Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting Number 371
held at Kincumber Uniting Church on Tuesday 24 March 2015

President John Sutton opened the meeting at 9.30am, welcoming members and visitors Eric Caelli, Dee Caelli and Carla Hurley. John reminded members that this was the Club's 31st birthday.

Minutes of previous meeting: Secretary Yvonne Chandler presented the Minutes of the General Meeting held on the 24 February 2015. The Minutes were accepted and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs and travel brochures.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Riley presented the following report on the current state of the Club's finances, asking the meeting to agree to the changed format for presenting account details. The meeting agreed.

February 2015

Cheque account balance at 1 March 2014			$ 350.45
Savings account balance at 1 March 2014			$1042.76
		Balance	**$1393.21**
	February		*Year to date*
Income	$ 2.63		$3664.91
Expenses	$ 99.10		$3224.39
		Balance	**$440.52**
Combined net balance at February 38 2015			***$*1833.73**

Members were reminded that fees for the coming year are now due.

President's Report: President John Sutton deferred his report to the AGM, but reminded members that the positions of Junior Vice President and InterClub Liaison officer are still vacant and invited anyone interested to offer for the roles.

Membership Report: Convenor John Rudd reported that there were 39 ordinary members and 1 life member present. Apologies were accepted from Yvonne and Tony Kelly, Ineke Esveld, John and Barbara Orme, Nanette Steanes, Jan Costigan, Denise Lawrence, John and Ann Mulford, Jill and Henry Rogers, Pam and George Pendergast, Jenny Baker, Geoff Bradshaw, Ann Dillon and Nev Owen. John advised that he would be sending out current lists of member details and preparing updated membership information for PSPL.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Convenor Marie Riley presented her final report and reflected on some of the high quality speakers we have enjoyed during her 4 years in office. Some memorable presentations were by Greg De Beer on origins of Aussie Rules football, the Singing Hands Choir, Graham Harrison who spoke on organ donations from his personal perspective, Patricia Amplett (Little Pattie), David Rosenberg on his time at Pine Gap, Doug Edwards on life in submarines, and other varied topics such as riding for the disabled, a refugee giving back to her new home, and our local paramedics to name a few. Members who have contributed presentations included Richard Collins, Di Rudd, John Sutton and Arthur Adeney. Marie asked us to support Hermione Dunbar with suggestions to continue such an interesting and informative program. The incoming Convenor Hermione Dunbar told of our speaker for April 28th – Mike Pawley and his wife who will speak of their philanthropic visits to Cambodia 3 or 4 times a year. On May 26th Paula Paananen will speak about the One Passion Fruit Project teaching villagers in Uganda how to grow their food.

Social Convenor's Report: Convenor Gloria Reid spoke about the enjoyable visit to the backstage tour at the Sydney Theatre Company. We particularly appreciated the information given by the knowledgeable guides. On the 14 April we will take the trip to the Chinese Gardens which was cancelled last year. Travel details

are available at this meeting. On 12 May we plan a lunch at the Empire Bay Tavern, always a popular outing.

Welfare Report: Convenor Elizabeth Butler has heard from Joyce Kenny. David is in a Nursing Home close by. Jill Rogers has laryngitis. Joyce Kenny tells us that the prognosis is not good, but he is doing as well as possible.

Bushwalking Report: Richard Collins reported on the walk to Avoca Lake. John Sutton talked about the proposed walk on 21 April along the shores of Brisbane Water from Ettalong to Ocean Beach. Details are in the Newsletter.

Golf report: Convenor John Rudd said that numbers are still low but the program is continuing. New players are welcome.

Theatre Report: In the absence of Theatre Convenor Barbara Orne John Sutton told about the performance of Pirates of Penzance at the Laycock Theatre which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Bookshare: Betty Pickersgill displayed available books while Jenny Baker was away.

Profile talk: Chris Dillon considers his life to be divided into two periods and when writing his biography will divide it into two categories. There are Shades of Grey to represent his 41 years in England, and Shades of Glorious Technicolor for his 41 years in Australia. He was born in Manchester and recalled a time of lengthy ill health due to suffering diphtheria.. He trained as a Laboratory Technician and Industrial Chemist. He met his wife Ann, a Librarian, while singing in a Club. After moving to Australia they travelled around for 7 years before settling at Pretty Beach. He still sings and is a presenter at various functions and has returned to painting with the ambition to paint portraits.

Feature talk: Vice President Dr Arthur Adeney gave helpful advice on the matter of stroke, covering various aspects in a helpful and informative way.

Inter Clubs Liaison: Thelma Leonard reported on the achievements of the program during the trial period. 32 out of 34 Central Coast Clubs joined in the program to share Newsletters and information about activities which may be shared. Members of Berkeley Vale Probus joined with Kincumber on the October outing to Grafton and surrounding districts, Kincumber members attended the monthly BBQ run by Avoca Beach Probus in February, and Thelma attended a number of meetings with members of other Clubs to assess anddiscuss InterClub communication. A regular InterClub Newsletter was distributed with items of interest to the various Clubs.

A Birthday: We congratulated Peggy Horton on her 90th Birthday and shared her birthday cake.

President John Sutton closed this part of the General Meeting.

The meeting then adjourned for morning tea.

AGM followed .

The General Meeting resumed and was opened by President Diane Rudd

President Diane reminded members that any books not taken from the Bookshare table should be collected by the owners for easier management. Fred Leake was thanked for his practical support of the planned cakes for 90th birthday program.

The Lucky Door Prize was drawn and won by Col Laybutt.

President Diane thanked those who had helped with setting up the hall, and preparing morning tea. Marie Riley and Richard Collins volunteered to serve Morning Tea at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed by President Diane at 11.35am, inviting all to lunch at the Kincumber Pub.

Signed as a correct record: Diane Rudd, President ……