

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting Number 388
held at Kincumber Uniting Church on Tuesday 27 September 2016

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

In memoriam: Richard Collins said it was an honour to speak in memory of David Kenny and remembers his first meeting with David when he had just had a meeting as Secretary with John Mulford who was President at the time, in preparation for the next General Meeting. Richard remembers David as a person with a remarkably ordered mind who did a fantastic job fulfilling his role brilliantly. We still use the Secretary's manual which he prepared. One historical incident stood out in Richard's mind – the miscarriage of justice when one long serving member observed that he had never won the Lucky Door Prize. In David's own words the story was told much to the enjoyment of us all, describing David's distinctive way of correcting that injustice. In conclusion Richard told of his shared love for carpentry with David and of the piece of rosewood David gave him – which is still in use and a reminder of a special person and good friend. The members stood for a minute's silence in memory of David Kenny.

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

Correspondence: Nil

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

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

Treasurer's Report
August 2016

		Year to date
Opening Balance 1.8.16	\$3026.91	
Receipts	666.32	3600.51
Total	3693.23	
Expenses	685.15	2861.84
Closing Balance 30.09.16	3008.08	

Membership Report: Convenor Ineke Esveld confirmed that we had 52 members and 3 Life Members present. Apologies were received from John and Anne Mulford, Beverly Boon, Adrian and Natalie McConnell, Liz Gilbert, Chris Dillon, Sue Schmid, Pat Fordham, Nev Owen, Irene Dunlop, Leith Tysoe and Gloria Reid.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Convenor Hermione Dunbar: Today's speaker is Lt Col (Rtrd) Peter Sweeney who will speak about the campaign in Fromelles. In October we will welcome Tricia Fortier from the Humour Foundation (Clown Doctors). Hermione reminded us of the Fundraiser held at Brentwood and involving Richard Collins which raised \$2,000. Thanks to all who attended.

Social Convenor's Report: Convenor Gloria Reid : Gloria was away but asked members to take note of outing details listed in the Newsletter. If anyone still wishes to attend the visit to Hyde Park Barracks please ring to let her know.

Website Report: Barry Riley reported that the site is up to date. He will need to pay \$50 for rental of the site.

Welfare Report: Co Convenors Carla Hurley and Bob Cochrane told us that Pat Fordham will be needing hip surgery in the New Year. A sympathy card has been sent to Joyce Kenny and the family following David's recent passing away. A response has been received. Isobel drew had good news about Sue Schmid's husband who had a serious fall recently. He is progressing very well at home.

Theatre Report: Di Rudd reminded us of coming productions at the Laycock Theatre – Wicked (in October, November), Bach to Bach (October), Little Patty and Lucky Starr, and the Comedy Club.

Golf report: Liz Gilbert is away and John Rudd reported that golf was progressing although changeable weather was an occasional hindrance. New members are welcome.

Bushwalking Report: Betty and Barrie Pickersgill – a sunny day saw 18 people and 1 dog enjoy the last walk. The walk in October is at WoyWoy – walking around the waterfront to Blackwall Mountain.

Bookshare: Convenor Jenny Baker: As usual lots of books are available. Find a book to enjoy.

President's Report: Arthur spoke of how well the Club was running, welcoming new members regularly and with a variety of activities to be involved in.

General Business:

Profile talk: Diane Rudd illustrated her talk on a recent visit to Cambodia with John with some of her beautiful photographs. We enjoyed hearing about the various ornate temples, countryside and village life as well as a visit to a local orphanage with friends. It was interesting to see the photos of a fishing village, a mangrove tour and some of the sights of Kuala Lumpur. We were able to share some of their experiences without enduring the great heat of the area. For some of our members it was a reminder of previous visits.

We broke for Morning Tea.

Speaker: Once again we were fortunate to hear Lt Col Peter Sweeney (Rtrd) speak – this time about the Battle of Fromelles on 19-20 July 2019. Sadly this conflict resulted in the largest loss of life in 24 hours in Australia's history. It was a staggering disaster. The aim was to stop the Germans moving troops from the Fromelles sector to the Somme sector – 50 miles to the south. There were a number of factors which contributed to this sad failure. Preparations by Australia were rushed and military personnel were inexperienced in artillery warfare. The skill level was low and caused friendly fire casualties. The great losses were not reported at the time and it is only recently that the full scale of the story has come to light winning much attention and acknowledgement of loss and bravery. The recent interments of the dead, with full exhumation and identification where possible, has highlighted this 'forgotten conflict'.

Vote of thanks: Kevin Southgate thanked Peter for his detailed and moving presentation. He presented a bottle of wine as a thank you.

Draw lucky door prize: Peter drew the lucky number for today. The winner was Elizabeth Butler.

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