

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee
held at the home of John and Diane Rudd on 6 December 2011

The meeting opened at 2.30pm. Those present were Rhoda Roberts (President), John Rudd (Senior Vice President), Thelma Leonard (Junior Vice President), Barry Riley (Treasurer), Richard Collins (Secretary), Ruth Charlesworth (Social Convenor), Marie Riley (Speaker Convenor) and John Pagett (Membership Officer). An apology was received from Wally Tuffs (Editor).

President Rhoda welcomed members to the meeting.

Minutes of previous Committee meeting on 4 October 2011: The draft Minutes had previously been circulated and changes requested by members had been made. The Minutes were agreed.

Business arising from Minutes: Richard noted that the process for adoption of the new Constitution and Standing Resolutions was proceeding as planned.

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures; Resignation of Peter Goddard; advice from Probus Centre – South Pacific that the new Constitution has been approved and, following adoption of the Constitution at the November General meeting, from the Department of Fair Trading that the Constitution has been registered.

President's Report: Rhoda said that she had received a letter suggesting that Irene Dunlop and Jean Johnson should be recognised for their long service to the Club. The Committee was concerned about setting a precedent, but agreed that the service by Irene and Jean, and also by Janet Smith, had been outstanding and sustained. The Committee decided to present all 3 ladies with flowers and a card of appreciation at the Annual General Meeting in March 2012.

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

Balance at 1 March 2011	\$994.47	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>September</i>
Income	\$2095.00	nil
Expenses	\$1609.72	\$42.00
Balance at 30 November 2011	\$1479.75	

Barry's report was accepted.

Membership Report: John Pagett advised that the membership of the Club remains at 67. The Committee agreed with John's suggestion that he will email to Committee members a revised Membership list when changes in the membership occur during the year. Richard will write to Peter Goddard advising that his resignation has been accepted, and thanking him for his contributions to the Club.

Editor's Report: In Editor Wally Tuffs' absence, Barry Riley has compiled the December News Sheet. It is currently at the printers.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Marie Riley advised the following future speakers:

January 2012: Garry Kitchen on Riding for the Disabled; February: Greg deMoor on Tom Wills who, amongst other things, compiled the rules for AFL; March: no speaker due to AGM; April: Alan Flores, on recent trends in libraries; later in 2012: John Sutton on the James Craig.

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor Ruth Charlesworth advised that all is in hand for the music and trivia night at Thelma and Patrick Leonards's place on Friday 9 December and for the Christmas lunch at Empire Bay Tavern on Tuesday 13 December. The Recovery lunch will be on 10 January next to Janet Smith's place on the waterfront at Woy Woy. In February there will be a visit the Telstra Museum at Bankstown, and in March we will go to Riding for the Disabled. The Committee decided that there would be no Social event in April due to the golfing and bushwalking trip to Nelson Bay from 30 April to 3 May. John Rudd advised that at present 18 people have indicated that they will go on this trip.

Bushwalking Report: No report.

Golf: No report.

Theatre: No report

Web site: Webmaster Barry Riley said that the site had been temporarily closed down because of non-payment of the fee to re-register the domain name. It is necessary to do this every 2 years and the invoice had not been forwarded to Barry. The problem has been rectified and the site is now operating normally.

Meetings: Thelma advised that Profile talks will be given by Laurie Maclure in January and Denise Lawrence in either February or March.

Standing Resolutions: Richard advised that, following the Committee's invitation, suggestions for changes to the draft Standing Resolutions had been received from two Members. John and Richard had considered these suggestions and prepared a document proposing several changes. The Committee agreed with the changes proposed by John and Richard. After discussion, the Committee also decided to remove Resolution 7 in the original draft relating to maintaining a reasonable gender balance in the Club because of concern about its legality, and Resolution 11 in the original draft confirming the Committee's appointment of the Public Officer, because it is redundant. Richard will revise the summary document and it will be distributed to members at the January General Meeting. The motion to adopt the Standing Resolutions, currently lying on the table, will be discussed and put at that meeting. The Committee decided that it will not be necessary to reprint the entire amended draft Standing Resolutions for distribution at the meeting prior to consideration of the motion. However, Richard will have copies of the original draft, and a few copies of the amended draft, should anyone wish to see them.

Committee responsibilities: The Committee considered possibilities for Coopted members in 2012. The following have agreed to serve:

Bushwalking: Kevin Southgate

Catering: Pat Fordham

Golf: Michael Ryan

Assistant Social Convenor: Reg Charlesworth

Historian: Anne Mulford

Assistant Membership Officer: Patrick Leonard

Photographer: Diane Rudd

Publicity: Rhoda indicated that she would be prepared to do this if no one else comes forward.

Theatre: David Dunbar has indicated that he wished to step down. Rhoda said that she would also take on this responsibility if necessary.

Webmaster: Barry Riley

Welfare Officer: Lorraine Southgate

General Business: Richard advised that the article on the Club becoming Combined will be published in the Probus magazine early in 2012.

The next meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 7 February 2012 at Rhoda Roberts' place in Pine Needles, Unit 237, 61 Karalta Road Erina. (To gain entry to Pine Needles if the gate is locked, use your mobile phone to call Rhoda on 4365 9237. Alternatively, dial 3237 on the keypad at the gate. Tailgating is permissible if you're lucky.)

On behalf of the Committee, Rhoda thanked John and Diane for hosting this meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.55pm.

Signed as a correct record: Rhoda Roberts (President):