

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting Number 387
held at Kincumber Uniting Church on Tuesday 23 August 2016

The meeting was opened by President Arthur Adeney at 9.30am. Arthur welcomed our visitors David and Shirley Casey, Roseanna Del Villar and Roge Mairret. Welcome also to students and staff from the teams competing in the final of the debating competition. A special welcome to the adjudicator Sue McNeill.

Arthur introduced Debating Convenor Peter Park who outlined the topic to be debated – ‘That the election of Donald Trump would be bad for Australia.’ The teams debating in the final were Green Point Christian College and Kincumber High School. Richard Collins was the time keeper.

A report on the debate is printed in our September Newsletter. Peter also submitted stories on the event to PSPL for possible printing in the Active Retirees Magazine and to the local newspaper.

Teachers Sarah Keeley and Matt Cohen thanked the club for the opportunity to debate in front of an audience – an important but rare benefit. Each spoke of the qualities of their schools and the valuable experiences they offered students.

Adjudicator Sue McNeill praised the teams for the very high standard of their presentations. The prize was awarded to Kincumber High School on the basis of the quality of their rebuttals.

The background of the debates was outlined and the Lerryn Mutton Shield was presented by President Arthur. He thanked Peter Park for his work in organising this successful event.

All were invited to join members at Morning Tea.

The meeting resumed at 10.50am.

Induction: Arthur inducted Ron and Barbara Hogan, welcoming them to our Club with all its activities.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the July 2016 General Meeting were presented and accepted by the members.

Correspondence:

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gerry Turner presented the financial report for July. This was printed in the Newsletter and accepted by the members.

Treasurer's Report
July 2016

		Year to date
Opening Balance 1.7.16	\$3168.58	
Receipts	1.42	2934.19
Total	3170.00	
Expenses	143.09	2176.01
Closing Balance 31.7.16	3026.01	

Deposits for the Probus trip have been put through our account but not included in the above figures.

Membership Report: Convenor Ineke Esveld advised that 51 members and 3 Life Members were present. Apologies were received from Jean Johnson, Phyl Hill, Liz Gilbert, Sue Schmid, Adrian and Natalie McConnell, Diane Rudd, John and Barbara Orme, Laurie Gee, Brian and Violet Game, David Dunbar, Yvonne and Tony Kelly, Lorraine Southgate, Keith and Beverly Tysoe, and Rhoda Roberts. Ineke asked members to notify her of any changes in contact details if they occurred.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Convenor Hermione Dunbar: In September we will welcome Lt. Col. Peter Sweeney again who will speak about the campaign in Fromelles.

Social Convenor's Report: Convenor Gloria Reid : 32 people enjoyed lunch at Breakers recently. On September 13 we will visit the Archibald Prize exhibition 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 today. On 11 October we will visit the Hyde Park Barracks. Gloria wishes to hear from any person interested in becoming the Social Convenor for 2017/2018 after three years in the position.

Welfare Report: Co Convenors Carla Hurley and Bob Cochrane were able to tell us the Sue Schmid's husband Gunter was coming home today. Adrian McConnell is responding to his daily radiation treatment and Keith Tysoe is in rehab.

Theatre Report: In Di Rudd's absence Joan Vella gave details of the trip planned for April 2017. Anyone still interested in joining that should speak to Joan.

Golf Report: In Liz Gilbert's absence John Rudd spoke of the enjoyable games members were sharing – once again inviting others to come along. Some initial interest was expressed in forming a group to play tennis. A few who were keen will continue to explore that possibility.

Bushwalking Report: Betty and Barrie Pickersgill reported that 17 people took part in the walk on a stunning day last month. In September the walk will go around Tuggerah Lake from Long Jetty to Berkley Vale. It is flat and should be suitable for most people.

Bookshare: Convenor Jenny Baker: Again we had a good selection of books.

President's Report: Arthur thanked members for their contributions to the annual collection of food items for Coast Shelter. He was grateful for Lorraine and Kevin Southgate for delivering food goods to Coast Shelter after our meeting.

On Tuesday 2 November we will hold our annual Christmas picnic. Discussion about this event resulted in a decision that this year this will take the form of a sausage sizzle on Kincumba Mountain following the successful S Sizzle held a few months back. Gloria will arrange a Sausage Sizzle with help from Alan Drew.

General Business: Richard Collins promoted the charity band concert to be held at Brentwood Village to support a disabled child. Afternoon Tea is provided in the \$20 charge. Ann Dillon reminded members of the annual Melbourne Cup Day fundraising function to be held at MacMasters Beach Surf Club. See Ann if you wish to attend.

Draw lucky door prize: Two prizes today were won by Peter Park and Ann Mulford.

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