

**Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee**  
**held at the home of Marie and Barry Riley on 3 December 2013**

The meeting opened at 2.25pm. Those present were Thelma Leonard (President), John Sutton (Vice President), Diane Rudd (Junior Vice President), Barry Riley (Treasurer), Richard Collins (Secretary), Ruth Charlesworth (Social Convenor), Marie Riley (Speaker Convenor), Wally Tuffs (Editor), John Rudd (Membership Officer), and Yvonne Chandler (Assistant Secretary). President Thelma welcomed members to the meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 1 October 2013: 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 Fred Leake with suggestions for 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations; Letter from PSPL.

President's Report: President Thelma thanked everyone for their assistance and support over the past two months. She particularly thanked John Sutton and Diane for chairing meetings during her absence, and Marie and Ruth for managing the planning lunch with representatives from other Probus clubs.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Riley provided the following information about the Club's accounts with unrepresented cheques included in the figures:

<i>Cheque Account</i>			
	Balance at 1 March 2013	\$312.58	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>November</i>	
Income	\$3080.00	\$40.00	
Expenses	\$3009.21	\$300.54	
Transfer from Savings Ac.		\$500.00	
		<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$383.37</b>
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<i>Savings account</i>			
	Balance at 1 March 2013	\$1006.14	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>November</i>	
Deposits	\$500.00	nil	
Interest	\$30.05	\$2.81	
Transfer to Cheque Ac.		\$500.00	
		<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$1036.19</b>
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<b>Combined net balance at 30 November 2013</b>		<b>\$1419.56</b>	

Barry thanked the many people who had sent their good wishes during his recent convalescence..

Membership Report: The Committee accepted membership applications from Lawrie and Jan Gee. John Rudd will advise them and arrange badges. They will be inducted at the January meeting.

Rita and Dennis Byrne are moving out of the area and will leave the Club. Richard will write to them.

Richard has made several attempts to obtain the current Membership Register for our Club as held by PSPL. He will continue trying. John will use this list to prepare updates of additions and deletions to the membership list so that membership cards can be issued to new members.

The Committee decided to include in the Membership application form a request for a person, additional to a spouse or partner, for the Emergency Contact list. Richard will send an amended form to the Committee for comment.

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

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Marie Riley advised the following speakers: January: the debate between members of the Club; February: John Sharples from the NSW Men's Shed Association. The Committee responded positively to Marie's suggestion that we have a performance by the Singing Hands Choir.

Social Convenor's Report: Convenor Ruth Charlesworth advised that the balance in the Social Club account, after paying for Bush Picnic expenses and the Christmas lunch, will be approximately \$760. The profit from the Bush Picnic was \$360.

63 people have paid for the Christmas lunch at Tree Tops Restaurant on 10 December. In January the Recovery picnic will be held at Broadwater Park, Seabreeze Avenue Kincumber, and in February we will visit the Lucy Osburn-Nightingale Museum at Sydney Hospital. Ruth reported that she and Marie had attended a lunch with 27 people from other Probus clubs that had responded to Thelma's approach to participate in the combined March social function at Breakers Country Club. There was considerable enthusiasm for increased interaction between clubs.

Bushwalking: John Sutton said that the 2013 bushwalking program had been very successful, culminating in the excellent Bush Picnic at MacMasters Beach. Bushwalking will be in very good hands when Ruth and Reg take it over.

Golf: John Rudd advised that the Club Championships are expected to conclude on 6 December. He will be away for 3 months in 2014.

Theatre: All appears to be going well..

Web site: The web site continues to operate well.

Constitution: The new Constitution had been registered with NSW Fair Trading. Richard will send it and the Standing Resolutions to Wally who will arrange printing.

Meetings: Future meetings will include: January: Sue Schmid (Profile talk) plus debate; February: TBA; March: AGM plus 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary; April: John Mulford (Five minute talk).

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club: The Committee discussed arrangements for marking the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Club at the 27 March 2014 meeting. At the conclusion of the first part of the meeting, Fred Leake and Jean Johnson will present a brief history of the Club (Jean to be confirmed). Diane will prepare a series of photographs to be presented as background during the talks by Fred and Jean, and for the rest of the meeting. The Committee agreed with a suggestion by Fred Leake that we honour Jean Johnson and Irene Dunlop at this meeting. They are the only two people with whom we are still in touch who were present at the first meeting of the Club. Fred suggests that Thelma read out the part of the Minutes that refers to them, and that they be presented with certificates to recognise their outstanding and sustained contributions to the Club. We will then have special morning tea. The AGM will follow morning tea in the usual way.

Combined function with other Probus clubs: This function will be held at Breakers Country Club on Tuesday 11 March 2014. Breakers have agreed to supply a room for 70 to 150 people without charge. The function will begin around 11am with a short welcome followed by a trivia session (Wally, Rhoda Roberts and Richard to organise this). The charge will be \$20 per person.

Survey of Club health: The Committee discussed the survey distributed by Thelma and agreed that our Club is indeed travelling well.

Inter-club Liaison Officer: The Committee agreed with Thelma's proposal that we appoint an Inter-club Liaison Officer to promote and coordinate interactions with other Probus clubs. Thelma agreed to serve in this position.

Life Membership: Thelma discussed how John Orme meets the criteria for Life Membership, and will present a Nomination for him at the February Committee meeting. John Rudd will look for a suitable Life Member badge.

Committee and Co-opted members for 2014: The following have indicated their willingness to serve in 2014:

President: John Sutton

Vice President: Diane Rudd

Junior Vice President: Arthur Adeney

Treasurer: Barry Riley

Secretary: Yvonne Chandler

Assistant Secretary: Will not be needed in 2014

Social Convenor: The Committee discussed the possibility of creating a Social Sub-committee

Speaker Convenor: Marie Riley

Assistant Speaker Convenor: Hermione Dunbar, with the expectation that she will take over from Marie in 2015

Editor: Thelma Leonard (if no one else will serve)

Membership Officer: John Rudd

Assistant Membership Officer: Wally Tuffs (subject to Col Laybutt's willingness to stand down)

Webmaster: Barry Riley

Joint Venue Officers: John Sutton to approach Alan Drew and Bill Clark

Bushwalking Convenor: Ruth and Reg Charlesworth

Theatre Convenor: Barbara Orme

Welfare Officers: Elizabeth Butler and Helen Sutton

Catering Officer: Wendy Coney (Diane to discuss with her)

Historian: John Rudd (with Marie Riley taking over in 2015)

Golf: John Rudd, with John Orme and George Costigan deputising when he is away

Photographer: Bill Clark to be approached (Marie offered to help)

Inter-club Liaison Officer: Thelma Leonard

Library: Jenny Baker

Auditor: Barbara Orme (to be approached by John Sutton. If she declines, he will then ask Gloria Reid)

General Business: The Committee agreed that the Club should not become involved in the Probus Reform Group.

The next meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 4 February 2013 at Thelma and Patrick's place: 52 Henderson Road Saratoga.

On behalf of the Committee, Thelma thanked Marie and Barry for hosting this meeting and closed the meeting at 4.55pm.

Signed as a correct record: Thelma Leonard (President): .....