

**Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.**  
**Minutes of the meeting of Management Committee**  
**held at the home of David Dennison on 22 October 2008**

The meeting opened at 2.10 pm. Those present were Reg Davis (President), Wally Tuffs (Editor), Kevin Finn (Treasurer), Richard Collins (Secretary), Patrick Leonard (Speaker Convenor) and David Dennison (Social Convenor). Apologies: Kevin Southgate (Vice-President), Tony Kelly (Membership Officer).

President Reg welcomed members of the Committee to the meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 5 August 2008: Accepted.

Business arising from Minutes: Sid Holmes and John Mulford have paid their fees. The only outstanding fees are for Norm Walsh and John Eager. Richard will call them and ask John Eager if he wishes to go onto the Inactive List.

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures, Bruce Harris' Resignation.

President's Report: Reg said that he believed that now is the time for the Probus Club to become Combined (admit women and equal members) He will include comment to this effect in his next President's message. The Committee Agreed to the following Motion at the next General Meeting, which would lie on the table for three months and be debated and voted on the January 2009 meeting:

That the Probus Club of Kincumber become Combined, effective immediately.

David raised the question of fees. The Committee asked Richard to prepare a list of matters that need to be considered if the change takes place, and a list of arguments for and against the Club becoming Combined. Richard will circulate this material to the Committee for comment and it will be provided to members before the January meeting. Richard will ask Probus South Pacific for advice on this matter, including confirming that this initiative would not require a change in the Club's Constitution.

Treasurer's Report: Kevin reported the following summary of the Club's accounts:

Balance at 1 September 2008	\$1934.03
Income	\$60.00
Expenditure	\$29.80
Interest	\$0.00
Balance at 31 September 2008	\$1964.23

Membership Report: David Dennison will handle membership matters for the next month during Tony Kelly's absence.

Bruce Harris has confirmed his resignation from the Club in writing.

The Committee considered an Application from Col Laybutt (Proposed by Richard, Seconded by Wally). Richard said that Col would be an excellent Member and would make a significant contribution to the Club. The Committee Approved the Application. Col will be inducted at the November meeting.

Editor's Report: Editor Wally distributed an updated Emergency Contact List. The Committee agreed to place the entire News Sheet on the web page, with the exception that the only contact phone numbers to appear on the web site will be those of the President and Secretary.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Patrick advised that future speakers are: John Mulford (Shipwrecks on the Central Coast, October), and Marie Riley (History of the Central Coast, November).

Social Convenor's Report: David Dennison advised that the tour of the ABC studios at Ultimo on 9 September was successful. The November function was cancelled. The social event and the bushwalking Christmas lunch will be combined on 18 November. Jean Johnson will run a raffle at the event. Plans are in hand for the December Christmas lunch at Avoca Beach Bowling Club. The entertainment is yet to be arranged. The balance in the Social Account is \$594.92.

Bushwalking Report: Richard advised that the October walk was cancelled due to threatening weather, which did not eventuate!

Bowls Report: Reg said there has been little bowls activity in the Club lately.

Golf: Nothing to report.

Theatre: Wally will include in the News Sheet information on a concert at Newcastle on 2 December.

Meetings: Richard tabled draft Minutes of the last General Meeting (from which he was absent) that had been prepared with the help of notes from George Costigan. The Committee noted several corrections.

Material will be gathered for a tribute in the News Sheet to Alf Billett who died recently.

The Committee Agreed on the following meeting schedule for 2009:

27 January	26 May	22 September
24 February	23 June	27 October
24 March	28 July	24 November
28 April	25 August (debate)	8 December (Xmas lunch)

Richard will write to the Avoca Beach Bowling Club reserving the meeting room for these days. The Committee approved a \$100 donation to the Club in thanks of them continuing to provide the venue and morning tea without charge.

Richard will confirm John Rudd's Profile talk in October and Roy Bird in November. He will also ascertain future Historical presentations planned by Fred Leake.

Other business:

The Committee discussed possible Office Bearers for 2009/2010. If the proposal to make the Club Combined is approved in January 2009, ladies may wish to be nominated for some positions. At this stage likely nominees are:

President: Kevin Southgate  
Senior Vice-President: David Dennison  
Junior Vice-President: No nominee at this stage  
Treasurer: Barry Riley  
Secretary: Richard Collins  
Speaker Convenor: Patrick Leonard  
Social Convenor: No nominee at this stage  
Editor: Wally Tuffs

As a result of the recent Constitutional Review conducted by Probus South Pacific, it will be necessary to amend the Constitution. Richard will initiate the process.

The next meeting will be at 9.30 am on Tuesday 2 December 2008 at Richard Collins' place (737 The Scenic Road MacMasters Beach).

Reg thanked David for hosting this meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.00 am.

Signed as a correct record: Reg Davis (President) .....