

**Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee**  
**held at the home of Yvonne Chandler on 5 August 2014**

The meeting opened at 2.35pm. Those present were John Sutton (President), Barry Riley (Treasurer), Yvonne Chandler (Secretary), Gloria Reid (Social Convenor), Marie Riley (Speaker Convenor), and Pat Fordham (Editor) John (Membership Convenor) and Diane Rudd (Vice President) and Arthur Adeney (Junior Vice President).

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 3 June 2014: The draft Minutes had previously been circulated and changes requested by members had been made. The Minutes were agreed.

Business arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence: Mail received advertising performance by Welsh Male Choir, travel brochures and newsletters from other clubs.

President's Report: President John Sutton spoke of the Bellingen trip – a letter regarding payment and insurance is being mailed. The changed Morning Tea arrangements during General Meetings acknowledged as more convenient. Lorraine Southgate's suggestion to collect cans of food for Coast Shelter was approved – to be implemented for the next two meetings. Members to be reminded in the President's email meeting reminder.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Riley provided the following financial report about the Club's accounts for July 2014.

<i>Cheque Account</i>			
	Balance at 1 March 2014	\$350.45	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>July</i>	
Income	\$1891.25	\$120.00	
Expenses	\$1795.63	\$75.94	
		<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$446.07</b>
<i>Savings account</i>			
	Balance at 1 March 2014	\$1042.76	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>July</i>	
Deposits	\$1210.00	Nil	
Interest	\$17.50	\$4.76	
Withdrawals	Nil	Nil	
		<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$2267.26</b>
<b>Combined net balance at July 13 2014</b>			<b>\$2713.26</b>

Gosford City Council no longer gives us a grant for printing of our News Sheet so we are waiting to learn what that amount will be. The use of an email version will be explored to reduce the number of print copies needed. Membership renewals are OK, but Barry would appreciate new members being notified of their membership fees when inducted.

Membership Report: Barrie and Betty Pickersgill's applications for membership were approved. Where possible members who have been absent will receive an email copy. We will also email the mobile phone list. Yvonne will update the historical list on record to confirm with PSPL. The emergency contact list will be updated and circulated as well as the ring around list. Current membership stands at 79 with 2 inactive members. The M/F ratio is around the 50/50 mark.

Editor's Report: Pat is waiting for confirmation of printing costs and now expects to email the newsletter prior to each meeting reducing the number of print copies to a possible 75. Additional hard copies will be available at the meeting for members without email access. Pat will also ask for contributions to be submitted earlier than the current date.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Marie Riley reported that Richard Collins had organised the final of the Debate for our August Meeting. Assistant Speaker Convenor Hermione Dunbar has arranged for a speaker from Cochlear Implants for our September meeting. Remaining speakers for 2014 will be Brian Walters who will tell us of the role of Australian Troops in the Boer War with details about the Boer War Memorial Association. In November Peter Cane will speak on the subject The Legends of Christmas, mentioning the theories as to how various aspects of Christmas came about.

Social Convenor's Report: Convenor Gloria Reid is pleased with the way outings are going. In August we will visit the Norah Head Lighthouse and have lunch at the Empire Bay Tavern in September. A visit to the Chinese Gardens in Sydney is on the agenda for October. Electronic banking has been set up making the banking process much easier. Money for the November Bush Picnic will be collected at the October meeting. It will be held at MacMasters Beach with Ruth Charlesworth and Richard Collins to organise. The cost will be \$20. After considering 3 options for the Christmas Lunch the meeting decided unanimously to select the Mantra (now Diggers) which offers a \$35 tariff for a two course lunch including a complimentary drink. Diane Rudd had attended a Christmas Lunch there last year and confirmed a very high standard. The date for the lunch is 9 December.

Other business: Diane Rudd accepted the responsibility of organising casual Friday night dinners in the future. It was agreed that John should ask members to move outside the hall after the meeting to make it easier for the clearing up process. The meeting decided that the report from the Queensland Probian should not be distributed to members or other clubs, and that no member should join with the Reform group as an individual member. Matters connected with the RG will be dealt with only if the material is dramatic in nature. The difficulties with the PA system for the meetings were discussed. Arthur Adeney offered to look after any improvements needed. Yvonne will write to the Kincumber Hotel to comment on problems experienced by some members in relation to the quality of the food and delays in service during our lunch after each meeting. John asked for a letter to be produced which can be sent to any members who resign from the Club. Yvonne will write this for Committee approval.

The meeting closed at 4.10 PM with thanks to Yvonne for hosting.

The next meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 7 October 2014 at Arthur's :14 Lakeside Drive MacMasters Beach .

Signed as a correct record: John Sutton (President): .....