

## President's Report 2017

The Probus Club of Port Melbourne has, during our last year, continued to advance intellectual, cultural and social interests among its members. We have many to thank for their contributions that has made this success possible.

The Council of Port Phillip have generously provided a wonderful meeting place for us free of charge that we have utilised to meet the aims and objectives of our Club.

Our Club has functioned extremely well due to exceptionally high level of commitment of the Committee Members. Pam M. had been an excellent Secretary and given me a huge amount of advice and support. On the occasions she was engaged with other commitments, she was able to secure the able assistance of Jenny H.

Bruce L. has been a very competent Treasurer, and someone to rely upon to keep our finances in a healthy state, recorded in a very precise and clear manner. He was also assisted by Jennie F and Sandra M. when he was unable to attend a meeting.

The activities of last year continued to be of a very high standard. The speakers we have heard, so ably selected and recruited by Yvonne B. and Margaret I., captivated those attending our meetings. I have had very complimentary feedback from members expressing their enjoyment of the quality of the speakers.

The many visits to most interesting locations, participated in by a large proportion of our members, were selected and organised by Yvonne Ld and Leah B, with the assistance of Alan A. in visiting the Jayco factory. All were well appreciated by our members. Other visits have also provided a great deal of enjoyment in fields that gave an interesting view of history, art and other segments of our culture.

It is no wonder that our membership has reached 84, close to the originally set limit of 100.

Our meetings are typically attended by between 50 and 65 members. This achievement surely reflects the intellectually stimulating, and friendly social atmosphere created by those attending, including the convivial lunches that we have shared together on alternative months, so ably organised by Charlotte B.

Our Probus Club has also benefited by having a dedicated Carer who, when informed of incapacity to attend our meetings and functions, has visited those members. Helen P. has been most conscientious in this field and has provided significant comfort to those who have been infirm or incapacitated, and reinforced the concept that our Probus Club cares about its members.

Several other members have contributed in a very real way to the operation of our Club.

Keith R. had done an excellent job as our Website Manager, ensuring that Club news is disseminated punctually with all the detailed information. He also undertook the role of roving photographer, ably assisted by Simon B. and Paul B.

Yvonne Ly. has done a wonderful job as Editor of our newsletter, keeping us all well informed of important news and prospective events.

This year, in accordance with the Standing Resolutions of our Club, we have created the positions of Assistant Secretary for Jenny H. and Assistant Treasurer for Jenny F. to cater for those occasions when the Secretary or Treasurer are unable to either attend meetings or carry out their ongoing roles.

The Constitution of the Probus Club of Port Melbourne, as stated in clause 4.b, states that “the term of office of President shall be one year, which may be extended to not more than two consecutive years if required due to exceptional circumstances.” With great relief I can inform you that we have a nomination for the position of President for next year.

Our Club has been honoured by more than ten years of loyalty through their continuing membership by the following members: Graham L., Lynette T. and Marie C. We have a special name tag for them which recognises their participation in the activities of this Club.

It has been a great privilege for me to undertake the role of President for your Club, the Probus Club of Port Melbourne. It is my sincere hope that our Club will continue to meet the expectations of its Members in the next year.

David M.

President  
Probus Club of Port Melbourne