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SEASON'S 
GREETINGS

President's Report December 2014.

To all the members of our Kincumber Probus family,

Wishing you and yours a truly joyous Christmas, and may the coming year be one of great opportunities, good health and happiness.

PS. I have the great good fortune of having an infallible crystal ball which told me that 2015 is going to be the dawn of a golden age of peace and prosperity. Wow!

Kind regards,

John Sutton



January Birthdays

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating their birthdays in January

Patrick and Thelma Leonard

Velda Robson Dianne Rudd

Mike Ryan Laurie Gee



January Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating their anniversary in January



Nev and Audrey Owen

What's On

Theatre Group – 2015 Season

At The Laycock Street Theatre, The Gosford Musical Society is staging The Pirates of Penzance. In the 1980s this rollicking, evergreen musical experienced an unprecedented Sydney revival with Jon English as the Pirate King - and it's that production which influences GMS's fourth tilt at this much-loved classic. We have made a provisional booking for the matinee on Sunday, 15 March at 2.00 pm. Group concession rate \$34.00

THE WOY WOY LITTLE THEATRE - Four Plays Out of the Box” The Subscription package: 4 Plays – concession rate \$72.00 and for 3 Plays concession rate \$55.00. Free tea and coffee included

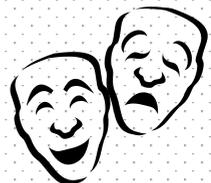
Sunday 8 March at 2.00 pm – *Yes, Prime Minister*, a new script based on the much loved TV series by the original writers Anthony Jay and Jonathan Lynn

Sunday 24 May at 2.00 pm – *Next up Lovers at Versailles* is Irish dramatist Bernard Farrell's dark comedy.

Sunday 23 August at 2.00 pm – **Sherlock Holmes & The Suicide Club** written in 2011 – *Jeffrey Hatcher* - directed by *Jessica Alex*.

Sunday 8 November at 2.00 pm - *Hay Fever*. Noël Coward's 1924 classic, Best described as a cross between high farce and a comedy of bad manners.

For bookings contact Barbara Orme - email jnborme@bigpond.com - phone 4381.0027



Not much is happening on our golf scene at present following completion of our annual championship and as I sit at the computer trying to come up with something to say my thoughts have turned to the vagaries of sport and what life has dealt two wonderful young sportsmen.

Last Sunday the 23rd of November I was watching the Australian Masters golf tournament on TV and saw a most amazing bunker shot on the final hole of the event from Nick Cullen which resulted him winning the tournament gold jacket by one shot from the world No 2 golfer, Adam Scott. Up to this point of his career Nick had not had a great deal of success but performed amazingly well under pressure and pocketed a nice cheque and becoming part of golfing history.

Two days later while driving home from our Probus meeting I heard the terrible news that test cricketer Phillip Hughs had been hit on the head with a cricket ball whilst playing a Sheffield Shield match for South Australia at the Sidney Cricket Ground. He was in hospital in a critical condition, having stopped breathing on the field. There has been the most amazing outpouring of emotion, grief and best wishes from the sporting community and others. At the time of the accident Philip was 63 not out with a good chance of being selected for the upcoming test match against India.

I know that Phillip was loved by all who knew him and our thoughts are with his family at this sad time of his passing

John Rudd



Guest Speaker (January)

Geoffrey Potter Local Studies Librarian Gosford Library will speak about his recording of the story of the wreck of the **Maitland** off Boat Harbour.

The book is called **The Wreck of the PS Maitland– A Scene to make the Angels weep.**

Marie Riley

Treasurer's Report

Dec. news sheet

November 2014

Cheque account

Balance at March 1, 2014 \$350.45

	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>November</i>
Income	\$2,531.25	\$500.00
(Transferred from sav. Ac)		
Expenses	\$2,212.12	nil
		Balance \$669.58



Savings account

Balance at March 1, 2014 \$1,042.76

	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>November</i>
Deposits	\$ 1,210.00	\$1,210.00
Interest	\$34.45	\$3.29
Withdrawals	\$5.91.20	\$5.91.20 (91.20)
	\$91.20 for catering	

Fees \$3.00

**Balance
\$1,693.01**

Combined net balance at November 30 2014 \$2,362.59

Social News

Tuesday 13th January

RECOVERY PICNIC

**Venue: Broadwater Park, Sea Breeze Ave, Kincumber (UBD
Map 50 Ref: D8)**

Time: 12 Noon

Bring your own everything = Food, Drink, Tables and Chairs etc

All are Welcome.

Gloria Reid

Some Customs and Legends of Christmas was the title for our November speaker's talk. Peter Cane was introduced by Hermione Dunbar. Peter introduced his topic by saying that we are not aware of the origins of many of the Christmas traditions.

The season is noted as a celebration of goodwill. Although the exact date of Christ's birth is not known the period of 6 December to 6 January represents the time when Christmas is celebrated around the world. We heard how St Nicholas's Day is one influence for the giving of gifts, and a lead up to the time around 25 December when sacred traditions are practiced in some countries.

The lead in period within the churches is the period of Advent – the coming of Christ. The St Nicholas influence developed into the Santa Claus we know today with commercial promotion enhancing and growing over time. The well known poem 'Yes Virginia There is a Santa Claus' was read and enjoyed. The use of a Christmas Tree has many backgrounds with the story of Martin Luther placing a Christmas Tree in his house, lit by candles represented the image of stars shining through the greenery of trees. The use of light is a symbol of life. Originally these trees were only 4 ft high but have frequently become much larger in modern use. We heard about Christmas Cards, holly, mistletoe, candy canes and bon bons. The giving of gifts is linked to the gifts of the three wise men and the use of stars as decorations recalls the sign of a star seen by the shepherds to mark the baby's birth. The meaning of Christmas over thousands of years testifies to lasting hope, peace and good cheer – a relevant message for today's world.

Yvonne Chandler.



Combining Probus Clubs: Richard Collins recalled the experience we had at Kincumber during a period from 2005 to 2009. The option of becoming a combined club by inviting ladies to join as members was carefully and thoughtfully considered and implemented. The way this was managed is a credit to members of the original club. Ultimately this choice proved successful and is enjoyed by all members today. Richard was invited to write an article for Active Retirees describing the process for the benefit of other clubs. This was published in early 2010 and has resulted in other clubs contacting him with their questions and for some inviting Richard to speak to them about our experience. It is good to know that his advice has been successfully applied and that a number of clubs have moved to combine. We wish them well and trust all will benefit from the step forward.

Yvonne Chandler.

Welfare news

With the arrival of the holiday season there will be a pause in our activities as a club, but during the break, if you hear of anyone who is sick or in need of support please let us know so that we can get in touch.

Best wishes to everyone for a very happy Christmas and a safe and healthy new year.

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MEETS: 9:30am. 4th Tuesday each month at Kincumber Uniting church.

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ASSIST. SPEAKER CONV.	Hermione Dunbar
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INTER-CLUB LIASON	Thelma Leonard
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WEBMASTER	Barry Riley
WELFARE OFFICERS	Elizabeth Butler & Helen Sutton
VENUE OFFICERS	Bill Clark & Alan Drew

Notes for your 2015 Diary



Jan 13th 12 noon Recovery Picnic

Jan.27th 9.30am Monthly meeting

Feb 3rd. 2.30pm Committee Meeting

Feb 24th 9.30am. Monthly meeting

All contributors please note:

DEADLINE for the next News Sheet is Friday 16th Jan 2015, *but early reports are always most welcome.*

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