

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting Number 386
held at Kincumber Uniting Church on Tuesday 26 July 2016

The meeting was opened by President Arthur Adeney at 9.30am. Arthur welcomed our visitors David and Shirley Casey, Helen Goudge, and Roseanna Del Villar.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the June 2016 General Meeting were presented, having been circulated to the Committee for confirmation. The meeting accepted the Minutes as a correct record.

Correspondence: Newsletter from Wamberal, Email from PSPL with reference to a possible new member.

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gerry Turner presented the financial report for June. This was accepted by the members.

Treasurer's Report
June 2016

		Year to date
Opening Balance 1.6.16	\$3166.99	
Receipts	133.44	2932.77
Total	3300.43	
Expenses	131.85	2033.60
Closing Balance 31.5.16	3168.58	

Membership Report: Convenor Ineke Esveld confirmed that we had 55 members and 3 Life Members present. Apologies were received from Betty and Barrie Pickersgill, Keith and Beverly Tysoe, David Dunbar, Nanette Steanes, Irene Dunlop, John and Barbara Orme, Jan and George Costigan.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Convenor Hermione Dunbar: The July Speaker is Kami Dibden from Ronald MacDonald Family Room at Gosford Hospital. In August we will have our annual Debate final with local High Schools. In September we will welcome Peter Sweeney again who will speak about the campaign in Fromelles.

Social Convenor's Report: Convenor Gloria Reid : Our July lunch at Empire Bay Tavern was a treat with 32 members attending. On 9 August we will have lunch at Breakers Club. Please give names to Gloria at this meeting. . On September 13 we will visit the Archibald Prize display with a guided tour at the Gallery. This will start at 12.00noon and the cost is \$15 pp which will be collected on the day. Give your names to Gloria at the August meeting.

Welfare Report: Co Convenors Carla Hurley and Bob Cochrane received a thank you from Ann Dillon for her card. She found it entertaining and cheered her up. Keith Tysoe had open heart surgery and is doing well. For further details check the newsletter notes.

Theatre Report: Di Rudd has 4 tickets still available for the Beatles Concert at the Laycock Theatre on 27 August at 8.00pm. See her to join group. Joan Vella is helping with arrangements for the trip to Bright next year. So far 25 are committed and there is room for 5 more. An itinerary is available and a pick up from West Gosford is being planned. Di also told us of an extra trip available on a Sydney to Melbourne Heritage train journey returning on the East Coast. There is a brochure available for any interested people.

Golf report: Convenor Liz Gilbert: Golf has had its ups and downs in recent weeks due to rain and other distractions. A fun day was the theme for 1 July and it is written up in the newsletter. This was a fun activity with bragging rights awarded for the next 6 months.

Bushwalking Report: Betty and Barrie were absent and Fred Leake – founder of the Club Bushwalk program reported. The Avoca round walk was enjoyed by all with thanks to Barrie and Betty who pre-plan all walks to create a good social activity. There is always plenty of good conversation in pleasant surroundings on these walks. See the Newsletter for details on the August walk along the Gosford waterfront.

Bookshare: Convenor Jenny Baker: As usual lots of books are available with the ladies catered for this month. Look for a book to enjoy.

Debating: Convenor Peter Park reminded us of the final of the Debates to be held during the August meeting. There will be contentious political topics to allow for good debating arguments and if you are hard of hearing sit near the front because traditionally no microphones can be used by speakers during the debate.

President's Report: Arthur commented on the good attendance at our meetings. He reminded members of the annual collection of food items for Coast Shelter at our August meeting. Once again Lorraine and Kevin Southgate will deliver food goods to Coast Shelter after our meeting.

General Business: Richard Collins alerted us to a Back to School Day to be held at Kincumber High School on Saturday 30 July. This fundraising activity offers famous speakers on a variety of topics. A flier is available for anyone interested.

Profile talk: Lyn Martin told us of her life experiences. She was born in Brighton Le Sands and grew up there. Her training at Business College was in the same class as Lorraine Southgate followed by work in County Council. She has 2 children and 1 grandchild, and her husband was a Carpenter/Building Contractor, with Lyn doing the bookwork for the business. On retirement they travelled around in their caravan for 5 years. Time spent in London brought the opportunity to tour Western Europe. Lyn has been very active in many Community based groups including Lions and Apex, junior sports clubs and Can Assist. Her love for sport saw her involved in tennis, squash, netball, golf and bowls. Lyn moved to the Central Coast in July 2015 and is settling in to life here.

We broke for Morning Tea.

Speaker: Kami Dibden from Ronald MacDonald Family Room at Gosford Hospital explained with enthusiasm the function of this facility. The family room is available to families who have children receiving treatment at the hospital. It is designed to allow the family to spend more time together and provide a mini home within the hospital. Keeping the family close makes a difference when a child is ill. The concept originated in the USA in 1974 and has spread to 42 countries with 357 houses available. The comforts of home in this environment make life a little easier for families while their child is ill. Other beneficial programs associated with the Family Room include a retreat program providing a one week holiday in Foster to help families relax together, childcare to allow parents an outing during stressful times, and a learning program to assist children with their schooling. In areas where patients are more than 100 kms from the hospital a Ronald MacDonald house accommodates family members during the treatment time. These services certainly contribute to the care and recovery of our sick children in a wonderful way.

Vote of thanks: Yvonne Kelly thanked Dami for informing us of the work of the Ronald MacDonald Family Room at Gosford Hospita. As a thank you a bottle of wine was presented, which Dami said she would use as a prize in her fundraising.

Draw lucky door prize: Kami drew the prize winner. Ineke won and donated her prize back to Kami for use in her fundraising. Thank you Ineke.

Arthur closed the meeting at 11.30am thanking all who helped with the morning's activities. He reminded members that lunch would be held at Kincumber Pub. All are welcome to attend.

Signed as a correct record: Arthur Adeney, President