

**Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.**  
**Minutes of General Meeting Number 341**  
**held at Kincumber Uniting Church on Tuesday 28 August 2012**

In President John Rudd's absence on a trip to Africa, Vice President Thelma Leonard opened the meeting at 9.40am, welcoming Members and guests John and Barbara Moine, George and Pam Pendergast, June Thompson and Sadie Cummings.

Debate: Thelma then asked Richard Collins to Chair the final of the 2012 Debating competition. Richard said that these debates, which had been initiated by Lerryn Mutton, are now in their 20<sup>th</sup> year. He welcomed the debating teams from Central Coast Grammar School and Erina High School. These teams reached today's final by winning debates against teams from Green Point Christian College and Kincumber High School at East Gosford Probus Club and Avoca Beach Probus Club respectively. The topic of these debates was: "That greed is good". Richard also welcomed the teachers accompanying the teams, Jenny Fleetwood from Central Coast Grammar School and Paul White from Erina High School, and he introduced and thanked Sue Macneil who had again generously given her time to adjudicate all 3 debates. The topic of today's final debate was: "That hard copy books and newspapers are becoming obsolete". The 6 speakers in the debate raised many issues, both thought-provoking and occasionally humorous, associated with the topic. They also skilfully rebutted the arguments of their opponents at every opportunity. Following the debate, Jenny and Paul spoke briefly to the meeting. Adjudicator Sue then commented on the debate, and presented a detailed critique of the way in which both teams had performed. Sue awarded the debate to Central Coast Grammar School. Richard thanked all the participants in the debate and handed the Chair back to Thelma. Thelma presented the shield to the Central Coast Grammar School.

The meeting then adjourned for morning tea.

Gordon Maxwell: At Thelma's request, the meeting stood for one minute in respect for former member and President Gordon Maxwell who passed away last week. Information about his contributions to the Club was included in the News Sheet.

John Orme: Thelma presented John Orme with a certificate to mark 15 years membership of the Club.

Minutes of previous meeting: Secretary Richard Collins read a brief synopsis of the Minutes. The Minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting. There was no business arising from the Minutes.

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs, travel brochures, Probus Centre Annual Report.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Riley was absent, but had included in the News Sheet the following information about the Club's accounts:

Balance at 1 March 2012	\$1075.00	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>July</i>
Income	\$2420.00	230.00
Expenses	\$1749.93	\$5.00
Balance at 31 July 2012	\$1745.07	

Thelma told Members that Kevin Southgate was today collecting any outstanding \$10 levies.

President's Report: Vice President Thelma referred Members to President John's report in the News Sheet.

Membership Report: In Membership Officer John Pagett's absence, Assistant Membership Officer Patrick Leonard said that there were 37 Members present, and 6 visitors. There were 21 apologies: from Stan and Rhoda Roberts, Bruce and Irene Dunlop, Ruth and Reg Charlesworth, Marie and Barry Riley, John and Diane Rudd, Annette and John Pagett, Hermione and David Dunbar, Anne Swan, Rhonda Laybutt, Ken and Velda Robson, Bev and Keith Tysoe, and Robyn Armitage.

Speaker Convenor's Report: In Speaker Convenor Marie Riley's absence, Lorraine Southgate referred to the report in the News Sheet. In September Richard Collins will speak on the greenhouse effect.

Social Convenor's Report: In Social Convenor Ruth Charlesworth's absence, Thelma said that money is due today for the visit to Sydney's Heritage Fleet on 11 September. We will visit the Reptile Park on 9 October. On 20 November we will have our traditional bush picnic at MacMasters Beach Surf Club. Our Christmas lunch will be on 11 December.

Editor's Report: Editor Wally Tuff was absent, but indicated that he had nothing to report.

Welfare Report: Joint Welfare Officer Lorraine Southgate reported that Keith and Bev Tysoe celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary next month. She said that it is good to see Max Newman back. Ken and Velda Robson are both unwell. Bruce Dunlop is not well and may have to return to hospital shortly.

Bushwalking Report: Bushwalking Convenor Kevin Southgate thanked John and Anne Mulford for leading a very pleasant walk at Patonga last Tuesday. Next month's walk will be along the waterfront at Woy Woy. Janet Smith has again generously offered to serve tea and scones as we pass her place. Fred Leake invited non-walkers to stop by at morning tea time.

Golf Report: Golf Leader Mike Ryan said that the good weather had dried out the golf course and it is playing well. It was good to have George Costigan back. He exhorted all golfers to join the golfing group at Terrigal Golf Course at 1.15pm on next Friday.

Theatre Report: In Theatre Convenor Anne Swan's absence, Thelma referred to her report in the News Sheet. Thelma also said that in the future we will call the theatre spot "What's On", and any member with an interesting entertainment activity will be encouraged to inform Members about it.

General Business: Richard advised Members of the Central Coast Concert Band concert at Laycock Street Theatre at 2.00pm on Sunday 23 September.

Five minute talk: Historian Anne Mulford spoke about the history of the Club. Our previous Historian, Fred Leake, joined the Club in 1986 and has served as President and led the bushwalking group for 7 years. Fred had passed on to Anne an extraordinary collection of items of historical significance, including bound News Sheets, Minutes books, Membership registers, photo albums, video cassettes of Club activities, and reports such as Ron Coleman's history of the Club's first 10 years. Anne passed around photos of some of the "characters" who had played a large part in the early years of the Club, including Norm Baker (famous for his jokes), Bruce Dunlop, Fred Leake, Max Newman, John Horton (who had served as Entertainment Officer for many years), Ken and Velda Robson, Lerryn Mutton, Gordon Maxwell and Gordon Taylor (who had organised Melbourne Cup events). Anne remarked that these people had been from an earlier generation to most current members and had come from a time of relative hardship. Many had served in the War. Through these experiences, they had learnt to make their own fun and this had greatly influenced the character of the Club. Anne concluded by remarking that our Club is defined by its history, and we are all making that history today.

The Lucky Door Prize was won by Laurie McLure. Thelma also presented the second bottle of wine to Richard for organising the Debates.

Thelma thanked Barbara Orme and Arthur Adeney for helping Pat Fordham with morning tea, and Kevin Southgate and all the other helpers for setting up the venue for the meeting. David and Joyce Kenny volunteered to help with morning tea at the next meeting. George and Jan Costigan volunteered to help set up the venue at the next meeting.

Thelma thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11.40am.

Signed as a correct record: John Rudd, President .....