



NAME [Constitution :1]

The name of the Club shall be The Ellenbrook Combined Probus Club Incorporated.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES [Constitution :2]

- a) The purpose of the Club shall be to advance intellectual and cultural interests among adult persons who have retired or are semi-retired from their former occupations.
- b) It will hold regular meetings and arrange activities to provide opportunities for fellowship, the development of acquaintance and social interaction.
- c) It shall strive to be seen as a worthwhile organisation by the local community.

MEMBERSHIP [Constitution: 3]

- a) Membership of this Club shall be open to retirees and semi-retired professional and businesspeople and others from a worthy vocation who appreciate and value others in similar circumstances.
- b) Membership of the Club shall be primarily for residents of Ellenbrook and surrounding suburbs and districts.

The maximum membership of the Club shall be 100 members. [Standing Resolution: 6]

MANAGEMENT [Constitution 4]

The Club shall be managed by a Management Committee, comprising a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such number of other members as provided in the By-laws or the Club's Standing Resolutions.

COMMITTEE 2020-2021

At the March 2020 AGM the following were elected:

President Peter Olney
Vice-President John Greenwood
Vice-President Hilton Linklater
Secretary Evelyn Olney
Treasurer Hilton Linklater
Bulletin Peter Olney
Outings Diane Deppeler
Membership Edna Darge
Guest Speaker Ed Reed
Caring Carol Toop
Liaison Vivien Greenwood
Webmaster Ron Chambers
Committee Beverley Clark
Committee Jennifer Ward
Past President Ed Reed
Safety Officer Keith Deppeler



OTHER ROLES

House Rosters Rhoda Counsel
Walks Edna Darge and Rhoda Counsel
Books Carol and Alan Toop

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING [Constitution: 5]

An Annual General Meeting for the election of Committee members shall be held on or before 31 March each year.

AGM Dates

The Annual General meetings were held on Monday 9 March 2020 and Monday 8 March 2021.

OBSERVERS AT MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

The role of the Observer was introduced in 2020 as a way of letting the membership see for themselves how the Club operated, and to encourage members to consider allowing themselves to be put forward as a possible member of the Management Committee.

At the meeting the observer is encouraged to take full part in any discussions. The only limitation is that he or she does not have a vote. Voting is generally procedural, such as accepting the minutes or the treasurer's report, and not often contentious.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well! what a year we have had! No sooner had we held the AGM the Club had to go into lockdown due to COVID-19. We were not able to hold meetings at the Woodlake Community Centre. The Committee Members throughout 2020/21 maintained contact with telephone calls and emails to/from club Members. The PSPL produced Newsletters were onforwarded to all members and the Monthly Bulletins were produced uninterrupted every month to keep all Members informed.

Once the lockdown ended, we were restricted by the City of Swan, we recommenced meetings at the Woodlake Community Centre. I want to thank the Committee and other event organisers for working through the changing situation with restrictions. They have been conscious of and worked hard to keep everyone safe and at the same time provide for as much gathering as the restrictions would allow. They have done a great job.

A remarkable achievement was the at the beginning of the year we had 71 members and at the close we had increased our membership to 88. This is a 23.9% increase.

On a sad note we saw the passing of the Doreen Strahan and Les Coy.

My thanks to Evelyn who has worked hard and efficiently performed all the work of Secretary; to Hilton who has handled the money and organised the transfer of our Accounts to Bendigo Bank and the implementation of simpler deposit system and enabling a more streamlined financial operation; to Carol for caring for everyone so well during this difficult time; to Edna for keeping on top of membership and registrations at meeting; to Joe and Sheila for the jokes; to Rhoda and Edna for keeping walks going even though it meant anxious planning; to Ed who has kept on organising interesting Guest Speakers; to Diane supported by Jenny for keeping the variety of outings flowing; To John G for standing in for me; Bev assisting Evelyn; Keith for their contributions and advice. I have depended on their support throughout the year; and to the organisers of the events/functions and



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to everyone who has contributed to the running of the Club. Thanks also goes to Trish for undertaking the Financial Check of the club's books.

I was honoured to present certificates and badges for more than 10 years membership of Ellenbrook Combined Probus Club to 20 members. Congratulations.

I want to thank John Greenwood and Diane Deppeler for urgently taking over Evelyn's duties since December due to Evelyn's illness -THANK YOU.

On a personal note, both Evelyn and I must acknowledge the thankless support and sincere notes, flowers, calls, visitors, cards and emails we have received from the Members of the Club. This has been remarkable and truly supportive.

We are not out of the woods yet from this dreadful pandemic and so I wish all the best to the incoming Committee as they run the Club in these challenging times. Thank you all for the opportunity to be your Club President and the opportunity to present this Annual Report to Members.

My best wishes to all of you for a happy and healthy 2021 and for good times together.

Peter Olney PSM President – 2020-2021

SECRETARY

The role of Secretary is an important one as the administrative hub of the Club. The occupant, this year Evelyn Olney, is charged with looking after the administrative and communication interests of the organisation. This mostly means preparing the agendas for meetings and writing up the minutes however, there is the requirement for documents to be submitted to key organisations such as Probus South Pacific, the City of Swan and Badge suppliers. Relevant information or documents are distributed, as appropriate to the Committee and Members for attention or notation.

Well, there has certainly been some changes this year. We were lucky enough to have had our AGM before COVID-19 consumed us.

It has been a pleasure working with the Committee and members for the benefit of the Club.

Evelyn Olney

TREASURER

2020 was a very difficult year for us all. For some months there was no activity at all.

A major change to our banking arrangements, that occurred in March 2020 was the transfer of our bank from ANZ to Bendigo Bank, this has facilitated EFTPOS at our meetings and the ability to utilise Debit cards for outings and other club purchases.

Bank Balance 31/12/2019 \$4800.39

Bank Balance 31/12/2020 \$4126.56

Thank you, Trish for providing an independent check of our financial records.

Hilton Linklater



OUTINGS

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| 6 March | Luncheon | Fusion West Swan Road |
| 6 April | Virtual Lunch | On the Internet |
| 30 July | Morning Tea | Lavender Bistro West Swan Road |
| 20 th August | Morning Tea | Lot Six Zero -Cafe |
| 17 September | Birthday Luncheon | The Abbey West Swan Road |
| 13 October | Luncheon | Padburys - Guildford |
| 2 November | Melbourne Cup | Woodlake Community Centre |
| 13 November | Morning Tea | Waldecks Garden Centre |
| 7 December | Christmas Lunch | MamaLily– Equestrian Centre |
| 20 January | Lunch | Woodbridge Hotel - Guildford |
| 24 February | Morning Tea | The Swan Valley Station Henley Brook |

Thanks to all those that have helped especially Jenny conduct the above events and to the Members that regularly came along to enjoy the fellowship.

Diane Deppeler

WEB

The Club web site <http://ellenbrookprobus.org.au> has all editions of the Bulletin posted on it so that those who are interested in the Club can see the sort of activities we run. There are also other documents and information, some of which is only accessible by those with a password. Throughout the year the Club owned website received online messages from persons wanting to join the Club. These were all followed up shortly after they were received. Some preliminary work has been taken by Ron and Peter to refresh the format of the website.

Ron Chambers

LIAISON

The inter club liaison has been severely affected by COVID. Guests and visitors were cordially welcomed to participate at our club meetings.

The importance of the meet and greet function at the entrance to club meetings initially fostered by Evelyn last year continued to provide the “right” atmosphere at our Club for all Members, guests and visitors.

Vivien Greenwood



BULLETIN

The *Bulletin* is a monthly magazine of between 10 and 12 pages sent to all members with an email address on about the 22nd of the month. The others pick up, or have delivered to them, one of 15 copies printed by the Bendigo Bank at no charge.

The *Bulletin* informs members about upcoming events and outings, and includes notes on Committee meeting discussions, reports on finances and welfare, as well as summaries and photos of club events, and other items of general interest. Space is available for items submitted by members. Appreciation and thanks are due to the event organiser's and other regular contributors also to Hilton for photography taking during meetings and special events.

During this difficult and very challenging year, special thanks should also be given to members of the Committee who have supported and supplied me with jokes, quotes and many interesting and humorous articles. This has made my job as the Bulletin Editor easier and much more enjoyable.

Being in possession of current Club information and necessary publications ability, the *Bulletin* editor is also charged with preparing each month the slides illustrating stages in the progress of the monthly general meeting.

All Club Bulletins are located in the following link and can be readily downloaded.

<http://ellenbrookprobus.org.au/clubbulletins.html>

Peter Olney

MEMBERSHIP

The role of the membership officer is to keep a watch over the membership, seeking to achieve a full enrolment of 100.

The Membership Officer receives applications for membership, refers them to the Secretary /committee for consideration, and keeps a record of attendance at meetings.

This year has been a very difficult year with some members not being able to attend any meetings due to ill health and corona virus and some others only attending a few.

At the time of writing this report we have 88 members, which includes 2 life Members.

We have 20 members pass 10-year membership with the Club; this milestone was acknowledged.

We will all remember 2020 as a year to have simply endured, mainly due to covid-19 from March 2020 and is ongoing. Restrictions imposed by City of Swan has limited the number allowed in the Woodlake Community Centre to 67.

Edna Darge

BOOK EXCHANGE TABLE

We will all remember 2020 as a year to have simply endured, mainly due to covid-19 from March 2020 and is ongoing. This has meant that the Probus Club Book Exchange Table has been largely inoperable during the year, resulting in all the books sitting idle for most of the year.



Hopefully, 2021 will be a better year for everyone and with eventual get control of this virus life can return to normal – or at least a ‘new normal’. Good books are timeless in their way, and there is no doubt that the book exchange table will return when conditions permit. Let’s look forward to a better 2021 for all.

Carol Toop

WALKS

Rhoda and Edna suggested that the Club might be interested in conducting monthly walks of club members. This has proven to have limited numbers but most enjoyable for those that attended. The walks to date have been conducted around Ellenbrook and one along the Swan River near Guildford, each walk of about 4 km. The first walk was on 16th July 2020.

Edna Darge and Rhoda Counsel

CARING REPORT

I’ve been the appointed Caring Officer at the Club following years of valuable service from Stan Strahan for quite a few years now and during that time I have tried to carry out the position with the well-being of all members, at all times.

In the early days of 2020, during our morning tea break, I did try to speak with as many members as possible. Over time I feel this has made it very easy to become close to most of you, so I welcome being told when a member isn’t feeling well for any reason. When this happens, I make contact via phone calls, which I continue until I’m sure no further contact from me is needed.

When a member is not well either through illness, injury or surgery, a get-well card is sent on behalf of all members and when possible, I visit them either in hospital or during their rehabilitation. If unfortunately, there is bereavement in our club, I send a card to the concerned family expressing our condolences.

Carol Toop

GUEST SPEAKERS 2020

One of the principal features of a Probus club is the address by a good speaker at the monthly general meetings. The role of the organiser of the speaker program is to arrange a balanced collection of informed speakers for the year. In appreciation speakers receive a token payment to cover petrol money. Ed Reed as Guest Speaking Officer, reported for the year as follows: COVID has a major effect on our meetings and this caused disruption to guest speakers at our meetings. See List below. Suggestions from members for suitable speakers are always welcomed.

See table below



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| MONTH | SPEAKER | TOPIC |
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| March | No Speaker | AGM |
| April | Meeting suspended | |
| May | No meeting | |
| June | No Meeting | |
| July | Patrick Houlahan | Entertainer Historian WA Irish Governors, convicts. Soldiers and brides |
| August | Covid - Cancelled | |
| September | Covid Cancelled | |
| October | Mike Dunne | Tips on Photography |
| November | Melbourne Cup | |
| December | Christmas Meeting | |
| January | No Meeting | |
| February | No Speaker | |

Ed Reed

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

Hilton Linklater organized 2 photographic competitions during the year, whilst a small number of entries were received, members produced a wide variety of snaps. The themes were Ellenbrook Seasons and The Best of Greater Ellenbrook. Members were fortunate in having Mike Dunne, From Swan Valley Photography Club as our judge. Thank you Mike, thank* for our local sponsors for donating good prizes and special thanks goes to Hilton for organizing these events.

RECORD OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ELLENBROOK COMBINED PROBUS CLUB INC FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021 PREPARED BY PETER OLNEY PRESIDENT MARCH 2021