

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee
held at the home of Kevin Southgate on 2 February 2010

The meeting opened at 9.30 am. Those present were Kevin Southgate (President), David Dennison (Senior Vice President and Social Convenor), Rhoda Roberts (Junior Vice President), Barry Riley (Treasurer), Richard Collins (Secretary), Patrick Leonard (Speaker Convenor) and John Rudd (Membership Officer). There was an apology from Wally Tuffs (Editor).

President Kevin welcomed members of the Committee to the meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 1 December 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: None

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures; letters to Harry Goodban and Tony Kelly accepting their resignations and thanking them for their contributions to the club; letter supporting Kincumber Rotary Club's application to Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government for a grant to fund a memorial to shipbuilders of the Central Coast

President's Report: President Kevin said that he was very pleased with what had occurred in the club during his year as President.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Riley provided the following information about the Club's accounts with unrepresented cheques included in the figures:

Balance at 1 March 2009	\$1,757.28	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>January</i>
Income	\$2230.00	\$0.00
Expenses	\$2383.03	\$0.00
Balance at 31 January 2010	\$1604.25	

The Committee accepted Barry's report.

Barry tabled a spreadsheet detailing the club's cash flows over the past year. By the end of March 2010, the club's reserves will have reduced significantly during this period due to several one-off expenditures including the 25th Anniversary booklet (partly offset by a profit from the 25th Anniversary lunch), a portable public address system, and morning tea at the "Bring a guest" meeting in February. The Committee noted that the social account currently has approximately \$500 in it and that the club could increase its income substantially with a slight increase in charges at social functions. The Committee also noted that holding an occasional raffle could augment the club's funds. (The Committee decided, however, not to have a raffle and the February "Bring a guest" meeting.) Expenses over the next year are likely to be much the same as for this year without the above extraordinary items. The Committee therefore felt comfortable with the reduction in reserves over the year and decided to recommend to members that annual fees for next year remain the same as the present \$30.

Membership Report: Membership Officer John Rudd advised that he had contacted Non Active members Bernie Smith and Frank Heberd and both said that they no longer wished to receive News Sheets. The Committee decided to remove them from the Register. John had been unable to contact Ern Williams. Non Active member Neil Leeson died on 1 October 2009. Kevin advised that Stan Hannaford wishes to remain a Non Active member. John advised that several members had not met the 50% attendance obligations as specified in the Constitution: Roy Bird (John Rudd will call him); Harry Green, Louise Hooworth and Bruce Lawrence (all had been unwell and the Committee decided to confer Leave of Absence for the non-attended meetings); and Ron Sinclair and Brian Smith (the Committee will consider offering them Leave of Absence at the next meeting).

Editor's Report: No report in Editor Wally Tuffs' absence.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Patrick Leonard advised that Barbara Orme will speak at the February meeting. There will be no talk at the March meeting due to the Annual General Meeting. In April we will have a talk on organ transplantation from Fiona Mealing. In May Patrick plans to have a talk on the Australian Rotary Research Fund. He also discussed possible future talks on podiatry, sleep apnoea by Jennifer Peterson, "Chocolate sex and happiness" by Sue Buckley, and a talk from local general practitioner Ian Charlton. The Committee was comfortable with having relatively frequent talks on health-related matters. The Committee also encouraged Patrick to look into the possibility of having a talk from members Bruce and Denise Lawrence.

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor David Dennison advised that arrangements were in hand and for the trip to North Head on 10 February. Future social activities were listed in a sheet that had been distributed to members.

Bushwalking Report: Richard has started to get volunteers for arranging bushwalks. In March he will organise a walk at Saratoga. There will be no walk in April due to the Gloucester trip. Rhoda Roberts offered to organise a walk in May, Kevin and Lorraine Southgate at Dingledei Reserve in June, Barry and Marie Riley in July, and John and Anne Mulford will arrange the wildflower walk in September.

General Meetings: The Committee discussed arrangements for the February "Bring a guest" meeting. We will attempt to have the business part of the meeting finished by 10.15am allowing for an extended morning tea to 10:45am. This will also allow time to set up the video equipment for Barbara Orme's talk. There will be no Profile talk at this meeting to increase the amount of time available for socialisation.

General Business: The Committee agreed to the following nominations for positions in 2010:

Committee

President	David Dennison
Senior Vice President	Rhoda Roberts
Junior Vice President	John Rudd
Secretary	Richard Collins
Treasurer	Barry Riley
Social Convenor	Kevin to ask John and Barbara Orme, David Dennison to continue if necessary
Speaker Convenor	Patrick Leonard
Membership Officer	Reg Davis
Editor	Wally Tuffs

Sub-Committee and Convenors

Bowls	Reg Davis
Bushwalking	Richard Collins
Catering Officer	Marie Riley
Golf	Mike Ryan (John Rudd to confirm)
Assistant Social Convenor	Ruth Charlesworth
Assistant Membership Officer	No nomination at this stage
Photographer	Diane Rudd
Theatre	David Dunbar
Webmaster	Kevin to talk to David Dunbar, then Richard to ask Reg Charlesworth
Welfare	Lorraine Southgate and Mione Dunbar (Lorraine Southgate to confirm)

The next meeting will be held at 9.30 am on Tuesday 6 April 2010 at David Dennison's place, 183 Henderson Road Saratoga

The Committee thanked Kevin for doing an excellent job as President and congratulated him on the club's achievements during the year. On behalf of the Committee, Richard Collins thanked Kevin and Lorraine Southgate for hosting this meeting. The meeting closed at 11.30am.

Signed as a correct record: Kevin Southgate (President)