

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the home of John and Elizabeth Short at Henry Kendall Village, Wyoming on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2004.

President Mike opened the meeting at 9.30am. Those present were President Mike Ryan, Vice Presidents John Short and Richard Collins, Secretary David Kenny, Treasurer Lawrie Lidster, Membership Officer John Orme, Speaker Convenor Stan Roberts, Social Convenor David Dunbar and Editor Barry Riley.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having already been circulated were taken as read on a motion from Mike Ryan and seconded by David Kenny.

Matters Arising A report from the subcommittee investigating the principles and processes of election of future Life Members was tabled and discussed at length. It was decided not to proceed further with the development of criteria for the election of future Life Members, nor to conduct a survey of members on the issues relating to Life Members. It was decided to propose to the membership a change to our By Laws establishing the maximum number of Life Members as 10% of our nominated membership of 80 members. This change will be carried out in accordance with our By laws giving the required 21 days notice at the June Meeting with a vote at the July meeting. A vote of thanks was recorded to Richard Collins and John Short for their work in preparing the suggested guidelines on Life Membership. It was decided that the report will be kept in our official records and may be revisited and/or modified at some date in the future.

The new Membership Application forms produced by Editor Barry Riley to conform to the new Probus Centre Privacy Guidelines were tabled and approved.

President Mike reported he had discussions with the Avoca Beach Bowling Club about the sound system and emphasised that if the microphone was not working then we should immediately contact the Club Officials rather than play around with it ourselves.

Correspondence consisted of Newsletters from other Probus Clubs and it was noted that some Clubs are producing colour and black and white photographs, which Editor Barry Riley said were very expensive.

Travel brochures received were passed on to David Dunbar. The 2004 Probus Club Handbook was received and had been copied and distributed to all the Committee members. The draft letters to Ed Board and Gordon Taylor mentioned in the last Committee minutes answering their concerns about Life Membership and dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2004 have been sent. Another letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> May 2004 was sent to Gordon Taylor after hearing of Gordon's letter to Fred Leake about Life Membership. An email dated 24<sup>th</sup> April 2004 about Life Membership was received from Ed Board and it was decided that it did not require an answer.

A letter has been sent to Probus Centre- South Pacific requesting general information and advice on the election of Life Members and the Secretary was asked to try and expedite an answer if possible.

A letter was sent to the Avoca Beach Bowling Club thanking them for the use of our meeting room and enclosing our usual annual donation of \$100.00

All correspondence was accepted on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by David Dunbar.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Lawrie Lidster presented his financial statement showing a closing balance of \$1859.69 for the Administration Account and Lawrie advised that approximately 25% of the members of the Club are still unfinancial. Membership Officer, John Orme and Treasurer Lawrie will approach the unfinancial members at the next meeting.

President's Report. President Mike advised the members that the Secretary had obtained advice from Probus Centre- South Pacific that under Clause 9 (f) of our constitution all minutes including committee minutes were to be made available to members upon request. President Mike then reported on the illness of various members.

Membership Officer John Orme submitted two membership applications being Geoff Veel and Kevin Duker, which were both approved and this now leaves us with 6 vacancies. If John can procure the name badges in time both members will be inducted at the June meeting.

Speaker Convenor Stan Roberts advised that he will endeavour to ensure future guest speakers will take questions and that our next guest speaker in June will be Michael Bell talking about the Bendigo Bank, Eric Bellamy talking about the loss of HMAS Sydney and possibly a talk on Alzheimer's in September, after the debate in August.

Social Convenor David Dunbar reported that he has still not found an assistant. David's next outing is to "Moving Mannequins Magic" in June, and Auntie Molly's in July, the Cochlear Implant Centre in August possibly Cockatoo Island in September, and a proposed two day Melbourne Cup trip to the Blue Mountains in November. David will proceed to organise the Club's Christmas Party at Davistown RSL in December. David gave advance notice that he will be in the UK during December and early January. David is investigating some further brochures just received for the proposed Annual Holiday possibly to Wentworth and Broken Hill during April or May next year.

Editor Barry Riley advised that he will have updated the membership register ready for distribution at the June meeting and was authorised to print 85 copies. Barry will also print two dozen copies of the new membership application forms and will now cease advertising the Probus Rendezvous, as the registration time will have expired.

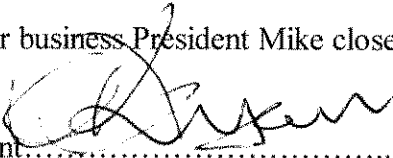
Bushwalking Captain Richard Collins advised that the next bushwalk will be to Katandra national Park in June, Chittaway Bay in July, and South Wyrabalong National Park in August. Richard asked if his new Physics book could be advertised in the News sheet as the proceeds were going to a children's charity and this was approved.

General Business Secretary David Kenny reminded the Committee that after seven years in office he will retire at the end of this term.

There will be no profile speakers in June, however, John Eager will give his profile in July and John Horton will talk about the Probus Rendezvous in September.

President Mike thanked John and Liz Short for the use of their home for the Committee Meeting and the very nice morning tea provided. The next meeting of the Committee at the home of David and Joyce Kenny at Macmasters Beach on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2004.

There being no further business President Mike closed the meeting at 11.55am

Confirmed by President  Date. 