

**Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee**  
**held at the home of David Dennison on 6 October 2009**

The meeting opened at 9.35 am. Those present were Kevin Southgate (President), David Dennison (Senior Vice President and Social Convenor), Barry Riley (Treasurer), Wally Tuffs (Editor), Richard Collins (Secretary), Patrick Leonard (Speaker Convenor) and John Rudd (Membership Officer).

President Kevin welcomed members of the Committee to the meeting. He advised the Committee that Rhoda Roberts was prepared to fill the vacant Junior Vice-President position. As allowed in Clause 4b of the Constitution, the Committee agreed to co-opt Rhoda in this position. Kevin will announce this at the next General Meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on June 2009: The draft Minutes had previously been circulated and several changes requested by members had been made. The Minutes were accepted.

Business arising from Minutes: None

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures; Annual Directory of Probus Clubs.

Special Agenda Item – Application for membership of former member Ed Board: As agreed at the previous meeting, Ed Board joined the meeting at 10 am. Members of the Committee asked him a number of questions relating to his previous time in the Club. After his departure, the Committee discussed his application and agreed that it should not be accepted. Secretary Richard will write to Ed advising him of this decision.

President's Report: President Kevin said that he had received a call from Probus Area Governor Gary Blackler. Gary advised that he had a framed 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary certificate to present to the Club, and Kevin had invited him to do this at the next meeting. Kevin will also ask Michael Hunter, who was President of Kincumber Rotary Club at the time of formation of our Probus Club, to be there. For this presentation, Kevin will hand over the Chair of the meeting to Foundation and Life Member Bruce Dunlop.

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

|                              |            |                     |               |
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| Balance at 1 March 2009      | \$1,757.28 |                     |               |
|                              |            | <i>Year to date</i> | <i>August</i> |
| Income                       | \$2195.00  |                     | \$0.00        |
| Expenses                     | \$1783.04  |                     | \$24.48       |
| Balance at 30 September 2009 | \$2169.24  |                     |               |

The Committee accepted Barry's report.

Membership Report: The Committee approved Applications for Membership from Rhonda Laybutt, and from Reg and Ruth Charlesworth. All three will be inducted at the next meeting.

Editor's Report: Editor Wally had nothing to report.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Patrick advised that the October speaker will be Anne Mulford on "Lost Heritage". In November, Fred Leake will talk about beekeeping. In January Patricia Skehan will speak, and in February Barbara Orme will talk about the ABC. All members will be asked to bring a friend to that meeting, and the Bowling Club will be requested to provide a sandwich lunch afterwards.

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor David Dennison advised all is in order for next week's barbeque at MacMasters Beach, and for the combined Social event/Bushwalking Christmas lunch on 10 November for which Richard will do the catering. Arrangements are in hand for the Christmas lunch on 8 December. He has booked The

Chorus Girls for our entertainment. The January Recovery Lunch will again be at Janet Smith's place at Woy Woy. The Crescent Head trip planned for November has been cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

Bushwalking Report: Richard said that the bushwalks for the year are in hand.

Golf Report: John Rudd said that it is pleasing that 10 to 12 are attending golf these days.

General Meetings: Stan Roberts (assisted by Rhoda) will give a Historical presentation in October entitled "Reminiscences of a Speaker Convenor". Marie Riley will give a Profile talk in November. Richard will write to the Avoca Beach Bowling Club requesting use of the room and morning tea during 2010. The dates will be the fourth Tuesday of each month, except for the January meeting which will be held on 19 January to avoid clashing with Australia Day activities. The Committee agreed to make a \$100 donation to the Club in thanks for having our meetings there.

Life Membership: The Committee considered an options paper that Richard had prepared and requested that several changes be made. Richard will prepare a further draft for discussion and circulate it to the Committee with the aim of presenting recommendations on this matter to members at the November meeting.

Non Active Members: A report from the Working Party had been circulated. The Committee accepted what was proposed in the report, and agreed to put the following recommendations to members at the October meeting:

1. The Club should cease to use the term "Inactive", and adopt the term "Non Active" as used in our Constitution and by Probus South Pacific.
2. A member who is unable to attend meetings of the club for limited period should be granted leave of absence. In each case where the member cannot attend because of illness or physical disability, Non Active membership should also be considered.
3. The normal fee obligations should continue to apply for members granted leave of absence. However, members additionally granted Non Active status should have their fees waived. All such members should continue to receive the News Sheet.
4. The granting of any leave of absence, and Non Active membership, should be for a specific and defined period, and the status of the member should be reviewed as the end of that period approaches.
5. If after an extended period of leave of absence without Non Active status, there is little prospect of the member returning to regular participation in the club's activities, the Committee should consider the appropriateness of conferring Non Active Membership.
6. The Committee should regularly review the attendance of members, and consider granting leave of absence, and Non Active status where appropriate, to non-attending Members
7. All existing Non Active (Inactive) members should be contacted and asked if they wish to continue an association with the club, including retaining their Non Active status, and continuing to receive News Sheets. These members should retain their Non Active Membership if they wish. If not their membership should be terminated.

The next meeting will be held at 9.30 am on Tuesday 1 December 2009 at Wally Tuffs' place: 25 High Street Saratoga.

On behalf of the Committee, President Kevin thanked David and Cheryl Dennison for hosting this meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.30am.

Signed as a correct record: Kevin Southgate (President) .....