

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the home of David & Mione Dunbar at Kincumber on Tuesday 14th October 2003.

President Forbes opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed the Committee. Those present were President Forbes Smith, Vice Presidents, Mike Ryan, and John Short, Secretary David Kenny, Treasurer Max Newman, Membership Officer John Orme, Speaker Convenor, Stan Roberts, Social Convenors David Dunbar and Harry Green. Apologies were received from Editor Barry Riley.

The Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting were taken as read on a motion from President Forbes and seconded by Mike Ryan.

Matters Arising from the minutes. The Secretary has received the new Probus Pens and Life Badges ordered from the Probus Centre South Pacific.

Stan Roberts has contacted Lynette Silver regarding her promised petrol money for her recent lecture to us and she has responded that she was happy with the contributions already made. The minutes were also corrected with David Dunbar and Harry Green now collecting the money for the 20th Anniversary luncheon in lieu of Treasurer Max Newman and Vice President John Short as previously stated in the minutes.

All other matters arising from the minutes were discussed in correspondence or in the various reports.

Correspondence Newsletters received from other Probus Clubs were handed to President Forbes.

A travel brochure outlining a trip to the Maritime Museum and a Harbour cruise on an antique steam ferry was handed to David Dunbar.

A letter from Gosford Council asking for an update of our Kincumber Probus meeting details for their Community records was received and returned with completed details.

A letter was received from Winning Post Catering Service from Gosford Racecourse Function Centre returning our \$300.00 deposit and apologising that the proposed luncheon date for our 20th Anniversary clashed with a TAB race function.

Letters were sent to both Mr. Ian Roberts Assistant Manager of Davistown RSL Club and Mr. Steve Wright Catering Manager confirming our commitment for the 20th Anniversary Luncheon to be held on 30th March 2004 for a room hire cost of \$82.50 and luncheon cost of \$25.00 a head.

A letter was received from Lawrie Lidster who was to be inducted at the September meeting advising he was unable to attend due to health and family reasons.

A letter was received from the CEO of Avoca Beach Bowling & Recreation Club, Mr. Ross Drury apologising for the misunderstanding at our 2nd September meeting when we hosted a School debate and did not have the full use of the full auditorium as promised and Ross requested a meeting with President Forbes to discuss the matter.

Administration Information from Probus Centre South Pacific was received as follows:

1. Brochure outlining the next Annual Probus Rendezvous which will be held at Nelson Bay on 12th -17th September 2004 and will be advertised in our newsletter as requested.
2. The 2003 Probus Annual Report and President's information details handed to President Forbes.
3. Forms to be filled out for Probus Centre records and Directory update for 2004-2005 together with details of the New President and Secretary, Capitation fees, Insurance contributions and subscription details for the

Probus News. These details have been sent out early and will be dealt with in February- March 2004 and a copy will be given to Max Newman to assist him in budgeting and fee setting for 2004-2005

- 4. Probus Centre-South Pacific has advised that they have been successful in negotiating the removal of the \$1000.00 excess for the personal injury under Public Liability Cover (but the \$1000.00 excess still remains on property damage). Also the changeover date for the renewal of the optional travel Insurance has been changed from the busy traveling period June-July to December-January when most clubs are in recess.

All correspondence was accepted and approved on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by David Dunbar.

Treasurer's report Max Newman presented his financial statements showing a closing balance of \$2142.91 for the Administration Account and a closing balance of \$1465.17 for the Social Account. Max advised that Editor Barry Riley had decided to return his Newsletter Editor's advance of \$50.00, as he had no need for it. Max also advised that after consulting with the President, Secretary and Social Convenors he had arranged that the Kincumber Probus Social Club change their bank account from the National to St George to reduce the large bank fees being charged and to receive the obvious advantages of having both accounts with the same bank. The bank signatures for signing cheques for the Social Account have been rearranged and will be formalised in the Annual General Meeting Minutes in March 2004. After making the minor change of inserting the word contributions in lieu of donations the Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Max Newman and seconded by Harry Green

President's Report President Forbes advised that he had paid a very cordial visit to Ross Drury, CEO of Avoca Beach Bowling & Recreation Club and had reached a satisfactory agreement with Ross that in future we are to lodge a plan of how we want the room set up and they will do all they can to accommodate us.

President Forbes then raised the subject of entertainment or background music for the 20th Anniversary lunch and it was agreed no entertainment or music would be required. A discussion then took place on the proposed Life memberships to be bestowed at the 20th Anniversary Lunch and it was agreed that the correct procedure for their installation had been followed and that this would be ratified in accordance with the Constitution at the February 2004 Ladies Meeting and President Forbes would contact the intended Life Members at a suitable time before the meeting. President Forbes also suggested that we notify the Probus News Magazine of our 20th Anniversary lunch and the names of the new Life Members for publication in the Probus News immediately after the event. It was also noted that page 36 of the current Probus News encourages Probus Clubs to elevate members to Life Member status.

Vice President Mike Ryan asked that it be formally recorded that we are no longer going to the Gosford Racecourse Function Centre for our 20th Anniversary lunch as the TAB had decreed that our preferred date 30th March 2004 be an official race day and this happened after the sub committee had inspected the Gosford Racecourse function Centre and paid a deposit of \$300.00. That venue was cancelled and we have received our \$300.00 deposit back, and the sub Committee has now inspected and approved the Davistown RSL Club as a suitable venue on the same date, 30th March 2004. No deposit for the room at the Davistown RSL Club is required.

Membership Officer John Orme reported we now have 3 vacancies with the recent induction of John Eager and the eventual induction of Lawrie Lidster. The letter from Lawrie Lidster was discussed and it was agreed that the Secretary should write to Lawrie informing him that he had been approved for membership and that when he has recovered from his health and family problems that he will be formally inducted. John Orme presented an application form from Paul Harrop (born 1945!) sponsored by John Short and this application was approved. Paul will be inducted at either the October or November meeting depending on when John can get the name badge produced. John advised he would be away for the next general meeting and John Short will help Don Wiseman as Acting Membership Officer.

Speaker Convenor Stan Roberts advised that the next guest speakers would be Jack Mulholland in October, Richard Collins in November, Xmas Party in December (no speaker required) Arthur Jones in January, on codes, cyphers, and spies, a children's education speaker in February for Ladies Day, AGM in March (no speaker required) and a possible humorous physiotherapist in April.

Social Convenor David Dunbar reported that he had been to a Probus Tour Directors seminar put on by Australian Pacific Travel and they are offering reduced prices for Probus members to make up parties with a minimum of 10 people to various locations. David is well advanced with organising the Melbourne Cup luncheon at Kincumba Mountain but need more numbers. David is organising the Xmas Lunch at Avoca Beach Bowling & Recreation Club to commence at noon on Tuesday 9th December at a cost of \$25.00 per head with entertainment by various Probus performers.

The Cooma holiday is proceeding and deposits of \$100.00 per person are required by December. It was agreed that we contact both Cooma Probus Clubs (male & female) to try and arrange a get together. The secretary will supply David with the Cooma Probus Club names and addresses & phone numbers. The January outing will be the usual Probus picnic at Davistown (depending on the reopening of Davistown Sails take away meals shop) and a possible Maritime Museum trip in February.

A discussion took place on the changing the date of the Annual Holiday away from March and it was suggested that Spring was a good time for touring for next years holiday

General Business Vice President John Short will remind David Dennison that he is to give his profile in October, and Mike Ryan will give his profile in January and John Short will contact John Eager to give his profile in April.

A vote of thanks was given to David and Mione Dunbar for the use of their house for the meeting and the very nice morning tea provided.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday 2nd December 2003 at the home of David and Joyce Kenny at Macmasters Beach if their new lounge room is completed otherwise it will be held at the home of Max and Ruth Newman at Henry Kendall Village Wyoming and Committee members will be advised of the final location at least a week before the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.27am.

Confirmed by President..........date *2nd December 2003*