

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee
held at the home of John Sutton on 1 April 2014

The meeting opened at 2.31pm. Those present were John Sutton (President), Arthur Adeney (Junior Vice President), Thelma Leonard (Immediate Past President), Barry Riley (Treasurer), Yvonne Chandler (Secretary), Gloria Reid (Social Convenor), Marie Riley (Speaker Convenor), and Pat Fordham (Editor). There was an apology from John (Membership Convenor) and Diane Rudd (Vice President).

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 4 February 2014: The draft Minutes had previously been circulated and changes requested by members had been made. The Minutes were agreed.

Business arising from Minutes: The new Constitution and Standing Resolutions to Wally have been printed. They were not distributed at the March meeting but are ready to be distributed as required, especially to new members.

Correspondence: Email distribution of News Sheet from PSPL Reform Group concerning a breakdown in communication with PSPL and concerns about the fee increases without consultation with Probus Clubs.

President's Report: President John welcomed members to the meeting and thanked new Committee members for their willingness to hold office. He looks forward to the year ahead. Matters connected with PSPL Reform Group will be discussed in General Business.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Riley provided the following information about the Club's accounts as at 1 April 2014.

<i>Cheque Account</i>			
	Balance at 1 March 2014	\$350.45	
	<i>Year to date</i>		<i>March</i>
Income	\$1044.00	\$1044.00	
Expenses	\$149.75	\$149.75	
		Balance	\$1244.70
<i>Savings account</i>			
	Balance at 1 March 2014	\$1042.76	
	<i>Year to date</i>		<i>March</i>
Deposits	Nil	nil	
Interest	\$2.21	\$2.21	
Withdrawals	Nil	nil	
		Balance	\$1044.97
Combined net balance at 31 March 2014			\$2289.67

Barry is collecting Annual Fees at present in accordance with decisions made at the last Management Committee Meeting. It was decided that Lerryn and Mavis Mutton should be declared inactive members but continue to receive the Newsletter which they enjoy reading each month.

Membership Report: President John presented the names of three new applicants for membership – Phyllis Hill, Ruth Mills, and Elizabeth?. They were approved as members and will be inducted at the April meeting. John has prepared updates of additions and deletions to the membership list on the basis of what we have reported to PSPL so that membership cards can be issued to new members. The list has been submitted to PSPL with a request that the relevant membership cards be supplied. The matter of the ratio of Male/Female members was discussed. We decided it would be monitored only if it becomes a problem.

Yvonne will follow up the issue of obtaining the current Membership Register for our Club as held by PSPL.

Editor's Report: Pat Fordham reported that Wally is producing the April edition of the Newsletter as part of her induction. Submissions for the Newsletter are due the week of the Social Event each month.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Marie Riley advised the following speakers: April: the Singing Hands Choir, May: David Rosenberg will speak on his experiences working for NSA in the USA and Pine Gap in Australia. The Choir has asked for a payment of \$80 for their performance. A collection will be made at the door from members to defray the costs. A list of further speakers is being prepared with Assistant Convenor Hermione Dunbar contributing to the planning.

Social Convenor's Report: Convenor Gloria Reid advised that the balance in the Social Club account is \$702.19. The combined Probus Club Trivia Day at Breakers Country Club was a great success and attended by 120 from various Clubs. Congratulations for this must go to Thelma with valuable help from Ruth Charlesworth. The potential for further such events exists and will be promoted by Thelma Leonard in her role as Liaison Officer. In April Gloria Reid will lead the Newcastle tram tour with the maximum number of 28 attending. An Art Gallery Tour of Afghanistan Treasures is scheduled for May with John Mulford providing a talk. A trip by Ferry to the Palm Beach RSL for lunch is being planned. We discussed the later planning for the Bush Picnic in November, and the possibility of including a visit to the Archibald Display at the Gosford

Gallery around the same time. A location for the Christmas function is being decided. Basic routines for the Recovery Picnic in January were discussed and the possibility of having a BBQ at some stage exists. Teams to help run larger group activities are being arranged.

Bushwalking: John Sutton is interested in adding more challenging aspects to the bushwalking program. He will discuss this with the Bushwalking Convenors Ruth and Reg Charlesworth.

Golf: Golf Organiser John Rudd absent today. Golfing activities continue.

Web site: The web site continues to operate well. The Committee agreed with Thelma's request that she set up a Liaison Officer email address on the site.

Meetings: Future meetings will include: February: TBA; March: AGM plus 30th anniversary; April: John Mulford (Five minute talk).

30th Anniversary of the Club: The Committee confirmed arrangements for marking the 30th anniversary of the Club at the 27 March 2014 meeting. At the conclusion of the first part of the meeting, Fred Leake and Jean Johnson will present a brief history of the Club (Jean to be confirmed). Diane will prepare a series of photographs to be presented as background during the talks by Fred and Jean, and for the rest of the meeting. The Committee agreed with a suggestion by Fred Leake that we honour Jean Johnson and Irene Dunlop at this meeting. They are the only two people with whom we are still in touch who were present at the first meeting of the Club. Fred suggests that Thelma read out the part of the Minutes that refers to them, and that they be presented with certificates to recognise their outstanding and sustained contributions to the Club. At the conclusion of these items, Thelma will present a new Life Member badge to Fred Leake and the confer Life Membership on John Orme. We will then have special morning tea. The AGM will follow morning tea in the usual way.

Committee and Co-opted members for 2014: The following have indicated their willingness to serve in 2014:

President: John Sutton

Vice President: Diane Rudd

Junior Vice President: Arthur Adeney

Treasurer: Barry Riley

Secretary: Yvonne Chandler

Social Convenor: Gloria Read

Speaker Convenor: Marie Riley

Assistant Speaker Convenor: Hermione Dunbar

Editor: Thelma Leonard

Membership Officer: John Rudd

Assistant Membership Officer: Col Laybutt

Webmaster: Barry Riley

Joint Venue Officers: Alan Drew and Bill Clark

Bushwalking Convenor: Ruth and Reg Charlesworth

Theatre Convenor: Barbara Orme

Welfare Officers: Elizabeth Butler and Helen Sutton

Catering Officers: Wendy Coney and Isabelle Drew

Assistant Social Convenor: TBA

Historian: John Rudd

Golf: John Rudd, with John Orme and George Costigan deputising when he is away

Photographer: Diane Rudd

Inter-club Liaison Officer: Thelma Leonard

Library: Jenny Baker

Debates: Richard Collins

Auditor: Barbara Orme

Life Membership: Thelma moved that John Orme be made a Life Member. This was seconded by John Rudd. John Orme has agreed for the nomination to proceed. Thelma read a citation that she had prepared (see attachment). The Committee unanimously approved this proposal. Consistent with our Constitution and Standing Resolutions, the Committee's decision will be put to Members at the next meeting for confirmation, and Thelma will confer John's Life Membership as her final task as President at the March meeting.

Probus Reform Group Matters: The Committee discussed the disagreement currently occurring between the Probus Reform Group and PSPL. The Committee agreed with the Reform Group that there are significant shortcomings in the way that PSPL is managed. The Committee is particularly concerned at the prospect of litigation and noted that our Auditor, John Mulford, intends to make comment on the possibility of contingent liabilities arising from this in his report on the 2014 Financial statement. However, the Committee could see nothing that we could do that would affect the situation in a positive way. The Committee therefore unanimously agreed that we will take no action on this matter at this time.

General Business: None

The next meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 1 April 2014 at John and Helen Sutton's place: 16 Mayfair Place Terrigal.

On behalf of the Committee, Thelma thanked Richard for hosting this meeting and closed the meeting at 4.00pm.

Signed as a correct record: Thelma Leonard (President):