



**Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.**  
Established 1984



**NEXT MEETING 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

**Newsletter**

**MARCH, 2021**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- NEXT MEETING Tues 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2021**
- at Davistown RSL Club at 11.20 am
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April** - Gosford Regional Gallery and lunch. Time tba
- Bush Walk Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April** – Pretty Beach 10.30 am
- GOLF** – Breakers Country Club every Friday 9.20 am

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that it was just over a year ago that COVID-19 was declared a worldwide pandemic! Our last general meeting before the declaration was held on 25<sup>th</sup> February.

I am very pleased to announce that David & Shirley Casey have kindly taken over the role of joint Membership Coordinators from Carla Hurley. Mine and the Management Committee’s sincere thanks go to Carla for the excellent job she did while she held the position.

At our next general meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, we will be holding our AGM. As I mentioned in the last newsletter because of COVID-19 the Management Committee are prepared to continue to serve in their current roles for the ensuing year. This is of course subject to approval by the Membership.

We still need to fill the position of Junior Vice President and the position of Theatre Convenor. If you are interested in either of these roles please call either myself or our Secretary Peter Park. As I have communicated to you all previously by email and in newsletters, we need members’ participation to keep our club going the way we know it.

I was invited to and did attend the March meeting of the History Committee which was formed to digitize the records of our Club which go back to 1984. A mammoth task to undertake and a lot of thought and hard work is being put into the exercise ably led by Elizabeth Butler.

I wish all members and their families a very happy & safe Easter.

Stay safe and “Namaste”.

*David Minshall*

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<b>President</b>	David Minshall	0418 966 944
<b>Vice President</b>	Peter Mear	0410 346 824
<b>Jnr. V. President</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	Peter Park	0400 233 080
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ann Dillon	4368 2003
<b>Social Convenor</b>	Pam Spencer	0400 396 542
<b>Speakers</b>	Vice Presidents	
<b>Membership</b>	David & Shirley Casey	0473 578 567
<b>Editor</b>	Annette Lutze	0414 731 653
<b>LIFE MEMBERS</b>	<i>Fred Leake</i>	<i>John Orme</i>
	<i>Richard Collins</i>	<i>John Rudd</i>

Sub-Committee and Convenors

<b>Assist Membership</b>	David & Shirley Casey
<b>Bushwalking</b>	Val Lawrence
<b>Golf</b>	Peter Mear
<b>Historian</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Assist Historian</b>	Carla Hurley
<b>Book Share</b>	Jenny Baker
<b>Photographers</b>	Bill Clark & Diane Rudd
<b>Debates</b>	Peter Park
<b>Theatre</b>	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>Webmaster</b>	David Casey
<b>Auditor</b>	Alan Hurley



**THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**OF**  
**PROBUS CLUB OF KINCUMBER**

After a short General Meeting with the necessary reports, we will commence our Annual General Meeting to set dues for 2021-2022, elect officers for the coming club year, review the Annual Financial Report, approve signatories on our bank accounts, and conclude any other business necessary to set the club on course for another wonderful Probus year.

Members standing for your approval to club positions this club year ending next March are:

**OFFICERS**

<b>President</b>	<b>David Minshall</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Peter Mear</b>
<b>Junior Vice President</b>	<b>-- vacant --</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Ann Dillon</b>
<b>Secretary &amp; Public Officer</b>	<b>Peter Park</b>
<b>Membership Officers</b>	<b>David and Shirley Casey</b>
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	<b>Annette Lutze</b>
<b>Social Convenor</b>	<b>Pam Spencer</b>
<b>Speaker Convenor</b>	<b>Peter Mear</b>



**CONVENORS AND OTHER CLUB POSITIONS**

<b>Golf Convenor</b>	<b>Peter Mear</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>-- vacant --</b>
<b>Bushwalking Convenor</b>	<b>Valerie Lawrence</b>
<b>Book Share</b>	<b>Jenny Baker</b>
<b>Theatre Convenor</b>	<b>-- vacant --</b>
<b>Debates</b>	<b>Peter Park</b>



All of the proposed officers have served in this or other positions for multiple years, members are urged to volunteer to fill the vacant positions.

*Peter Park, Secretary*

*Apologies*

**APOLOGIES AT MEETINGS**

Could all apologies for meetings be sent to David Casey who has taken over this role from Carla. Please email [ollie30955@hotmail.com](mailto:ollie30955@hotmail.com) or phone 43659095.

Cheers *David Casey*





## **WHO SHOULD BE OUR NEXT LIFE MEMBER(S)?**

### **Q. WHAT IS A PROBUS CLUB OF KINCUMBER LIFE MEMBER?**

**A.** Life Membership is a singular honour reserved for those few of us who have served the club and made a difference that is truly extraordinary.

### **Q. IS LIFE MEMBERSHIP JUST AN HONOUR? WHAT DO LIFE MEMBERS DO FOR OUR CLUB?**

**A.** Life Members are our Board of Advisors. Presidents, Secretaries and the Management Committee often consult with Life Members before making changes in the club. Life Members know what has worked in the past - and what has not worked – *and several even know where the skeletons are buried!*

### **Q. WHO ARE OUR CURRENT LIFE MEMBERS?**

**A.** Fred Leake, John Orme, Richard Collins, and John Rudd. We recently lost Life member Barry Riley whose contributions to the club over nineteen years were indeed legendary.

### **Q. WHO CAN NOMINATE A LIFE MEMBER?**

**A.** You! Any member can nominate another member for Life Membership. Just review the criteria below and write to the Secretary why you feel the member should receive this honour.

### **Q. WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP AS LISTED IN THE CLUB'S STANDING RESOLUTIONS?**

**A.** There are two core requirements:

- a.** The Nominee will have completed at least 15 years of membership of the club and demonstrated committed participation in its activities for much of that time. The 15-year criterion may be waived in the case of a member with an extraordinary record of service.
- b.** The Nominee will have rendered at least 7 years of distinguished service in Committee positions of the club, or at least 10 years of distinguished service leading some of the operational activities of the club, or a proportional combination of both.

### **Q. IF A MEMBER MEETS THE ABOVE CRITERIA IS LIFE MEMBERSHIP AUTOMATIC?**

**A.** No, a member must be nominated, and have demonstrated truly extraordinary service to our club. Nominations are assessed by the Management Committee and presented to the membership for a vote at a general meeting.

### **Q. LADIES WERE NOT ADMITTED TO THE CLUB UNTIL MARCH 2009. DOES THAT MEAN THAT THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE UNTIL MARCH 2024 WHEN SOME WILL REACH 15 YEARS?**

**A.** No. The 15-year rule can be waived for a member whose achievements are sufficiently meritorious.

### **Q. WHEN CAN A LIFE MEMBER BE NOMINATED, AND WHEN DO THEY RECEIVE THE HONOUR?**

**A.** A member can nominate a member for Life Membership anytime. The honour is generally given by the outgoing President at the annual general meeting, however, the award can be made at any general meeting.

### **Q. I WANT TO NOMINATE A LIFE MEMBER. WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?**

**A.** Talk to current life members, President David Minshall, Vice President Peter Mear, or Secretary Peter Park. Ask Peter Park to check the record of the nominee for you. Find a member to second the nomination, Write the nomination and send it to the Secretary.

*Peter Park, Secretary*



## PROBUS CLUB OF KINCUMBER INC

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY 2021

#### ST GEORGE BUSINESS ACCESS ACCOUNT

Balance at 28 January 2021 **\$ 1711.88**

#### ST GEORGE BUSINESS CHEQUE ACCOUNT – PLUS

Balance at 31 January 2021 **\$ 3575.33**

Credits **\$ 591.50**

Debits **\$ 315.00**

Bank Balance at 28 February 2021 **\$ 3851.83**



#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

You may pay your 2021 Membership Dues now by EFT which is our preferred method, or cash/cheque in an envelope with your name/s at the March or April Meeting.

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

Option 1. If you paid \$47 in 2020 then pay \$23.50 per person for 2021.

Option 2. If you paid \$23.50 in 2020 then pay \$47 per person for 2021.

Option 3. If you did not pay in 2020 then pay \$70.50 to cover 2020/2021.

Happy Easter



#### BANK DETAILS FOR PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

Our Bank details are on your plastic card, or as shown below:

PROBUS Club of Kincumber

St George Bank

BSB 112-879

Account # 039558351

Description: PROBUS Dues

Your Name/s

Thank you.....*Ann Dillon* (Treasurer)

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BUSH WALK – 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 10.30 am – PRETTY BEACH – LEVEL WALK – 2.5 KMS

GOLF – meets at Breakers Golf Club each Friday at 9.20 am for a 9.40 am start.

*All this is subject to COVID restrictions at the time.*



*Just a friendly reminder...*





**Laycock Theatre – MAMMA MIA**

I CAN BOOK 10 SEATS for Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> August at 2.00 pm

Price for a group of 10 is \$42, Single price \$48 and Child \$45

Please contact Di Rudd after 1<sup>st</sup> April if interested.



*Diane Rudd*- Phone 4326 1326 or Mobile 0438 464 616

email: [djrudd@optusnet.com.au](mailto:djrudd@optusnet.com.au)

**BUSHWALK REPORT**

The weather was lovely despite the forecast! Sunshine and blue sky - Kincumber Probus bushwalking and golfing appear to be blessed.

Eight of us enjoyed the 2 km walk along the fire trail to the lookout and back.

There were some magnificent red gums, a few flannel flowers and lots of grass trees and palms. A couple of which had a huge fruit in the middle similar to pandanus palm fruit.

Six of us retired to the Empire Bay Tavern for a drink to revive ourselves!

*Val Lawrence*-Bushwalk Coordinator  
0437 976 022



**A FEW PHOTOS OF OUR PROBUS LUNCHEON – THANKS PAM FOR ORGANISING IT.**



## PROBUS



## NEEDS YOU!

### JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT VACANCY

This is a wonderful position to begin to make a difference in your club. You will participate for a year as a member of the Management Committee helping make key decisions on the functioning of our club and assisting in selecting interesting and informative speakers for our meetings. After the first year you will next become Vice President of the club and assist and stand in when needed for the President. With two years' experience on the Management Committee, you will have the background and knowledge to succeed as President in your third year. President David Minshall and Vice President Peter Mear both began as Junior Vice President and will be happy to share their experience.

### THEATRE CONVENOR VACANCY

This is the position for you if you love the theatre and the arts. You will find interesting performances and venues for our members to enjoy locally and sometimes further afield. You collect monies and arrange tickets. Our Theatre Convenor Di Rudd is relinquishing her position this year. Di has done a wonderful job as theatre convenor for 5 years. Thank you, Di for your service in filling this position, and always with a winning smile. We are looking for one or two - if you would like to job share – members to take over this role. Di would be happy to help you settle into the role.

### PROBUS SOCIAL LUNCH OUTING IN APRIL

Date for your diary - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Next outing planned to Gosford Regional Gallery.

They will have a new exhibition followed by lunch. More details at next meeting.



Gosford  
Regional Gallery

Thanks, *Pam Spencer*

### 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL BUSHWALK – PRETTY BEACH

10.30 am Pretty Beach School to Wagstaff Wharf and return. Approximately 2.5kms - level

Head to Hardys Bay. At the T-junction on the waterfront turn left and head to Pretty Beach school where there is plenty of parking just before the school on Araluen Drive.

The walk takes you along Pretty Beach Road which is by the waterfront then continues into Wagstaffe Avenue to Wagstaffe Wharf. There is a lovely cafe there if anyone fancies a cuppa or a snack or even maybe an ice cream!

Return to Pretty Beach School along the same route.

I'll be back for the May Bushwalk and will trial something a little (not too much) more challenging.

Regards - *Val Lawrence* (0437976022)

Bushwalking Coordinator



## MARCH GUEST SPEAKERS

This month's guest speaker will be a member of Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre telling of the many activities that they sponsor. New member to be, Bert Ward will also give a little talk about himself.

*Peter Mear*, Speaker Convenor 0410 346 824



## GOLF REPORT

History was made at Breakers Country Club last Friday when three of our probus golf group attained the same score with the same handicaps whilst playing in the same group of three? **YES** the score was checked by **3** different people one of whom used a **borrowed** pair of spectacles!! Which only goes to prove life really is full of surprises, and we are never too old to be AMAZED. SO, if you're looking for something amazing in your life you could do worse things than joining us for golf at Breakers Country Club every Friday at 9.20 am for a 9.40 am start and you don't have to be a top player. Just able to laugh at yourself and enjoy the good company and be prepared to be **SURPRISED**.

*Peter Mear*, Golf Co-ordinator 0410 346 824



### **Best wishes to our members who celebrate their birthdays in APRIL**

Richard Collins  
Hermione Dunbar  
**John Orme**  
Lorraine Southgate  
Nanette Steanes  
Lyn Martin  
Trevor Moore



### **Best wishes to our members who celebrate their anniversaries in APRIL**

George & Janelle Costigan  
Sandra & Graham Field  
Robyn & Trevor Moore

*Happy Anniversary!*

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**The Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. meets at the Davistown RSL Club on the fourth Tuesday of every month except December at 11.20 am. Visitors are always very welcome.**

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