



KINCUMBER

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

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VENUE OFFICERS	Reg Charlesworth and Patrick Leonard

Notes for your 2014 Diary



April	1st	2.30 pm	Committee meeting
	8th	TBA	Newcastle Tram Tour
	15th	10.30 am	Rumbalara Reserve
	22nd	9.30 am	Monthly meeting
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May	13th	TBA	NSW Art Gallery
	20th	TBA	Bushwalk
	27th	9.30 am	Monthly meeting

All contributors please note:

DEADLINE for the next News Sheet is Friday 12th April 2014, *but early reports are always most welcome.*

Note: reports should be sent to - wtuffs34@optusnet.com.au

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Meeting No. 360

25th March, 2014

President's Message

The Probud objectives of Friendship and Fellowship were the focus of my year as President and I have to say that I couldn't have wished for more support for that endeavour from both the committee and the general membership. New members have remarked on how easy it is for them to feel at ease, and new friendships have been forged. There is a tangible convivial energy during our meetings, and no lack of support for any social gathering. The Probud social year has concluded with an Inter-Club Friendship event attended by 124 people from twelve local Clubs. It would not have been possible to make it such a success without your enthusiasm and involvement, and for that I thank you.

During the year we have sadly lost members who were our friends, and it is during times of bereavement and illness that we appreciate the care and concern of others. I am personally very grateful to all of you who have shown such thoughtful caring during difficult times.

The fortunes of Clubs wax and wane and sadly a local Club will vote to disband through lack of an Executive. Perhaps we should take steps to ensure our Club's survival as the years progress. Gary Blackler of PSPL considers a membership of at least 100 is desirable – food for thought.

Thank you for making it such a pleasure and a privilege to have been President of the Probud Club of Kincumber.

**2013-2014
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John Orme

Thelma Leonard

From February General Meeting

Five minute talk: Richard Collins told a story about his daughter Kathryn's cat. The cat, which has owned Kathryn for its entire 19 year life, is now stone deaf and feeling its age. She has always accompanied Kathryn and her husband whenever they come from Canberra to visit. She has been accommodated in a very comfortable downstairs room in Richard and Marilyn's home, and has roamed freely at will. She very much regards this as her home away from home. Last year, Kathryn and her husband made a 3 month trip to Europe and it was decided that it would be better for the cat if it stayed with Richard and Marilyn's other daughter, Jenelle, who lives just under 1 km away. The cat adapted to its new surroundings extremely well and had a very comfortable stay. She returned to Canberra with Kathryn and her husband at the conclusion of their trip. About a month afterwards, Kathryn and her cat made a short visit. They decided to stay at Jenelle's place because the cat had been so comfortable there. On their way back to Canberra, they called in to have lunch at Richard and Marilyn's place and Kathryn left the cat in the room in which she had stayed for so many years, with the door open. When it was time for them to leave, the cat had vanished. Despite extensive searching, she could not be found. Kathryn and her husband were forced to return to Canberra without her. The next day, the searching continued, notices were put in letterboxes, and neighbours consulted. The search went as far as employing sniffer dogs that followed her scent for several hundred meters in a direction away from Jenelle's place before losing it. After having been forced to conclude that the cat had been lost, about 9 o'clock that evening she walked into Jenelle's place. How she made her way there across completely unfamiliar territory, including through dense bush, around a large dam, and across an access road, is a mystery.

Speaker: Our speaker was John Sharples from Bateau Bay Men's Shed and also Director of NSW Men's Sheds. Marie Riley introduced John and spoke of his role as Deputy Principal at Tumby Umbi High School in recent years and of his six year involvement in the Men's Shed movement since his retirement. This movement is committed to older men's friendship, health, and well-being with hands-on activities in a group setting. This takes place in a shed-type space for both individual and community benefit. On the Central Coast where many men moved after retirement these are much needed facilities for activity and social interaction.

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Tuesday 8th April, 2014: Newcastle Tram Tour

Travel: Train (Travel information available TODAY)

Cost: \$15.00 per person. Pay on day.

Numbers required TODAY, please.

Tuesday 13th May, 2014: Afghanistan: Hidden Treasures from the National Museum, Kabul.

Venue: Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Road, The Domain

Travel: Train. (Travel information sheet available at April meeting)

Cost: \$10.00 per person. (pay on day)

Numbers required by April meeting, please.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the social activities over the past 4 years. I am especially grateful to all who have suggested outings. Many thanks,

Ruth Charlesworth

Guest Speaker

Today – AGM. No Speaker

April : Singing Hands Choir. A unique volunteer musical group from the Central Coast. Choir members share a passion for music using key word signing.

Welfare Report

We are pleased to report that Anne Mulford is home again after having throat surgery at St Vincents Hospital. Best wishes, Anne, we hope your voice will soon be perfect again.

Arthur Adeney is also progressing well after recent hip surgery and looking forward to the time when it settles down and he can resume all his favourite activities. Our best wishes are with you too, Arthur.

Elizabeth Butler 4360 2403

Helen Sutton 4365 3434

Golf Report

Not many of our group are playing at the moment for various reasons so I will talk about other great Australian sporting events.

Australia's Jason Day's victory on the fifth play-off hole of the final of the golf World Match Play Championship in America was one of the most amazing sporting events I have seen. The final hole was the 41st hole for the day for the players and the array of fantastic shots under pressure (A\$1.5M to the winner) by both players had to be seen to be believed.

The other recent great Australian victory was our cricket team winning the final Test Match against South Africa with a draw looking most likely and Ryan Harris taking the last two wickets in three balls with 27 balls to spare. This gave Australia a two one series victory over the number one team in the world to follow on from their five nil drubbing of our new Life Members team, England.

On behalf of our golf group, I would like to congratulate John Orme on his most deserved Life Membership.

John Puddel

Bushwalking

Rumbalara Reserve Tuesday 15th April 2014.

Rumbalara Reserve is a beautiful piece of bush right in the heart of Gosford.

We will meet at Yaruga Picnic Area (UBD Map No: 87 Ref K4) at 10.30 a.m. This picnic area is on the main entry road approximately 1 km inside the park from the entry gate. Our walk will take us approximately 1 km along a sealed road to Ironbark Loop and return. This is an easy walk with spectacular views.

Anyone feeling more energetic can veer off on the Flannel Flower Loop which has a few gentle grades and a number of steps (and yet more spectacular views). We will meet back at the Picnic area for lunch. Toilets are nearby.

Remember: slip, slop, slap, insect repellent (beware the mossies!), drinking water, walking shoes or sandals, chair and lunch.

Reg & Ruth Charlesworth

The program varies at each location but has a main focus on Primary Health Care, Socialisation, and Workshop Projects in a healthy environment. There are 800 members on the Central Coast. Participants help each other in practical ways, effectively compensating for the issues of loneliness and establishing good opportunities for beneficial communication. Delicious morning teas are very welcome. Hands-on activities include woodwork, metal and stained glass windows or leatherwork, but in general follow the interests of the participants. Special projects such as slope boards for Downs Syndrome people support other community work in a positive way. The movement started in Orbost in Victoria and there are more than 1000 centres in Australia and it is now working at an international level with programs in New Zealand, the United Kingdom, some counties in Ireland, and interest coming from Scandinavian countries too. Professional management of financial and governance aspects ensure the continuation of this important work long into the future. A number of our own members were able to tell of successful outcomes for men they knew who are involved in the Men's Sheds programs.

Agenda for the 30th Annual General Meeting 25 March 2014

1. Confirmation of Minutes of 2013 Annual General Meeting
2. Presentation of Financial Reports for the year ending 28 February 2014
 - (a) General fund
 - (b) Social Fund
 - (c) Recommendation for the Joining Fee remaining at \$10.00 per person and Annual Subscription at \$40.00 for the coming year
 - (d) Confirmation of signatories for accounts of Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.:

For Main account:	President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer
For Social account:	Social Convenor, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
3. President's Report
4. Election of President and Committee members and appointment of Co-opted Members for the next year. The following Nominations have been received:

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Committee

President: John Sutton
 Vice-President: Diane Rudd
 Junior Vice-President: Arthur Adeney
 Treasurer: Barry Riley
 Secretary: Yvonne Chandler
 Membership Officer: John Rudd
 Speaker Convenor: Marie Riley
 Social Convenor: Gloria Read
 Editor: Pat Fordham

Sub-committee and Convenors:

Bushwalking Convenors: Reg and Ruth Charlesworth
 Catering Officers: Wendy Coney and Isabelle Drew
 Assistant Speaker Convenor: Hermione Dunbar
 Golf: John Rudd
 Historian: John Rudd
 Assistant Membership Officer: Colin Laybutt
 Assistant Social Convenors: Sue Schmid and Jenny Baker
 Photographer: Diane Rudd
 Theatre Convenor: Barbara Orme
 Webmaster: Barry Riley
 Welfare Officers: Elizabeth Butler and Helen Sutton
 Joint Venue Officers: Bill Clark and Alan Drew
 Inter-Club Liaison Officer: Thelma Leonard
 Library: Jenny Baker
 Debates: Richard Collins

5. Appointment of Barbara Orme as Auditor for the 2014/2015 year
6. Appointment of Yvonne Chandler as Public Officer
7. Installation of President-Elect John Sutton by outgoing President Thelma Leonard
8. Presentation to Past-President Thelma Leonard by President John Sutton
9. General Business
10. Close of Annual General Meeting

Treasurer's Report by Barry Riley March News Sheet

Cheque account

	Balance at March 1, 2013	\$312.58	
	<i>Year to date</i>		<i>February</i>
Income	\$3,180.00		\$100.00
Expenses	\$3,142.13		\$108.73
		Balance	\$350.45



Savings account

	Balance at March 1, 2013	\$1,006.14	
	<i>Year to date</i>		<i>February</i>
Deposits	\$500.00		nil
Interest	\$36.62		\$2.00
Withdrawals	\$500.00		nil
		Balance	\$1,042.76

Combined net balance at February 28, 2014 \$1,393.21

April Birthdays

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating their birthday in April.

Reg Charlesworth Richard Collins Hermione Dunbar
Joyce Kenny John Orme Barry Riley Ken Robson
Lorraine Southgate Nanette Steanes Wendy Coney



April Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating their anniversary in April.

Janelle & George Costigan Sadie & Bob Cummings

