



PROBUS CLUB OF KINCUMBER INC.

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News Sheet

Meeting No. 372

24th Mar. 2015

President's Message

With my year as President of Kincumber Probuss coming to an end, it's a good time to reflect on all the good times we've enjoyed within our Probuss family over the past twelve months. We are indeed fortunate to belong to a Club with its rich history of great outings, trips away, friendship, fun and fellowship over its 31 year life, and as I pass on the baton, I have no doubt the Club will continue to prosper.

I am just so grateful to have been blessed with a marvellous Committee who have fulfilled their various roles so enthusiastically and competently, likewise all the members of the Sub-Committees and the Convenors. A great big thank you to you all, and an equally big thank you to every member of the Club for your support and participation.

14 new members have been inducted into the Club over the past 12 months, which I think is fabulous. At the same time we have been saddened by the departure of a number of staunch Club members who have relocated, others who have passed away, and several who have resigned. On balance, the Club membership has increased over the year, and is now just on 80, the maximum number allowed by the Club's Constitution by-laws, hence the motion to be put to members at the AGM to increase the number to 90.

Wishing you all good health, happiness and success in the Probuss year ahead.

John Sutton

2014-2015

Committee

President

John Sutton

4365 3434

Vice President

Diane Rudd

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Arthur Adeney

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Yvonne Chandler

4365 2154

Treasurer

Barry Riley

4381 2759

Social Convenor

Gloria Reid

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Speakers

Marie Riley

4381 2759

Membership

John Rudd

4326 1326

Editor

Pat Fordham

4368 4398

Auditor

Barbara Orme

Life Member

Fred Leake

John Orme

Guest Speaker

Geoffrey Potter, the local historian at Gosford Library spoke about the wreck of the SS Maitland using information as recorded in his book “Wreck of the SS aitland – a scene to make the angels weep.” Prior to the publication of this book the full story from the human perspective had not been told. We were taken through the building of the ship in Glasgow to its journey to Australia and consequent role travelling from Sydney Harbour to the Hunter region. It was a small vessel – as large as a Sydney Harbour Ferry – and logically a paddle steamer. It was fine in fair weather, but not in rough. After 30 years of service it began to show signs of wear. It set sail during the worst storm in 20 years, sadly suffering initial damage just outside the heads. This began the chain of events which led to the grounding and breaking up at what is now named Maitland Bay. The human side of this disaster is an emotional story and there are many anecdotes to bring this story to life in Geoffrey’s book. To learn about the many aspects of this tragedy you would do well to purchase the book from Gosford Library (proceeds benefit the Library) and acquaint yourself with the excellent detail it contains.

Yvonne Chandler

Profile Talk

Profile talk: Barry and Betty Pickersgill spoke of their life in England, especially of experiences hosting a B & B. Their many visitors provided interesting experiences and a busy life. The photos they placed for us to see showed what a unique and beautiful residence it was. They visited Australia a couple of times before eventually moving here and travelling widely. On joining Kincumber Probus Barry and Betty met Jenny Baker who had lived in the same district as them in England. Now they can enjoy that friendship and others in their new home.

Yvonne Chandler

We have much to celebrate this month!

Two fantastic people will reach 90 years: Peggy Horton in March and John Orme in April. Warm birthday wishes to both of you!

There are also two special wedding anniversaries. George and Janelle Costigan will reach the major 50-year milestone and David and Hermione Dunbar are celebrating 55 years together. Congratulations and best wishes to everyone.

As always our thoughts are with any of our members who are not well at present. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

Elizabeth Butler 4360 2403

Helen Sutton 4365 3434

April Birthdays

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating their birthdays in April

Richard Collins Hermione Dunbar John Orme

Barry Riley Ken Robson Nanette Steanes

Lorraine Southgate Wendy Coney Joyce Kenny



April Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating their anniversaries in April

George and Janelle Costigan

Bob and Sadie Cummings



Social Events

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Tuesday 14th April

CHINESE GARDENS, SYDNEY
1 Exhibition Place, Darling Harbour

Tour Time:

On Arrival

Cost:

\$6 Adult, \$3 Pensioner

Travel:

Public Transport (see travel detail slips)

Lunch: (optional)

**The Chinese Gardens Café serves light meals
Or we can walk 10 minutes to Cockle Bay where
there are various eating places.**

Names required at March Meeting please.

Tuesday 12th May

LUNCH AT EMPIRE BAY TAVERN
(A local at leisure outing for this month)

Time:

12 Noon

Cost:

Own Expense

Travel:

Own Arrangements

Names required at April Meeting please

Gloria Reid

Golf

It has been a while since we have been able to hold our 10.30am Friday morning nine hole competition at Terrigal due to not enough golfers. However I am hopeful that our numbers will improve as spring arrives and some of our existing players become available and the new Probus club members that have shown interest decide to give it a go with our small group.

All standards of golfers are most welcome and you can be assured of a very friendly, social morning. The course is a short, flat walk and is in the best condition that I have seen since I started playing there about six years ago. There is more emphasis on having a bit of fun and exercise than winning a few golf balls.

John Rudd



February 2015

Cheque account balance at March 1, 2014		\$350.45
Savings account balance at March 1, 2014		<u>\$1042.76</u>
		\$1,393.21
	<i>February</i>	<i>Year to date</i>
Income	\$2.63	\$3,664.91
Expenses	\$99.10	<u>\$3,224.39</u>
Balance		\$440.52
<i>Net balance at February 28, 2015.</i>		<i>\$1,833.73</i>

Renewal of membership

Please remember your membership subscriptions this month!

31st Annual General Meeting 24 March 2015

Agenda

1. Confirmation of Minutes of 2014 Annual General Meeting
2. Presentation of Financial Reports for the year ending 28 February 2015
 - General fund
 - Social Fund
 - Recommendation for the Joining Fee remaining at \$10.00 per person and Annual Subscription at \$40.00 for the coming year
 - Confirmation of signatories for accounts of Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.:
 - For Main account: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer
 - For Social account: Social Convenor, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer
 - Motion to increase our maximum number of ordinary members.
 - “The maximum number of ordinary members be increased to 90.”

3. President’s Report

4. Election of President and Committee members and appointment of Co-opted Members for the next year. The following Nominations have been received:

Committee

President: Diane Rudd
Vice-President: Arthur Adeney
Junior Vice-President: vacant
Treasurer: Barry Riley
Secretary: Yvonne Chandler
Membership Officer: John Rudd
Speaker Convenor: Hermione Dunbar
Social Convenor: Gloria Reid
Editor: Pat Fordham

Sub-committee and Convenors:

Bushwalking Convenors: Barry and Betty Pickersgill
Catering Officers: Wendy Coney and Isabelle Drew
Golf: John Rudd
Historian: John Rudd
Assistant Membership Officer: Ineka Esveld
Assistant Social Convenors: Sue Schmid and Jenny Baker
Photographer: Bill Clark/Diane Rudd
Theatre Convenor: Barbara Orme

Webmaster: Barry Riley
Welfare Officers: Elizabeth Butler and Helen Sutton
Joint Venue Officers: Bill Clark and Alan Drew
Library: Jenny Baker
Debates: Richard Collins

5. Confirmation of Barbara Orme as Auditor for the 2015/2016 year
6. Confirmation of Yvonne Chandler as Public Officer
7. Installation of President-Elect Diane Rudd by outgoing President John Sutton
8. Presentation to Past-President John Sutton by President Diane Rudd
9. General Business
10. Close of Annual General Meeting



Bushwalking

On Tuesday 21st of April, our walk will take us along the shore of Brisbane Water from Ettalong to Ocean Beach. The meeting point is the car parking strip facing Brisbane Water beside the Esplanade at Ettalong, at the junction of the Esplanade and Bangalow St. Ettalong Beach, UBD Central Coast Map 107 Grid reference C-D 12-13 at 10.30 AM. It's a pleasant easy level walk with super views of Broken Bay and Lion Island. Broken Bay, apart from being beautiful, is also very special, being the confluence of 5 important stretches of water, namely the Tasman Sea, Broken Bay, Brisbane Water, the Hawkesbury River and Pittwater. The waterfront at Ettalong where we start the walk is interesting if you haven't been there for some time, as Gosford Council have done a lot of work upgrading the area with new picnic and barbeque areas, playgrounds, restaurant and café, etc, and also constructed the simple but quite impressive Vietnam War Memorial. You will need to bring tables and chairs etc for lunch, toilets are close by, and 4 legged friends on leash will be very welcome on the walk.

John Sutton



MEETS: 9:30am. 4th Tuesday each month at Kincumber Uniting church.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND CONVENERS 2014-2015

ASSIST. MEMBERSHIP	Col Laybutt
ASSIST. SOC. CONV.	Sue Schmid & Jenny Baker
ASSIST. SPEAKER CONV.	Hermione Dunbar
BUSHWALKING	Reg & Ruth Charlesworth
CATERING OFFICERS	Wendy Coney & Isabelle Drew
DEBATES	Richard Collins
GOLF	John Rudd
HISTORIAN	John Rudd
INTER-CLUB LIASON	Thelma Leonard
BOOKSHARE	Jenny Baker
PHOTOGRAPHER	Diane Rudd
THEATRE	Barbara Orme
WEBMASTER	Barry Riley
WELFARE OFFICERS	Elizabeth Butler & Helen Sutton
VENUE OFFICERS	Bill Clark & Alan Drew

Notes for your 2015 Diary

April 7th 2.30pm. Committee meeting
14th Chinese Gardens, Sydney
28th 9.30am Monthly Meeting



May 26th 9.30am Monthly Meeting
12th 12.00 Lunch at empire Bay Tavern

All contributors please note:

DEADLINE for the next News Sheet is Friday 17th April.2015
But early reports are always most welcome.

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