

**Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee**  
**held at the home of Richard Collins on 2 December 2008**

The meeting opened at 9.30 am. Those present were Reg Davis (President), Kevin Southgate (Vice-President), Wally Tuffs (Editor), Richard Collins (Secretary), Patrick Leonard (Speaker Convenor), Tony Kelly (Membership Officer) and David Dennison (Social Convenor).  
Apologies: Kevin Finn (Treasurer).

President Reg welcomed members of the Committee to the meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 22 October 2008: Accepted.

Business arising from Minutes: Norm Walsh has paid his fees. Richard called John Eager and asked if he wants to pay his fees or to go onto the Inactive List. In the absence of a reply, the Committee decided to place him on the Inactive List.

The last News Sheet contained a Notice of Motion for Constitutional changes as required by Probus South Pacific, to be voted on at the January 2009 meeting.

The Avoca Beach Bowling Club venue has been booked for the 2009 meeting dates.

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures; Notice of 2009 Probus Rendezvous (to be advertised in the News Sheet); Probus Centre Annual update (to be completed after the AGM in March 2009)

President's Report: Reg suggested that the membership reports at General meetings should contain the number of active members in the Club, rather than the percentage as at present. Reg requested the Membership Officer to alert Committee if a member has been absent for 3 months so that we can contact them.

In response to some comments at meetings, Reg suggested that a more complete summary of the Minutes be given at each meeting. Richard agreed to do this.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kevin had advised Wally of the following information from the Club's accounts:

Balance at 1 November 2008	\$1676.93
Income	\$190.00
Expenditure	\$124.00
Interest	\$0.00
Balance at 30 November 2008	\$1742.93

Membership Report: Membership Officer Tony thanked David for handling Membership matters during his absence. David also thanked John Orme for his help at the last meeting. President Reg advised that Helen Davis, Irene Boyer and Jean Johnson had asked that they receive News Sheets.

Editor's Report: Editor Wally asked for early copy for the December News Sheet.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Patrick advised that he is developing the 2009 program.

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor David advised that about 40 will attend the Christmas lunch. Arrangements are in hand.

Bushwalking Report: Richard is about to start developing the 2009 bushwalking program.

Bowls Report: Reg said there has been no bowls activity in the Club lately.

Golf: Nothing to report.

Theatre: Nothing to report.

Proposal for the Club to become Combined: The motion that the Club become Combined was moved at the October meeting. A procedural motion that this motion lie on the table until the January meeting was then immediately moved, and agreed unanimously. The Committee had developed a list of arguments For and Against the proposal for the Club to become Combined, and a list of matters that will need to be addressed if the Club becomes Combined. This material was published in the November News Sheet. The Committee discussed these matters and formed the following views:

- Annual fees should remain at the present level for the moment, and there should be no reduced per-person fees for couples.
- The Club should not specify quotas for male/female balance.
- The Club should not have a requirement that the sex of the President alternate each year, although the Committee believes that this would be a good thing to strive for.
- Ladies will continue to be welcome to attend meetings, whether or not they are members. The current practice of having four ladies' meetings each year should therefore cease.
- The tradition of having ladies supply morning tea at four meetings each year should cease.

Reg will seek the views of members on these matters at the January meeting if the proposal for the Club to become Combined is accepted.

Meetings: Richard will ask Roy Bird and John Rudd to give the Profile talks at the January and February meetings. Colin Laybutt will be asked to give his Profile at a later meeting. Fred Leake will be asked to plan a Historical Presentation at the March meeting.

Other business: Fred Leake has suggested that the Club appropriately mark its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 24 March 2009. Possibilities include the publication of a summary of the Club's happenings over the life of the Club, and an outdoor picnic similar to the bushwalking Christmas lunch. Reg, Wally and Richard will meet with Fred to discuss this matter. The Committee agreed that Reg will point out to members that at present we have insufficient nominations to fill all positions on the incoming Committee.

Reg thanked Richard for hosting this meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 9.30 am on 3 February 2009 at Kevin Southgate's place:  
16 Namatjira Drive MacMasters Beach

The meeting closed at 11.10 am.

Signed as a correct record: Reg Davis (President) .....