

**Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee**  
**held at the home of David Dennison on 6 April 2010**

The meeting opened at 9.30 am. Those present were David Dennison (President), Rhoda Roberts (Senior Vice President), John Rudd (Junior Vice President), Barry Riley (Treasurer), Richard Collins (Secretary), Patrick Leonard (Speaker Convenor), Wally Tuffs (Editor), Ruth Charlesworth (Acting Social Convenor), Reg Davis (Membership Officer) and Kevin Southgate (Immediate Past President)

President David welcomed members of the Committee to the meeting, particularly the new ones.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 2 February 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: Former Non Active Member Ern Williams had been contacted and he was present at the last General Meeting. Stan Hannaford remains the only person on the Non Active list. He may be able to attend the occasional meeting if transport can be arranged.

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures; letters of Resignation from Gordon Maxwell, Norm Walsh and Perc Fitzpatrick (dealt with under Membership Report below); letter from George Costigan expressing concern over the previous Committee's decision to refuse a Membership application from Ed Board. (Following receipt of the letter Richard and Kevin had spoken to George and described to him the process followed by the Committee in assessing Ed's application. George had indicated that he was happy with this and would not take the matter further. Richard, in consultation with David and Kevin, will reply to George's letter, again describing the assessment process.)

President's Report: President David had nothing to report.

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 2010	\$1,064.01		
		<i>Year to date</i>	<i>March</i>
Income	\$730.00	\$730.00	\$730.00
Expenses	\$212.50	\$212.50	\$212.50
Balance at 31 March 2010	\$1581.51		

The Committee accepted Barry's report.

Membership Report: The Committee discussed the following Resignations:

Gordon Maxwell: Gordon's letter of Resignation raised several matters, but did not give a reason for his decision to resign. Both Kevin and Richard had spoken with him and he had made it clear that he would not reconsider. David advised that John Mulford had asked him to make the Club aware of Gordon's contributions. Richard (in consultation with David) will write to Gordon thanking him for his service to the Club as President, Vice President, Secretary, Editor and Auditor. Richard will read this letter at the next General Meeting.

Norm Walsh: Norm is unwell and he and Mollie will shortly move to Coffs Harbour.

Perc Fitzpatrick: Perc is unwell and no longer wishes to remain in the Club.

Richard will write to Norm and Perc advising that the Committee has accepted their resignations.

Ron Sinclair and Brian Smith have attended few meetings lately. Reg will contact Ron and John will contact Brian to see what their intentions are regarding membership of the Club. (John has subsequently advised that Brian will not be renewing his membership this year.) Applications to join the Club from Greg McNiff and Robin Armytage were accepted. Richard will contact them to arrange their Inductions. Membership Officer John Rudd advised that following the Resignations and acceptance of new Members, the Club currently has 59 Members (plus 4 Life Members).

Editor's Report: Editor Wally Tuffs distributed a new emergency contact list to Committee members.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Patrick Leonard advised that speakers for the next two meetings will be as stated in the last News Sheet. Patrick sought advice on having a talk on writing novels. The Committee was supportive of this.

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor Ruth Charlesworth advised that the balance in the Social Account was \$587.10 (subject to confirmation). She discussed arrangements for the Fort Dennison trip on 11 May. The cost of \$22 will cover the ferry, entry and tour. Lunch will be at members' cost. On 8 June there will be a morning tea at the Ken Duncan Gallery (cost \$13.00 including a tour). The Committee also discussed possible arrangements for the December Christmas lunch. It was decided to plan for an outdoor picnic after the style of the very well received bushwalking Christmas lunches. It will be necessary to have good accessibility, and a wet weather plan. MacMasters Beach Surf Lifesaving club house was suggested as a possible venue. Kevin will investigate availability and cost.

Bushwalking Report: Richard advised that the following are organising bushwalks: May – Rhoda Roberts at Fagans Bay, West Gosford; June – Kevin and Lorraine Southgate at Dingledei Reserve; July – Barry and Marie Riley; and September – John and Anne Mulford.

Bowls: Reg said that there is essentially no bowls activity at this time.

Golf: John advised that 8 people played golf last Friday. Rhoda commented that more interest may be generated in both bowls and golf if suitable training sessions were offered.

Web site: Barry has the web site operating with new software. He is looking for comment and content. Wally will send the News Sheet to him each month (as a Publisher document). Barry will investigate the possibility of having our web site hosted on the Probus server which would give significant cost savings.

Meetings: In April Lerryn Mutton and Richard Collins will give a Historical presentation on the Debates. Richard will arrange Profile speakers for May and June.

General Business: Richard will arrange to submit the Annual Return to the Department of Fair Trading, and the Annual Update to Probus South Pacific. Richard and Fred Leake have prepared a list of Office Bearers over the life of the Club. He will circulate it to Committee members and advise Members that it is available.

The next meeting will be held at 9.30 am on Tuesday 2 June 2010 at Richard Collins' place, 737 The Scenic Road MacMasters Beach.

On behalf of the Committee, Richard Collins thanked David and Cheryl for hosting this meeting. The meeting closed at 11.10am.

Signed as a correct record: David Dennison (President) .....