



PROBUS CLUB OF KINCUMBER INC.

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News Sheet

Meeting No. 363

24th June 2014

President's Message

Another successful and very well-attended month of activities since last month. The exhibition of antiquities from Afghanistan at the Art Gallery was amazing, and the bushwalk through the rainforest at Katandra Reserve greatly enjoyed by all. Also a fascinating talk at the May meeting on the Pine Gap Communication Base by David Rosenberg. Well done to all those involved. Thanks also to Sid Holmes for his remarkable 5 minute story on his life.

Congratulations also to our newly inducted members, Liz Long in April, Phyl Hill and Ruth Mills in May and now Henry and Jill Rogers at the June meeting. We wish you all many happy and interesting years as part of the Kincumber Probus family.

At this month's meeting, the Committee are trialling two innovations. The first involves moving the morning tea venue from its present position into the main church auditorium to hopefully provide a less crowded and quieter environment. The second is the possibility of introducing a music group to complement the Club's other activity groups. We earnestly request members' comments on these two proposals for consideration at the next Committee meeting.

John Sutton

2014-2015

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David Rosenberg, author of the book “Inside Pine Gap” spoke of his experiences working for the NSA in the United States for 4 years and Pine Gap in Australia for 18 years. Particular emphasis was given to his time in Pine Gap, highlighting the fact that this is a joint facility between the USA and Australia which commenced operation in the 1960s.

Joint security concerns identified in the ANZUS Pact in 1951 led to this facility being developed as a protection against aggression in the Pacific. The general purpose of Pine Gap, near Alice Springs, was to detect electronic signals not found by traditional methods. One specific example of the usefulness of the centre was the detection and tracking of the lost US Air Force Captain Scott O’Grady and the monitoring of his condition for 4 days until he could be rescued safely.

One main aim was to be a deterrent to war by filling intelligence gaps. In regard to the USSR and the potential spread of Communism, factors such as intent and capabilities, the pace of weapons development, the location of missiles or the testing of nuclear weapons were considered important. Maintaining US military supremacy and protection of serving personnel in a number of dangerous places were key aims.

The future of Pine Gap involves seeking to keep satellite capabilities in line with weapons development and communications technical advances. Such intelligence is essential in the fight against terrorism and protection of our various homelands.

David resigned from the service on 5 October 2008, was married and now lives in Australia with his wife and family.

Profile talk: Member Sid Homes gave us a detailed and colourful report of events in his life. He used his time to inform us of many achievements and recognitions. President John Sutton thanked him for his part in our program.

Yvonne Chandler

Welfare Report

We are hoping that Ken and Velda Robson will be enjoying the next meeting with us although they are both still dealing with health problems. Peggy Horton also hopes to be able to come along and catch up with everyone. Our best wishes go to each of them and to anyone else who is not feeling 100% at present. Now that winter has arrived we thought that you might enjoy this quote from Victor Hugo “Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face”.

Elizabeth Butler 4360 2403

Helen Sutton 4365 3434



July Birthdays

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

Ruth Charlesworth George Costigan David Dunbar



July Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couple who are celebrating their anniversary in July

Wally and Suzanne Tuffs



Caddy Comebacks



Golfer: "I've played so poorly all day; I think I'm going to go drown myself in that lake."

Caddy: "I doubt that. I don't think you could keep your head down that long."

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to be able to break 100 "

Caddy: "Try heaven," advised the caddie. "You've already moved most of the earth."

Golfer: "This is the worst golf course I've ever played on!"

Caddy: "This isn't the golf course, sir! We left that a half hour ago!"

Golfer: "Well, Caddy, How do you like my game?"

Caddy: "Very good, Sir! But personally I prefer Golf."

Golfer: "Well, I have never played this badly before!"

Caddy: "I didn't realize you had played before, Sir."

Golfer: "Caddy, Do you think my game is improving?"

Caddy: "Oh yes, Sir! You miss the ball much closer than you used to."

Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time It's distracting!"

Caddy: "This isn't a watch, Sir. It's a compass!"

Golfer: "Caddy, do you think it is a sin to play golf on Sunday?"

Caddy: "The way you play, Sir, its a crime any day of the week!"

Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5-iron?"

Caddy: "Eventually."



Treasurer's Report by Barry Riley

Cheque account

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| | Balance at March 1, 2014 | \$350.45 | |
| | <i>Year to date</i> | <i>May</i> | |
| Income | \$1,691.25 | nil | |
| Expenses | \$1,267.59 | \$87.84 | |
| | | Balance | \$774.11 |



Savings account

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|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | Balance at March 1, 2014 | \$1,042.76 | |
| | <i>Year to date</i> | <i>May</i> | |
| Deposits | \$ 1,210.00 | \$710.00 | |
| Interest | \$3.48 | \$8.11 | |
| Withdrawals | | nil | |
| | | Balance | \$2,257.87 |

Combined net balance at May 31 2014 \$3,031.98

New Members

Today two new members will be inducted, they are :

Henry and Jill Rogers

“Not everything that counts can be counted,
and not everything that can be counted counts”

Bushwalking

Tuesday 15 July, 2014

Putty Beach

We last did this walk in October 2006.

We will meet at 10.30 am at the car park at the northern end of Putty Beach. To get there, turn off The Scenic Road at Killcare into Putty Beach Drive, and follow this road through to the end.



(UBD Map No. 118: C 1). There is a nice picnic spot there, and good facilities including toilets.

This is part of Bouddi National Park, and there is a park usage charge of \$7 per car. Please bring correct coins for the ticketing machine.

The walk is along the boardwalk to Bullimah Beach and those feeling a little more adventurous can continue on to the whale watching platform at Gerrin Point Lookout. There are a number of steps at the beginning of the boardwalk and the easy-to-moderate grade bush track to Gerrin Point also has some steps. The round trip is about 3 km, with lovely views of the coast and ocean, and we may see a whale or two! We should get back to the car park for lunch around 12 noon.

As this is a National Park, we are not able to bring our 4 footed friends.

Remember: Sun screen, insect repellent, drinking water, walking shoes, drinks, lunch and chairs.

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Reg & Ruth Charlesworth

Social Events

Tuesday 8th July 2014: Sydney Jewish Museum – Darlinghurst.

Travel: Train. (Travel details available at June meeting)

Cost: \$7.00 per person. (pay on day)

Numbers required by June meeting, please.



Tuesday 12th August: Norah Head Lighthouse

Travel: Own Cars - (you may wish to car pool)

Tour Cost: \$5.00 per person -
(assuming we have 10 or more people)

Numbers and payment required by July meeting please

Gloria Reid

Profile Talk

Jenny Baker will give a Profile Talk this month

Guest Speaker

Our speaker on 24 June is the eHealth Project Officer from Central Coast Medicare. She will explain how the national eHealth record system affects individuals and their healthcare and provide information. Following the presentation and after questions there will be forms available for any members who may wish to register. To register a Medicare card is needed and some form of photo ID.

The July speaker is **Laurie Maher** who will speak about Coast Shelter



MEETS: 9:30am. Fourth Tuesday each month at Kincumber Uniting Church.

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SUB-COMMITTEE AND CONVENERS 2014-2015

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
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Notes for your 2014 Diary

8th TBA Palm Beach RSL lunch
15th 10.30am Bushwalk
22nd 9.30 am Monthly meeting

All contributors please note:

DEADLINE for the next News Sheet is Friday 11 July 2014, *but early reports are always most welcome.*

Note: reports should be sent to - jimpat3@bigpond.com

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