

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee
held at the home of John and Helen Sutton on 4 December 2012

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

President John welcomed members to the meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 10 October 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 last meeting, the Committee set up a subcommittee to recommend a response to the Constitutional changes proposed by Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL). The subcommittee recommended that we object to 3 of the proposed changes, two of which define a principal purpose of Probus being to “relieve isolation and loneliness” amongst older people. The Committee agreed with the subcommittee’s recommendations. The 23 October 2012 General Meeting endorsed the Committee’s position. Richard has lodged our objections with PSPL. With the Committee’s agreement, he has also sent an email to Pat Atkinson, General Manager of PSPL (copied to Gary Blackler, Rotary representative on the Board of PSPL) outlining the reasons to our objections, and has forwarded this email to several other Probus clubs. Richard is aware of several other Probus clubs that have lodged similar objections. The Committee discussed what other actions we might take to try and prevent the relevant changes being adopted. Richard will draft a letter outlining the reasons for our objections, and send it to the Committee for comment. If the Committee agrees, the letter will then be sent to all PSPL Board members, and possibly also to Rotary.

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

President’s Report: John had nothing to report.

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

Balance at 1 March 2012	\$1075.00	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>November</i>
Income	\$2600.00	nil
Expenses	\$2016.15	\$9.35
Balance at 30 November 2012	\$1658.85	

Barry’s report was accepted.

Barry tabled a spread sheet detailing income and expenses for 2012 – 2013 (projected to 31 March 2012). If membership numbers and expenses are maintained at the present level, setting 2013 – 2014 at \$40 per member will result in our reserves remaining almost unchanged. The Committee agreed to recommend this level of fees to the 2013 Annual General Meeting.

Barry advised the Committee that opening a Savings account with St George Bank and transferring ~\$1000 into it will result in interest of about \$35 for the first calendar year. The Committee agreed that we should do this.

Membership Report: Membership Officer John Pagett said that Ralph Brown will be inducted at the January meeting.

Richard had forwarded to the Committee an email from Jill Smith resigning from the Club. Subsequently he had been advised that she had experienced difficulty finding people to talk to at morning tea. The Committee decided that in the future when there are visitors, the President will remind members to look after them before adjourning the meeting at morning tea. In addition, the Vice Presidents will ensure that an existing Member will act as a “buddy” for the first few months of every new member’s time in the Club. Thelma will call Jill Smith to discuss whether she may reconsider her resignation. (Thelma advises that Jill did indeed find the club to be very welcoming – however, she just does not have the time to belong. Her resignation will therefore be accepted.)

Editor’s Report: Editor Wally Tuffs advised that the December News Sheet is at the printers.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Marie Riley advised that she has arranged the following speakers: Steve Yeomans in January on the Panama Canal; a speaker from Vision Australia on eye conditions in February; John and Diane Rudd on their trip to Africa in April; and Patricia Amphlett (Little Pattie) in May.

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor Ruth Charlesworth advised that future social events are: the Christmas lunch at Tree Tops restaurant on 11 December; the Recovery lunch at Janet Smith's place on the Woy Woy waterfront in January; a visit to the Heart Research Institute in Sydney in February; a visit to a mushroom farm in March; and a visit to the Alexander the Great exhibition in April.

Bushwalking Report: John Rudd is looking into the possibility of a combined bushwalking and golf trip.

Golf: Diane Rudd has won the Club Golf Championship by one stroke from the President (who is also the handicapper).

Theatre: Diane Rudd is handling the season ticket bookings for Woy Woy Little Theatre.

Web site: The Committee agreed with Webmaster Barry Riley's suggestion that our fee level be on the web site.

Meetings: John Sutton has arranged the following talks at meetings:

January: Hermione Dunbar (5 minute talk)

February: Anne Madin (Profile talk)

March: John Orme (5 minute talk)

April: Arthur Adeney (Profile talk)

May: David Butler (Profile talk)

June: Jean Johnson (5 minute talk)

July: Jan Costigan (Profile talk)

August: George Pendergast (Profile talk).

General Business: The Committee decided on the following nominations and actions for the remaining vacant Office Bearer and Co-opted member positions in 2013:

Junior Vice President: Thelma will approach Arthur Adeney (Arthur will advise his decision next week)

Membership Officer: John Rudd will serve in this position

Assistant Membership Officer: John Rudd will approach Col Laybutt (Col has agreed to serve)

Joint Venue Officers: Reg Charlesworth and Patrick Leonard

Bushwalking Convenor: John Sutton will approach David and Elizabeth Butler

Theatre Convenor: Thelma will approach Gloria Reid after she has recovered from an operation

Welfare Officer: Thelma will approach Rhoda Roberts (Rhoda will probably agree to serve)

Catering Officer: Thelma will approach Hermione Dunbar (Hermione has agreed to serve)

Historian: Barry and Marie will approach Anne Mulford (Anne is reluctant, but prepared to serve)

Auditor: Barry and Marie will approach John Mulford (John is happy to continue)

The Committee decided to arrange a lunch at Kincumber Hotel after the February meeting to farewell Mike and Heather Ryan who will shortly move to Sydney. The Club will pay for them. John will invite all Members at the Christmas lunch next week and also at the January meeting. (Mike and Heather have confirmed their availability.)

The next meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 5 February 2013 at Thelma Leonard's place: 52 Henderson Road Saratoga.

On behalf of the Committee, President John thanked John and Helen Sutton for hosting this meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.10pm.

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