



# Probud Club of Kincumber Inc.

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## Newsletter

June 25 2019

### Management Committee

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### Life Members

Fred Leake  
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 Barry Riley  
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### Dates for Your 2019 Diary

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| Golf at Breakers Country Club every Friday. |                       |        |

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

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### From the President

This month I have the greatest of pleasure to include in my report the wonderful news that our very own Denise Lawrence has been awarded the Order of Australia Medal for services to Music Education in the 2019 Queen's Birthday Honours.

Denise was raised in the Sydney area in a very musical family. Her grandfather was the first double bass player in the first Sydney Symphony Orchestra in 1932. She was given a mini cello when she was seven and by the age of fourteen was playing in the Australian Youth Orchestra.

Denise has taught the cello for more than 50 years and has done pioneering work in teaching stringed instruments. She wrote the National Cello syllabus for the Australian Music Examinations Board and she also totally changed the way that children who play string instruments are examined.

Denise has always loved teaching and playing the cello and believes she is very fortunate to have spent her life doing both.

I look forward to being part of the many good wishes and congratulations that Denise will receive at our general meeting.

Another pleasant duty this month will be inducting Eric and Deanne Caelli as returning members of our very friendly Probud Club and I look forward to welcoming them on the day.

*GLORIA REID*



### Guest Speaker at the May Meeting - Narelle Brown from The Energy Ombudsman

Narelle Brown from the Energy Ombudsman entertained us with a talk on how to save money on our energy bills by, for example, turning off the standby on our TVs and using energy saving appliances in our households. Another way to save is to keep our air conditioning between 18 and 21 degrees during the winter season (I will choose to ignore that one – I didn't travel 12,000 miles to freeze). We were also enlightened on rebates available to us through various schemes offered by the government.

Not to mention the fact that flushable wipes are not flushable!! Who knew?? So, I won't mention that.

Overall an interesting and thought-provoking talk.

*Peter Mear*



### Five Minute Talk for June

This month's five-minute talk will be given by Jan Alford, one of our newest members, who was inducted last month together with Pam Spencer. It is always good when our newer recruits give their talks and join in the activities, as we get to know them much more quickly.

*Peter Mear*

### Guest Speaker for June David Fisher Dobbin

This month's speaker will be David Fisher Dobbin. David calls himself a mentor, a coach, and a trainer. David likes to challenge people to "live inspired". He does this by sharing engaging stories, demonstrating both a great sense of humour and an insight into human behaviours. David's personal journey has greatly influenced the man he is today.

*Narelle Mayes*

### Five Minute Speaker for May Iain McLeod



Iain McLeod, looking resplendent in his McLeod tartan kilt with matching sporran, gave us an enlightened talk on his life. At the start of his talk Iain said he would relate his life split up into decades from young man to grandfather.

Born in England, after leaving school he entered the Merchant Navy as an officer in the engineering section. After working on merchant ships for a few years he transferred to P&O and worked on such memorable ships as the SS Himalaya (where he met his wife Ann) & the SS Canberra.

After leaving P&O he taught marine engineering in Fiji before he and Ann moved to Australia towards the end of the 70's to raise a family. Iain and Ann have three grown up children and two grandchildren.

*David Minshall*



## Denise Lawrence Awarded Order of Australia Medal

As noted in President Gloria Reid's report, a lifetime of service to music education was rewarded in the 2019 Queen's Birthday Honours with Probus Kincumber member Denise Lawrence receiving the Order of Australia Medal for "Services to Music Education." Denise joins previous active Probus Club of Kincumber winners Marie Riley (2014) and Fred Leake (2018) who both won the award for "Services to the Community."

In the honours announced by the Governor General on 10 June, Denise is one of only five Central Coast recipients of the OAM. The citation and medal will be presented at Government House later this year.

An accomplished cellist, Denise has performed around the world with her late husband Bruce who was a member of our club from 2002 until his death in 2010. Denise has served as a strings examiner for the Australian Music Examinations Board for over thirty years and Chief Strings Examiner since 2010. She set up music education programs in schools in Australia and the UK. A founding member of the Australian Strings Association since the 1970s, Denise has been a professional cellist and cello teacher. She has received numerous awards for her work.

Recognising Denise's work in music education AUSTA (Australian Strings Association) NSW wrote:

*"As well as having been an AMEB examiner and chief examiner for over 40 years, Denise has given countless concerts, workshops, helped at music camps, conducted regional orchestras and participated in many other activities, always trying to help young people foster a love of music".*

An article in the Daily Telegraph on 10 June stated about the master cellist: "It's been 70 years since Denise Lawrence picked up a cello and she has never looked back."

Articles on the award have also appeared in the Coast Community News and Express Advocate.

*Peter Park*



Photo by Sue Graham as featured in the Advocate Express on Thursday 10 June 2019

### **Please Silence Your Phone when entering the meeting hall**

We know that it is often hard to remember, and we all forget sometimes, but few things are more distracting in our meetings than the sound of a mobile phone ring.



### **Why Use the Microphone?**

Some of us have a good loud projecting voice.

So why should we use the microphone?

One simple reason: The hearing loop.

A hearing loop encircles our meeting room, and sound that goes in the microphone, and to the sound system, is broadcast direct to the hearing aids of our fellow members. A loud voice without the mic is of little benefit to these members.



## THEATRE GROUP

As I will be away in August and part of September PLEASE CONTACT ME PRIOR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> July or NARELLE MAYES in August if you are interested in attending any of the following shows

### COMING SHOWS AT THE LAYCOCK

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| 13 <sup>th</sup> August (Tuesday 7.30pm) – A Taste of Ireland                     | \$69.90 |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> August (Wednesday 11am) – Tenori – Timeless                      | \$19.00 |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> August (Saturday 8pm) – Songs from Paul McCartney & Eric Clapton | \$50    |
| 21 & 22 August (Thursday 7pm) – Central Coast Schools Showcase                    | \$26    |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> August (Friday 7.30pm) – Johnny Cash & June Carter Show          | \$62    |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> August (Sat. 8pm) – Simon & Garfunkel Show                       | \$59    |

If we have a group booking (10 people or more) the price will be reduced by approx. \$5

### UPCOMING SYDNEY SHOWS

**Billy Elliot** – the Musical

**Chicago** – I have already booked tickets to this show on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm, please contact me if you wish to join us for this performance at the Capitol Theatre Sydney

**Art Gallery of NSW** - 6<sup>TH</sup> August View the Finalists of the Archibald Prize. Guided tour \$20pp  
Pay on the day - details on page 6.

*Diane Rudd* 0438 464 616  
*Narelle Mayes* 0410 303 703

### And a footnote from Diane and John Rudd:

Inspired by the support given to our Probus Club by Allen Constructions, the Rudds recently asked Kim Allen to carry out some building work at their home and they are very happy with the outcome. Kim supervised the job personally and his tradesmen were professional and courteous.

### Bush Walking Report

#### June 18 The Gosford Gallop

As the lingering clouds parted, the sun shone warmly on the eight stalwart walkers who gathered by the Gosford waterfront.

Thank you, Peter Mear, for organising the weather and leading us on a very pleasant stroll followed by excellent coffee at Tommy's.

We encourage our newer members to join us on the walks as it is a great way to connect with other members.



**PROBUS CLUB OF KINCUMBER INC.  
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GENERAL MEETING 25 JUNE 2019**

**ST.GEORGE BUSINESS ACCESS ACCOUNT      \$1709.15**

**ST.GEORGE BUSINESS CHEQUE ACCOUNT**

**BALANCE AS AT 30 APRIL 2019              \$2886.38**

**CREDITS    \$ 912.00**

**DEBITS    \$301.72**

**BALANCE AS AT 31 MAY 2019              \$3496.66**

*Ann Dillon*

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

*Phyllis Horne  
Kay Cochrane  
David Dunbar  
George Costigan  
Barrie Pickersgill*



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

*Ann and Iain McLeod  
Wally and Suzanne Tuffs  
Peter and Kathleen Mear*



**Welcome to Deanne and Eric Caelli who  
will be inducted at the June Meeting**



**June 12 Chocolate Factory Outing**

We didn't quite have Willy Wonka to show us round the Chocolate Factory in West Gosford but we learnt a lot from our guide as we watched nougat and marshmallows being made – and sampled a lot as we toured around!!



The shop was a chocoholic's dream and we all left with many samples of their products.

Highly recommended for a second visit.

*Jenny Baker*



