

Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the Avoca beach Bowling & Recreation Club on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2005. President Mike opened the meeting at 10.15 am and welcomed all 50 members present.

Apologies were received from Ken Gosby, Harry Goodban, Bruce Lawrence, Keith Judd, Keith Tysoe, Ed Dennis, Geoff Butcher, George Costigan, Brian Smith, and Harold Symmonds.

The Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting were read by the Secretary and confirmed on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by Gordon Taylor.

There was no business arising.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Nev Owen presented his Financial Statement of Income and Expenditure for both the Administration Account and the Social fund Account for the years 2004-2005 both of which have been examined and approved by the Honorary Auditor Gordon Maxwell. The Financial Statements were then accepted on a motion from Nev Owen and seconded by Gordon Maxwell.

Treasurer Nev then proposed that the joining fee remain at \$20.00 and the annual subscription be raised from \$25.00 to \$28.00 to offset an anticipated deficit in next years financial report and this was seconded by John Short. After much discussion by various speakers for and against the proposal, Barry Riley moved that the motion be put, and this was seconded by John Short. A vote was taken and counted by scrutineers John Short and Gordon Maxwell and resulted in 44 members voting in favour of the motion being an overwhelming majority of members present, so that the motion to increase the annual subscriptions to \$28.00 was carried.

Vice President Richard Collins then proposed that the annual subscription be raised a further \$2.00 to pay for the cost of setting up a proposed Kincumber Probus Web site. Richard explained that the proposal to set up a Kincumber Probus Web site would be of benefit to all members as it would help to attract new members and also made the point that all new members now joining were computer literate. The proposal was seconded by Ed Board and after several speakers for and against the proposal a vote was taken and counted by scrutineers John Short and Gordon Maxwell and resulted in 33 members voting for the proposal, and being a majority of the members present the motion was carried. This means that the annual subscription for 2005-2006 will now be \$30.00 per annum for each member.

Treasurer Nev Owen then confirmed that the signatories to both the Kincumber Probus cheque accounts for 2005-2006 be in accordance with our By Laws with the signatures being President Richard Collins, Vice President David Dunbar, Secretary Don Wiseman, and Treasurer Nev Owen for the Administration Account; and President Richard Collins, Secretary Don Wiseman, Treasurer Nev Owen, and Social Convenor David Dennison, for the Social Fund Account.

President's Report President Mike read a prepared President's Report a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Election of President and Committee Members and Appointment of Co-opted Members for the ensuing year to take office from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005.

President Mike then confirmed that in accordance with our constitution, as no further nominations had been received the following members had been elected and /or appointed.

**21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

As always the objective of our Club in this our 21<sup>st</sup> year has been to maintain the high standards of fellowship and friendship for which we are so renowned. We got off to a flying start with our very well attended 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch but we had a few rough times as we strove to cool down some of the angst caused some members by the election of Life Members in January last year. I had hoped we had cooled this down further with our overwhelming vote in January this year to set a limit in our By Laws on Life Member numbers. From some of the contributions to the debate on increasing the subs just now it appears there are still some among us just not prepared to move on re this issue

While talking about governance actions we should also note that this latest year has seen the triennial review by Probus Centre of the model constitution with much input from the clubs across Australia and New Zealand. As you will have heard from the correspondence in our just concluded monthly meeting this process is drawing to a close.

To go back to the matter of member numbers generally, as with so many Probus Clubs maintenance of our numbers is a very real challenge. The initiative we have just taken with our invitation/information brochure for we individual members to give to prospective new members should be most helpful in addressing this need. Of course Probus being Probus there is an inevitable attrition related to our age. Sadly this year we lost our IP Pres Forbes Smith all too soon after he stepped down, then John Prouting, and most recently John Horton. Ill health forced Colin Scheumack and Ron Baker to go on to the inactive list and Laurie Lidster, Bill White and Les Ireland all resigned the last 2 because of movement out of the area.

The loss of several of these people plus John Short being unable to continue as Senior VP necessitated some replacements among our Club officers. We were very fortunate that Nev Owen responded to our appeal for help as Treasurer and Ken Robson and Gordon Taylor collaborated in addressing the great welfare needs of our members particularly during last years hard winter. They were kept very busy, thank you both very much. Gordon has expressed his wish to step down, but Ken is prepared to carry on this vital role on his own.

No reference to Club officers retiring would be complete without my recording the debt we owe David Kenny as he prepares for his retirement after seven wonderful years of service as secretary and most recently public officer of the Club. His contribution has been remarkable and we have benefited enormously from the wisdom of his counsel, his hard work, and the secretarial skills of wife Joyce.

While I have talked about our losses in members we must also note the induction into our Club in this last year of five new members, Geoff Veel, Kevin Duker, Ed Dennis, Peter Goddard and Ken Jollie. We look forward to having them contribute to the life of the Club and indeed we already have Geoff lined up for an active role in our next year.

In our Club activities we have had a mixed year with rain not helping on several occasions. I am delighted that Richard eventually got us going around Chittaway Bay but our golfers and bowlers are getting very thin on the ground. Our thanks must go to George and his offsider Tony in golf and Reg in bowls for their efforts.

And that leaves me to say thank you to you all for your support during my term as President but in particular to the Committee members who give so much of their time in carrying out their particular tasks and who also contribute so much to the Committee as a whole. My very best wishes to the incoming Committee and to the Club for its ongoing success .

***Michael Ryan***

	<u>Elected</u>		<u>Appointed</u>
President	Richard Collins	Welfare Officer	Ken Robson
Vice President	David Dunbar	Bushwalking	Richard Collins
Secretary	Don Wiseman	Minute Secretary	Geoff Veel
Treasurer	Nev Owen	Theatre	David Dunbar
Social Convenor	David Dennison	Club Historian	Ron Coleman
Speaker Convenor	Stan Roberts	Club Photographer	Harry Green
Membership Officer	John Orme	Golf Organiser	George Costigan
Editor	Barry Riley	Bowls Organiser	Reg Davis

Catering Officers      John Eager, John Van Gelder, and Laurie Gillies

Auditor

President Mike thanked Gordon Maxwell for his services as Honorary Auditor for the Club for 2004-2005 and confirmed his re appointment for 2005-2006

Public Officer President Mike confirmed the appointment of Don Wiseman as Public Officer for the Club as required by the Department of Fair Trading, replacing outgoing Public Officer, David Kenny.

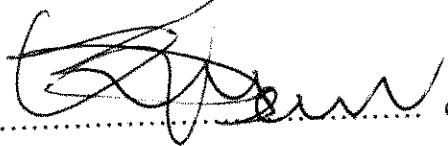
Presentation to Retiring Secretary

President Mike and Vice President Richard both paid tribute to the retiring Secretary David Kenny for his seven years in office and President Mike then presented David Kenny with a Past Secretary's badge.

Installation of New President Elect President Mike then welcomed President Elect Richard Collins to the office of President by handing over his chain of office and presenting Richard with his engraved collar bar and a Probus tie.

Presentation to President Mike President Elect Richard Collins paid tribute to President Mike and then thanked him for his year in Office and presented Mike with a Past President's Plaque and Past President's Badge.

There being no further business President Mike Ryan closed the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting at 11.15am.

Confirmed by President.......... date.....