

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee
held at the home of John and Diane Rudd on 5 February 2013

The meeting opened at 2.30pm. Those present were John Rudd (President), Thelma Leonard (Vice President), John Sutton (Junior Vice President), Barry Riley (Treasurer), Richard Collins (Secretary), Marie Riley (Speaker Convenor) and Wally Tuffs (Editor). Apologies were received from Ruth Charlesworth (Social Convenor) and John Pagett (Membership Officer).

President John welcomed members to the meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 4 December 2012: The draft Minutes had previously been circulated and changes requested by members had been made. The Minutes were agreed.

Business arising from Minutes: None

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures; letter from PSPL about proposed changes in the Constitution (dealt with below)

President's Report: John had nothing to report.

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 2012	\$1075.00	
	<i>Cheque account</i>		
	<i>Year to date</i>		<i>January</i>
Income	\$2610.00		\$10.00
Expenses	\$3085.50		\$9.35
Balance			\$599.50
	<i>Savings account</i>		
Deposits	\$1000.00		
Interest	\$3.62		\$3.62
Withdrawals	nil		
Balance			\$1003.62

Combined net balance at 30 January 2013 \$1603.12

Barry's report was accepted.

Membership Report: John Pagett provided email advice that we currently have 66 members, including Ralph Brown inducted at the January meeting.

The Committee accepted Membership applications from Susan Schmid and Wendy Coney. They will be inducted at the next meeting.

Editor's Report: Editor Wally Tuffs had nothing to report.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Marie Riley advised that she has arranged the following speakers: Jackie North (accompanied by two others) from Vision Australia in February; Pat Skehan on her book about Lerryn Mutton in March (a short presentation); John and Diane Rudd on their trip to Africa in April; Patricia Amphlett (Little Pattie) in May; Graham Harrison on organ donations in June; and Andrew Kfouray (a paramedic) in July.

The Committee decided to order more engraved presentation pens, subject to Ruth Charlesworth's advice on the number of the last batch of pens currently remaining.

Social Convenor's Report: In a written report, Social Convenor Ruth Charlesworth advised that the current bank balance in the Social account is \$1156.46. 19 people have booked for the visit to the Heart Research Institute in February; in March we will visit Margin's mushroom farm at Woy Woy; 34 people have booked for the Alexander the Great exhibition in April; and in May we will visit exhibitions at Gosford Regional Gallery.

Following last December's very successful lunch at Tree Tops restaurant, the Committee decided to hold this year's Christmas lunch at the same venue.

Thelma has arranged a winter sing along at her place on the evening of 13 July.

John Rudd advised that there had been little interest in a bushwalking/golf trip. The Committee decided not to pursue the idea this year.

Bushwalking: We are still looking for someone to coordinate this activity. At present, the following walks are arranged: Watson's Bay in March, led by Marie and Barry; Bullimah Spur in April, led by Richard; and along the waterfront at Point Clare in May, led by John Sutton.

Golf: No discussion.

Theatre: We are still looking for someone to coordinate this activity

Web site: Webmaster Barry Riley presented a list showing the number of hits on the web site, broken down by area.

Probus Constitution changes: As decided at the last Committee meeting, Richard drafted a letter to the Probus South Pacific Limited Board outlining the reasons for our objections to the proposed Constitution changes, and sent it to the Committee for comment. However, in a late December conversation, the Rotary member of the Probus Board responsible for our area, Helmut Buss, advised Richard that, of the 25% of clubs that had responded at that time, half had objected to the proposed changes. On this basis, the changes would not succeed. The Committee therefore decided not to proceed with sending the letter.

Following a very large negative response from many clubs (including ours), on 2 February 2013 the General Manager of PSPL, Pat Atkinson, wrote to all clubs advising that the PSPL Board had abandoned its attempts to make a major aim of Probus to be "to relieve isolation and loneliness". Despite the letter being most unsatisfactory, including failing to explain how such a proposal could have originally been made, the Committee agreed to take no further action on this matter.

Meetings: The system of calling for volunteers at each general Meeting to help set up the venue and assist with morning tea is not working – most volunteers seem to forget! The Committee decided to abandon the system. Hermione will personally ask for morning tea helpers at each meeting. This will assist in getting new members involved in Club activities.

John Sutton has arranged the following talks at meetings: February: Anne Madin (Profile talk); March: John Orme (5 minute talk); April: Arthur Adeney (Profile talk); May: David Butler (Profile talk); June: Jean Johnson (5 minute talk); July: Jan Costigan (Profile talk); August: George Pendergast (Profile talk). Diane will take over this responsibility when she becomes Junior Vice President.

Committee for next year: Nomination forms were lodged with Richard for the following members of the next Committee: President: Thelma Leonard; Vice President: John Sutton; Junior Vice President: Diane Rudd; Secretary: Richard Collins; Treasurer: Barry Riley; Social Convenor: Ruth Charlesworth; Speaker Convenor: Marie Riley; Membership Officer: John Rudd; Editor: Wally Tuffs.

The following have agreed to serve in other positions:

Bushwalking:	John will ask for a volunteer at the next meeting
Catering Officer:	Hermione Dunbar
Golf:	John Rudd
Historian:	Anne Mulford
Assistant Membership Officer:	Col Laybutt
Assistant Social Convenor:	Reg Charlesworth
Photographer:	Diane Rudd
Theatre:	John will ask for a volunteer at the next meeting
Webmaster:	Barry Riley
Welfare:	Thelma will approach some members
Venue Officers:	Reg Charlesworth and Patrick Leonard
Auditor:	John Mulford

General Business: After the February meeting, a lunch will be held at Kincumber Hotel to farewell Heather and Michael Ryan who will shortly move to Sydney. The Committee decided that such an informal lunch might be held after every General Meeting, subject to all Members being invited to attend it.

At the March meeting, in addition to the talk by Pat Skehan, we will honour Lerryn Mutton in two other ways. The Debating shield will be named The Lerryn Mutton Shield for Lerryn's vision in establishing the debates in 1993 and managing them until 2006. Richard will get the shield from Central Coast Grammar School and arrange suitable engraving. John Rudd will present Lerryn with his 25 year service certificate. David and Joyce Kenny will transport Lerryn and Mavis on the day.

John thanked all members of the Committee for their contributions during the year. John said how much he had enjoyed his Presidency. He is looking forward to staying on the Committee as Membership Officer.

Thelma thanked John for his leadership during the year.

The next meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 2 April 2013 at Thelma Leonard's place: 52 Henderson Road Saratoga.

On behalf of the Committee, Thelma thanked Diane and John for hosting this meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.50pm.

Signed as a correct record: John Rudd (President):