



PROBUS CLUB OF KINCUMBER INC.

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News Sheet

Meeting No. 371

24th Feb. 2015

President's Message

What a great start we had to the year of 2015 with our monthly meeting in January! Attendance was 74, one of the biggest number the Club has had at a regular meeting for years, and what a marvellous talk on Gallipoli from our guest speaker, retired Lieutenant Colonel Peter Sweeney. Congratulations and thanks Marie for organising this.

It was Peter's idea, enthusiastically endorsed by the Club Committee, that there should be a voluntary collection at the meeting in support of Legacy, and I think the Club showed its great spirit of generosity by raising \$232.55 on the day, receipt of which Legacy have acknowledged by letter, which will be read out at the February meeting.

It is certainly one of a Presidents' greatest pleasures to induct a new member into the Club, and triply so to induct 3 new members into the Club as happened at our January meeting, Chris and Ann Dillon and Marion Shine, and we'll be inducting a further new member, Elizabeth Gilbert at the February meeting. As advised in the January presidents report, the Club's membership is now just on the 80 maximum number of ordinary members referred to in para 7 of the Standing Resolutions of the Club's Constitution, hence the motion to be put to the AGM in March that this maximum number be increased to 90. Members' views on this proposal are invited prior to the motion being put to members for voting at the AGM.

John Sutton

2014-2015

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Our Speaker : Lt Col Peter Sweeney (Rtd) spoke with order and clarity as he described military action at Gallipoli in vivid detail. The visual maps helped to identify locations for various actions, and the mistakes by administration which dogged this campaign over a nine month period were explained. There were disturbing descriptions of errors which led to a landing at the wrong place in the dark which then involved attempting to scale very difficult terrain. Throughout the offensive the defender had an advantage over the offensive which proved dangerous and prolonged for the ANZAC troops. Warfare from the trenches over long periods led to a deterioration in the physical condition of the troops with water in short supply, no fresh food and a shortage of high explosives making the campaign dangerous. Bombs were manufactured on the beach using jam tins from rations. Strategic points could not be reached due to the difficult terrain. The Turks sacrificed several thousand troops in order to maintain supremacy. The battle at nearby Lone Pine involved furious hand to hand fighting with bayonets and bombs. Trenches were occupied, lost, and retaken over a three day period. The holding of Lone Pine by Australian Troops was the only success of the whole campaign with 7 VCs being awarded. Despite the result of losing the majority of offenses leading to eventual evacuation, the tenacity and bravery shown by ANZAC forces forged a reputation which stands 100 years on as evidence of the worth and commitment of troops involved. Respect from the Turks has remained to this day.

Vote of thanks: Our member John Mulford thanked Lt Col Sweeney for his splendid coverage of the Gallipoli campaign. John pointed out that in fervently remembering this day, we reflect on the unique contribution to the Allied and Commonwealth cause by our young men and women. Of all the countries engaged in the Great War, only Australians were completely volunteers –

Guest Speaker

Geoffrey Potter Local Studies Librarian Gosford Library has recorded the story of the wreck of the Maitland off Boat Harbour (now known as Maitland Bay) in the book *The Wreck of the PS Maitland - A scene to make the Angels Weep*

It was a shipwreck that brought out the best and the worst in human nature. In May 1898 there were repeated acts of heroism as passengers and crew on the stricken paddle steamer PS Maitland battled in boiling seas to get lines ashore. A baby was separated from her mother and three women from one family were all lost in the tragedy, which claimed 24 lives.

Welfare Report

Feb. news sheet

Ken and Velda Robson are always in our thoughts as Ken continues to have health problems and he is finding it difficult to get around. Then, towards the end of January, Velda fell in their backyard and needed attention from ambulance officers as she couldn't get up again. She spent two days in hospital and while she was fortunate that she hadn't broken any bones she has been very sore and bruised from the fall. She is finally able to get out again now and we send them both our best wishes for better days ahead.

Elizabeth Butler 4360 2403 Helen Sutton 4365 3434

March Birthdays

*Congratulations to the following members who are
celebrating their birthdays in March*

Peggy Horton, Heather Ryan, Beverley Tysoe

John Sutton, Pat Fordham, Tony Kelly

Ann Madin, Elizabeth Long



March Anniversaries

*Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating
their anniversaries in March*

David and Hermione Dunbar

Colin and Rhonda Laybutt

John and Helen Sutton

George and Pamela Prendergast



Tuesday 10th March

SYDNEY THEATRE COMPANY

BACKSTAGE TOUR.

Venue: Pier 4, Hickson Road, Walsh Bay, Sydney.

Cost: \$10.00 per person (Pay on Day)

Time: 11 a.m. Tour

Travel: Public Transport (see “Travel Details Sheets” at Convenors table)

Names required by February Meeting please.

Tuesday 14th April

CHINESE GARDENS, SYDNEY

1 Exhibition Place, Darling Harbour

Tour Time: On Arrival

Cost: \$6 Adult, \$3 Pensioner

Travel: Public Transport TBA

Names required by March Meeting please.

Gloria Reid

Profile speaker: Debra Cresswell told of her many colourful experiences in life. She was born in East Africa and following the death of her parents was raised by her uncle in what she remembers as a caring childhood. She was given a good education and travelled through different countries including Kenya, Tanganyika, the Congo and Egypt. One of her memories is of the supportive role British soldiers played in various parts of the country where rebels such as the Mau Mau were threats. Her memory of meeting Omar Sharif in Egypt is unique. Later she moved to England where she realised during promotions for the film Lawrence of Arabia that this man she had met played an important role in that film. Later she moved to Australia and travelled the country for over two years. More recently she met neighbours Alan and Elizabeth Drew who introduced her to Kincumber Probus and the activities and friendships she enjoys.

January 2015

Cheque account



Balance at March 1, 2014 \$350.45

	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>January</i>	
<i>Income</i>	\$2,911.80	\$332.55	
<i>Expenses</i>	\$3,031.16	\$604.26	
		<i>Balance</i>	\$231.16

Savings account

Balance at March,1 2014 \$1042.76

	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>Januaery</i>	
Deposits	\$1,210.00	nil	
Interest	\$40.48	\$3.02	
Transfers	\$591.20	nil	
Fees	\$3.00	nil	
	<i>Balance</i>	<i>\$1,699.04</i>	

Combined net balance at January 31, 2015 . \$1,930.04

- 26 = Letters of the Alphabet
- 7 = Wonders of the World
- 1001 = Arabian Nights
- 12 = Signs of the Zodiac
- 54 = Cards in a Deck (with the Jokers)
- 9 = Planets in the Solar System
- 76 = Trombones
- 6 = Stars on the Australian Flag
- 18 = Holes on a Golf Course
- 100 = Degrees Celcius at which Water Boils
- 8 = Sides on a Stop Sign
- 200 = Dollars for Passing Go in Monopoly
- 3 = Blind Mice (See How They Run)
- 90 = Degrees in a Right Angle
- 4 = Quarts in a Gallon
- 24 = Hours in a Day
- 1 = Wheel on a Unicycle
- 4 = Digits in an Australian Post Code
- 57 = Heinz Varieties
- 11 = Players in a Soccer Team
- 1000 = Words that a Picture is Worth
- 29 = Days in February in a Leap Year
- 64 = Squares on a Chess Board
- 40 = Days and Nights of the Great Flood
- 80 = Days to Go Around the World
- 2 = Number it Takes to Tango
- 101 = Dalmatians

Liz Gilbert will be inducted as a member today

Betty Pickersgill will speak for 5 minutes

Tuesday 17 March 2015 – 10.30 a.m.

Bulbararang Lagoon, North Avoca

We have done this walk before – back in June 2003. It was the only walk that I arranged during 8 years as the Club's Bushwalking Convenor that Fred Leake hadn't done before! We also tried to do it again last year in August, but the weather had other ideas.

This walk will take us around the picturesque north arm of Avoca Lake, properly called Bulbararang Lagoon. We meet at 10.30 a.m. at the Surf Lifesaving Clubhouse, North Avoca Parade, North Avoca (UBD Reference Map 99, M2). We will walk along the eastern shore of the lake to the northerly tip and return through the very tall trees of the North Avoca gully. Lunch will be on the grass outside the Clubhouse.

This is a fairly level walk. The total distance is about 3 km.

Remember: Slip, slap, slop, insect repellent (particularly important for this walk!), drinking water, walking shoes or sandshoes, lunch and chair. There is a little shop at North Avoca from which you can buy a sandwich and drinks.

Richard Collins – Phone 4368 1042

AGM 24th March 2015

The AGM will be held at this meeting. The position of Junior Vice President is vacant and you are invited to nominate suitable candidates for this role.

At our recent Management Meeting the need to raise the number of members permitted in the Standing Resolutions of the Constitution was discussed. This is due to the growth in membership experienced in the past year. Barry Riley moved that we extend the membership level from 80 to 90. The motion was seconded by John Rudd. Please be prepared to vote on this change at the AGM in order to welcome potential new members to the club.

Yvonne Chandler.



MEETS: 9:30am. 4th Tuesday each month at Kincumber Uniting church.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND CONVENERS 2014-2015

ASSIST. MEMBERSHIP	Col Laybutt
ASSIST. SOC. CONV.	Sue Schmid & Jenny Baker
ASSIST. SPEAKER CONV.	Hermione Dunbar
BUSHWALKING	Reg & Ruth Charlesworth
CATERING OFFICERS	Wendy Coney & Isabelle Drew
DEBATES	Richard Collins
GOLF	John Rudd
HISTORIAN	John Rudd
INTER-CLUB LIASON	Thelma Leonard
BOOKSHARE	Jenny Baker
PHOTOGRAPHER	Diane Rudd
THEATRE	Barbara Orme
WEBMASTER	Barry Riley
WELFARE OFFICERS	Elizabeth Butler & Helen Sutton
VENUE OFFICERS	Bill Clark & Alan Drew

Notes for your 2015 Diary

Mar 10th 11am. Syd. Theatre Co.
17th 10.30 am Bushwalk
24th 9.30am Monthly meeting
April 7th 2.30pm. Committee meeting
14th Chinese Gardens, Sydney
28th 9.30am Monthly Meeting



All contributors please note:

DEADLINE for the next News Sheet is Friday 13th Mar.2015
But early reports are always most welcome.

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