



KINCUMBER

MEETS: 9:30am. Fourth Tuesday each month at Kincumber Uniting Church.

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Notes for your 2014 Diary

May	13th	TBA	NSW Art Gallery
	20th	10.30 am	Bushwalk
	27th	9.30 am	Monthly meeting
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June	3rd	2.30 pm	Committee meeting
	10th	TBA	Palm Beach RSL lunch
	15th	TBA	Bushwalk
	24th	9.30 am	Monthly meeting

All contributors please note:

DEADLINE for the next News Sheet is Friday 16th May 2014, but early reports are always most welcome.

Note: reports should be sent to - jimpat3@bigpond.com

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News Sheet

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President's Message

This is my first report as our Club's president, and I would like to start by thanking all the members of the Club who have entrusted this important office to me for our very special 30th anniversary year. It is a wonderful milestone in the Club's history, and may it be the precursor of many more successful, enjoyable, interesting and happy years of Probus fellowship. And thank you Fred and Jean for taking us back through the Club's past years at our last meeting. Also a big thank you to Thelma and her Committee for the great job they did last year, and to Richard for his many years of dedicated service as Secretary.

I am indeed fortunate to have such a capable Committee this year, an interesting mix of the experienced members and those who are on the Committee for the first time. To new members Yvonne, Arthur, Gloria and Pat, welcome and many thanks for taking on your important roles on the Committee. Thanks too for all those members who have accepted positions on the various Sub-Committees, the Convenors and Assistant positions. A most interesting and exciting programme of guest speakers and activities is being organised this year, and I urge every member to get involved with the varied activities coming up.

Finally, with Anzac Day just a few days after our April meeting, it's a time when our thoughts turn to all those who served to defend our country but who made the supreme sacrifice. Lest we forget.

John Sutton

From March General Meeting

Thirtieth Anniversary of the Club: President Thelma Leonard said that to mark the 30th she asked Jean Johnson, Anne Mulford and Fred Leake to speak about its earlier times.

Jean told us how her husband Ted and Bruce Dunlop had been friends through membership of Rotary. In 1981 they started a new Rotary Club in Kincumber. In 1983 Bruce proposed that they create a Probus Club. They posted off about 70 letters inviting interested men to come to a meeting on 27 March 1984. This became the Inaugural Meeting of our Club, with 26 men signing up to be members on that day. The number of members increased rapidly over the next few months. Jean concluded by stressing that a club such as ours can only exist if members are prepared to make significant contributions to its management and operation. Our Club has been particularly fortunate in this regard.

Anne acknowledged the major contributions of Fred Leake in documenting and conserving our history. These records are now with John and Diane Rudd, and Di has commenced the process of digitizing them. Anne spoke about the backgrounds of the men who joined the Club in its early years. Most of them had come through the Depression and membership of the Club represented a release for them from the difficulties of the past. When Anne and John became part of the Club 17 years ago, the membership was all male, although women were welcomed to 4 meetings each year and, of course, to all activities. Consistent with what has occurred through the changing role of women in society, the transition to a Combined club with men and women as full members has been very good for the Club. Anne specifically acknowledged the outstanding leadership contributions of several women, including Rhoda Roberts and Thelma Leonard in the office of President, and Ruth Charlesworth as Social Convenor.

Fred said that it was Ron Coleman who had been responsible for putting the historical records of the Club into order. He passed them on to Fred when he became Historian in 2007. Fred also spoke about the background of the early members.

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Social Events

Tuesday 13th May, 2014: Afghanistan: Hidden Treasures from the National Museum, Kabul.

Venue: Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Road, The Domain
Travel: Train. (Travel information sheet available at April meeting)
Cost: \$10.00 per person. (pay on day)
Numbers required TODAY, please.

Tuesday 10th June 2014: Lunch at Palm Beach RSL

Travel: Ferry. Ettalong to Palm Beach (Travel details at May meeting)
Cost: Order and Pay on day.
Numbers required by May meeting, please.

Tuesday 8th July 2014: Sydney Jewish Museum – Darlinghurst.

Travel: Train. (Travel details available at June meeting)
Cost: \$7.00 per person. (pay on day)
Numbers required by June meeting, please.

Gloria Reid



Welfare Report

We all send our best wishes to Ken and Velda Robson who are dealing with some health issues at present. Ken has been in hospital but he is home again now and they are hoping for improvement in his strength and agility as changes in his treatment take effect.



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Golf Report

Our small group of golfers have been enjoying beautiful weather and a golf course in terrific condition.

I must admit our Terrigal course is not quite up to the standard of the amazing courses Diane and I recently saw in Fiji. However our fee of \$6 (for members) is a bit less than the Fiji courses where packages were in the order of \$200 per person per round. No, we did not play them.

I hope by the time you read this report our injured players are back on the golf course as I know how much they are missing it.



John Ruddel

Bushwalking

The first walk for the year from Picnic Point at The Entrance to the Sensory Garden on the other side of the bridge was held on 18th March. The weather was perfect, the walk was pleasant, the bird life interesting and the Sensory Garden was a shady haven with beautiful red bottlebrush. The walk was capped off with lunch at Picnic Point overlooking the lake.



BUSHWALK – 20 May, 2014 Katandra Reserve

This is a beautiful piece of rainforest very close to where we all live.

We will meet at 10.30 a.m. at the car park at the end of Katandra Road, Holgate (off Wattle Tree Road, UBD Ref: Map 78 L 15). We will take the Waterman Walk through very pretty bush, past Seymour Pond and on into the rainforest. It is described as a “leisurely” walk, but there are quite a number of wide steps on a moderate grade leading to and from Seymour Pond.

We should get back to the car park for lunch close to 12.00 m.d.

There is a good web site about the walk: <http://www.australianplants.org/Katandra2.htm>

Remember: Slip, slop, slap, insect repellent, drinking water, walking shoes, chairs and lunch.

We are looking for people to offer to lead walks. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us.

Reg & Ruth Charlesworth

Most were born around the time of the First World War, and many were servicemen in the Second World War. Of the 29 Presidents of the Club, 9 were Members in 1984. Six of the Foundation Members became Life Members. The annual membership fee was initially set at \$5.00. All of the early records of the Club were hand written. Fred has always regarded ladies as members of the Club – since its first days they have made essential contributions to the Club’s activities. Fred’s anecdotes about people and events were enjoyed by all, creating an interesting story of the history which has contributed to the positive culture of the Club today.

In addition, Diane Rudd presented photographs of past activities of the Club, which were available during Morning Tea for all to enjoy. After a special Morning Tea Thelma read an extract from the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting and highlighted special contributions of members over the years. It was a fitting occasion to install John Orme as a Life Member, present Fred Leake with a replacement Life Membership Badge and Richard Collins with an Appreciation Certificate for his dedicated service as Secretary for seven years.

May Birthdays

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating their birthday in May.

**Denise Lawrence Nev Owen Stan Roberts Gloria Reid
Jerry Turner Bill Clark Jan Gee**



May Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating their anniversary in May.

Joyce & David Kenny Isabelle & Alan Drew



Guest Speaker

Today we will be entertained by the Singing Hands Choir. A unique volunteer musical group from the Central Coast. Choir members share a passion for music using key word signing.



At our meeting in May, **David Rosenberg** will speak on his experiences working for NSA in the USA and Pine Gap in Australia.

Today's five minute speaker will be **Sid Holmes** on his life experiences.

At today's meeting three new members will be inducted. They are :

Phyllis Hill Ruth Mills and Elizabeth Long

One liners

1. A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.
2. If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
3. I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.
4. Eat right. Stay fit. Die anyway.
5. Nothing is fool proof to a sufficiently talented fool.
6. I've only been wrong once, and that's when I thought I was wrong.
7. I don't find it hard to meet expenses. They're everywhere.
8. I just let my mind wander, and it didn't come back.
9. Don't steal. The government hates competition.
10. All generalizations are false.

Treasurer's Report by Barry Riley

Cheque account

Balance at March 1, 2014	\$350.45	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>March</i>
Income	\$1,044.00	\$1,044.00
Expenses	\$149.75	\$149.75
		Balance \$1244.70



Savings account

Balance at March 1, 2014	\$1,042.76	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>March</i>
Deposits	nil	nil
Interest	\$2.21	\$2.21
Withdrawals	nil	nil
		Balance \$1,044.97

Combined net balance at March 31, 2014 \$2,289.67

A man was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit, even though he knew that he was not speeding. Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now he began to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as he passed the area again, but the traffic camera again flashed. He tried a FOURTH TIME with the same result. He did this a FIFTH TIME and now was laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past, this time at a snail's pace.

Two weeks later, he got FIVE tickets in the mail.....for driving WITHOUT A SEAT BELT.

