

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee
held at the home of Kevin Southgate on 3 February 2009

The meeting opened at 9.30 am. Those present were Reg Davis (President), Kevin Southgate (Senior Vice-President), David Dennison (Junior Vice President and Social Convenor), Kevin Finn (Treasurer), Wally Tuffs (Editor), Richard Collins (Secretary), Patrick Leonard (Speaker Convenor) and Tony Kelly (Membership Officer).

President Reg welcomed members of the Committee to the meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 2 December 2008: Accepted.

Business arising from Minutes: The Committee confirmed its decision from the previous meeting that News Sheets will be sent to Helen Davis, Irene Boyer and Jean Johnson.

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures; Letter of sympathy sent to Hildred Ford.

President's Report: President Reg had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kevin provided the following information about the Club's accounts:

Balance at 1 January 2009	\$1742.93
Income	\$361.00
Expenditure (outstanding cheques)	\$104.85
Interest	\$0.00
Balance at 30 November 2008	\$1999.08

Membership Report: Membership Officer Tony expressed concern about the cost of Inactive members. The Committee discussed this matter. Because of the relatively low amount of money involved (approximately \$30 per year), the Committee agreed to retain the current practice of sending News Sheets to all Inactive members.

Following the decision to accept ladies into the Club, applications for Membership have been received from Thelma Leonard, Heather Ryan, Diane Rudd, Peggy Horton, Jean Johnson, Lorraine Southgate, Joyce Kenny and Marie Riley. The Committee accepted these applications. Richard will write to these ladies informing them of this acceptance and advising that they will be inducted at the meeting on 24 February 2008. The Committee also agreed to accept any further applications for membership from spouses of existing members.

Richard will write to all widows of former members telling them that the Club is now Combined and that they would be welcome to join. He will also invite them to the 25th Anniversary lunch on 10 March, and ask them to contribute to the 25th Anniversary booklet.

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

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Patrick advised that the March speaker is author, Jo-Anne Berthelsen. He also has offers for talks from Anne Mulford and Fred Leake.

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor David reported that on 10 February there will be a lunch at Central Coast Leagues Club. There will be no function in April (Easter). On 12 May we will go to Walkabout Park.

25th Anniversary celebrations: As requested by the Committee at its last meeting, on 7 December 2008 Reg, Wally and Richard met with Fred Leake to discuss appropriate ways of celebrating the Club's 25th Anniversary. The Committee confirmed the decision made at that meeting to produce a booklet with contributions about the Club from members. So far 4 contributions have arrived, but many more are expected.

The Committee also confirmed the decision to hold a 25th Anniversary lunch at John and Anne Mulford's place on Tuesday 10 March. The cost will be \$15 per head. All food and drink will be supplied (byog). Social Convenor David will handle the bookings and Richard will do the catering after the style of the bushwalking Christmas lunches.

Bushwalking Report: Richard said that he would manage the Club's bushwalking program for one more year and then stand down. This year he plans to revisit some of the bushwalks that have been held over the past few years.

Bowls Report: Reg said there has been no bowls activity in the Club lately.

Golf: As reported at last General Meeting.

Theatre: As reported at last General Meeting.

Constitutional changes: Richard will inform Probus South Pacific that the Constitutional changes required by them were passed at the last General Meeting. Richard has prepared stick-on labels detailing the two sets of changes to the Constitution and By-Laws since this document was issued in 2001. These labels will be made available to members.

Decision for the Club to become Combined: The motion that the Club become Combined was debated at the January meeting and agreed in a secret ballot by 24 votes to 7. The Committee unanimously confirmed and extended its earlier decisions on the following matters that arise from this decision:

- Annual fees should remain at the present level for at least the next year, and there should be no reduced per-person fees for couples.
- The Club should not specify quotas for male/female balance.
- The Club should not have a requirement that the gender of the President alternate each year, although the Committee believes that this would be a good thing to strive for.
- All current spouses/partners, and spouses/partners of former members, will continue to be welcome to attend meetings, whether or not they are members. The practice of having four ladies' meetings each year will cease.
- The practice of ladies supply morning tea at four meetings each year will cease.
- Only one Lucky Door Prize will be given at each meeting.

The Committee unanimously agreed on two general principles relating to the Club's combined state:

1. All members, whether male or female, will be treated alike.
2. Spouses/partners of members and former members will have the same rights in the future as in the past.

These matters will be put to members at the next General Meeting (except for the fees which will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting in March).

Annual General Meeting: Treasurer Kevin provided estimates of income and expenditure for the next year. The Committee decided that it would not be prudent to reduce fees until there was a

clear indication that the Club's reserves are increasing. The Committee will therefore recommend at the Annual General Meeting that the fees for the next year will be \$30. The Committee proposed that the following be nominated for office in 2009/2010:

President: Kevin Southgate
Senior Vice-President: David Dennison
Junior Vice-President: No nominee at this stage
Treasurer: Barry Riley
Secretary: Richard Collins
Membership Officer: John Rudd
Speaker Convenor: Patrick Leonard
Social Convenor: David Dennison, with an Assistant appointed to take over next year
Editor: Wally Tuffs

The Committee also suggested the following for Sub-committee and Convenors:

Bowls: Reg Davis
Bushwalking: Richard Collins
Catering Officer: No nomination (Marie Riley has subsequently agreed to take on this job)
Golf: Michael Ryan
Assistant Social Convenor: No Nominee at this stage
Historian: Fred Leake
Assistant Membership Officer: No Nominee at this stage
Photographer: Harry Green if he is willing/able to serve
Theatre: David Dunbar
Webmaster: David Dunbar
Welfare Officer: No Nominee at this stage

General Meetings: Fred Leake has asked to give a Historical Presentation on 24 February. John Rudd will give a Profile talk at the March meeting. Colin Laybutt, and any ladies that join the Club, will be asked to give their Profile at later meetings.

Other business: Richard will send the Club's annual return to Probus South Pacific after the Annual General Meeting in March. The Committee agreed that we would ask for the same number (25) of Probus magazines as last year.

Reg thanked Kevin and for hosting this meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 9.30 am on 7 April 2009 at Patrick Leonard's place:
52 Henderson Road Saratoga

The meeting closed at 11.30 am.

Signed as a correct record: Reg Davis (President)