



# Probud Club of Kincumber Inc.

Established 1984



Meeting Number 415

## Newsletter

March 26<sup>th</sup> 2019

### Management Committee

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<b>Speakers</b>	Iain McLeod	4343 1601
<b>Membership</b>	Carla Hurley	4323 9823
<b>Editor</b>	Elizabeth Butler	4307 9606

### Life Members

Fred Leake  
 John Orme  
 Barry Riley  
 Richard Collins

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All contributors please note that the deadline for the next Newsletter is **Friday April 12** but any reports sent early will be very welcome.

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### From the President

Now you mustn't cheer, or break into a rousing chorus of Hallelujah, but this is my final report as your President. When I first took on the role, only a few members were known to me and it was my aim to get to know many more. In some respects, I have, but I still have a way to go to achieve my original goal. I'll continue to work on this over the coming years.

My time as president has been rewarding, it has enabled me to work alongside a capable management committee which has achieved some wonderful outcomes, backed by those undertaking subcommittee positions which provide activities for your enjoyment.

The advice and guidance of our Life Members has also been most beneficial. Nor do I forget the background teams who prepare the room and serve the refreshments. And finally, YOU! the club members for accepting my sometimes-quirky humour and for accepting a more relaxed, less formal approach to the Presidency role and for making me always feel welcome.

My heartfelt thanks to each one of YOU! for making my year as President a truly enjoyable experience. I will of course continue to serve as your new Web Master.

In closing, I can only ask that you consider a future involvement at whatever level you deem to be beneficial to the club. It will give you immense satisfaction because the Kincumber Probud Club is truly a most friendly club.

TTFN (Tat Ta for Now)

*David Casey*

### March Meeting: Presentation led by Diane Rudd - Celebrating 10 Years as a Combined Club

It was ten years ago at the January 2009 meeting that our club voted to become a combined male-female club. What seems just normal today was a matter of much debate leading up to the vote.

The first group of ladies to officially join the club in February 2009 included Peggy Horton, Jean Johnson, Joyce Kenny, Thelma Leonard, Barbara Orme, Rhoda Roberts, Heather Ryan, Diane Rudd and Lorraine Southgate; they were quickly followed over the next four months by Marie Riley, Janet Smith, Hermione Dunbar, Louise Hooworth, Anne Mulford, Velda Robson, and Denise Lawrence.

**We look forward to hearing more about the role of women in the Club over the years.**

**A special welcome to Michael and Heather Ryan who will be visiting at the March meeting.**

### A Mixed Kincumber Probus Club – 10 years on

Formed in 1984 as an all-male club with 26 Foundation members, the membership of our Club quickly grew to about 70 and subsequently increased to 80. For 20 years, the Club operated with a full membership and often a waiting list. Ladies were always an integral part of our Club. Ladies attended and played supportive roles in all activities, including participating in four General Meetings each year.

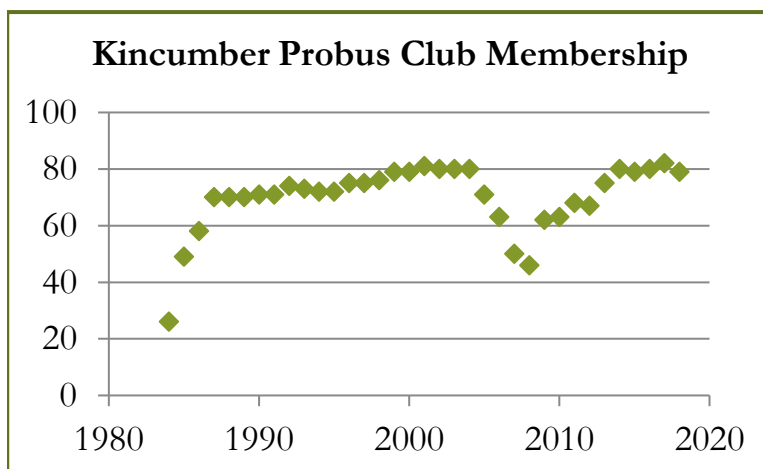
In 2005 membership began to decline. Initiatives to attract new members had little effect. In 2006 a motion that ladies be admitted as full members received very little support, with several members speaking forcefully and passionately against the proposal.

In 2008, with membership dwindling to 40, President Reg Davis proposed that our club welcome ladies as full members as soon as possible. Since strong views had recently been expressed against such a change, the Committee gave members several months to consider the proposal. During this period, documents were circulated outlining arguments for and against the change and decisions that would need to be made if approved.

At the January 2009 meeting, the motion for the club to become mixed was debated. All those who spoke supported the idea, including some who had previously opposed it. The Motion was carried by 24 votes to 7.



2008-2009  
President  
Reg Davis



Probus Club of Kincumber Membership numbers

It is a matter of record that this change has been very positive. As shown in the graph, immediately after the decision, membership increased significantly, and has been stable at around 80 for some years. Female members have served the Club with distinction in executive and management positions and have introduced new initiatives that have enriched the experience of members.

Welcoming ladies as full members was very good for our Club.

*Richard Collins*

## Don't miss the General Meeting on Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversary Celebrations and MP Lucy Wicks to Inaugurate New Projector & Microphone

Lucy Wicks, Federal Member for Robertson, has accepted the invitation of President David Casey to preside over the inauguration of our new \$3700 projector and microphone system. MP Wicks endorsed our grant application under the Federal Stronger Communities Program. This is our opportunity to thank her for the support.

At our 30 April meeting, Mrs Wicks will join us for morning tea and, with 2019-2020 President Gloria Reid, cut a decorated cake celebrating the 35th Anniversary of our club, and the 10th Anniversary of becoming a combined male-female club.

MP Wicks will then inaugurate the equipment and speak to the membership.



### Annual General Meeting - Tuesday March 26

#### Election: Management Committee Positions

The following nominations have been received and accepted. Please consider joining the committee, your talents are needed!

<b>President</b>	Gloria Reid
<b>Vice President</b>	David Minshall
<b>Jnr. V. President</b>	Peter Mear
<b>Secretary</b>	Peter Park
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ann Dillon
<b>Social Convenor</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Speaker Convenor</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Membership</b>	Carla Hurley
<b>Editor</b>	Annette Lutze

### Annual Financial Statement for 2018/2019

The annual statements will be sent as attachments with the emailed newsletters and some hard copies will also be available at the meeting.

**Annual Membership Fees** are due this month \$45 per member or \$90 a couple. If you have not already paid please pay by EFT or bring cash/cheque in an envelope, clearly marked with your name/s, to the meeting.

*Thank You*  
*Ann Dillon, Treasurer*

### February Speaker - Helen Kale from NSW Health/Local Area Health

We all enjoyed a lively interaction with February's guest speaker, Helen Kale, who represented NSW Health in our local area. Entitled 'Healthy Active Living', Helen shared with us some rather confronting statistics and some helpful hints with regard to accidental falls.

Simply limiting the number of floor mats in the home can reduce the incidence of tripping up. When 'road testing' a new pair of glasses, she suggested that you allow yourself time to become accustomed to the new perspective. Ensuring adequate lighting is available and at a suitable brightness, will also help you see objects, such as chair and table legs, more clearly. When walking out in public areas, Helen suggested that you ensure you use the hand rails and walk along the edge of the stairwell. Be aware of floor markings denoting a step. All very simple things but also common sense and remember ...

falls ARE preventable.

*Iain McLeod*



**Golf Report** Sadly, last week Kincumber Probus golfers did not meet at Breakers Country Club at 9.20 as the course was closed. It should be open now so let's go. If you're thinking of joining us you're very welcome but make it sooner rather than later.

Ta-ra 4 now *Peter Mear* 0410 346 824

### John Rudd Voted Newest Life Member

John A. Rudd has been voted a Life Member of Probus Club of Kincumber capping John's amazing 10+ years in the club during which he amassed a club record of 21.5 years' service in 8 different positions. During most of this time John held at least two positions concurrently and for four years he served in three positions.

In nominating John, Elizabeth Butler touched on the essence of John's service: "His desire to make Kincumber Probus a great place for everyone has underpinned everything that he has done and his presence has contributed immensely to making this club the friendly, accepting group that it is today."

Seconding the nomination, Life Member John Orme added "From the day he joined John has worked tirelessly for our club and his dedication for the cause has known no bounds."

Life Member Barry Riley added: "He is a valuable member, always ready to participate in discussion and offer constructive and worthwhile suggestions.

Life Member Fred Leake spoke of the challenges during John's time as President 2012-2013 including the difficult move from Avoca Beach Bowling Club, and his steady hand on a subcommittee dealing with changes proposed by Probus South Pacific.

Life Member Richard Collins recalled John's devotion to the club: "His exact words, were: 'I just love this club.' Over many years, John has also spoken about the pleasure he obtains when making his many contributions." John will be inducted by outgoing President Casey at our March Annual General Meeting.



*Peter Park*

**Welcome to Judith Sherston,** our newest member, inducted at our February meeting. Judith is interested in Bridge, Canasta, Mahjong, reading and walking.



### Theatre Report

**Friday May 31 8pm Laycock Theatre**

Live in Concert "THE EVENT"

The acclaimed tribute to John Farnham, Olivia Newton-John and Anthony Warlow.

### Suggested Sydney Shows

CHICAGO and BILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL

Please let me know if you are interested in attending a matinee.

*Diane Rudd 0438 464 616*

### Can you name our 13 past Presidents who are still active members of our Club?

Congratulations to the people who correctly named most of our past presidents. Here are the final five. They were followed by Phyl Hill, David Casey and our new President Gloria Reid.

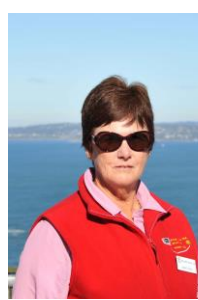
**John Rudd 2012**

**Thelma Leonard 2013**

**John Sutton 2014**

**Diane Rudd 2015**

**Arthur Adeney 2016**



We are very fortunate to have these people with so much experience and expertise to share with us today!

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR GENERAL MEETING

**MARCH 26<sup>th</sup> 2019**

### **ST GEORGE BUSINESS ACCESS ACCOUNT**

Balance at 31 January 2019	<b>\$1706.91</b>
Interest	<b>0.52</b>
Balance at 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	<b><u>\$1707.43</u></b>

### **ST GEORGE BUSINESS CHEQUE ACCOUNT – PLUS**

Balance at 31 January 2019	<b>\$1127.86</b>
Credits	<b>\$ 996.62</b>
<b>Debits</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>
Bank Balance at 28 February 2019	<b><u>\$2044.48</u></b>
<b>Less Outstanding Cheques</b>	<b>\$ 198.10</b>
Funds Available at 28 February 2019	<b><u>\$1846.38</u></b>

*Ann Dillon*

## **WELFARE REPORT**

**Barry Riley** is currently recovering from recent surgery. While he has a way to go with ongoing treatment, Barry is very positive and hopes to be back at Probus activities in the near future.

I know you will join me in wishing him all the best with his ongoing recovery.

*Narelle Mayes*

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**Best wishes to our members who celebrate their birthdays in April.**

*John Orme*

*Lyn Martin*

*Barry Riley*

*Trevor Moore*

*Robert Horne*

*Richard Collins*

*Nanette Steanes*

*Hermione Dunbar*

*Lorraine Southgate*



**Congratulations to our members who celebrate their Wedding Anniversaries in April**

*Robyn and Trevor Moore*

*Phyllis and Robert Horne*

*Sandra and Graham Field*

*George and Janelle Costigan*



## **The Bush and the City - Walks with Bob**

**Bush Walk                      Macmasters Meander    Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>    10:30am**

From the Scenic Drive at Macmasters turn into Ocean Drive and follow to the dead end. Then we'll walk through Bouddi National Park to Cape Three Points stopping at the Second Point area before returning to the cars. We'll travel by car, or walk, down to Macmasters SLSC.    BYO Picnic or buy lunch.    All welcome to walk or join us for lunch at high noon.

**Coo-ee                              The Sydney Rocks Area Reconnoitre – Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>.**

We will meet our guide "Larrikin" Brian Harrison at No. 6 Wharf at Circular Quay at 11am ready for an easy two hour stroll around the area with regular stops for briefings about this historic landmark and its past residents. It is recommended walkers have morning tea before meeting "Larrikin" Brian. The walk concludes at 1pm at The Hero of Waterloo Hotel where we may partake of lunch if desired.

Rail travel from our Central Coast seems the way to go and catching the 8:15am from Gosford (8:26am from Woy Woy) should be a comfortable fit.

\$10 for the tour payable at the March meeting to secure Brian's services but late entries also welcome.

LET'S ROCK.

*Bob Cochrane*    0407 910 188

### Sub-Committee and Convenors

<b>Assist Membership</b>	Phyl Hill
<b>Assist Social Convenor</b>	Jenny Baker
<b>Assist Editor</b>	Annette Lutze
<b>Bushwalking</b>	Bob Cochrane
<b>Golf</b>	Peter Mear
<b>Historian</b>	John Rudd
<b>Book Share</b>	Jenny Baker
<b>Photographers</b>	Bill Clark Diane Rudd
<b>Debates</b>	Peter Park
<b>Theatre</b>	Diane Rudd
<b>Webmaster</b>	Barry Riley
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Narelle Mayes
<b>Venue Officers</b>	Bill Clark Alan Drew
<b>Catering Officers</b>	Kay Cochrane Jan Gee Jan Costigan Yvonne Kelly
<b>Auditor</b>	Alan Hurley

### Social Activities

#### Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> Alison Homestead Museum

1 Cape Road Wyong. **Please arrive by 9:45am**

**10:00am to 12 noon Morning Tea with Jake Cassar**

Jake is a renowned local singer, guitarist, song writer, musician and bush craft expert.

**Cost \$10.** Includes museum entry and morning tea.

If you have put your name down but still need to pay please bring payment in an envelope, marked with your name and amount enclosed, to the March meeting.

Own transport – suggest car-pooling.

**May & June Outings T.B.A.**

**July outing** Ettalong Diggers Xmas in July

Our outing on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March was lunch at **Empire Bay Tavern**. Seventeen members plus four prospective new members braved the hot weather and had a nice lunch whilst enjoying the companionship of fellow members.

*Joan Vella* 4365 9085 or 0404 069 028

### Thank You

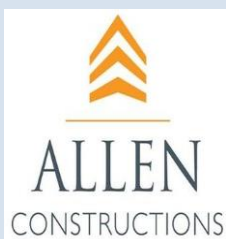
As I finish my time as Editor, I would like to thank all of you, our members, who have helped to make our Newsletter interesting each month with your excellent articles and vibrant photos.

I would also especially like to acknowledge the kindness and generosity of Karen and Kim Allen of **Allen Constructions**, and **The Flowerseekers**, in printing the Newsletter each month without cost to the club. This fantastic support is deeply appreciated, and Secretary Peter Park and I recently had great pleasure in presenting them with a Certificate of Appreciation from the President and members of Kincumber Probus.

*Elizabeth Butler*



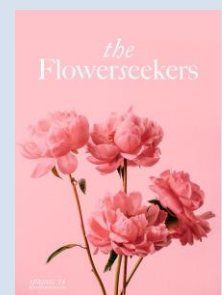
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