

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting Number 367
held at Kincumber Uniting Church on Tuesday 28 October 2014

President John Sutton opened the meeting at 9.35am, welcoming members and visitors Chris and Ann Dillon, and Tom Rushton.

Minutes of previous meeting: Secretary Yvonne Chandler presented the Minutes of the General Meeting held on the 23 September 2014. 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. A thank you letter from David and Joyce Kenny was received.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Riley presented the following report on the current state of the Club's finances:

| <i>Cheque account</i> | | | |
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| | Balance at 1 March 2014 | | \$350.45 |
| | <i>Year to date</i> | <i>September</i> | |
| Income | \$1991.25 | \$30.00 | |
| Expenses | \$1957.05 | \$31.62 | |
| | | Balance | \$384.65 |
| <i>Savings account</i> | | | |
| | Balance at 1 March 2014 | | \$1042.76 |
| | <i>Year to date</i> | <i>September</i> | |
| Deposits | \$1210.00 | Nil | |
| Interest | \$26.60 | \$4.48 | |
| Withdrawals | Nil | Nil | |
| | | Balance | \$2279.36 |
| Combined net balance at September 30 2014 | | | \$2664.01 |

President's Report: John mentioned the thank you letter from David and Joyce Kenny. He told the meeting that the bus trip to Bellingen was a great success with perfect weather all the way. All facilities and arrangements were excellent – contributing to a wonderful break for all. The social contact with members from Berkley Vale Probus was most enjoyable.

Membership Report: Assistant Col Laybutt reported that 40 members attended the meeting with 25 apologies. These were from Ken & Velda Robson, Reg and Ruth Charlesworth, John and Diane Rudd, Rhonda Laybutt, Roy and Leone Bird, Ruth Mills, Keith and Bev Tysoe, Joan Vella, Jeff Bradshaw, Gerry Turner, John and Anne Mulford, Cecilia Donnelly, Pat Fordham, Thelma and Patrick Leonard, Peggy Norton, Wally Tuffs, and Arthur Adeney

Speaker Convenor's Report: Our speaker in November will be Peter Cane, who will talk on The Legends of Christmas. The January meeting will feature Jim Potter, speaking about the wreck of the Maitland in association with his recently released book on that subject.

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor Gloria Reid told of how the 14 October trip to the Chinese Gardens in Darling Harbour had to be cancelled due to the severe weather forecast. We were reminded of the traditional bush picnic to be held at MacMasters Beach on 18 November. The Christmas Lunch will be held at Ettalong Beach Club (formerly Mantra) at a cost of \$35 which includes a free drink and tea/coffee. Please pay Jenny and Sue at the November meeting.

Editor's Report: Nil

Welfare Report: Joint Social Welfare Convenor welcomed Jill Rogers to her first meeting since her absence due to illness. Ken and Velda Robson enjoyed their return to our meeting last month. Thelma and Patrick Leonard have travelled to the UK following news of Thelma's father's stroke.

Bushwalking Report: Convenor Ruth Charlesworth talked about the walk in South Wyrabalong National Park by 9 members. We enjoyed the many wildflowers around at this time of the year. Ruth reminded all of the Bush Picnic to be held on 18 November and asked for those attending to notify Gloria Reid with payment of \$20 due today.

Golf report: John Orme spoke in John Rudd's absence, and told that the championship round is progressing well.

Theatre Report: Barbara Orme reminded us that the theatre party to Phantom of the Opera was scheduled for 2 November and the production of The Odd Couple being attended by our members would be on 9 November.

Bookshare: Convenor Jenny Baker said there are a few new books available, but this week the table will close after Morning Tea.

Profile talk: Laurie Gee proudly spoke of his 51 years married to Jan and of their decision to move to Australia to be with their daughter and grandchildren. Laurie was born in Staffordshire and pursued a career as an electrical engineer. Over the course of his working life he enjoyed the work he had chosen, including a two year apprenticeship in Manchester and meeting Jan who was a nurse. Memories of spending a summer vacation in South Africa, time spent at Southampton and working in the area of silicon chips used in clocks, TVs and computers were explained. For the last ten years Laurie and Jan spent holidays in France and England, and Laurie worked with local amateur dramatic companies specialising in the technical effects work. They are now settled on the Central Coast, exploring the various activities available to them.

News: Marie Riley reminded members of the fundraising Melbourne Cup lunch to be held at MacMasters Beach Surf Club on Melbourne Cup day. The cost is \$20 and some vacancies exist. Richard Collins spoke of the Government changes to arrangements for those with superannuation and their eligibility for the Health Card. The change will be active from 31/12/2014 and Richard encouraged any members in this group to confirm their status before this day. Denise and Irene thanked John and Helen for arranging the trip to Bellingen so well, and Irene presented them with a beautiful hand made rug.

The meeting then adjourned for morning tea prepared by Isabelle Drew and Wendy Coney with help from Debra Cresswell..

The meeting resumed at 10.30am.

Speaker Convenor Marie Riley introduced Brian Walters from the Boer War Memorial Group as our speaker for the day. An important present day function of the group is the planning and setting up of a memorial in Canberra to recognise Australian involvement in the Anglo Boer War (1899-1902). Up to 23,000 soldiers were involved with around 1,000 losing their lives.. It was the first conflict in which Australia engaged as a nation, with our men achieving distinction as courageous fighters in harsh and desolate conditions. The regiment involved was light horse cavalry and the nature of the conflict was usually on horseback . The design for the planned memorial has been approved and is impressive. It is a substantial project which will result in a fitting tribute to participants of the Boer War and especially those who lost their lives. More information can be found at the website: www.bwm.org.au

Michael Ryan passed a vote of thanks to Brian on behalf of the Club, presenting our thank you bottle of wine.

The Lucky Door Prize was drawn by Brian.

President John Sutton thanked those who had helped with setting up the hall, and preparing morning tea, then closed the meeting at 11.30am, inviting all to lunch at the Kincumber Pub.

Signed as a correct record: John Sutton, President