

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee
held at the home of Barry Riley on 4 August 2009

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm. 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.

Special Agenda Item – Application for membership of former member Ed Board: An Application for Membership of the Club has been received for former member Ed Board. After many years with the Club, Ed's membership had been terminated in August 2006 for non-payment of Annual Fees. In order to consider this Application in a balanced way, President Kevin wanted the Committee to be as fully informed as possible about Ed's previous membership of the Club. He therefore asked his Proposer, Harry Goodban, and Seconder, Past-President George Costigan, to meet with the Committee. Harry and George spoke strongly in favour of Ed being accepted into the Club. Following the meeting with Harry and George, Kevin, invited two other members who were familiar with Ed's history in the Club, Past-President Michael Ryan and Past-Secretary David Kenny, to speak to the Committee. Michael and David informed the Committee about several aspects of Ed's time in the Club and, in particular, of Ed's actions that eventually led to his Membership being terminated. Following these meetings, the Committee discussed whether it would be in the Club's interests for Ed to rejoin. Most of the Committee were of the view that Ed's Application should not be accepted. However, before making a decision on this matter, the Committee decided that Ed should be given the opportunity to speak with it. Secretary Richard will invite Ed to meet with the Committee at its next meeting on 6 October.

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.

President's Report: President Kevin congratulated Speaker Convenor Patrick on the quality of recent talks to the Club. He also suggested that we should ask all Members to invite a friend to a future meeting at which an excellent speaker is expected. Since the Avoca Beach Bowling Club has asked that no food be brought into the Club, the Committee agreed that at such a meeting we should pay for the Club to supply a better-than-normal morning tea.

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

Balance at 1 March 2009	\$1,757.28	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>July</i>
Income	\$2195.00	\$120.00
Expenses	\$1663.56	\$318.15
Balance at 31 July 2009	\$2288.72	

The Committee accepted Barry's report.

Membership Report: Membership Officer John said that the Club now has 62 paid-up members. John commented on the excellent attendance (81%) at the last general meeting.

The Committee formally approved the Application for Membership from Denise Lawrence who was inducted at the July General meeting. The Committee also approved the Application for Membership from Jan Costigan, Bev Tysoe and Amber Byrnes. They will be inducted at the August meeting.

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

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Patrick advised that the September speaker will be Carl Blimm from the NRMA.

Richard reported that all arrangements are in place for the August debates.

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor David Dennison reported that he had 22 starters for the Garden Island trip on 20 August, and 44 for the Hawkesbury River cruise on 8 September. David also advised that he had commenced planning for the Christmas lunch on 8 December. He has booked The Chorus Girls for our entertainment. The cost will be \$30 per person. David has an invitation for members to participate in a Murray River cruise starting 10 April 2010 being organised by Gosford Blue Waters Probus Club.

Bushwalking Report: Richard said that the bushwalks for the year are in hand. Kevin suggested that in the future we might consider having different people organise the bushwalks from month to month.

Bowls Report: The Committee was pleased with Reg Davis' suggestion at the last General meeting to arrange an introductory bowls experience for non-players.

General Meetings: In August (Jean Johnson), September and November we will have Profile talks and a Historical presentation in October.

The Committee agreed that the January 2010 meeting will be held on 19 January to avoid clashing with Australia Day activities.

Nomination for Life Membership: Richard reported that John Orme had nominated Fred Leake for Life Membership. Following considerable discussion, the Committee decided to consider this Nomination immediately, rather than to defer the matter until it had considered more generally the ramifications for the Club of possible additional nominations for Life Membership. Richard had prepared a summary of Fred's contributions to the Club which he read to the Committee. The Committee agreed that Fred has rendered "outstanding service" to the Club – the condition specified in the Constitution for the conferring of Life Membership. At present the Club has 3 Life Members which is much less than the limit (6) of 10% of its current fee-paying membership as specified in our By-Laws. The Committee approved the nomination to confer Life Membership on Fred and, as required in the Constitution, will refer its decision to the next General Meeting for confirmation. A list of Fred's contributions will be included in the News Sheet.

The Committee noted that the number of existing Life Members, together with the number of other Members who had made outstanding contributions to the Club, exceeded the 10% limitation specified in our By-Laws. The Committee believed that the process by which Life Membership is dealt with in the Club should lead to this honour being offered to those whose contributions were most outstanding. The Committee therefore decided that it would develop a proposal for a more formalised method, consistent with what is currently contained in the Constitution, for handling the nomination and appointment of Life Members, and put this proposal to the Club for consideration at a future meeting. The Committee also decided that it would defer consideration of any further nominations for Life Membership until this had occurred. Kevin will advise Members of these decisions at the next General Meeting. As a starting point for the development of this proposal, Richard will send to the Committee a document on Life Membership that John Short and he had written in 2004 at the request of the then Committee.

Other business: An article and photograph about the 25th Anniversary lunch had appeared in the Probus Magazine. We will submit another story and photograph shortly about the Club becoming Combined.

The next meeting will be held at 9.30 am on 6 October 2009 at David Dennison's place.

On behalf of the Committee, President Kevin thanked Barry for hosting this meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

Signed as a correct record: Kevin Southgate (President)