

CHAPTER 11.

PRESIDENT IVOR LEWIS: 2010 - 20011.

President David opened the 309th general meeting on the 11th March 2010 and welcomed members, ladies and guests David & Ailsa Grover from Mooroolbark Combined Club, Len Cox, Lilydale Councillor, Anne Wheeler and Rhonda Kellett – Lilydale Rotary. Apologies were received from Christine Fyffe MP and Jill Hutchinson Electorate Officer

The President advised members that the hearing loop had been found and was now operative for us.

Two special occasions are being celebrated this month. Ray & Bev Galloway celebrate their Golden Wedding and Lex and Peg Lillie their 67th wedding anniversary.

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

The Treasurer presented his Annual Reports which was received on his motion and passed.

General Business.

Terry Pollock has a fully functional computer he wishes to sell. Any one interested?

The Media Mogul asked for articles photographs etc for the newsletter.

John Wicks reported that Frankston's Sand Castles have been washed away so no visit to them is possible.

John Wicks thanked all who went on the Benalla Car Trip. Keith Quibell reported back on a really excellent trip with especial reference to the entertainment planned by Brenda and Marion and the unusual strip show put on by Rhonda and Marge!!! Contact was made with Shelley Shellard, widow of Founder Member, past President and Secretary Bob Shellard.

The door prize was won by Sandy Orbison.

The general meeting was closed at 10.30 and was immediately re-opened as the 27th Annual General Meeting by outgoing President David.

Notice of the meeting was read by the Secretary and minutes of the 26th A.G.M were read, received on his motion and passed.

The Treasurer presented his annual report which was received on his motion and passed.

The President then declared all Management office vacant and called on our Public Officer Bert Milgate to take the Chair. Bert was satisfied that nominations for the executive committee equalled offices and so they were declared elected as listed at the end of the chapter. The number of nominations for the ordinary committee exceeded positions and a vote was called for 4 to be elected. The nominations were, in alphabetical order:

Ian Robinson

John Turner

Ian Walker

John Wicks.

The successful nominees were Ian Robinson, John Turner and Ian Walker who were duly elected to the executive committee.

Bert handed the meeting back to President David who inducted Ivor and presented him with his symbols of office. Ivor took the chair and presented the Executive Management Committee with their pins of office.

President Ivor presented David with his Past President's pin and Certificate of appreciation and also presented Certificates of appreciation to retiring Secretary Bill Molyneux and Almoner Alby Dowel.

The remaining appointments were then read out by President Ivor as set below.

The following procedural motions were put to the meeting and approved
“Members elected at the A.G.M shall be authorised to administer the affairs of the Club prior to 1st April 2010 and shall report on such matters to the members at the April general meeting”

“That signatories for the CBA and ING accounts be any two of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.”

The President thanked all attendees and invited our Centenarian (shown in the Minutes as “Centurion”) Arthur Coster and P.P. David Watson to join him in cutting the birthday cake.

The meeting closed at 11.30 a.m.

President Ivor opened his first full meeting on the 8th April and welcomed members, ladies and guests Ray A. and June Reynolds.

The President presented Graeme West with his O.B.E which was greeted with applause.

The resignation of John Wicks was accepted with regret.

M.O.E.R. Our club was poorly represented at the annual picnic, largely because we were not advised of the event by M.O.E.R.

The lucky door prize was won by the President. Not fair!

The Speaker to-day was Chris Keyne whose subject was “Advanced Lifestyle”.

President Ivor opened the May meeting and welcomed members, ladies and Peter Walter who has applied to join the Club.

The President made members aware of the death of Fred Harding. All stood to honour his passing.

On a happier note the Club celebrated with Kevin Robb on his 80th birthday this month and President Ivor presented Kevin with his O.B.E. Also celebrating a four score birthday was Cec Dowel. Equally impressive was the 60th wedding anniversary of John & Kath Turner on the 5th of May.

Activities Reports.

Ian Robinson outlined coming events all of which were approved as official Probus meetings.

Following the resignation of John Wicks the Probus Ramblers will take over Chrissy’s walks. Jim McMinn advised that the first walk will start at Badger Weir on the 20th May.

Terry Pollock reported on the visit to the Stonefruit Orchard.

Ray Galloway and Keith Quibell have agreed to take responsibility for future Annual Car Trips and asked for help in choosing a venue for 2012.

M.O.E.R. The President and John Nunn attend the Information Day and after discussion at the May Committee meeting it was resolved to remain affiliated with the group although the Club will not necessarily participate in the running of M.O.E.R.

General Business.

The President appointed Bert Patrick as Auditor and Bert Milgate as Public Officer for his term of office.

Kitchen Helpers. Les Wanstall was named “King of Suds” and was presented with an apron of office.

Mac MacCarthy won the door prize.

Our speaker to-day was Gareth Wilding-Forbes who entertained us with his memories of a career in show business.

The June meeting was opened by the President who welcomed members, ladies and guest Alan Wright with a special welcome back to Henri Lausberg.

Congratulations were the order of the day for Don McLean on the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

The death of Past President Arthur Geary was mentioned.

The resignation of James Pugh was accepted with regret.

Activities Reports.

High tea at the Windsor Hotel was a special day for all who attended so said Ray Galloway.

Probus Ramblers will meet at Pound Bend on Thursday the 17th of June.

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

The Media Mogul mentioned a worry with E-mailing the news letter and the date of the Bram Leigh function.

David and Rhonda Watson are going to walk the Yarra Glen Trail and invited keen walkers to join them on the 30th of June, a formal Probus Club activity.

General Business.

The actual birthday of our Club is 2nd June so this month saw us being 27 years old and, amazingly, we still have two Founder members with us.

The President requested members who can come a little early to help set up the room for meetings.

Don McMurray was the winner of the lucky door prize.

The speaker to-day was Don Horsburgh who shared with us a wealth of information about Puffing Billy and early railways in general. Jack McGuinness presented Don with an early photograph of Puffing Billy.

President Ivor opened the 313th general meeting on the 8th of July and welcomed members, ladies and 3 guests, Peter Walter, Ray A. Reynolds and his wife June. President Ivor had the pleasure of inducting Peter and Ray into the Club and of welcoming Ray's wife June. All were presented with their badges etc.

The President also had the pleasure of presenting Keith Taylor with his O.B.E.

Activities Reports.

Ray Reynolds reported back on the happy lunch at Sanctuary House.

Ian Robinson listed up coming trips and Jim McMinn spoke about the next Probus Ramble.

Bill Molyneux spoke of the howling wind at Pound Bend on last month's ramble.

Ray Galloway advised that the venue for the 2012 Car Trip will be announced in August.

M.O.E.R. Nothing to report

General Business.

Our Tradesmen's list now has the names of a reliable handyman and an expert paver.

The Almoner won the door prize.

The speaker was Mal Higgins from the R.A.C.V. who gave a most informative talk on road safety and current road rules, the latter most appreciated by our superannuated members.

The President opened the August meeting and welcomed members, ladies and visitor James Batchelor.

We all stood to remember two of our members who died during the month. The first was our Treasurer Vic Scarborough who left us at far too young an age and Tom Jacobs.

President Ivor then presented long service badges as follows;

10 Years

Ted Brookes

Ted Douglas

Henri Lausberg

Dennis Lawson

Tom Whitefoot

20 Years

Stan Pickersgill

25 Years

Lex Lillie

Keith McLennan

Brian Walsh

Foundation Badges

Lex Lillie

Keith McLennan

At the last Committee meeting the President appointed John Nunn as Treasurer to replace Vic with Bill Molyneux as Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.

Keith Taylor has joined the Trips Committee.

Activities Reports.

Keith Taylor spoke of the very happy Christmas in July lunch at Alfred's Homestead.

Ian Robinson reminded members of upcoming events.

Probus Ramblers will be from Spadonis Nature Reserve on 19th August.

Speaking on behalf of Ray Galloway, David Watson announced that the 2011 car trip will be to the Big 4 Holiday Park at Anglesea from the 28th March to 1st April and a deposit of \$100 per unit must be paid next month.

Yarra Race meeting is scheduled for 17th December.

General Business.

David Watson was interviewed by Elaine McCarthy on Yarra Valley FM Radio to promote Probus Clubs. An interesting experience said David.

Our ladies are arranging an afternoon tea at Paperbark Café on 23rd August.

Promoted as a chance for a cuppa, a chat and a calorie.

Lucky Door Prize Winner – Ted Douglas.

Ray Smithies the well known author spoke on his writing career and happily autographed copies of his latest book for members.

President Ivor presided over the September meeting with a hearty welcome to members and ladies. There were no visitors to-day.

Presentations to-day were made to 80th birthday boy our very own President who received his O.B.E. at the hands of Public Officer Bert Milgate and to Ray Galloway celebrating his 10 years with the Club. The President especially mentioned the following birthday boys and girls - Alby Dowel and Helen Taylor on their 85th birthdays and Tom Whitefoot on his 75th this month

Activities Reports.

Ian Walker confirmed what an enjoyable day was had by all who took the bus trip to H.M.A.S. Cerberus, especially those with a naval background. Our Bus driver tried very hard to find the moored submarine but it was being shy and could not be seen. He made up for it though by his information on Eastlink as we came home.

Members were reminded to pay their deposits for Anglesea next year.

The Media Mogul sent a message to say the newsletter will be late as he is away on holiday.

The 10 year boy not only got his 10 year badge but also the door prize. Some people have all the luck.

David Hodgett gave us a fascinating talk on his visit to Turkey for the Gallipoli Dawn service and all it meant to him.

The 14th October saw meeting No. 316 being opened by the President.

The President presented long service badges to Ted Brookes celebrating 10 years and Les Wanstall 20 years.

John Nunn who took on the Treasurership on the death of Vic Scarborough asked to be relieved of this post. Terry Pollock put up his hand for the job. An offer gratefully accepted by all.

Activities Reports.

The second trip to Tallangatta was as successful as the first according to Keith Quibell. Ted read out the poem composed by Marlene to celebrate the fun. John Turner read out the list of upcoming activities. He asked members to ensure that payments for all trips were put in an envelope with the details of the trip, the payee and importantly the correct money for the trip. Doug Mackie said that the Sherbrooke Falls walk had been yet another happy ramble. The lucky door prize winner was Graham Joseph. The scheduled speaker Don McLean could not, due to illness, come to-day and so Ted Douglas arranged for a talk on cassette to be played featuring Len Beadell who spoke about Woomera Rocket Range and the Gunbarrel Highway .

The November meeting started at 11.00 on the 11th day of the 11th month when all stood for one minute to remember all who have died in war. The reason for the late start was that our speaker for the day, Christine Fyffe, had to be elsewhere at 11 for remembrance day ceremonies. The subject of her talk will be detailed later. The President welcomed members and ladies and one guest Geoff Fraser, who is Ray Reynolds' brother-in law.

President Ivor summonsed Ted Brookes to come forward to receive his O.B.E. Mac McCarthy is awaiting a day later in the month when he too will reach that august age. Activities Reports.

Ian Robinson reported that the Manhattan lunch last month was a success and that 37, so far, have booked for Templestowe on the 25th.

Upcoming events include Christmas lunch at Bram Leigh, January BBQ, a possible trip to morning melodies at the Manhattan in February and Anglesea in March.

The Probus Ramblers walk at Olinda had also been enjoyed.

Probus Pals are having afternoon at Morrison on the Park café on the 22nd.

General Business.

A member complained about salesmen at our front doors. Terry Pollock advised that there is a sign authorised by Consumer Affairs to put on one's front door to stop this nuisance.

Milton Samson won the door prize.

As mentioned earlier our speaker to-day was Christine Fyffe our local State member of Parliament. An excellent speaker Christine kept off Party Politics as far as possible but was witty and penetrating in her remarks about parliamentarians of all persuasions. Her office is also very helpful in printing our monthly newsletter.

The last meeting for 2010 was No. 318 and opened by President Ivor. As always he welcomed members, ladies and guests, Geoff Fraser and his wife Yvonne.

As mentioned earlier Mac McCarthy was due to receive his O.B.E and he was happy to accept it at this meeting.

Jack Ray tendered his resignation which was accepted.

Our membership numbers are below our maximum and David Watson suggested that members might like to ask around for potential members to come and see whether they might like to join us.

"Do Not Knock" stickers are available from Secretary Doug.

Activities Reports.

Jim McWharton spoke briefly regarding the Templestowe lunch.

Ian Robinson told members that the lunch at Bram Leigh will have entertainment organised by Kelvin Thomas and the Cherry Pips and poetry by our resident poetess Marlene Douglas.

The Probus Pals will meet on the 24th January at the Croydon Golf Club.

General Business.

The Media Mogul would appreciate articles, jokes, photographs for the newsletter and/or PowerPoint presentations.

The lucky door prize was won by Don McLean on his first day back. (Collusion by any chance???)

The speaker David Spitteler was welcomed by Ian Walker and thanked by Jim McMinn for his interesting talk on Asylum Seekers.

President Ivor welcomed members and ladies to the first meeting for 2011 together with Geoff & Yvonne Fraser, Derek Gibson and Brian & Sylvia Davis.

Bert Patrick was delighted to receive his 10 year badge.

The President then inducted Geoff Fraser and welcomed his wife Yvonne to the club. He presented them with their badges etc.

The Almoner gave the good news that Lyn Joseph was home after 11 months in hospital. The news drew spontaneous applause.

Notice of the A.G.M. on 10th March was read out by Secretary Doug.

Activities Reports.

The Christmas lunch at Bram Leigh was voted an outstanding success.

Bert Milgate advised who our speakers will be in the next few months and Ian Robinson did likewise for trips and outings.

General Business.

There had been a good response to the recent survey which will give the incoming committee some guide to members wishes. PCSP has forwarded a copy of this to all Probus Clubs in Victoria.

Don McLean again drew the door prize but declined to accept it whereupon it was re-drawn with Terry Pollock as the lucky man.

As the weather was inclement the BBQ was held in the hall after the departure of our speaker Tim Acton who had spoken on the many and varied people he had met on coach tours over many years.

The President's last full meeting was No. 320 when he welcomed members, ladies and guests Marcello Di Martino and Derek Gibson.

Two O.B.E's were presented this month, the first to Doug Lewis and the second to Ron Ferguson.

David Watson received his 10 year badge.

Activities Reports.

Despite the weather all had enjoyed the spit roast indoors and Ken & Lauris Mackley were thanked for providing the "afters".

Morning Melodies at the Manhattan is coming as is the Probus Ramblers to the Alfred Nicholas Gardens.

The Probus Pals had enjoyed their outing to Croydon Golf Club and a big thank you to Henri for bringing Gradie to the event.

General Business.

Members were reminded that it is the duty of all members, not their ladies, to bring something tasty for all to enjoy after the A.G.M. next month.

The lucky door prize was won by Ian Walker

Brian Williams from Consumer Affairs was a most interesting speaker who was warmly welcomed.

2010 - 2011 Office Bearers.

Office	Bearer
President	Ivor Lewis
Vice President	David Watson
Treasurer	Vic Scarborough/ John Nunn/ Terry Pollock
Secretary	Doug Mackie

Committee	Ian Robinson
Committee	Keith Taylor
Committee	John Turner
Committee	Ian Walker
Assistant Treasurer	Bill Molyneux
Assistant Secretary	Bill Molyneux
Car Trips	Ray Galloway and Keith Quibell
Outings and Walks	Ian Robinson/ Jim McMinn/ Keith Taylor
Almoner	Brian Walsh/ Ray Reynolds
Speakers	Bert Milgate/ Ian Robinson
Newsletter	Bill Molyneux/ Vic Scarborough
M.O.E.R.	Ray Galloway/ Alby Dowel
Catering	Ken Mackley/ Ray Galloway
Public Officer	Bert Milgate/ Alby Dowel
Auditor	Bert Patrick
Safety Warden	John Wicks/ Jack McGuinness
Club History	Kellie Heber-Percy/ Bill Molyneux
Trades Register	Russell Handasyde
Door Prize	Stan Pickersgill/ Les Wanstall

2010 - 2011 Outings and Trips.

Date.	Details.
29 th April	Stonefruit Orchards – self drive
20 th May	Probus Ramblers from Badger Weir
27 th May	High tea at the Windsor Hotel
17 th June	Probus Ramblers from Pound Bend
24 th June	Lunch at Sanctuary House Hotel
30 th June	Yarra Glen Trail walk.
15 th July	Probus Ramblers from Grants Picnic Reserve Kallista
19 th July	Probus Pals at Red Gum Gallery
29 th July	Christmas in July at Alfred's Homestead Restaurant.
19 th August	Probus Ramblers from Spadonis Nature Reserve
23 rd August	Ladies outing at Paperbark Cafe
26 th August	Bus trip to H.M.A.S. Cerberus
10 th – 16 th September	Trip to Tallangatta
16 th September	Probus Ramblers at Sherbrooke Falls Forest
21 st October	Probus Ramblers at National Rhododendron Gardens
25 th October	Probus Pals Ladies at Wyreana for coffee and cake
28 th October	Lunch at the Manhattan
18 th November	Probus Ramblers Pound Bend
22 nd November	Probus Pals tea at Morrison on the Park
25 th November	Templestowe Hotel
16 th December	Christmas Lunch at Bram Leigh
17 th December	Yarra Glen Race Meeting
13 th January 2011	BBQ in the Lillydale Lake grounds
24 th January	Probus Pals at Croydon Golf Club

17 th February	Probus Ramblers at the Alfred Nicholas Gardens
23 rd February	Morning Melodies at the Manhattan

2010 - 2011 Guest Speakers.

Meeting No.	Date.	Speaker.	Subject
310	April	Chris Keyne	Advanced Lifestyle
311	May	Gareth Wilding Forbes	"My career in show business"
312	June	Don Horsburgh	Puffing Billy
313	July	Mal Higgins	R.A.C.V. on road safety and current road rules
314	August	Ray Smithies	Crime/mystery writer
315	September	David Hodgett	Gallipoli and the Dawn Service
316	October	Len Beadell (Recording)	Woomera Range and Gunbarrel Highway
317	November	Christine Fyffe	Workings of Parliament
318	December	David Spitteler	Asylum Seekers
319	January 2011	Tim Acton	Types of people I have met on Coach tours
320	February	Brian Williams	Current Legislation on Consumer Affairs

2010 - 2011 New Members.

Date.	Member.	Partner.
8 th July	Peter Walter	
8 th July	Ray A. Reynolds	June
13 th January 2011	Geoff Fraser	Yvonne

2010 - 2011 Resignations.

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of Membership
John Wicks	President (2006/07) Car Trips, Chrissy's Walks	19/07/2003 – 01/01/2010
James Pugh	-	12/07/2008 – 02/12/2010
Jack Ray	-	10/07/2008 – 02/12/2010

201 - 2011 Bereavements.

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of membership.
Fred Harding	President 1997/1998	13/06/1991 – 23/04/2010
Victor Scarborough	Treasurer	10/07/2008 – 21/07/2010
Tom Jacob	-	13/09/2007 – 13/07/2010

2010 - 2011 Attendance.

Month.	Members.	Ladies.	Visitors.	Apologies.
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March	39	34	4	34
April	43	33	2	18
May	45	42	1	19
June	43	38	1	7
July	39	37	3	26
August	41	31	1	25
September	36	36	0	25
October	41	36	0	23
November	38	34	1	23
December	46	44	2	13
January	40	40	5	9
February	36	37	2	25

O.B.E's Presented.

Name.	Date of Birth.
Graeme West	21 st April 1930
Kevin Robb	3 rd May 1930
Keith Taylor	1 st July 1930
Ivor Lewis	22 nd August 1930
Ted Brookes	28 th October 1930
Mac McCarthy	26 th November 1930
Doug Lewis	1 st January 1931
Ron Ferguson	12 th February 1931