

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee
held at the home of Wally Tuffs on 3 September 2013

The meeting opened at 2.30pm. Those present were Thelma Leonard (President), John Sutton (Vice President), Diane Rudd (Junior Vice President), Barry Riley (Treasurer), Richard Collins (Secretary), Marie Riley (Speaker Convenor), Wally Tuffs (Editor), John Rudd (Membership Officer), and Yvonne Chandler (Assistant Secretary). There was an apology from Ruth Charlesworth (Social Convenor). President Thelma welcomed members to the meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 4 June 2013: The draft Minutes had previously been circulated and changes requested by members had been made. The Minutes were agreed.

Business arising from Minutes: None.

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures; Resignations of John and Annette Pagett, and Janet Smith; email from the Probus reform Group indicating that they would shortly issue their manifesto for reform of the Probus group (Richard will circulate this to the Committee when it comes).

President's Report: President Thelma said that the main issues for this meeting are the proposed changes in the Constitution and the membership limit of the Club. We should discuss 2014 Committee membership at the next meeting. A nomination for Life Membership will be discussed at the December Committee meeting.

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

<i>Cheque Account</i>			
	Balance at 1 March 2013	\$312.58	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>August</i>	
Income	\$2330.00	nil	
Expenses	\$2158.97	\$35.21	
	Balance		\$483.61
<i>Savings account</i>			
	Balance at 1 March 2013	\$1006.14	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>August</i>	
Deposits	\$500.00	nil	
Interest	\$20.61	\$3.47	
Withdrawals	nil	nil	
	Balance		\$1526.75
Combined net balance at 31 August 2013			\$2010.36

Membership Report: The Committee accepted resignations from John and Annette Pagett and Janet Smith. Richard will write to each thanking them for their contribution to the Club. Thelma and Marie Riley will visit Janet in Gosford Hospital and take flowers and a note.

The Committee confirmed the decision made at the July meeting to readmit Tony Kelly to the Club.

The Committee accepted applications for membership from Dennis and Rita Byrne, Jenny Baker and Jahne Peart. John Rudd will advise them. They will be inducted at the next meeting.

Richard advised that, after extensive correspondence with Probus Head Office, he had been issued with proformas for listing new members and members who had left the Club. He had filled these out and submitted them. As a result, he had received membership cards for members who had joined up to June 2013. Richard and John will discuss the procedure for obtaining membership cards in the future.

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

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Marie Riley advised that all speakers are confirmed for the rest of 2013. Marie discussed a proposal to hold an additional debate between members of the Club. The Committee agreed that Marie should seek the views of members on this proposal.

Social Convenor's Report: In a written report, Social Convenor Ruth Charlesworth provided the following information. The bank balance in the Social account on 28 July was \$794.20. Ruth has arranged the following events: 10 September: Museum of Australian Currency Notes; 8 October: NSW Mounted Police; 19 November: Bush picnic at MacMasters Beach Surf Clubhouse (cost \$20.00); 10 December: Tree Tops restaurant for the Christmas lunch (cost \$49.90, subsidised by the Club by \$4.90 per person – cost to each guest \$45.00). Ruth also raised the matter of emergency contact details – this will be considered at the next meeting.

Bushwalking: John Sutton discussed the possibility of having one walk each year that is more challenging than normal. The Committee decided that all walks should be of a level that most regular participants can handle. However, it would be entirely appropriate to arrange additional more challenging walks on an ad hoc basis. John expressed the preference to have a coordinator for bushwalking other than himself during his Presidency.

Golf: John Rudd will try to arrange the Club Championship in early November.

Theatre: Nothing to report.

Web site: Webmaster Barry Riley has registered the domain for two more years. The web site continues to operate well and is a real asset for the Club. Barry encourages all to send him material for it.

Debates: Richard reported that this year's Debating Competition had been successfully completed albeit with difficulty. The Committee agreed to adopt the practice followed by East Gosford Probus Club of issuing Certificates of Appreciation to the students who debate before us.

Constitution: Because of the extensive nature of the changes required by PSPL, the subcommittee of John Rudd and Richard had recommended that an entirely new Constitution needed to be adopted and printed. The subcommittee further recommended that the Club adopt the standard Probus Constitution without change. The Committee agreed with these recommendations.

The subcommittee also proposed changes in the Standing Resolutions to bring them up to date and compatible with the new Constitution. Committee agreed with these changes with the following additions:

- The membership limit of 80 (with Fred Leake's suggestion that this limit should refer to **ordinary** members) should remain stated in the Standing Resolutions to give a clear indication of the size of our Club in an easily accessible place.
- The Standing Resolutions should not specifically name Kincumber Uniting Church as the venue of our meetings to avoid the necessity of change if we need to move.
- We should include the possibility of electronic issue of the Membership Register, as occurred this year.

Richard will prepare revised Standing Resolutions and circulate them to the Committee for approval. The proposed Constitution and revised draft Standing Resolutions (with all changes from the present Standing Resolutions indicated in tracked form) will be distributed electronically to Members, or by hard copy where requested, at the next meeting. A Notice of Motion for the adoption of the new Constitution and Standing Resolutions will also be put in the next News Sheet, to be considered at the October meeting.

Meetings: The following talks have been arranged at meetings: September: Roy Bird (Profile talk); October: Gerry Turner (Profile talk); November: to be advised.

30th Anniversary of the Club: 27 March 2014 is the 30th anniversary of the Club. The Committee decided to mark this occasion at the March meeting, at which the AGM will also occur. At the conclusion of the first part of the meeting, Fred Leake will be asked to present a brief history of the Club. Diane will prepare a series of photographs to be presented as background during Fred's talk and for the rest of the meeting. We will then have special morning tea. The AGM will follow morning tea in the usual way.

General Business: The Committee agreed to present engraved Probus Life Member badges to present and future Life Members.

The next meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 1 October 2013 at Diane and John Rudd's place: 71 Copacabana Drive Copacabana.

On behalf of the Committee, Thelma thanked Wally for hosting this meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.20pm.

Signed as a correct record: Thelma Leonard (President):