

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting Number 378
held at Kincumber Uniting Church on Tuesday 27 October 2015

President Di Rudd opened the meeting at 9.30am, and welcomed visitors Bob and Moya Capon, Lyn Martin, Val Allen, and Ann and Cliff Davy.

Induction: Di inducted Brian and Violet Game as members of our Club. In her welcome she invited them to enjoy the full scope of Club life.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the September General Meeting were presented, accepted, and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

Correspondence: Routine travel and entertainment brochures.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Riley tabled the financial report.

September 2015

Cheque account balance at 1 March 2015		\$ 132.06
Savings account balance at 1 March 2015		\$1701.67
Float (Catering)		\$50.00
		Balance \$1883.73
	<i>September</i>	<i>Year to date</i>
Income	\$2.39	\$ 3347.25
Expenses	\$66.70	\$ 2783.51
		Balance \$608.74
Total		\$2492.47
<i>Combined net balance at September 30 2015</i>		\$2492.47

Members accepted the report as correct.

Membership Report: Convenor John Rudd. There were 66 members and 2 life member present, with our 6 visitors, continuing the high attendance record over recent months . Apologies were received from Pam and George Pendergast, Cecilia Donnelly, David Dunbar, Jeff Bradshaw and Dee Caelli.

Golf report: Convenor John Rudd told us that the annual golf championship is underway, competing for the perpetual trophy. As in the past Di Rudd is golfing well.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Convenor Hermione Dunbar: Our October presentation by Patrick Haynes is on dog sledding in Antarctica. In November a display of Chinese dancing will be the feature.

Social Convenor's Report: Convenor Gloria Reid: Although the weather was a little doubtful 27 people enjoyed our visit to Palm Beach RSL. On 10 November we are visiting the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute where entry is with a gold coin donation. There is a 10 a.m. start for this tour so check the travel details available today. As requested by staff at Victor Chang Gloria read out the program, and rules for the tour. Information about proper footwear and safety instructions were included during this preparatory talk. Numbers are needed today. The Bush Picnic is set for 17 November and your \$20 fee is due today. It will be held at MacMasters Beach as usual. The Christmas Lunch will be held on the 8th December at the Ettalong Beach Club again and the cost is still \$35 which includes a free drink on arrival. Please pay at the November meeting if you are coming.

Welfare Report: Co Convenor Elizabeth Butler: We are pleased to see Roy Bird back with us after an illness. Velda Robson is in hospital for a review of her health so she and Ken have not moved to Brentwood yet. Anne Mulford and John Rudd are recovering from health issues but with us today.

Bushwalking Report: Convenor Betty Pickersgill: Our October our walk was interesting and challenging. We enjoyed lunch afterwards. Bushwalking will now be in recess until March 2016.

Bookshare: Convenor Jenny Baker: Make sure you look at the books to select any you may like to read.

President's Report: Di Rudd: Roy and Leone Bird can no longer manage the Bush Picnic but Kevin and Lorraine Southgate have kindly agreed to take over. Thank you for this. A team of volunteers will support them and a meeting will be arranged. The details for the trip in April 2016 are finalised with 12 people participating. Henry Rogers has suggested a system for sharing DVDs in line with our Bookshare program. The first group of DVDs is available today. This will be run on the table with the books.

General Business: Junior Vice President Liz Gilbert took numbers for lunch at Tukka Time – 56. Marie Riley spoke about the Rotary project to commemorate past shipbuilders from our area. This was something which former member Bruce Dunlop had a special interest in. The memorial at Kincumber is finished now and there will be a ceremony for the opening. Marie passed around details for all to see. Jean Johnson thanked Elizabeth and Diane for the card and cake which made her birthday at our club last month so memorable.

Profile talk: : Arthur Adeney gave a vivid presentation about his recent visit to Kenya with Christian Bible Translators. To thank local people for their help with this complex project a team took free medicine and clinics to local communities for much needed treatment. The team which included a paediatrician and general physician (Arthur) travelled the sometimes rough roads to the west side of the Rift Valley. Clinics were held to give much needed health checks, with prescribed medication dispensed according to need. Malaria prevention was a major focus and up to 300 patients were seen each day at each of the clinics held. The cost of medical care in Kenya is prohibitive and Arthur was reminded of how fortunate we are with medical services in Australia.

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea.

Speaker: Hermione Dunbar welcomed our guest speaker **Patrick Haynes** who was to talk about his experience with **dog sledding in Antarctica**. After his first experience with the army catering service, spending 2 years cooking on a large army base in Antarctica, Patrick then spent 3 years in Chile before again taking the long journey back to Antarctica for a second 2 year stint. Patrick became involved with the Husky dogs on the base. He found the dogs to be unintelligent, but hard working. The lead dogs needed to take commands well in order to accurately follow the directions for turning the team when necessary. Patrick described a journey with 3 dog teams, surveyors, geologists and assistants to a remote post with heavy equipment loads which contributed to the slow travel on the expedition.

Vote of thanks: Peter Park thanked Patrick for his unique talk and presented him with a bottle of wine.

Lucky Door Prize: was drawn by Patrick and won by Barry Pickersgill

Morning tea volunteer: for next month is Wendy Coney

Di Rudd closed the meeting at 11.30am thanking all who helped with the morning's activities. She reminded members of lunch at Tukka Time.

Signed as a correct record: Diane Rudd, President