

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of Annual General Meeting Number 29
held at Kincumber Uniting Church on Tuesday 26 March 2013

President John Rudd opened the meeting at 11.00 am and welcomed members.

Minutes of 2012 Annual General Meeting: Secretary Richard Collins said that the draft Minutes of the last AGM had been checked by the Committee soon after that meeting. He moved that these Minutes be taken as read and adopted as a correct record (Agreed). There was no business arising from the Minutes.

Financial Reports for the year ending 28 February 2013: President John referred to the Club's Financial Report, and the Social Fund Report, for the period March 2012 – February 2013. The reports, which had been audited by John Mulford, were distributed prior to the meeting. The summary totals are:

Cheque Account

Funds held at 29 February 2012	\$1075.00
Income	\$2716.14
Expenditure	\$2472.42
Funds held at 28 February 2013	\$1318.72

Social Fund

	\$1023.37
Funds held at 29 February 2012	
Income	\$6040.69
Expenditure	\$6012.91
Funds held at 28 February 2013	\$1051.15

The Reports were accepted.

Fees for 2013-2014: John said that after due consideration the Committee had recommend that the Club's membership fees should be \$40 per year and the joining fee at \$10 per person. The meeting endorsed this recommendation.

Confirmation of signatories for accounts of the Club: President John confirmed that, as stated in the Constitution, the following members of the incoming Committee are authorised to sign Club accounts:
For the Main account: President, Senior Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer;
For the Social Account: President, Senior Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Convenor.

President's Report: President John began by acknowledging former Members and friends whom we have lost during the year: Gordon Maxwell, Robyn Armytage, George Burt and Gloria Board. During his Presidency John inducted 10 new Members. He feels that our new venue has added greatly to our meetings and thanked the Kincumber Uniting Church for making their facilities available. In summarising the diverse activities of the Club, John said that over the past year we have heard about: home brewing, the accession of Queen Elizabeth II, the restoration of the James Craig, escaping from Iraq as a refugee, life in a submarine, global warming, and the construction of the Panama Canal. Our bushwalks have taken us to many parts of the Central Coast and have been well supported with up to 30 people attending. The combined bushwalking and golf trip to Nelson Bay was a highlight. Our social outings have been enjoyable and have taken us to Gosford Musical Society workshop, the Sydney Heritage Fleet, the Australian Reptile Park

Election of President and Committee members: President John informed Members that the following nominations for the Club's management positions had been received by the end of last month's meeting.

Committee

President: Thelma Leonard
Vice-President: John Sutton
Junior Vice-President: Diane Rudd
Treasurer: Barry Riley
Secretary: Richard Collins
Membership Officer: John Rudd
Speaker Convenor: Marie Riley
Social Convenor: Ruth Charlesworth
Editor: Wally Tuffs

Sub-committee and Convenors:

Bushwalking: Unfilled
Catering Officer: Hermione Dunbar
Golf: John Rudd
Assistant Social Convenor: Reg Charlesworth
Historian: Anne Mulford
Assistant Membership Officer: Colin Laybutt
Photographer: Diane Rudd
Theatre: Unfilled
Webmaster: Barry Riley
Welfare Officer: Elizabeth Butler
Venue Officers: Reg Charlesworth, Patrick Leonard

Consistent with what is stated in the Constitution, John declared them elected and congratulated them:

Auditor: John thanked John Mulford for acting as Auditor of the Club's accounts during the past year, and for agreeing to continue with this responsibility in the coming year.

Public Officer: John informed the meeting of the Committee's decision that Richard Collins will continue as the Club's Public Officer for next year.

Installation of Thelma Leonard as President: Past President John congratulated Thelma Leonard for her election as President. He wished her well in her office, and presented her with her President's pin and the chain of office.

Presentation to Past President John Rudd: Incoming President Thelma Leonard presented John with a plaque, an album of photos taken during club activities over his year in office, and a complete set of News Sheets during the year of his Presidency. In thanking John for his service as President, Thelma said that John's contributions could be summarised by one word – exemplary. John joined the Club in 2008 and became Junior Vice President in 2010. John always puts his hand up when something needs to be done. He assisted Reg Davis when he was Membership Officer and during that period compiled a full history of the membership of the Club – a huge task. John served on the Sub-Committee that guided the Club through changing its Constitution in 2012. Since 2008, John has been an active member of the Golf group and has now taken over its management. A significant feature of John's Presidency is the increase in the Club's membership. John has also taken the lead in making the Club friendly and welcoming to new members. Under John's Chairmanship, our Committee meetings have been pleasant and productive – his genuineness has always shone through. Thelma also thanked Ruth Charlesworth and Marie Riley for the way in which their contributions helped our Club to fulfil the Probus objective of promoting "the advancement of intellectual and cultural interests" in our Members. Thelma said that during her Presidency she wanted to focus on another objective of Probus – to promote fellowship and friendship. She suggested extending the idea of lunch at the Kincumber pub after our meetings to informal Friday evening dinners at Macs Surf Clubhouse. She also intends to include in General Business an invitation for Members to suggest additional ways in which our Club can promote fellowship and friendship. Finally, Thelma thanked those retiring from management positions – John Pagett as Membership Officer and his assistant, Patrick Leonard, Kevin Southgate as Bushwalking Convenor, and Pat Fordham as Catering Officer. She also thanked all of the new Committee and Convenors for standing this year, and said that she is looking forward to working with them all.

General Business: Treasurer Barry Riley thanked John Mulford for his service as Auditor.

President Thelma closed the meeting at 11.30 am.

Signed as a correct record: Thelma Leonard, President