

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee
held at the home of Richard Collins on 4 June 2013

The meeting opened at 2.25pm. Those present were Thelma Leonard (President), John Sutton (Vice President), Diane Rudd (Junior Vice President), Barry Riley (Treasurer), Richard Collins (Secretary), Marie Riley (Speaker Convenor), Wally Tuffs (Editor), Ruth Charlesworth (Social Convenor), John Rudd (Membership Officer), and Yvonne Chandler (Assistant Secretary). President Thelma welcomed members to the meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 2 April 2013: The draft Minutes had previously been circulated and changes requested by members had been made. The Minutes were agreed.

Business arising from Minutes: Diane is getting final price on 100 pens engraved “Probus Club of Kincumber” to use as gifts to speakers and at outings.

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures; letter from Avoca Beach Probus Club asking if we would like to participate in their bus outings. The Committee agreed to list their outings in our News Sheet. Members can contact the Club directly if they wish to participate.

President’s Report: President Thelma advised that she will be away for the October General Meeting – John Sutton will chair this meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Barry Riley provided the following information about the Club’s accounts with unrepresented cheques included in the figures:

<i>Cheque Account</i>			
	Balance at 1 March 2013		\$312.58
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>May</i>	
Income	\$1950.00		\$320.00
Expenses	\$1498.45		\$69.35
		Balance	\$764.13
<i>Savings account</i>			
	Balance at 1 March 2013		\$1006.14
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>May</i>	
Deposits	\$500.00		nil
Interest	\$9.82		\$4.00
Withdrawals	nil		nil
		Balance	\$1515.96
	Combined net balance at 31 May 2013		\$2280.09

Membership Report: The Committee accepted an application for membership from Bill Clark. Membership Officer John Rudd will advise him, and ask if he is prepared to provide his actual address.

Barry advised that the following have yet to pay their fees: Pat Fordham, Jenny Godfrey, Col and Rhonda Laybutt, Lawrie and Pam McClure and Gloria Reid. Most have indicated that they will pay, and the rest are likely to pay. The Committee therefore agreed to include them in the Membership Register. John noted that Mike and Heather Ryan have decided to remain as members. Richard will read a letter from them at the next General Meeting. The Committee decided to leave Lerryn Mutton and Ken Bailey on the Non Active list, and to remove Judith Blight from the list. Membership of the Club is now 71 fee-paying members (including Bill Clark), 2 Life Members and 2 Non Active members.

The Committee decided to issue the Membership Register electronically, with hard copies for those who want them. An updated Register will also be re-issued electronically when appropriate during the year.

There are only one or two names on the Widows list. The Committee decided to abolish this list.

Thelma will seek some details about new members to introduce them when inducting them.

Editor's Report: Editor Wally Tuffs advised that he had applied for a printing grant to Gosford Council.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Marie Riley advised that she has arranged the following speakers: June: Graham Harrison, on organ donations; July: Andrew Kfoury about the history of the ambulance service; September: Arthur Adeney.

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor Ruth Charlesworth advised that the bank balance in the Social account on 30 May was \$633.20. Ruth has arranged the following events: June: visit St. James Church in Sydney; July: evening at Thelma and Patrick's place; August: lunch at Empire Bay Tavern; September: Museum of Australian Currency Notes; October: NSW Mounted Police; November: Bush picnic; December: Tree Tops restaurant for the Christmas lunch. The Committee agreed to subsidise the \$50 cost of the Christmas lunch by about \$5.

Bushwalking: In the absence of a permanent coordinator for bushwalking, John Sutton will manage this activity for the present. He proposed the following walks and leaders: July: Woy Woy to Blackwall Point (Rudds); August: Bateau Bay to Blue Lagoon (Suttons); September: Ettalong to Umina (Leonards); October: Bouddi National Park Strom's lookout (Butlers); November: Bush Picnic at MacMasters Beach (Richard).

Golf: John Rudd advised that golfing is going well with some new players.

Theatre: Barbara Orme is looking after Theatre. She did not receive a good response to her suggestion that we go to Noel and Gertie at Laycock. Thelma will offer to email her suggestions around.

Web site: Webmaster Barry Riley advised that the web site continues to operate well.

Meetings: The following talks have been arranged at meetings: June: Jean Johnson (5 minute talk); July: Bruce Dunlop (5 minute talk); August: George Pendergast (Profile talk) + the Debate; September: Diane will seek a speaker; October: Roy Bird (Profile talk); November: Gerry Turner (Profile talk).

Debates: Richard reported that planning for this year's Debating Competition has been difficult. Kincumber High School cannot participate, and he has yet to find an adjudicator for the second debate. Reg Charlesworth suggested the topic: "That Australia should adopt a new flag without the Union Jack".

Richard has prepared and circulated a draft article about the Debating Competition for the Probus magazine Active Retirees. He requested comment and suggestions for changes to the article. John Rudd will try to arrange a photograph of him and Lerryn with the shield to accompany the article.

Constitution: Following the recent 5-year Constitution review process, Probus South Pacific Limited has sent to all clubs a revised Constitution, indicating that this should be adopted. The Committee appointed a sub-committee of Thelma, John Rudd and Richard to recommend what we should do.

General Business: John Sutton apologised for his absence at the June General Meeting.

Ruth advised that she and Reg will be away for the July meeting. Reg will give the keys to Patrick and Yvonne will handle Social matters. Ruth will also be away for the August Committee Meeting (she will provide a written report) and the August Social activity. Yvonne will handle the Social activity during her absence.

John and Diane apologised for their absence at the August Committee meeting.

Subject to his agreement, Reg Charlesworth will take over from Barry the responsibility of looking after the Club's small speaker system.

The next meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 6 August 2013 at Wally Tuffs' place: 25 High Street Saratoga.

On behalf of the Committee, Thelma thanked Richard for hosting this meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.15pm.

Signed as a correct record: Thelma Leonard (President):