

Probus Club of Kinumber Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting Number 278
held at Avoca Bowling Club on Tuesday 22 May 2007

President George Costigan opened the meeting at 9.30 am and welcomed members and their ladies.

Keith Tysoe introduced a visitor, Bruce Harris, who may join the Club.

Minutes of previous meeting: Secretary Richard Collins reminded Members that the Minutes of the previous meeting on 24 April 2007 had been made available before the meeting for reading and comment. He moved that the Minutes be taken as read and accepted as a true record (Seconded by John Mulford and Approved).

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Correspondence: Secretary Richard advised that letters had been received from several local Probus Clubs (Newsletters); and Rotary (bowelscan brochures which Bruce Dunlop distributed amongst members.) He also advised that he had received a request from Ron Coleman to be placed on the Inactive List. On behalf of all members and their ladies, Richard wished Ron well for his forthcoming surgery.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kevin Finn gave the following details of the Club's finances over the past month:

Income	\$540.00
Expenditure	\$70.75
Interest	\$0.03
Balance at 30 April 2007	\$2781.66

Kevin moved that his report be accepted (Seconded by Richard Collins and Approved)

President's Report: President George commented on the excellent visit to Ansto at Lucas Heights and thanked David Dennison for arranging it.

Membership Report: Tony Kelly informed members that 19 ladies, 1 visitor and 38 Members (71% of membership) were in attendance with 2 Apologies.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Stan Roberts reported that arrangements were in hand for Noel Olive's presentation at this meeting.

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor David Dennison reported on the bus trip to Ansto. The bus was full and there was no cost to the Club. The 12 June function will be a lunch at Gosford Hotel. On 10 July there will be a "Winterfest" lunch at Auntie Mollies theatre restaurant. David reported that the balance in the Social Club account was \$699.60.

Editor's Report: Editor Wally Tuffs had nothing to report. President George congratulated Wally, who had been away, for putting the report together over the past couple of days

Welfare Report: In the absence of a Welfare Officer, President George asked for any reports. There was none.

Bushwalking Report: Bushwalking organiser Richard Collins reported on the walk over the Rip Bridge last Tuesday attended by 21 people. The next bushwalk will be 9.5 km long from the Spit Bridge to Manly. However, it will join up midway with those doing a shorter walk.

Golf Report: Golf Leader Mike Ryan commented on how good the golf was in the great weather recently.

Bowls Report: Bowls Leader Reg Davis advised that he had just enough people to play at Terrigal next Monday, but could always do with a few more.

Theatre Report: Theatre Convenor David Dunbar mentioned the performance of “Spirit of Annie Ross” at the Woy Woy Little Theatre on 8 July. David always welcomes suggestions for possible theatre visits.

General Business: Historian Fred Leake gave the first presentation in his “Oral History of the Club” series. Fred spoke about how the Club’s Lucky Door Prize came into being. Originally, members and guests played Two Up, a practice started by the Club’s fourth President Norm Baker in 1987. However, the Club’s sixth President, Ken Secker, did not like the practice and Fred, then on the Committee, suggested that it be replaced with a Lucky Door prize.

Richard Collins said that he had found the Two Up set in the Secretary’s box from Don Wiseman, and had no idea how it came to be there. Richard also informed members that he was undertaking a study of the effectiveness of domestic water tanks, and asked members with tanks to complete a short survey for him.

The meeting adjourned at 10.00 am for morning tea. After morning tea, Stan Roberts introduced our speaker Noel Olive. Noel, a lecturer, author and lawyer, is a passionate supporter of aboriginal rights. He gave a most interesting address on the Pilbara region of Western Australia. He told Members just how badly the aboriginal people had been treated in the past, and continue to be treated. The history of this goes back to the first white settlement of the area in the 1860s, when aboriginals were effectively enslaved to support pastoral and pearling activities. However, it continued up to the 1970s with the development of the iron ore industry. It is only since the Royal Commission into aboriginal deaths in custody, changes have started to occur, but the situation is still very bad. Noel had copies of his book “Enough is Enough” for sale. His talk was followed by some interesting questions. Marie Riley thanked Noel for his excellent and thoughtful presentation and presented him with a certificate and a bottle of wine.

The lucky door prizes were won by Barbara Rushton and Frank Davies.

President George reminded members of the next meeting on 26 June 2007. He then closed the meeting at 11.30 am.

Signed as a correct record: George Costigan, President