

VC 3836

**“EARLY PLANNING RETIREMENT
ASSOCIATION”**

OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE OF RINGWOOD EPRG INC. SINCE 1976-77.

- 1976-77 Arthur Bastion Pres.; Betty Fly Sec., Bill Fly, treas., Nancy Gibson, Elly Bastion, Don Howatson, Ross Cowling, Neville Burns, Ken Jones. A.P.S.
- 1977-78 Don Howatson Pres., Betty Fly Sec., Bill Fly Treas, Jim Williams, Audrey Williams, Jack Newton.
- 1978-79 John Grant Pres., Betty Fly, Sec., Bill Fly Treas, Nancy Gibson, Audrey Williams, Bert Elliott, Ken Tregear, Ben Quinn.
- 1979-80 Jim Williams Pres. Nesta Shaw Sec., Val Shaw Treas., Helen Bowie, Marjorie Oates, Cass Pruiss, Percy Taylor, Val Shaw.
- 1980-81 John Jones Pres. Vere Hall Sec., Betty Oke Treas., Percy Taylor, Cass Pruiss, Joan Martyn, Helen Bowie.
- 1981-82 Ken Tregear Pres., Mary Maddocks Sec., Bill Fly Treas., Bob Fletcher, Betty Fly, Phil McLean, Bill Stanley, Maurine Tregear.
- 1982-83 Bill Fly Pres., Mary Maddocks Sec., Cec O'Brien Treas., Bob Fletcher Olga Taylor, Phyl McLean, Marj Patullo, (P. Taylor & B. Fly-Vice-Presidents)
- 1983-84 John Maddocks, Pres., Norma Filshie Sec., Cec O'Brien Treas., Bob Fletcher, Joy O'Brien, Don Randall, Mary Maddocks, Phyl MacLean, Marj Patullo.
- 1984-85 Norm Sutherland Pres., Norma Filshie Sec., Cec O'Brien Treas., Kath Evans, Ted Rodda, John Maddocks, Phyl McLean, Marj Patullo, John White-Maurice Ferres) Vice Presidents.
- 1985-86 Mary Maddocks Pres., Norma Filshie Sec., Hazel Lander Treas., Marj Patullo, Mollie Walton, Valerie White, Betty Durdin, Kath Evans.
- 1986-87 John White Pres., Norma Drew Sec., Ted Rodda Treas., M. & J. Maddocks, Hazel Lander, Kath Evans, Maurice Ferres, Phyl McLean, Marj Patullo, Norma Filshie.
- 1987-88 Perce Taylor Pres., Vee McGregor Sec., Ted Rodda Treas., Marj Oates, Mollie Walton, Elvie Wilde, Betty Durdin, Kath Evans.
- 1988-89 Mary Maddocks Pres., Vee McGregor Sec., Jim Downard Treas., Percy Taylor, Ted Rodda, Elvie Wilde, Mollie Walton, Jim White, Kath Evans, Betty Durdin, Marj Oates.
- 1989-90 Jim Downard Pres., June Puckey Sec., Marj Oates Treas., Kath Evans, Lilian Moore, Dot Douglas, Jim Wilde, Perce Taylor, Betty Wilkins, Horrie Gelder.
- 1990-91 Bernard J. Carroll, Pres., June Puckey Sec., Grant Douglas Treas. Dot Douglas, Horrie Gelder, Jim Downard, Keith Snell, Liz Fitchett, Marcia Allwell, Stan Smith.

The first committee meeting of Ringwood E.P.R.G. was held at the home of Marjorie Oates on November 11th, 1976, interim committee then was Mr. & Mrs. Bastian, Mr. D. Howatson, Nancy Gibson, ~~Manny~~ Marjorie Oates, Bill & Betty Fly, Ross Cowling & two members of the Apex Club of Ringwood.

Ringwood Early Planning for Retirement Group.
Office bearers since inception. 1st committee meeting held at
the home of Marge Oates, 11.11.1976.

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1976/77	Arthur Bastion	Betty Fly	Bill Fly
1977/78	Don Howatson	Betty Fly	Bill Fly
1978/79	John Grant	Betty Fly	Bill Fly
1979/80	Jim Williams	Nesta Shaw	Val Shaw
1980/81	John Jones	Vere Hall	Betty Oke
1981/82	Ken Tregear	Mary Maddocks	Bill Fly
1982/83	Bill Fly	Mary Maddocks	Cec O'Brien
1983/84	John Maddocks	Norma Filshie	Cec O'Brien
1984/85	Norm Sutherland	Norma Filshie	Cec O'Brien
1985/86	Mary Maddocks	Norma Filshie	Hazel Lauder
1986/87	John White	Norma Drew	Ted Rodda
1987/88	Perce Taylor	Vee McGregor	Ted Rodda
1988/89	Mary Maddocks	Vee McGregor	Jim Downard
1989/90	Jim Downard	June Puckey	Marge Oates
1990/91	Bernard J. Carroll	June Puckey	Grant Douglas
1991/92	Norrie Gelder	Robin Forbes	Grant Douglas
1992/1993	John Allwell	Norma Drew	Grant Douglas
1993/94	Narcia Allwell	Norma Drew	John Brocken
1994/95	Dat Carroll	Arie Westyn	John Brocken
1995/96	Don Guiger	Arie Westyn	John Brocken

11th Anniversary

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HISTORY

A general meeting was planned for February and the meeting room at the Ringwood Library was the venue. The Room soon became inadequate for our growing numbers, also the cleaner would appear about 10.00 p.m. flourishing a duster and pushing a vacuum cleaner making it obvious he wanted us out/ We were lucky to be offered the Heathmont Uniting Church Hall where we continued to meet until 1990, when Ringwood Council made the Nth. Ringwood Sen.Citzs. meeting rooms available.

Reading through our minutes for the past 15 years it is good to see that as a need arose, a "Volunteer" offered their services. Groups quickly formed with a convenor as their Leader. Each group must be autonomous, financially independent of E.P.R.A. The skills of the members are shared within each group, many members belonging to more than one group.

There are many names which occur regularly through the records of those early years, Marj. Oates, George Lucas, Ken & Maureen Tregear, Audrey & Miles Thorney, Perc. Taylor, John Jones, John Grant, Betty & Bill Fly, Audrey & Jim Williams, Harold Amphlett.

One of our first needs was to circulate a newsletter notifying our members of groups forming and forthcoming events. Our first newsletter was printed by Yarra Valley School as a community effort, later T.A.F.E. College, Box Hill and now Ringwood Council. Editors were; M. Tregear, A. Williams, Marjorie Patullo, J. Wilde and Marcia Allwell.

By our 1st. Annual meeting, the membership had grown to 100. We had hosted a Bi-Annual E.P.R.A. Meeting, enjoyed a progressive dinner. plus picnics and social evenings.

Now fifteen years later, we have a membership of 317. Many firm friendships have been made and continue to be made.

CHRONICLE of E.P.R.A. (Prepared by Betty Fly)

Everyone and everything has a beginning. The E.P.R.A. had its beginning in the mind of Stuart Morris. Stuart worked for the S.E.C. helping retirees plan their finances and found that many were ill-prepared, often unaware of legal and financial problems that may lay ahead.

Also many retirees did not seem to enjoy many years of retirement. Stuart believed that the S.E.C. was fairly typical of the community, so in 1972, sponsored by the Council for the Ageing and a Superannuation Group, a public meeting was called in the Camberwell Area, and so E.P.R.A. was born. Their Motto; " Add life to your years, not years to your life"

The aim of E.P.R.A. was to educate the retiree in the areas that would need planning:-

Attending to his /her present and future health.

Suitable accommodation.

Financial security.

Recreation, Relaxation.

Learning new skills.

Making new friends..

In 1976 ~~Croydon~~ ^{RINGWOOD} Apex Club sponsored a public meeting in Ringwood and was represented by Neville Burns, with a view to forming a Ringwood Group. There was publicity in the local press and a letter box drop. The meeting was held in October 1976, chaired by Councillor ^AJock Macrae. Representatives from Nunawading E.P.R.A. and Jim Peddlesden from the Council for the Aging were also present. From this meeting the following Executive and Committee were formed. President-Arthur Bastian. Sec. Betty Fly. Treas. Bill Fly. Ross Cowling, Nancy Gibson, Ellie Bastian, Don Howatson, Marj. Oates, Neville Burns, Ken Jones.

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As new talents come into our club new groups will be formed.

We are fortunate to have a friendly cohesive group and our aim is to make new members welcome, thus gaining new skills and friends and also sharing their skills with the older members.

May we all grow in fellowship and friendship.