



Probud Club of Kincumber Inc.

Established 1984

NEXT MEETING 23rd MARCH 2021

Newsletter

FEBRUARY, 2021

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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GOLF – Breakers Country Club every Friday 9.20 am

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	David Minshall	0418 966 944
Vice President	Peter Mear	0410 346 824
Jnr. V. President	VACANT	
Secretary	Peter Park	0400 233 080
Treasurer	Ann Dillon	4368 2003
Social Convenor	Pam Spencer	0400 396 542
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Membership	VACANT	4323 9823
Editor	Annette Lutze	0414 731 653
LIFE MEMBERS	Fred Leake	John Orme
	Richard Collins	John Rudd

Sub-Committee and Convenors

Assist Membership	Phyl Hill
Bushwalking	Val Lawrence
Golf	Peter Mear
Historian	Diane Rudd
Assist Historian	Carla Hurley
Book Share	Jenny Baker
Photographers	Bill Clark & Diane Rudd
Debates	Peter Park
Theatre	VACANT
Webmaster	David Casey
Venue Officer	Bill Clark
Catering Officers	Jan Gee, Jan Costigan
	Kay Cochrane, Yvonne Kelly
Auditor	Alan Hurley

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, I sincerely hope that I am not being too presumptuous in saying that things are getting back to normal. By this I mean our Probud meetings and outings. We recently held our Twilight Picnic and Bush Walk which also included the “PROBARTS” competition; two monthly meetings at the Davistown RSL Club (“The Davo”) with our third to be held next week, 23rd February. So, going forward with no further Covid-19 restrictions being placed upon us all should be well.

You will read further on in the newsletter that there are three vacant positions that need filling urgently. I sent out towards the end of January an email titled “**We Need You To Keep The Club Going**”. It is with much regret to report that I did not receive any response at all to the email. I have to say unless we get our members to participate by serving on the management committee or acting as convenors, I am fearful and worried that Kincumber Probud will cease as we know it.

Apart from the vacancies mentioned and because of Covid-19 the Management Committee are prepared to continue to serve in their current roles for a further year beyond this coming March. This of course is subject to approval of the membership at the next AGM.

I am fully aware, as is the Management Committee that many of our longer-term members have previously served on the management committee or taken on the various convenor roles. However nearly one quarter of our membership have not. Now is the time when your help is required to make a difference. To make it easier and more fun many convenor positions can be job shared.

Stay safe and “Namaste”.

David Minshall



CENTRAL COAST COUNCIL GRANT PRESENTATION PROVIDES COVID-19 SAFETY ESSENTIALS

Central Coast Council Manager of Community Partnerships Glenn Cannard presented President David Minshall with COVID-19 health and safety essentials at our 19th January meeting. The \$912 worth of Hand Sanitiser, Face Masks, no-contact digital thermometer, disinfect spray and wipes, and disposable gloves to ensure we can safely meet during the Pandemic.

President David thanked The Council for the grant and noted that these supplies give many of us the confidence to attend Probus Club of Kincumber meetings during these difficult times

The grant, submitted last September, was approved by vote of the entire Central Coast Council at their 28th September meeting and the club was officially notified on 2nd November by Ms. Julie Vaughan, Director, Connected Communities of the Council. The approved grant also included an additional \$1,000 – no longer needed - which would have been used to defray special enhanced COVID-19 cleaning after meetings had the church been reopened.

After the presentation, Mr. Cannard opened many of our eyes in his talk to the range of services – including those for seniors – that the Council provides to the Central Coast community. Of note was the degree to which the Council has been able to continue and/or restart several services despite the pandemic and ongoing budget constraints. As one member commented, the Council is “far more than the guys you call when your red bin is not picked up.” The supplies will be available for use at all Club meetings, outings, and other events.



Peter Park, Secretary



Glenn Cannard, David Minshall & Peter Park





WHO SHOULD BE OUR NEXT LIFE MEMBER(S)?

Q. WHAT IS A PROBUS CLUB OF KINCUMBER LIFE MEMBER?

A. Life Membership is a singular honour reserved for those few of us who have served the club and made a difference that is truly extraordinary.

Q. IS LIFE MEMBERSHIP JUST AN HONOUR? WHAT DO LIFE MEMBERS DO FOR OUR CLUB?

A. Life Members are our Board of Advisors. Presidents, Secretaries and the Management Committee often consult with Life Members before making changes in the club. Life Members know what has worked in the past - and what has not worked – *and several even know where the skeletons are buried!*

Q. WHO ARE OUR CURRENT LIFE MEMBERS?

A. Fred Leake, John Orme, Richard Collins, and John Rudd. We recently lost Life member Barry Riley whose contributions to the club over nineteen years were indeed legendary.

Q. WHO CAN NOMINATE A LIFE MEMBER?

A. You! Any member can nominate another member for Life Membership. Just review the criteria below and write to the Secretary why you feel the member should receive this honour.

Q. WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP AS LISTED IN THE CLUB'S STANDING RESOLUTIONS?

A. There are two core requirements:

- a.** The Nominee will have completed at least 15 years of membership of the club and demonstrated committed participation in its activities for much of that time. The 15-year criterion may be waived in the case of a member with an extraordinary record of service.
- b.** The Nominee will have rendered at least 7 years of distinguished service in Committee positions of the club, or at least 10 years of distinguished service leading some of the operational activities of the club, or a proportional combination of both.

Q. IF A MEMBER MEETS THE ABOVE CRITERIA IS LIFE MEMBERSHIP AUTOMATIC?

A. No, a member must be nominated, and have demonstrated truly extraordinary service to our club. Nominations are assessed by the Management Committee and presented to the membership for a vote at a general meeting.

Q. LADIES WERE NOT ADMITTED TO THE CLUB UNTIL MARCH 2009. DOES THAT MEAN THAT THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE UNTIL MARCH 2024 WHEN SOME WILL REACH 15 YEARS?

A. No. The 15-year rule can be waived for a member whose achievements are sufficiently meritorious.

Q. WHEN CAN A LIFE MEMBER BE NOMINATED, AND WHEN DO THEY RECEIVE THE HONOUR?

A. A member can nominate a member for Life Membership anytime. The honour is generally given by the outgoing President at the annual general meeting, however, the award can be made at any general meeting.

Q. I WANT TO NOMINATE A LIFE MEMBER. WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

A. Talk to current life members, President David Minshall, Vice President Peter Mear, or Secretary Peter Park. Ask Peter Park to check the record of the nominee for you. Find a member to second the nomination, Write the nomination and send it to the Secretary.

Peter Park, Secretary



PROBUS CLUB OF KINCUMBER INC
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY 2021
ST GEORGE BUSINESS ACCESS ACCOUNT

Balance at 31 January 2021	<u>\$ 1711.87</u>
ST GEORGE BUSINESS CHEQUE ACCOUNT – PLUS	
Balance at 31 December 2020	\$ 3548.05
Credits	\$ 47.00
Debits	\$ 19.72
Bank Balance at 31 January 2021	<u>\$ 3575.33</u>



MEMBERSHIP DUES

You may pay your 2021 Membership Dues now by EFT which is our preferred method, or cash/cheque in an envelope with your name/s at the February, March or April Meeting.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Option 1. If you paid \$47 in 2020 then pay \$23.50 per person for 2021.
- Option 2. If you paid \$23.50 in 2020 then pay \$47 per person for 2021.
- Option 3. If you did not pay in 2020 then pay \$70.50 to cover 2020/2021.

BANK DETAILS FOR PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

Our Bank details are on your plastic card, or as shown below:

PROBUS Club of Kincumber
St George Bank
BSB 112-879
Account # 039558351
Description: PROBUS Dues
Your Name/s

Thank you, *Ann Dillon* (Treasurer)

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PROBUS



NEEDS YOU!

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT VACANCY

This is a wonderful position to begin to make a difference in your club. You will participate for a year as a member of the Management Committee helping make key decisions on the functioning of our club and assisting in selecting interesting and informative speakers for our meetings. After the first year you will next become Vice President of the club and assist and stand in when needed for the President. With two years' experience on the Management Committee, you will have the background and knowledge to succeed as President in your third year. President David Minshall and Vice President Peter Mear both began as Junior Vice President and will be happy to share their experience.

THEATRE CONVENOR VACANCY

This is the position for you if you love the theatre and the arts. You will find interesting performances and venues for our members to enjoy locally and sometimes further afield. You collect monies and arrange tickets. Our Theatre Convenor Di Rudd is relinquishing her position this year. Di has done a wonderful job as theatre convenor for 5 years. Thank you, Di for your service in filling this position, and always with a winning smile. We are looking for one or two - if you would like to job share – members to take over this role. Di would be happy to help you settle into the role.

MEMBERSHIP CO-ORDINATOR

You will be the friendly face of Probus Club of Kincumber greeting and assisting visitors as they consider whether they wish to apply to become members. Your recommendation to the Management Committee will assist in determining whether a visitor will join our club. At meetings you will host our welcome desk, checking in members, greeting visitors and guest speakers. The membership roster that you will maintain is a key document for the club and its history. Carla Hurley, Membership Coordinator for the last three years will assist your transition. Thanks, Carla for your services to Probus.

PROBUS SOCIAL LUNCH OUTING IN MARCH

Now that restrictions have eased it would be great to have a casual lunch get together. Proposed date is Tuesday 9th March at Kincumber pub at 12.00 pm.

Please indicate interest in attending at our next meeting as I will need to make a booking.

Thanks, *Pam Spencer*



PROBUS BUSHWALK PHOTOS



BUSHWALKING REPORT



Welcome back bush walkers old and new!

Our first expedition this year, and the first for over a year as a consequence of Covid, was really well attended. Twenty- one of us set off from our picnic spot at Kincumba Mountain, heading for Colin Waters *Lookout*. About the half way point some members decided they'd walked far enough and headed back to the picnic spot. The hardier ones continued to the lookout and were rewarded with a spectacular view across a valley to Avoca and the ocean.

Our next walk will be on **TUESDAY 16th MARCH - ROCKY POINT LOOKOUT IN BOUDDI NATIONAL PARK.** Meet at the car park 10.30 am. This walk is along a fire trail to Alan Strom's Lookout – 2 kms round trip. Look forward to seeing another big turnout!

Directions: Empire Bay Road heading towards Empire Bay. Left onto Wards Hill Road heading towards Killcare. Just after Maitland Bay Road on the left there is a parking area and information bay on the right. See you there. If anyone would like to have a coffee or lunch afterwards, we could call in at the Empire Bay Tavern.

Val Lawrence- Bushwalk Coordinator - 0437976022



PROBUS TWILIGHT PICNIC & PROBARTS



TWILIGHT PICNIC and PROBARTS

Thanks to all who participated in this year's event. We can only hope it gets bigger as the years progress.

For those who slipped through the net, this year's winner was Arthur Adeney and the encouragement award went to Trish Kull. Both of whom won a not quite vintage bottle of wine for their most appreciated efforts.

It was heartening to see you all participate in the voting which helped make the day worthwhile. With a lovely day, nice views, gentle breeze and good company plus a glimpse of wildlife, I would say that is as close to bliss as we could hope for.

Many thanks must also go to Carla for the printing of the PROBARTS wine labels.

Peter Mear Probarts Arts Director (self-titled)



GOLF REPORT

As you may know, but just a reminder, Kincumber Probus golfers meet at Breakers Country Club each Friday at 9.20 am for a 9.40 am start. We play 9 holes at a leisurely pace enjoying good company and a bit of laughter and a lot of luck along the way. All are welcome to join us no matter your standard of golf, we won't take long to drag you down to our standard



Peter Mear, Golf Co-ordinator 0410 346 824

FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER

This month's guest speaker will be a member from the local police force to give us a talk on scamming and safety issues and how we can protect ourselves.

Peter Mear, Speaker Convenor 0410 346 824



Best wishes to our members who celebrate their birthdays in MARCH

John Sutton
Tony Kelly
Helen Goudge
Elaine Craig



Best wishes to our members who celebrate their anniversaries in MARCH

David & Hermione Dunbar



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The Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. meets at the Davistown RSL Club on the fourth Tuesday of every month except December at 11.20 am. Visitors are always very welcome.

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