

PAV FRIENDSHIP DAY LUNCH “A DAY AT THE RACES”

Ballarat Turf Club for “A Day at the Races” organised by the Probus Association of Victoria.

(Report & photos courtesy Alan Taylor, Lorna Bridgeland & Ian Andrews)



John & Barbara



Gary & Nadia checking the odds

Sixteen members of the Wheelers Hill Combined Probus Club attended an outing at the Ballarat Turf Club for “A Day at the Races” organised by the Probus Association of Victoria.

Twelve Wheelers Hill Combined members travelling by coach assembled with other Probus Club members on Monday 2 Oct 2023, at the Vermont Sth Bunnings car park at 8.30am to be met by a McKenzie’s coach. The coach then travelled to Ringwood North Bowling Club to collect other Probus Club members to almost fill the 48-seat coach.

4 members travelled independently, arriving at the Turf Club around 11.30am

Weather for the day was pleasant & it was fine & sunny on our arrival at the Ballarat Turf Club



Presentations for Best Dressed



400 PAV Members enjoying lunch

With 400 attendees from the Probus association of Victoria upstairs for lunch, including Ballarat mayor Cr. Des Hudson (OAM). Plenty of owners on track and Craig Williams arrived via helicopter.

A two-course lunch was served alternately as fish or chicken for the main & chocolate cake or trifle for sweets.

Best dressed competitions were held during lunch & prizes awarded.

Race 1 commenced at 1pm & continued through to Race 8 at 5.20pm.

The first 3 races included many first starts which made picking winners very rare & not many cries of jubilation were heard from our group.

Race 6 was The PAV & Trade Travel BM58 (1600m) Hcp at 4pm after which the coach departed for our trip back to Melbourne.

Ann, Barry, John and Lorna stayed 3 nights at the RACV Goldfields Resort in Creswick which was excellent.

After Race 6, two horses lost their riders and raced the track without them before being caught and then scratched.

Lorna was going to have a big win on No 9



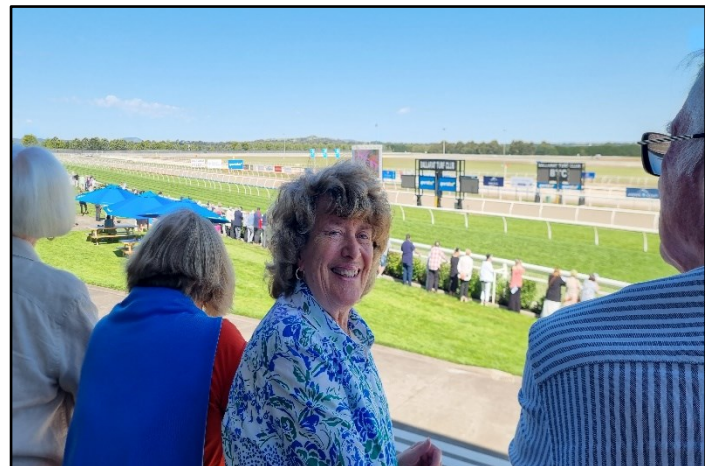
President of PAV & mayor Cr. Des Hudson



Enjoying the Day



John ponders what might have been?



Lynda checking track

Thanks to PAV for organising an enjoyable day of friendship & fellowship for Probus Club members.
