



Probud Club of Kincumber Inc.

Established 1984

NEXT ACTUAL MEETING TO BE ADVISED

Newsletter

AUGUST, 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 22nd September

Picnic at Kincumber Mountain

10.00 am bush walk

11.00 am **BYO EVERYTHING** picnic

Tuesday 8th December – Christmas Luncheon

At Davistown RSL – more details to follow.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Assist Membership	Phyl Hill
Bushwalking	VACANT
Golf	Peter Mear
Historian	Diane Rudd
Assist Historian	Carla Hurley
Book Share	Jenny Baker
Photographers	Bill Clark & Diane Rudd
Debates	Peter Park
Theatre	Diane Rudd
Webmaster	David Casey
Venue Officer	Bill Clark
Catering Officers	Jan Gee, Jan Costigan Kay Cochrane, Yvonne Kelly
Auditor	Alan Hurley

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, another month has passed since our last newsletter and last month I was hoping that we would be able to hold a meeting, at the latest, in September. I am afraid that it is now looking more likely to be November. Of course, this will be subject to Government and the Kincumber Uniting Church Covid-19 restrictions at the time.

We recently held a ZOOM committee meeting and it was agreed that we have a bush walk and picnic when the September meeting would have been held, that is Tuesday 22 September. An entirely BYOE (“E” meaning everything). There are more details further on in the newsletter.

I draw your attention to the article about Chris Dillon’ book, “Art & Song”. From what Peter Park has written it will be an interesting read. Peter will bring along to the September picnic 5 copies of the book which are for sale at \$20.00 each.

I happened to be at Erina Fair on Friday, 14 August to replenish my stock of “staying alive pills”. I was shocked to see so many people not wearing masks, including a very large number of older people. This was particularly evident when people entered shops, and not using hand sanitiser which was readily available at the entrance to most shops.

It is so easy to forget that Covid-19 is still very much around and very easy for any one of us to catch if we don’t take the right precautions. Please remember this when you leave home. Wear a mask and practise social distancing.

I would like to thank the Committee for all the hard work that has been put in by them during these difficult times. I believe there has been more behind the scenes work with Covid-19 than under normal circumstances.

Stay safe and “Namaste”

David Minshall



Reopening Probus Club of Kincumber: A Progress Report

Restarting our club with in-person meetings and the fun and fellowship which we all miss is the number one goal of President David Minshall and your Management Committee.

When Will We Have a Meeting? We will reopen smartly as soon as practical with your health in mind in strict accordance with “The Probus Club of Kincumber COVID-19 Safety Plan” which has been registered with the NSW Government – if you would like a copy of the 4-page document please email Secretary Peter Park. With an abundance of caution and consistent with what you said in our recent member survey, the current projection by your Management Committee given recent outbreaks in Victoria and possible spillover into NSW is a target of an in-person meeting in November.

Will Probus Meetings Be Different Going Forward? In many ways, Yes. Social distancing and a one person per four square metres regulation limits capacity at Kincumber Uniting Church to 42 persons and does not allow morning tea. The Management Committee is exploring an alternative venue as close as possible to Kincumber – at least in the interim – with capacity for the 60-65 members who come to our meetings with the availability of morning tea. For your safety, health precautions must include temperature checks, health questions, face masks, use of 70%+ alcohol hand sanitizer, disinfecting all surfaces, a contact tracing registry and limits on movement within the venue. These changes result in increased costs to the club to hold a meeting. We can absorb likely costs for several months and may have possible relief if a pending grant proposal to Central Coast Council is approved.

What Are Other Local Probus Clubs Doing? We’ve had reports from both East Gosford and Woy Woy Everglades Probus Clubs – both of which held meetings in August. Both clubs met at venues that hold all attendees under social distancing requirements. Their experience informs our decisions. East Gosford with 37 members meets at Waterford Village and Woy Woy Everglades with 83 members now has meetings at Club Umina. Both clubs had 50% or less members turn up at the August meetings. Both clubs have the same COVID-19 related health protocols as we would with all members wearing masks and following all protocols.

How About a Picnic or Luncheon? Yes! See the notice in this newsletter of a picnic on **Tuesday 22nd September** at **Kincumber Mountain**. **Note:** Treasurer Ann Dillon welcomes cash or cheques for dues (\$47 or \$94 for a couple) at the picnic for those that have not already paid by electronic funds transfer. Social Convenor Pam Spencer is looking into a lunch at a large venue with social distancing like an RSL for October. As mentioned in the last newsletter, you can mark your calendar for the **Christmas lunch at Davistown RSL on Tuesday 8th December**.

Peter Park, Secretary



KINCUMBA MOUNTAIN PICNIC AND BUSHWALK



What: A bring your own everything Probus picnic with optional pre-lunch level bushwalk

When: Tuesday 22 September

Time: 10.00 am Bushwalk and 11.00 am Picnic

Where: Meet at Honeman's picnic area at top of Kincumba Mountain

Bushwalk: (10.00 am): VP Peter Mear will lead us on the Yanina Walk starting at the mud brick hut near the Honeman's Picnic Area and walking to overlook Pickets Valley and return the same way. It is an easy walk for all who want to participate

Picnic: (11.00 am) Bring everything you need including food, drink and chairs and tables if desired. We will have to maintain 1.5 metre social distancing except for couples. No sharing of food or drink permitted

Peter Mear

The Probus History Project is celebrating:



A brilliant effort from Thelma Leonard who has finished scanning, saving and editing the Minutes of all the Probus General Meetings and Committee Meetings, plus the Financials, from Minute Book Five, which covers the period from 27 July 1999 to 23 September 2003. **Bravo Thelma!**



Narelle Mayes's marathon work in transcribing the handwritten Minutes from the earliest years; 1984, 1985 and 1986 are now complete. There are still many years between 1987 and 1999 to scan or transcribe and any typists who can help will be warmly welcomed by Narelle – phone 0410 303 703 or email bjacko@telstra.com.



Fred Leake's unrivalled store of Probus News Sheets and Newsletters going back to 1986. Fred is using these to ferret out information so that we can update the lists of various Probus activities which our Probus Historians have maintained over the years.



One of these, a draft list of Bush Walks, is attached to this newsletter – it's still a work in progress so please let us know of any corrections and or additions.



Diane Rudd, our current Historian, has an amazing store of Probus history and the latest folder she has shared covers many years of Theatre Parties. Fred is currently studying this and adding information from the News Sheets and Newsletters. If you have memories about any Theatre Parties please share them with Diane or with myself for inclusion.

And remember, anyone who would like to contribute to the History Project would be very welcome to join us!

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AUGUST'S CORONA VIRUS RAFFLE WINNER

This month's raffle was drawn by Gerry Turner of Kincumber, looking quite glamorous, about to head off for a lunch when she got a surprise door knock to draw our raffle prize.

So, we announce this month's worthy winner is (*trumpet fanfare*) Life Member **RICHARD COLLINS** who was most surprised and humbled by his winning prize which was delivered on Monday 17th August, so here's hoping he is getting ready for an anti-weight watching experience

Peter Mear



GOLF REPORT

Since the last report there is not a lot to say - we have been **rained out** and **rained on**, not necessarily in that order.

I don't know what happened to the drought but it hasn't been at Breakers Country Club where we are currently meeting on **Friday's at 9.40 am** until further notice - weather permitting.

Must away now as I need to go and get a pair of wellies so I can continue to play this stupid game with a bunch of fabulously entertaining and interesting people. Hopefully more of you will be able to join us when this crisis is finally over. Bye the way I have found out why we are forgetting things - when you have your temperature taken going into clubs, shops etc. It sucks your memory!#* just saying

Peter Mear, Golf Co-ordinator 0410 346 824



TRIP TO TASMANIA SET FOR MARCH 2021

Many people thought Tasmania sounded like a good holiday. Aurora tours, whom we travelled with last year have new owners and will be doing the Tassie holidays in March next year. I have approached them, and they have reserved their coach for us leaving on the **18th March 2021** for approximately 13 days, returning on 30th March.

Their itinerary from this year is close to what will be planned for March 2021. See details of itinerary by clicking [HERE](#)

The cost is \$3,890 pp with \$790 single supplement. Members who travelled with Aurora know that everything is included in this cost and is organised extremely well. To reserve your seat on the coach a deposit of \$200 pp is required ASAP. First in best dressed!

Our new hosts will be Scott and Holly

A deposit of \$200 pp should be paid to Scolly Trading Pty Ltd (Aurora Coach Tours)

BSB: 062 827

Account: 1033 8725

Reference your Surname and Tas 2

This is their new bank account details from 1st June 2020



SEATS ARE VERY LIMITED

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Book Review: ART AND SONG by Chris Dillon

Our fellow Probus Club of Kincumber member Chris Dillon tells his life story in a new book with passion and raw insight into a hard path from the squalor of an English urban slum to success and happiness here on the Central Coast with Ann.

I truly enjoyed this first-person life story. Art & Song is an astounding tale of a life that few have lived, and fewer still have survived, escaped and found adventure, a new career, and eventual happiness in another country.

Chris (J.C Dillon) literally paints his life story beginning with the hardships of a broken childhood in the teeming slums of Salford (Manchester) England. A 1931 survey (two years before Chris was born) concluded that “Salford contains some of the worst slums in England with many houses infested by rats and lacking elementary amenities.”

As you read this book, you will follow as Chris goes through tough times as a house painter in a corrupt enterprise, with side gigs as a singer, to emigration to Australia at age 40. Landing with the shirt on his back, he begins a successful career in paint technology with a side vocation in entertainment and song, and eventual happiness here on Australia’s Central Coast after meeting Ann living in Pretty Beach for many years before moving to Brentwood Village.

Along the way, Chris Dillon’s brush with some hard characters makes his survival all the more compelling. The book has it all: poverty, tragedy, near death events, love, lost love, a new beginning, career success with ever present art and song and true love found.

The illustrations – his own artwork in a naïve style - capture the story well. Highly recommended.

Art and Song can be ordered online in paperback on [Amazon.com.au](https://www.amazon.com.au) Peter Park will have 5 copies at the September picnic for \$20 each plus a free copy of a Chris Dillon CD with 8 classic tunes including his memorable rendition of “I am Australian”.

Peter Park

