

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the home of Stan and Rhoda Roberts at East Gosford on Tuesday, 2nd August 2005.

President Richard opened the meeting at 9.35 am and welcomed the committee. Those present were President Richard Collins, Vice-President David Dunbar, Secretary Don Wiseman, Treasurer Nev Owen, Speaker Convenor Stan Roberts, Editor Barry Riley, and Social Convenor David Dennison.

Membership John Orme Officer was overseas and apologised for his absence.

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting had previously been circulated were taken as read and accepted, on a motion from Richard and seconded by Barry Riley.

Matters Arising: President Richard will advise Probus Centre of the Constitutional changes.

Richard advised that he had told Geoff Butcher that the Committee agreed with his views about using emails to notify members although, in the case of bereavements, a personal contact was considered more appropriate.

Vice-President David will initiate introductory talks by new members. Syd Holmes will be asked to speak in August.

Syd Holmes is bringing his PA system to meetings.

Correspondence: Secretary Don received several newsletters for other Probus Clubs. In the future, these will be circulated as follows: Don, Richard, Barry, David, Stan. A letter from John Dunn advising of his illness will be passed on to Ken Robson. All correspondence was accepted on a motion from Don Wiseman and seconded by David Dunbar.

Don advised that he will be overseas from 17 August to 27 September 2005. In his absence, David Kenny will act as Minutes Secretary at General Meetings of the Club.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nev Owen advised that the balance of the Club's bank account at 31 July 2005 was \$2643. He also advised that the following members had yet to pay their membership fees: Kevin Duker (Kevin may be moving – Nev will call him); Alex Cochrone (Alex is ill); Morrie Dunstan (Morrie has recently had a triple by-pass, but is recovering well and will be back at the Club soon); Ed Board (Ed refuses to pay the \$5 increase. The Committee unanimously agreed that Ed must either pay the full fee, or leave the Club. President Richard is to talk to Ed and advise him of this.)

Nev's report was accepted on his motion, seconded by Barry Riley.

President's Report: Richard had approached Laurie Gillies and Paul Harrop about accepting the position of Junior Vice-President. Laurie declined, and Paul is likely to. The Committee discussed other possible candidates, and agreed that Richard will approach the following in this order: Ken Robson, Murray Coutts, Keith Tysoe, John Steanes, John Short, Tony Kelly.

Davis Dunbar has done some work on the website, but concerted action will await the appointment of a Webmaster.

Membership: The Committee approved an application for membership from Kevin Southgate. Kevin will be inducted at the October meeting.

Richard will ask Mike Ryan to attempt to get Patrick Lenahan to complete an application for membership.

The Committee agreed to print 100 copies of the Club's membership brochure (Barry to arrange). Secretary Don will contact Probus Central for copies of their brochure (up to \$50 expenditure was approved.)

Speaker Convenor Stan Roberts advised that the school debate will be held at the August meeting. In September Noel Olive will speak on human rights (in Stan's

absence overseas from 16 August to end September, Richard will call him to confirm). In October, Jim Cullen will talk about wills and power of attorney. At the November meeting, Helen Caldecott will speak.

Social Convenor David Dennison advised that the Club will visit the Maritime Museum in October.

Editor Barry Riley advised that he had decided not to include in the Club's News Sheet two communications from Gordon Taylor. The Committee was supportive of Barry's decision.

Bushwalking: President Richard advised that future bushwalks are: Rumbalara Reserve (August), across the Harbour Bridge to the Royal Botanic Gardens (September), Wyrribalong National Park (October), and at Hardys Bay (November), followed by Christmas lunch at Bruce and Irene Dunlop's place.

Theatre Convenor, Vice-President David, needs 8 more starters for The Producers at the Lyric Theatre on Wednesday 28 September. The deadline is 14 August.

General Business: The Committee discussed arrangements for the December Christmas lunch of the Club. The possible involvement of Tempo Terrific band was considered.

Treasurer Nev advised that current membership was about 62, and thus significantly less than the 72 used to prepare the annual budget.

Editor Barry suggested that the Club might consider presenting guest speakers with a Certificate of Appreciation. The Committee was supportive of this idea. Barry will prepare a draft certificate.

The next Committee meeting will be held at the home of Barry and Marie Riley at MacMasters Beach at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 4th October 2005.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.20 am.

Confirmed by President Date.....