



**MEETS:** 9:30am. Fourth Tuesday each month at Kincumber Uniting Church.

KINCUMBER

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ASSISTANT EDITOR	Elizabeth Butler

**Notes for your 2016 Diary**

Jan. 10th Recovery Picnic 12 noon  
24th. Monthly Meeting 9.30am.



Feb. 7th committee meeting  
Social event TBA  
28th Monthly Meeting 9.30am

**All contributors please note:**

**DEADLINE** for the next News Sheet is **Friday 13th Jan. 2017,**  
**but early reports are always most welcome.**

**Note: reports to be sent to: jimpat3@bigpond.com**

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**News Sheet**

**Christmas Edition**



**Dec 12th. 2016**

**President's Report**

Christmas time brings up many emotions, pictures, and memories for us all.

The focus of Christmas has changed over the years from a mainly religious festival, to a commercial extravaganza. Fortunately as individuals and families we can all celebrate something, be it family, or community or friendship. We don't have to be sucked into the commercial frenzy.

Personally the age old story of a baby born in a stable because there was no room in the inn, and that baby being God himself coming to save mankind, is enough reason to celebrate the season. I have wonderful memories of the drums beating from the near by church heralding Christmas morning and waking us. In the early light seeing on the end of the bed the stocking full of crinkly parcels put there by Father Christmas. The rush to open the presents in spite of there being no light as we had no electricity there in Burundi. Then sitting round the Christmas tree while listening to the Christmas story being read. I am sure we all have stories to tell.

I know too that Christmas is also, for many, a sad time. It often highlights family loss and not all families get on well. It is also a time of increased family violence and we too stand with our government representatives against family violence.

I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy joyful new year

*Arthur Adeney*

**Guest speaker:** As promised Hermione Dunbar gave us a surprise this month. The entertainment came from the Rumbalara Rebels—a ukelele and singing musical group. Their name Rumbalara refers to the fact that they live close to the Rumbalara Reserve, and Rebels acknowledges the fact that they are rebelling against aging. There was plenty of foot tapping and singing through the various numbers - familiar songs like 'Home Among the Gumtrees', 'Singing in the Rain', 'Shake rattle and Roll', and others. The highlight came as our Kincumber Probus All Stars donned leis to perform the hula, and waved 'I Love Probus' flags as they marched to 'When the Saints Come Marching In'. They were magnificent and you can see for yourself by checking our web site. Many photographs were taken and I am sure Barry will have added them to the site. Thanks to Rumbalara Rebels and to Hermione and Gloria Reid who initiated this variety for our meeting.

**Profile report:** Jill Willis told of happy times in her youth and of a particular interest she developed into tracing some of her family history in a Family History Group. Her interest and research came up with intriguing information on her family background, including her roots in Ireland and Germany dating back 2 or 3 generations, with convict history in the Hunter Valley. After the busy time of raising her family of 4 children she was able to visit Ireland with other members of the group to enjoy the atmosphere of a country where her ancestors lived, adding colour to this search of her background. Her hobby has filled in a lot of time and helped understand something of her family from the past.

*Yvonne Chandler*

### *Speakers*

January: David Dennison is really looking forward to talking to us about his experiences with the New Zealand Maoris'

February: To be Advised

John has participated in the following talks and events at Club meetings:  
24 June 2008: A central player in the hilarious "Right of Reply" mock trial that sought (unsuccessfully) to reveal the truth about the "highly suspicious" winning of the Lucky Door prize some 8 years earlier.  
28 October 2008: Talk "Shipwrecks on the Central Coast"  
24 July 2012: Talk about his arrival in London on the day that King George VI died  
28 January 2014: A participant in the debate "That professionalism is ruining sport"  
22 April 2014: Talk "Hidden treasures of Afghanistan exhibition"  
22 September 2015: Talk "Gallipoli and Beyond"

John was one of 13 Members that made personal contributions to the Club's 25th Anniversary Booklet.

John has undertaken all his Club responsibilities in a creative, thorough and diligent manner. During his time as Bushwalking Convenor, he introduced Club Members to numerous new places. His Presidency was characterised by thoughtful, caring and inspiring leadership, and several new Members joined the Club as a direct consequence of approaches that he made. He is a highly respected, and very well liked Member, with a well deserved reputation for wise and thoughtful advice on complex, and sometimes troubling issues.

John's contributions to the Club have been outstanding and sustained and, in our opinion, exceed the Criteria for Life Membership as specified in the Standing Resolutions.

John has indicated to Fred that he would accept Life Membership if it is offered to him.

*A very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone*

*From Your Editor*

**Probus Club of Kincumber  
Citation in Support of the Nomination of John Mulford  
as a Life Member  
29 September 2016**

**Nominator: Fred Leake, Life Member**

**Seconder: Richard Collins**

John Mulford first attended our Probus Club about mid-1998. At that time, the Club membership was full, and he was placed on the Waiting List. He was inducted as a Member on 28 September 1999. Throughout the entire 18 years of his involvement he has been a regular attendee at General Meetings, and an active participant in the Club's activities, including bushwalking, golf, trips away, theatre parties and social functions.

John has held the following Committee and Co-opted positions:

Bushwalking Convenor 1999/2002

Vice-President 2000/01

President 2001/02

Assistant Membership Officer 2010/11

Auditor 2010/14

John's commitment to the Club was obvious from his earliest involvement. He was appointed Bushwalking Convenor 6 months before he actually became a Member, and he was elected Vice-President 6 months after his induction.

In addition to his management and administrative positions, John has played an important role in activities that have been relevant to the development of the Club. He has been deeply involved in two Constitutional change processes – one that he led in 2001 during his Presidency, and as a member of the Constitution Working Party in 2011. Since early 2015, he has been a co-opted member of a Subcommittee tasked with advising the Committee about material received from Probus South Pacific Limited and the Probus Reform Group. In this capacity, he has attended parts of several Committee meetings.

John and Anne Mulford have opened their home for Club events on several occasions:

17 November 1998: Picnic after bushwalk

10 February 2004: Champagne breakfast

10 March 2009: Celebration lunch for the Club's 25th Anniversary

14 December 2010: Christmas Garden Party

**NOVEMBER 2016**

Opening Balance 1.11.2016	2,470.69	
Receipts	68.03	3,734.64
	2,538.72	
Expenses	23.80	3,489.13
Closing Balance 30.11.2016	2,514.92	



*Gerry Turner*

*Welfare Report*

As we both missed the last meeting we hope this newsletter finds everyone well. If anyone knows of a member that may not be well or needs a lending hand please do not hesitate to contact either Bob or myself on the below emails or phone numbers.

It's that time of year again when friends and family think about the Christmases of the past and plan for the coming holiday with their loved ones in mind. As we reflect on this wonderful holiday, we must keep in mind that Christmas is not just any holiday but may be the most important one of the year for some people. It is a time for remembering, a time to share the goodness of your heart with others.

With best wishes to everyone for a wonderful Christmas celebrating with family and friends, and good health and much happiness in 2017

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**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January RECOVERY PICNIC**

**Broadwater Park, Sea Breeze Ave,  
Kincumber. (UBD Map 98 Ref: C8)**

**Time: 12 Noon**

**Travel: Own Arrangements.**

**Bring your own everything: (Food, Drinks, Tables, Chairs)**

**“ALL ARE VERY WELCOME”**



**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February T.B.A.**

*Gloria Reid*

*January Anniversaries*

Happy anniversary to

Chris and Ann Dillon



*January Birthdays*

Happy Birthday to:

Patrick and Thelma Leonard  
Diane Rudd Laurie Gee Betty Pickersgill  
Maegaret Hobbs Barbara Hogan



Our Golf Group had a very successful and enjoyable year, with everyone sharing in the glory of winning at some point. On reflecting back over the year, I think we have spent more time laughing and enjoying the company of our fellow golfers, than we have worrying about how well (or how badly!) we have been playing. There has certainly been some memorable moments, but I think George takes the prize with **that 16** on the par three 2<sup>ND</sup> hole. Another memorable moment was when Tony Kelly hit into the lake on the 9<sup>TH</sup> hole. He was **very** determined to find his golf ball, and kept saying he hated losing his balls. While lying on the ground and leaning into the lake to retrieve the ball, the predictable happened – he started to slide into the lake. As there was no one else around, I had to pull Tony out of the lake by one of his legs, while screaming at him that a golf ball wasn't worth drowning for, AND that we were struggling to keep up our numbers and couldn't afford to lose anyone!

At the time of writing, the Results for the past three weeks are:

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Winner: Wally Tuffs and Jochem Zalm shared first place with Nett 30

Par 3 Nearest the pins –

2nd hole: Wally Tuffs, 4th hole: John Rudd, 6th hole: John Rudd

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Winner: John McLosky with Nett 29

Par 3 Nearest the pins –

2nd hole: George Costigan, 4th hole: John Rudd, 6th hole: John Rudd

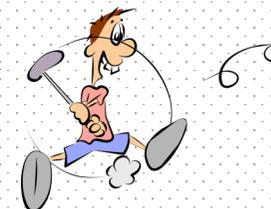
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** – Winner: Jochem Zalm with Nett 28

Par 3 Nearest the pins –

2nd hole: Roy Bird, 4th hole: -----, 6th hole: John Rudd and George Costigan

From all the golfers: a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy New Year – come join us in 2017 for some fun times AND golf!

*Liz Gilbert* Golf



Convener / Handicapper