

# PROBUS CLUB OF CAMBERWELL INC

## President's Report 2008/2009

Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to present my President's Report for 2008/2009, the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the Probus Club of Camberwell.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the role of President this year and I would like to thank all of the members who have supported me during the year.

I would like to give special thanks to our Vice President Ian Morley, our Treasurer, Peter Williams our Secretary Barry Kennedy our Newsletter editor Ken Hayes and our committee members, Brian Millership, Peter Cooper, Geoff Digby, Les Brown, Bruce Borland, Geoff Stephens and Graham Thornton. It is great to work with a good team and without your assistance the Club could not function

Once again the year would not have been as successful or enjoyable without the ladies and I would like to say thankyou, on your behalf, to my wife Dale for her tireless efforts in providing morning tea. I would also like to thank the members who assisted in the kitchen as without this "team effort" morning tea could not be provided.

Each year we manage to encourage new members to join but unfortunately we also have some of our members leave us. During the year we welcomed Jeff Lodge and John Stallwood as new members, John Hunter has not enjoyed the best of health and may only attend occasionally and John Hutchison has resigned. Peter de Steiger, Patrick Holder and Neil Guerin have unfortunately died during the year.

Brian Millership and Geoff Digby have worked tirelessly to provide us with quality speakers and this year we have enjoyed hearing from:

- Saul Bastomsky                      Official Prison Visitor System
- Colin McLeod                        The Stolen Generation
- Leigh Mackay                        Places a Law Degree Can Take You
- Ann-Maree Colborne                Life and Achievements of John Gould
- Bob Falconer                         Community Safety and Security
- William Kininmonth                Climate Change A Natural Hazard
- Ray Holmes                         Burke and Wills Expedition
- Rodney Davidson                    The National Trust

During the year we moved the venue for our meetings from the Salvation Army Citadel in Bowen Street Camberwell, where we had met for many years, to the Uniting Church Hall at 200 Glen Iris Road Glen Iris. The reason for the move was basically financial as the Bowen Street premises had become too expensive. We have now settled in at our new "home" and we are enjoying modern facilities at a reasonable cost.

The following outings were enjoyed by those who attended:

- The Queenscliff Fort
- The Old Melbourne Gaol and the City Watch House
- The Police Museum

We hope to encourage more members to participate in the outings this year as one of the aims of the club is to enjoy social activity.

I look forward to working with the Ian Morley and the new committee

In the coming year and once again I thank all the members for their support.

Rod Lambert , President.