

**Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee**  
**held at the home of Marie and Barry Riley on 7 August 2012**

The meeting opened at 2.30pm. Those present were John Rudd (President), Thelma Leonard (Vice President), Barry Riley (Treasurer), Richard Collins (Secretary), Ruth Charlesworth (Social Convenor), Marie Riley (Speaker Convenor) and Wally Tuffs (Editor). Apologies were received from John Sutton (Junior Vice President) and John Pagett (Membership Officer).

President John welcomed members to the meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 5 June 2012: The draft Minutes had previously been circulated and changes requested by members had been made. The Minutes were agreed.

Business arising from Minutes: At the June General Meeting Members agreed to a \$10 levy for the current year to cover the cost of our new meeting venue.

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures;

President's Report: John suggested that the Financial Statement presented to the March AGM contain more detail about categories of expenditure. The Committee agreed, but emphasised that it was very happy with the level of detail in the monthly statements as currently presented by Barry. Following discussion, the Committee confirmed that we will use the church's microphone system at a cost of \$5 each meeting. John also advised that he will be absent for the August and September meetings. Thelma will chair these meetings.

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

Balance at 1 March 2012	\$1075.00	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>July</i>
Income	\$2420.00	\$230.00
Expenses	\$1749.93	\$5.00
Balance at 31 July 2012	\$1745.07	

Barry's report was accepted. Barry advised that annual fees have been received from 63 Members. Our total current financial membership is thus currently 63, plus 3 Life Members, 2 Non Active Members and 1 Honorary Member. No fee payment has been received from Judith Blight. Richard will contact her to discuss how we might encourage her to resume active membership of the Club in the future. One option would be to grant her Non Active status for a period. Barry also advised that the \$10 levy is still outstanding from only 13 Members. Barry will be away at the next meeting and has arranged for Kevin Southgate to collect levy payments.

Membership Report: The Committee accepted Ralph Brown's application for membership. Ralph will be away for some time and is expected to be back in time to be inducted at the November meeting. John Pagett will advise him in due course of the acceptance of his application and arrange his name badge.

Editor's Report: Editor Wally Tuffs reported that he has received a \$250 printing grant from Gosford Council which will cover the bulk of our printing costs this year. The Committee thanked Wally and suggested that we point out to Members how initiatives such as this have enabled the Club to avoid increases in membership fees for many years.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Marie Riley advised that she has speakers arranged for all the remaining meetings this year. Richard Collins will speak in September on Global warming, the Carbon Tax and all that, and Doug Edwards in October on Life as a submariner.

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor Ruth Charlesworth advised that future social events are: lunch at the Breakers Country Club (August); the Sydney Heritage Fleet plus fish and chips (September); a visit to the Reptile Park (October) and the Bush Picnic (November) – the cost of which will be \$20. The Committee agreed to Rhoda Roberts' suggestion that she arrange a trivia quiz at the Christmas lunch at Tree Tops restaurant on 11 December.

Bushwalking Report: No discussion

Golf: No discussion

Theatre: Thelma will talk with Anne Swan about broadening the scope of theatre activities.

Web site: Webmaster Barry Riley said that the site was operating well. Arthur Adeney will take photos in Diane Rudd's absence.

Meetings: John Sutton advised that Anne Mulford will give a 5 minute historical talk in August. John will advise the 5 minute speaker in September. Richard advised that the heats of the debate are underway and all is in order for the final. Anne Madin is assisting him with timekeeping.

General Business: Reg Charlesworth requested that, at the conclusion of each General meeting, the President ask for 2 volunteers to assist in the setup of the venue for the next meeting. In doing this it should be emphasised that the volunteers need to be at the church by 8.50am.

Richard reported on the Probus information day that he attended on 8 June at Gosford Leagues Club. It had been useful day giving insights into the thinking behind the way that the Probus organisation is being managed. Issues relating to insurance are clearly having a strong influence on the policies being developed and adopted. For example, Probus would like a much more formal recording of attendance at meetings and activities, even to the point of having members swipe a card when entering and leaving meetings. There was strong opposition from the Probians present to this proposal. Probus also stated that they saw the demise of an aging club as normal and unexceptional. Many of the Probians present stated that they disapproved strongly of this attitude. There had also been a frank exchange of views on difficulties interacting with Probus head office.

Subject to confirmation of the suitability of the date, the next meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 16 October 2012 at John Pagett's place 22 Emerald Avenue Pearl Beach.

On behalf of the Committee, John thanked Marie and Barry for hosting this meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm.

Signed as a correct record: John Rudd (President): .....