

Combined Probus Club of Wheelers Hill 20th Anniversary Celebration, June 2022

(Comments courtesy Gary Codner, and Photos courtesy Ray Binks)



One hundred and one members, and guests Mayor of Monash Cr Stuart James, PAV Secretary Jane Johnson and PAM Secretary Robert Renshaw gathered at the Village Green Hotel on 17 June 2022 to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the club.

The room was beautifully decorated with balloons, 20th birthday signs, and serviettes all in the Probus colours of blue and gold. Thanks to Jackie, Helen and Annette for making the room look so great, and for scouring the earth to source all the decorations and putting them up (with the help of plus ones) on the day. Thanks also to Melissa from Petal Stem Florists, Pinewood, for loaning plants and flowers to help decorate the room. The effort was appreciated by all.

Members and guest enjoyed a delicious two course lunch followed by birthday cake. The birthday cake was ably cut by President Gary and founding member Val Dale who did the honours of snuffing out the candles with the candle snuffer since in these covid times blowing them out and spitting all over the cake was not a good idea. It has to be said that Val rather viciously whacked out the second candle rather than snuffing it but the effect was the same. Judging by the level of noise in the room everyone had a good time. It was a great chance to catch-up with people and to hear and reminisce over the past 20 years of the club. The fabulous 20 year history video put together by Alan Taylor brought back many happy memories for

members although for some who constantly kept appearing in photos it was a matter of watching them age over time.

Mayor Cr Stuart James spoke to the audience about the importance of country before presenting the 20th Anniversary Certificate to President Gary Codner.

President Gary, helped by PAV Secretary Jane Johnson and PAM Secretary Robert Renshaw, presented Certificates of Appreciation to Foundation Members who are still members of the club. Of the 35 founding members, 27 are still members and 16 attended the lunch. It was also noted that of the 18 past presidents, 14 are still current members the other 4 having passed away. Eleven of the 18 past presidents attended the lunch. These figures indicate a vibrant club which members enjoy being part of over the long term as well as representing years of giving back to the club.

Robert Renshaw spoke of the starting up of the club and Tricia Russell, foundation member and past president, spoke of the early years of the club. She spoke of the early activities and outings of the club, and the formation of many activity groups many of which are still active today. Tricia also spoke of early newsletters and the first AGM notice which she still has. Some call this hoarding, others note it as keeping things that mark important milestones in our lives and from which we gain enjoyment when reading them again years later.

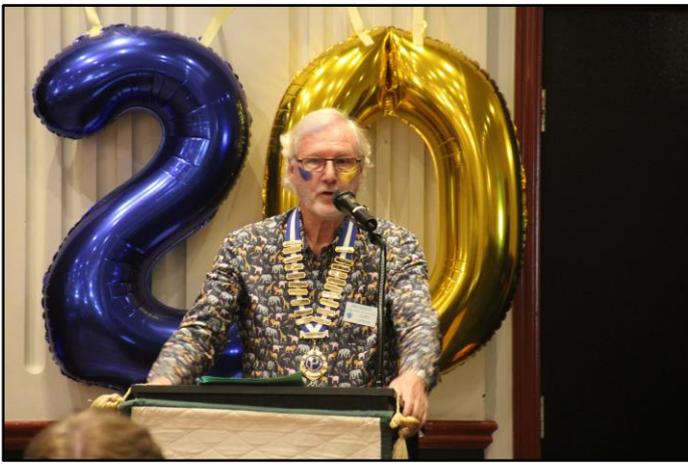
It was great to see everyone celebrating 20 years of the club's history; it is indeed an important milestone. It was a great opportunity to gather together after the last two difficult years. Finally, I need to say that it has been an honour to be your President at the 20th Anniversary. Thanks again to everyone who made the event possible, and particularly to the members for keeping the club going so strongly for 20 years.



Alan Taylor created a fabulous 20th year video.



Our 20th Anniversary cake.



Our President, Gary Codner opening the proceedings.



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The twins. Richard and David



Robert Renshaw (Probus Monash) congratulating our club.



Monash Mayor Stuart James presenting our club with a certificate of congratulations.



Foundation member and past president Tricia Russell with memories of the early years.



Helen & Brian Brown & Irene Adair with their Foundation member certificates.



Brenda & Charles Gorman after receiving their certificates.



Jill Croom.



Val Dale.



Ann Godbold.



Margaret Hogan.



Fairlie Jennings.



Robert Renshaw with Peter Roberts.



Trisha Russell with Robert Renshaw



Jane Johnson & Robert Renshaw presenting Aileen Dibble with her certificate.

Iris Wynter with Probus representatives Jane Johnson and Robert Renshaw



Gary and Val cutting the cake.



Probus Representatives Robert Renshaw and Jane Johnson (both left) with our foundation members.



President Gary Codner with our past presidents.
