk and the City Walk.

Kellie Heber-Percy reported back on the Tallangatta trip. All who went on this trip had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. He even said that he can't wait for the next one.

Keith McLennan reported that the Yarra Glen races will be on 18th December. General Business.

Bill Molyneux talked of the new format for the news letter and asked for articles.

M.O.E.R. Our delegate advised that a Spring Lunch will be held on the 30th October.

Keith McLennan won the door prize.

Our entertainers this month were Karin Koeppen, owner of the Cuckoo Restaurant and two members of her staff Valeri Ozeron and Michelle. Karin spoke of how she and her husband set up the restaurant and how it has grown. Valeri and Michelle entertained us with some of the old and favourite songs.

President David opened the October meeting and welcomed members, ladies and guests Terry & Jenni Pollock and Graham & Lyn Joseph.

Silence for one minute was held in memory of Joyce Walker and Bruce Wadeson.

The President advised that a hearing loop has been installed in the hall for those who no longer hear as well as they used to. Who ends sentences with a preposition???

Only one person had still experienced difficulty in hearing speakers.

The Club tried to present Henri Lausberg with his O.B.E. only to be advised that Henri celebrated that event 3 years ago.

Activities Reports.

Ian Robinson gave up to date details on forthcoming trips.

Jim McMinn reported back on the Sanctuary House lunch and Chrissy's walk. John Turner did likewise on the City walk.

General Business.

President David explained the reasons behind and working of the "Grapevine"

Either Keith McLennan or Ted Douglas won the door prize depending on whose memory of the day is preferred.

Bill Molyneux and Marilyn are going to lunch at the Ringwood RSL on the 18th and asked anyone who cared to join them to make contact.

Marilyn and Rhonda are going to see Mao's Last Dancer on the 21st and invited others to join them.

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

The speaker to-day was the Reverend Jim Pilmer on the "Role of a Police Chaplain." Reverend Jim was in the ministry for 40 years, 13 of which were as Senior Chaplain to the Victoria Police. His work was both fascinating and emotionally exhausting.

The President opened the November meeting on the 12th and welcomed members, ladies and guests Terry & Jenni Pollock and Graham & Lyn Joseph. President David congratulated all birthday boys and girls with especial mention of Pam Wadson on her 85th on the 16th and Val Waterworth on her 80th on the 29th. Terry and Graham have both applied for membership of the Club and the resignation of Owen Egan was accepted with regret.

Activities Reports.

Ian Robinson spoke of the Geelong Mill Markets trip saying that it was more of a lunch than a visit to the Mill Markets. The time spent at the markets was really too short. However the good lunch at the Sphinx Hotel did something to make up for this. Ian asked for 7 more people for the Templestowe and advised that there were only 4 vacancies left for Tallangatta 2010.

John Wicks told of the very wet Chrissy's walk. Only 5 braved the weather. For those who wondered why the walk was called "Chrissy's Walk" it was explained that Chrissy is the Wicks' family dog.

General Business.

The President thanked the organisers of the restaurant and cinema outings.

Vice President Ivor asked for volunteers for the Committee for 2010/11.

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

Door Prize. For the second time in as many months – you guessed it Keith McLennan.

Geoff Gaff spoke on Saudi Arabia and Islam and was extremely interesting. He confirmed that whilst this period was very rewarding financially it was also a period when life was very, very restricted in many ways.

President David welcomed members, ladies and 6 visitors to the December meeting. Our guests today were Terry & Jenni Pollock, Lyn Joseph, Ted Clarke, Ted Packer and Vernon Denford.

The President congratulated Brenda McMinn on her 70th birthday and called up Bob Holt to present him with his O.B.E. In accepting his medallion Bob told others 'If you live long enough, you'll all get one'. Bob's droll sense of humour is always worth hearing.

President David then invited Terry and Jenni Pollock to come forward. He inducted Terry into the Club and welcomed Jenni. Both were given their name badges and other club paraphernalia. Terry thanked members for their welcome and said he believed he was the "youngest member".

Activities Reports.

Ian Robinson advised that all is in order for our Christmas lunch at Bram Leigh. There will be nine tables of 10. Seating as usual will be arranged by the trips committee.

Surplus funds from the Templestowe lunch will be used to buy door prizes for Bram Leigh and the January BBQ. This lunch had been highly successful and the two bottles of wine presented to the Club by the hotel were raffled on the way home. The lucky winners were Graham Joseph and John Dineen.

M.O.E.R Ray Galloway had nothing to report.

General Business.

The President asked members and ladies please to turn off all mobiles before meetings. It is discourteous to those who are present otherwise.

The President also reminded members that we have a Trades and Services Register. Russell Handasyde is always happy to get calls for help in finding a suitable "tradie".

Feedback on the change of placement of the executive table and microphone had been favourable.

The O.B.E. was also the winner of the door prize.

The speaker to-day was Tom O'Toole. Tom's power point presentation was, as was to be expected, lively and enthusiastic. The main thrust of his talk was motivation in business and in life in general. There was generous and genuine applause for a great speaker.

The first meeting for 2010 was opened by the President who welcomed members, ladies and visitors Graham & Lyn Joseph.

The President had the sad duty to report the death of Jack Coffey who with wife Aileen had been a stalwart of the Club for many years. Jack will perhaps be most missed for his catering prowess.

Notable birthdays to-day were Gran Waterworth (85) Ken Brooks (80), Marlene Kleinsmit (75) and John Wicks now a pensioner at 65. Ken will receive his O.B.E at the February meeting. The President then asked Graham and Lyn to come forward and he inducted Graham into the Club and welcomed Lyn.

Activities Reports.

Ian Robinson advised that there were 53 "takers" for the Cuckoo with room for more. Deposits for Tallangatta were required before the end of the April meeting.

Graham and Lyn Joseph had attended the Christmas lunch at Bram Leigh as visitors and he spoke glowingly of the event.

John Wicks advised that cabin/caravan sites at Benalla will be advised in February. There will be no Chrissy's Walk in February but will resume in March, weather permitting.

M.O.E.R. Ray reported that there was nothing to report.

General Business.

Secretary Bill asked all Officers to return their badges of office to him at the February Committee meeting.

Media Mogul, the same Bill as Secretary advised that the newsletter would be late and apologised for sending E-Mail recipients what was a hoax about spiders.

The President and Rhonda are proposing to visit the City Museum and invited members to join them.

Harry Brennan won the door prize.

Our speaker to-day was Valda Street. Valda was for many years personal secretary to Sir Edward "Weary" Dunlop. Her talk gave us an absolutely fascinating insight into the later life of this famous man.

President David opened his last full meeting No.308 on the 11th February and welcomed members, ladies and visitors Ray & June Reynolds and John & Joan Watson.

The President reported on the death of past member Murray Bird. Silence was held for one minute in his memory.

A happier event was the presentation of O.B.E.'s to Ken Brooks and Ian Walker. Also congratulations to, amongst others, Lauris Mackley on her 75th, and Fred & Marge Harding's 65th wedding anniversary.

A letter of resignation was received from Bert Walker which was accepted with regret.

Fred Harding wrote asking to be placed on the "Inactive Member" List. This was also accepted with regret.

Activities Reports.

John Turner advised that the programme for 2010/11 was nearly complete.

Deposits for Tallangatta were needed next month.

The January BBQ was held in ideal weather with a superb setting and a very satisfying meal. This was to have been reported on by Don McLean but was presented on his behalf.

John Wicks distributed material for Benalla and advised that Chrissy's walks would be on March 18, April 22 and May 20.

M.O.E.R.

Ray Galloway advised that in future information days will be run by local Rotary Clubs not M.O.E.R.. The President suggested that incoming President Ivor, Incoming Secretary Doug and incoming Treasurer Vic attend the meeting on 30th March at the Club's expense.

General Business.

Nomination forms for 2010/11 must be with the Secretary by 4th March at the latest.

Terry Pollock has offered help to computer illiterate members.

The following outings were minuted as official Probus outings: - Toy Exhibition and Cuckoo restaurant.

Doug and Marion Mackie are interested in various flights out of Coldstream airport and would welcome enquiries from other interested members.

Don McMurray won the door prize.

The Speaker to-day was one whose speech is very well-known as he was Peter Hitchener, Channel 9 news presenter. Peter was, as was to be expected, most entertaining with his reminiscences and anecdotes showing us a very different person from the man we know at the news desk.

2009 - 2010 Office Bearers.

Office	Bearer
President	David Watson
Vice President	Ivor Lewis
Treasurer	Vic Scarborough
Secretary	Bill Molyneux
Committee	Ken Mackley
Committee	John Turner
Committee	Ian Robinson
Committee	Ian Walker
Public Officer	Bert Milgate
Auditor	Bert Patrick
Almoner	Clive Bunston/ Alby Dowel
Welcoming Officer	Bert Milgate/ Alby Dowel
P.A. System	Ted Douglas/ Harry Brennan
M.O.E.R.	Ray Galloway
Trips	Ian Robinson/ John Turner/ Jack Ray
Car Trips/ Walks	John Wicks/ Ian Robinson
Racing Co-ordinator	Keith McLennan
Catering	Ken Mackley/ Ray Galloway
Speakers	Bert Milgate/ Ian Robinson
Newsletter	Bill Molyneux/Vic Scarborough
Safety Warden	John Wicks/ Jack McGuinness
Bowls	Sandy Orbison/ Keith Taylor
Club History	Kellie Heber-Percy/ Bill Molyneux
Door Prize	Stan Pickersgill/ Les Wanstall
Trades & Services	Russell Handasyde

2009 - 2010 Outings and Trips.

Date.	Details.
16 TH March – 20 th March	Car Trip to Cowes
30 th March	M.O.E.R. Picnic
16 th April	Chrissy's Walk
30 th April	Sanctuary House Lunch – self drive
21 st May	Chrissy's Walk to Lillydale Lake
15 th June	Urban Walk to Government House and the Botanic Gardens
25 th June	Chrissy's Walk on Warburton Trail
16 th July	Chrissy's Walk around Lilydale Lake
21 st July	Extra-curricular bus trip to Warburton
30 th July	Christmas in July at Alfred's Homestead
20 th August	Chrissy's Walk to Warrandyte gold fields
21 st to 27 th August	Self drive car trip to Tallangatta
22 nd September	Chrissy's Walk to Warrandyte gold fields
24 th September	Self drive lunch at Sanctuary House Motel
5 th October	City Walk
15 th October	Chrissy's Walk to the Dandenong foothills
22 nd October	Bus Trip to Geelong Mill Markets
30 th October	M.O.E.R. Spring lunch at Bram Leigh
26 th November	Templestowe Hotel Lunch
14 th December	Christmas lunch at Bram Leigh,
17 th December.	Chrissy's Walk from John Wick's house
18 th December.	Yarra Glen Races
14 th January 2010	BBQ at Lillydale Lake
15 th February	Toy Museum
25 th February 2010	Lunch at the Cuckoo Restaurant
1 st March to 5 th March	Car trip to Benalla

2009 - 2010 Guest Speakers.

Meeting No.	Date.	Speaker.	Subject
298	April	Captain Dale	Qantas No 1
299	May	Captain Dale	Qantas NO. 2
300	June	Warren Joel	Collecting Antiques and Jewellery
301	July	Peter Sprott	Crime Stoppers
302	August	Dr Peter Larkin	"Let's Cross to the Doc"
303	September	Karin Koeppen	The Cuckoo Restaurant Olinda
304	October	Rev Jim Pilmer	The Role of a Police Chaplain
305	November	Geoff Gaff	Saudi Arabia and Islam
306	December	Tom O'Toole	Beechworth Bakeries Proprietor
307	January.	Valda Street	'Weary' Dunlop's Secretary
308	February.	Peter Hitchener	Channel 9 News reader

2009 - 2010 New Members.

Date.	Member.	Partner.
August.	Ray Reynolds	Joan
December.	Terry Pollock	Jenni
January 2010	Graham Joseph	Lyn

2009 - 2010 Resignations.

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of Membership
Bert Walker	President	14 th November 1985 – 4 th February 2010
Owen Egan	Committee Member	10 th August 1989 – 9 th February 2006 and 13 th December 2007 – 8 th October 2009

2009 - 2010 Bereavements.

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of membership.
Chris Wriedt		14 th January 1999-18 th August 2005
Don Jones	Bowls Representative, Trips Committee	10 th September 1998 – 7 th April 2005
Ray Sparkes	Committee Member, Trips Committee	11 th March 1999-12 th December 2007
John Auld		13 th February 2003 – 3 rd September 2009
Jack Coffey	Founder Member, Vice President, President, Life Member, Committee Member, Catering, Trips, M.O.E.R. Representative	2 nd June 1983 – 27 th December 2009.

2009 - 2010 Attendance.

Month.	Members.	Ladies.	Visitors.	Apologies.
March	46	31	4	28
April	45	34	0	19
May	45	37	2	20
June	46	36	2	16
July	44	34	2	17
August	41	32	2	31
September	47	43	0	13
October	45	43	4	20
November	46	39	4	20
December	46	37	6	17
January	41	36	2	26
February	43	44	4	20

O.B.E's Presented.

Name.	Date of Birth.
Ted Douglas	12 th May 1929
Hugh Macaulay	18 th June 1929
Bob Holt	5 th December 1929
Ken Brooks	6 th January 1930
Ian Walker	16th February 1930