

CHAPTER 14.

PRESIDENT JIM McMINN : 2013 - 2014 .

President Ray opened the March meeting on 14th March 2013 and welcomed Clive and Margaret Aitken, Dereck and Fran Brown, Len de Koning, Deborah Harrison (Geoff Fraser's daughter) and John Wilby.

Also very welcome were 43 members and 38 lady guests.

John Wilby was inducted into the Club by the President. John apologised that his wife Beverley was not there to-day but she hopes to attend in the future.

The President advised that he had visited Milton Sansom who is very unwell and presented him with his O.B.E

A DVD presentation was given explaining CPR. Deborah Harrison kindly answered questions arising from the presentation and left a supply of leaflets relating to CPR. Activities Reports.

Upcoming guest speakers will be

April – Bruce McBrien – Remembering Melbourne of the 20th Century.

May – Owen Fox – Climate change.

June- Helen Wagstaff – Life in the Orchid World.

August – Bell Ringers.

Upcoming Trips etc

26th Annual Car Trip to Anglesea 18th – 22nd March all under control.

28th March – Excursion to Jewish Holocaust Museum, Elsternwick 9.42 a.m. train from Lilydale

Thursday 18th April – Waverley Cinema. \$22 – meet at Senior Citizens car park 9.30 a.m.

23rd May – Rusty Springs – Avenal - \$100 per night – double.

27th June – Chocolate Factory – self drive.

John Dineen reported back on the Ramble around Lilydale.

The Media Mogul was happy to report that

Ron Barnett has agreed to take over the production of the news letter

Geoff Fraser has agreed to become Assistant Secretary.

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

Theatre-goers – Nothing to report

Probus Pals – Rhonda Watson will be hostess at Tulky's Café & Bar 48 Manchester Road Mooroolbark at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 16th April .

General Business.

The lucky door prize was won by Ron Barnett.

The meeting closed at 10.35

At 10.45 a.m. President Ray opened the 30th Annual General Meeting and welcomed all visitors especially Clive & Margaret Aitken as representatives of M.O.E.R..

Secretary Doug read the Notification of the A.G.M.

Minutes of the 29th A.G.M were read by the Secretary, accepted on his motion and seconded by David Watson.

The President had pleasure in presenting certificates of gratitude for jobs well done to the following:

Bill Molyneux – Newsletter and extended tasks.

Gran Waterworth – Catering.

Doug Mackie – Secretary.

Keith Taylor and Peter Walter – Trips.

Bert Milgate – Welcomer and Speaker Coordinator.

President Ray then presented his annual report.

In the absence of the Treasurer, his proposed Budget for 2013/4 was presented by the Secretary, who moved its acceptance. This was seconded by Jim McMinn and carried.

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

On behalf of members he thanked all for their diligent contribution to the Club. Bert then read out the nominations for the Committee. As nominations equalled positions no election was necessary and positions are as set out at the end of this chapter.

Bert handed the Chair back to Past President Ray who inducted new President Jim McMinn, presented him with his symbols of office. The President then presented his new Committee members with their badges to acclamation from the members.

The President set out his thoughts and ideas for the coming year.

President Jim had pleasure in presenting Ray with his Past President's pin, badge and Certificate of Appreciation.

President Jim then appointed other members with their various tasks for the Club all as set out at the end of this chapter.

The usual 3 Procedural Motions were read out, proposed for acceptance, seconded and carried.

President Jim thanked all who had attended, invited all to sit for a delicious lunch and invited Ray to help him cut the birthday cake. The meeting closed at 11.29a.m.

President Jim's first full meeting was No.346 and he welcomed members, lady guests and visitors Len de Koning, Dereck & Fran Brown and Ray & Robin Murphy. The President wished all birthday boys and girls a very happy day.

President Jim inducted Dereck Brown who was accompanied by his wife Fran. Both were made welcome.

The death of Milton Sansom on the 20th March was recorded with sadness and all stood for a minute to remember him.

The President invested Ken Mackley with his O.B.E.

Also congratulated to-day were Brian and Myra Walsh whose 60th wedding anniversary coincided with the meeting.

David Watson brought members up to date with proposed changes to our constitution.

Activities Reports.

M.O.E.R. Geoff Fraser advised on the upcoming meeting, the Annual Picnic on the 30th April and Spring Lunch on 31st October.

Past President Ray reported on the fantastic and successful car trip to Anglesea and thank John Watson and Stuart Brown for their efforts.

Forthcoming trips are as follows:

Rusty Springs – Avenel

Chocolate Factory – 27th June

Probus Pals

Theatre Group

Ramblers.

The Speaker to-day was Bruce McBrien OAM. His subject was "Remembering Melbourne of the 20th Century".

The President opened the May meeting and welcomed members, ladies and visitor Len de Koning who was then inducted into the Club. Len gave a short account of his The President-Probus life and was warmly welcomed.

Jim reported that Jean Bird, wife of past member Murray had passed away.

Members were advised that June Auld had lost her daughter.

Bert Patrick was welcomed back from his travels and rewarded by being invested with his O.B.E.

Activities Reports.

Up-coming guest speakers include:

June – Helen Wagstaff – Orchids

July – Bike riding for charity

August – The bell ringers

The Ramblers will go to Badgers Creek on the 16th of May.

M.O.E.R. Geoff Fraser gave a detailed report regarding the revised constitution which is not acceptable to many clubs. About 85 people enjoyed the Picnic at Elgar Park on 30th April.

There were no reports from the Media Mogul, Theatre goers or Extra Curricular, however the Probus Pals next date is the 18th June at Lilydale General at 110 Beresford Road, Lilydale.

There was no General Business or lucky door prize

The speaker to-day was Owen Fox whose subject was "Climate Change". His talk left us all feeling puzzled over whom we should believe.

The 348th General Meeting was opened by President Jim who welcomed members, and lady guests. There were no visitors.

An auspicious birthday was that celebrated by Max Wilson who received his O.B.E from the President.

The Club learned with regret the resignation of Dennis Lawson.

Activities Reports.

Bert Milgate reminded members of forthcoming speakers, in particular the change of speakers to-day.

Doug Mackie reported on the recent successful at Rusty Springs, Avenal.

The following trips are planned:

27th June Chocolatier – Yarra Glen

25th July Christmas in July at Alfred's Homestead.

22nd August – Ten Pin Bowling at Chirnside Park

25th October – Visit to Hamer Hall

28th November Movie at Eastland.

The Ramblers will meet at Jells Park on the 20th June.

Media Mogul – Nothing to report

M.O.E.R. Nothing to report

Extra Curricular – John Watson announced that he would like to start a painting group and asked those interested to contact him.

General Business. None

Lucky Door Prize – Again none.

The speaker to-day was David who gave an interesting talk and slide presentation of a recent organised cycling through Germany and Austria.

The July meeting was opened by the President who welcomed members and lady guests. There were no visitors to-day.

Vice President John presented our worthy President with his 10 year pin.

Activities Reports.

Stuart Brown gave details of the next Annual Car Trip. This will be to the R.A.C.V. Cobram from Monday 17th to Friday 21st March 2014. A deposit of \$100 is required on or before the September meeting.

David Watson advised that the next Probus Ramble will be to the Botanic Gardens on the 18th July.

The Probus Pals will gather at the Succulent Café in Lilydale on the 29th of August.

Keith Quibell reminded members of the next few speakers:

Helen Wagstaff talking about orchids to-day.

The Bell ringers in August.

David & Rhonda Watson 1 September.

Brenda McMinn talking about the Community Visitor programme.
There were no reports from either M.O.E.R. or the Media Mogul.
General Business. Nil

No one got the lucky door prize as the President forgot to bring it!
Our speaker to-day was Helen Wagstaff who gave an interesting talk and demonstration on re-potting a very neglected orchid.

The President opened the 350th meeting and welcomed members and lady guests.
John Nunn gave a short history on our first and only centenarian Arthur Coster whose death was mourned today by a minute's silence.

Our worthy Secretary Stuart was worthily presented with his O.B.E.
Activities Reports.

Keith Quibell advised members that Brenda McMinn's talk has been postponed until the November meeting and that the speaker to-day would be Lisa Davies speaking about Pilates.

The President is organising a Ramblers walk to Cloudehill Gardens on the 15th.

The new Art Group will start meeting from the 5th September.

Media Mogul – No report

M.O.E.R. – No report.

General Business.

The President has promised two door prizes at next month's meeting.

The much anticipated Bell Ringers gave an excellent performance of the art of hand bell ringing.

Thursday 12th September saw the general meeting being opened by the President who welcomed members and lady guests.

Ray Reynolds achieved his O.B.E..

Shirley Miles, Arthur Coster's daughter was welcomed as an Honorary Member and was presented with her Probus badge.

The Almoner in presenting his report advised that Marj Harding has been allocated a place at Tullamore and that, sadly, we will no longer see her at our meetings.

Activities Reports.

Keith Quibell reminded members of the speakers for the next three months.

M.O.E.R. Geoff Fraser gave a brief report on their quarterly meeting.

The President reported on the activities of the Ramblers.

Brenda McMinn is arranging a trip to "Fiddler on the roof" in October.

Media Mogul – Nothing to report.

Meredith Quibell will be hostess at the next Probus Pals "do" at George's Café in Croydon on the 15th October.

General Business.

David Watson spoke on a forthcoming group trip to Viet Nam.

John Watson and Geoff Fraser reported on the first of four monthly gatherings learning about the pleasure of learning to paint with acrylics. Their mentor was Peter Tucker. The next "class" will be on the 3rd of October.

The Committee is sponsoring 2 members and 2 ladies to attend a course on CPR.

The lucky door prize was won by Alan Coulson.

David and Rhonda Watson did the best, plagued by faulty equipment, to give members and ladies a glimpse of what had obviously been a wonderful trip through Europe.

President Jim opened the October meeting and welcomed members and lady guests with a special greeting to visitor Ron Crick from Blackburn Probus.

Activities Reports.

Stuart Brown reminded members of the requirements of the R.A.C.V for the car trip in March.

The Christmas lunch will be on the 17th December.
The Ramblers will ramble around Maroondah Dam on the 17th of this month.
Media Mogul – No report
M.O.E.R. – No report.
Ladies were reminded of the Probus Pals get together at George's Café on the 15th.
General Business.
The President explained that David Watson will be presenting proposed changes to our Constitution and Standing Orders. Members will be asked to votes on these.
Geoff Fraser was the lucky door prize winner.
The speaker to-day was Lisa Davies who spoke on her passion for Pilates and its value to "over 50's".

President Jim welcomed members, ladies and visitor Ron Crick of Blackburn Probus Club to the November meeting.
The President presented First Aid Certificates to Doug & Carole Lewis, Brenda McMinn and Ron Barnett who have all completed the recent CPR course.
Activities Reports.
Keith Quibell advised that Mel Higgins from R.A.C.V. will be the guest speaker in December and Brenda McMinn will move forward to January.
Jim McMinn is arranging for a Ramblers walk to Sherbrooke Falls for the 21st November.
Probus Pals will meet at the Lilydale General on the 14th January.
Media Mogul – Nothing to report.
M.O.E.R. Geoff Fraser gave a brief report on the latest M.O.E.R. meeting.
General Business.
David Watson presented the proposed changes to our Constitution and Standing Orders won which members will be asked to vote at the December meeting.
The Committee has been asked to look into buying our own microphone with a boom which will enable the microphone to be brought nearer to the speaker.
The lucky door prize was won by Lex Lillie.
The notice was given to hold the Special General Meeting after the December regular meeting to pass the changes to the Constitution and Standing Orders.
Our speaker to-day was Sherene Hassen. Sherene is an Australian born Muslim who made it very clear that many of the so-called beliefs are not supported by the Koran. A fascinating talk.

The President opened the December Meeting No. 354 and welcomed Members, ladies and Ron Crick.
All present stood for a minute in silence to remember the passing of Graeme West and Peter Walter.
Don & Margaret McLean celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this month. What a great achievement.
Activities Reports.
Forthcoming activities are
17th December -Christmas lunch.
9th January - BBQ
February – Tarrawarra Art Gallery.
The speaker in January will be Brenda McMinn accompanied by a speaker from the Office of the Public Advocate and in February Mike Ridley from Gulf Station.
Media Mogul – Nothing to report.
M.O.E.R. – Nothing to report.
John Watson advised that the small art group will cease meeting due to lack of numbers.
The meeting of Probus Pals in January will go ahead as planned.
General Business.

David Watson gave details of the changes he proposes to Club By-laws. These changes will be voted on at the January meeting.

The request for a new microphone has been accepted and purchased.

John Watson won the lucky door prize.

Our speaker to-day was Mel Higgins from the R.A.C.V. who gave an illustrated talk on Elderly Driving Problems. Sadly time did not allow for questions after the address although many were answered during the presentation.

The first meeting for 2014 was opened by President Jim who welcomed members, ladies and Ron Crick.

Activities Reports.

Keith Quibell advised that the speaker for April will be a member of COTA talking about "Victoria the Age friendly State."

David Watson is organising a ramble in the Wilson Botanic Gardens in Berwick on the 16th January.

Media Mogul – Nothing to report.

M.O.E.R. – Also Nil to report.

General Business.

David Watson proposed that the new Clun By-laws be adopted. Ray Galloway seconded the proposal which was "Carried".

Ken Mackley won the lucky door prize.

The speakers to-day were Brenda McMinn, and, from the Office of the Public Advocate, Lorraine Lipson and Jane Eeles. They spoke of the work they do to assist the handicapped, mentally ill and people in need of care. Brenda works as a volunteer with that Office in our local area.

President Jim welcomed members, ladies and Ron Crick to the February Meeting No. 356.

The President inducted Ron into the Club. Ron had previously been with the Probus club of Blackburn but following his move to live in Lilydale he requested a transfer.

President Jim presented Ron Ferguson with his 10 year badge.

Secretary Stuart enjoyed investing his long time friend and close in age friend John Watson with his O.B.E. He pointed out that John is always saying that Stuart is so much older than he but now both are the same age!

Secretary Stuart read the formal Notice advising of the Annual General Meeting at 10.30 on Thursday 14th March 2014.

Activities Reports.

Keith Quibell reminded members that the speaker to-day is Mike Ridley from Gulf Station, in April it will be a speaker from COTA Victoria friendly State and in May Ian White talking on Policing in the U.K.

Len de Koning advised of the following outings

27 March – Ten Pin Bowling

15th April – Jazz Museum in Wantirna

30th – 31st May – Rusty Springs – Avenel

The January Ramble having been cancelled due to the heart, David Watson is proposing to the Wilson Botanic Garden on the 27th February.

M.O.E.R. No report.

Media Mogul – Bill put a notice on the Board.

General Business.

Ladies have Probus Pals. The gents have nothing similar. Stuart Brown has suggested a similar outing for the gents. He has suggested the 25th March at Noon for a lunch at a venue T.B.A. at the March meeting.

Probus Pals will meet on Monday 31st March at Bianchet Winery in Victoria Road. Geraldine Handasyde is organising this "do".

The lucky door prize was won by our "worthy" President Jim.

As mentioned our speaker to-day was Mike Ridley who presented a most interesting slide presentation on the history of Gulf Station on the outskirts of Yarra Glen.

2013 - 2014 Office Bearers.

Office	Bearer
President	Jim McMinn
Vice President	John Watson
Secretary	Stuart Brown
Treasurer	Cec Lewis
Committee	Ray Reynolds
Committee	Ron Barnett
Committee	Peter Tucker
Committee	Geoff Fraser
Assistant Secretary	Geoff Fraser
Activities/ Trips	Peter Tucker/ Ray Reynolds/ Ron Barnett
Probus Ramblers	David Watson
Almoner	Russell Handasyde/Kellie Heber-Percy
Speakers	Bert Milgate until September then Keith Quibell
Newsletter Editor	Ron Barnett
Newsletter Mail Out	Brian Walsh
Media & Membership Master Lists	Bill Molyneux
Catering	Alan Peck/ Bob Dawe
Safety Warden	Jack McGuinness
Auditor	Bert Patrick
Door Prize	Ralph Sibley/ Les Wanstall
Assistant Treasurer	John Nunn
Trades Register	Russell Handasyde
Welcoming Officer	Bert Milgate
P.A. System	Alan Coulton
Club History	Kellie Heber-Percy
M.O.E.R. Delegate	Geoff Fraser
Records	Bill Molyneux

2013 - 2014 Outings and Trips.

Date.	Details.
18 th – 24 th March	26 th Car Trip to Anglesea
28 th March	Visit to Jewish Holocaust Museum
16 th April	Probus Pals at Tulky's Café & Bar
18 th April	Waverley Cinema
11 th May	Cinema – "Hotel Sorrento"
16 th May	Ramblers to Badgers Creek
23 rd May	Rusty Springs – Avenal
18 th June	Probus Pals – Lilydale General
27 th June	Chocolatier Factory – self drive
20 th June	Ramblers to Jells Park
27 th June	Chocolate & Ice Creamery – Yarra Glen

18 th July	Ramblers to the Botanic Gardens
25 th July	Christmas in July – Alfred’s Homestead
9 th August	Bell Ringers
15 th August	Ramblers to Cloudehill Gardens
22 nd August	Ten Pin Bowling – Chirnside Park
19 th September	Ramblers to Hotchkin’s Ridge Flora Reserve
29 th August	Probus Pals at the Succulent Café, Lilydale
5 th September	Inaugural Art Group meeting
26 th September	Ray Galloway’s mystery bus trip
3 rd October	Art Class at Coldstream Community Centre
15 th October	Probus Pals – George’s Café Croydon
17 th October	Ramblers to Maroondah Dam
19 th October	Theatre- “Fiddler on the roof”
25 th October	Visit to Hamer Hall
21 st November	Ramblers to Sherbrooke Falls
27 th November	Movie – “Captain Philip”
17 th December	Christmas Lunch - Fortnum’s
9 th January 2014	Smorgasbord at Lillydale Lake
14 th January	Probus Pals at Lilydale General
7 th February	Tarrawarra Art Gallery, lunch at Chocolatier Ice Creamery
10 th February	Ten Pin Bowling – Chirnside Park
27 th February	Ramblers to Wilson Botanic Garden - Berwick

2013 - 2014 Guest Speakers.

Meeting No.	Date.	Speaker.	Subject
346	11 th April 2013	Bruce Mc Brien	Remembering Melbourne of the 20 th Century
347	9 th May	Owen Fox	Climate Change
348	June	David Brown	Cycling for charity in Germany & Austria
349	July	Helen Wagstaff	Life in the Orchid World
350	August		Bell Ringers
351	September	David & Rhonda Watson	“From Russia with love”
352	October	Lisa Davies	Pilates
353	November	Sherene Hassen	Islam in Australia
354	December	Mel Higgins	R.A.C.V.
355	January 2014	Brenda McMinn, Lorraine Lipson and Jane Eeles	Community Visitors Programme
356	February	Mike Ridley	Gulf Station

2013 - 2014 New Members.

Date.	Member.	Partner.
14 th March 2013	John Wilby	Beverley
11 th April	Dereck Brown	Fran
9 th May	Len de Koning	
13 th February 2014	Ron Crick	

2013 - 2014 Resignations.

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of Membership
Dennis Lawson	Trips Committee 1998-1999	13 th February 1997-6 th June 2013.

2013 - 2014 Bereavements.

Name.	Position(s) Held.	Dates of membership.
Milton Sansom	Joint Caterer 2012.	11 th September 2008 – 20 th March 2013.
Arthur Coster	Committee Member - 1993.	1 st March 1984 – 12 th July 2013.
Graeme West	Secretary 2003 – 2005	13 th December 2001 – 16 th November 2013.
Peter Walter	Trips Committee 2011 – 2013.	8 th July 2010 – 2 nd December 2013.

2013 - 2014 Attendance.

Month.	Members.	Ladies.	Visitors.	Apologies.
March	43	38	7	25
April	39	39	5	26
May	32	34	0	34
June	33	21	-	29
July	31	26	-	41
August	34	35	-	31
September	35	35	-	21
October	34	32	1	23
November	37	33	1	23
December	34	34	1	23
January	30	33	1	30
February	33	36	1	29

O.B.E's Presented.

Name.	Date of Birth.
Milton Sansom	2 nd January 1933
Bert Patrick	28 th February 1933
Ken Mackley	5 th April 1933
Max Wilson	21 st May 1933

Ray Reynolds	5 th July 1933
Stuart Brown	28 th July 1933
John Watson	10 th February 1934