

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.  
Minutes  
General Meeting Number 425  
at Kincumber Uniting Church on Tuesday 25 February 2020

President Gloria Reid opened the meeting at 9.30am - reminding members to turn off phones.

Gloria welcomed visitors- Ruth Green, Heather Pain, Patricia Taylor, and Julianne Spesito.

President Gloria gave her opening remarks and highlights of the meeting.

1, Gloria mentioned that this was her last full meeting as President. She noted that it has been a full year which included our successful grant application to the Stronger Communities Programme. Our speakers have been most interesting and outings and activities enjoyable.

2. Gloria thanked our hard-working committee for keeping the club working smoothly. We still need to fill the position of Bushwalkers convenor at the AGM. If anybody is interested, please see Bob Cochrane who will give you any information you need.

3. David Minshall will be installed as our next President at the March Annual General Meeting. Later in this meeting David will tell us a little about himself to help you get to know him.

4. Gloria referred to the newsletter item telling us of the proposed increase of \$2 P/A in our annual fees to \$47, if approved at the Annual General Meeting. This will be due in April by EFT, cheque or cash.

5. You can also read in the Newsletter about the plan to print less hard copies of the monthly newsletter from March. If you do not have a computer or printer to access your copy have your name put on a list to ensure you receive the prepared copy. Gloria does not want anyone to miss out, but this will be a saving in administration each month.

6. Gloria was pleased to report that she would be inducting three new members today - Jennifer Callaghan, and Ted and Chris Castle.

7. Gloria informed the membership about availability of the new "Regional Seniors Travel Card" which is preloaded with \$250. Gloria noted that this benefit is available to Pension Card holders and Commonwealth Health card holders (at the moment). If you qualify, front up to the RMS and they will issue the card within 2 weeks.

In conclusion Gloria reiterated that we are a very happy, friendly club. Our success in this regard is due to our wonderful members and volunteers who give never ending support and create enjoyment for us all.

In memory: Gloria spoke of the passing of our member Jeff Bradshaw, partner of Joan Vella. 14 of our members remembered Jeff last week at a service held at the Rose Chapel, Palmdale. Members stood to remember Jeff in a moment of silence.

Induction of new members: Gloria welcomed Jennifer, Ted and Chris and gave us a brief outline of their backgrounds.

Jennifer lives in Saratoga and was a secretary. She enjoys reading, walking, and voluntary work. At our club she would like to meet new friends and do some bushwalking.

Chris lives in Davistown and was a former Ward Clerk at Westmead Hospital. Chris and her husband Ted are former members of the Georges Hall Probus.

Ted was a supervisor for Western Sydney Area Health Service. He is interested in walking and meeting people. He served as Speaker Convenor at the Georges Hall Probus Club.

Each was welcomed and inducted by Gloria, being presented with their badge and a copy of the Constitution

Minutes from the last meeting: Yvonne Chandler presented these on behalf of Secretary Peter Park. They were moved, seconded and approved by the meeting. There was no business arising from the Minutes.

Correspondence: Gloria reported the mailing of a cheque for \$300 to Australian Red Cross for Bushfire Relief. This consisted of \$250 from our club and \$50 in other donations.

Treasurer's Report for 25 February 2020: David Minshall tabled the report on behalf of Treasurer Ann Dillon. (Insert Report as per Newsletter).

Reference was made to the manner in which annual dues could be paid once approved at the Annual General Meeting.

Membership Report: Membership Convenor Carla Hurley advised that we had 53 ordinary members and 3 Life Members present - 56 in total. There were 15 apologies - Peter Mear, Elaine Craig, John and Ann McLeod, Barry and Marie Riley, Narelle Mayes, Val Lawrence, Kevin and Lorraine Southgate, Margaret Hobbs, Joan Vella, Kay Burdett, Peter Park, Ann and Chris Dillon.

Speaker Convenor: David Minshall referred to today's speaker Peter Brandon who will talk about the Camino Walks. Due to the AGM in March no speaker is scheduled.

Social Convenor: Jenny Baker told us that the luncheon in February needed to be relocated to Davistown RSL due to lack of power at Empire Bay Tavern. A large group had an enjoyable time at that luncheon. Jenny gave details of the outing on 10 March to Dangar Island. If catching the train to

Hawkesbury River it leaves Gosford at 9.02am. The Ferry leaves Brooklyn at 10.15am , costing \$8.60. It is suggested we take a picnic lunch since there is only one cafe on the island. In April a gardening trip is planned to Peats Ridge. Details will be available next month.

Editor's Report: Annette Lutze thanked contributors for making articles available early. This makes her job easier.

Website Report: David Casey reported the website is up to date.

Theatre Report: Diane Rudd referred members to the list of theatre options in the newsletter. Since she is having knee surgery in two weeks please let her know before then if you wish to go to any of the shows available.

Bushwalking Report: Bob Cochrane spoke about the outing in March to Sydney, which involves train to Sydney, ferry to Watson's Bay, then walk to South Head. Lunch will be at Watson's Bay before the return journey. The train from Gosford is at 8.00am.

Golf Report: Diane Rudd read Peter Mear's message which said the golfers look forward to cooler weather for their 9.20am game at Breakers Club.

Bookshare: Jenny Baker urged members to take one of the many books which are on display.

Vice President David Minshall: As incoming President David told members a little about himself. He arrived in Australia as a 'ten-pound POM' 50 years ago so is well and truly established as an Aussie. He retired in 2016 and has been a member of this club since 2017. He worked as an Accountant and has two children from a previous marriage. David has a special interest in model trains. Although he has not yet been able to get to meet all members this is something he hopes to do during his time as President. He is looking forward to his time as President.

Member Deanne Caelli (Dee) in her profile talk said that she and husband Eric had been members of our club in the past and have now re-joined. They enjoy the club and are happy to be members again. Dee gave us an insight into herself as she described how she dealt with difficulties created by the recent weather and blackout experiences. Despite having to cancel a family visitor - with no power to cook a meal - and finally using a gas burner to finally make dinner - Dee invited a new set of friends to enjoy a meal by candlelight.

Vice President David took the count for lunch at Kincumber Pub and Tukka Time.

Morning Tea.

Speaker Convenor David Minshall introduced Peter Brandon to talk about the Camino Walks.

Peter set the mood for his talk, dressed in his hiking gear to entertain and inform us of this challenging and interesting activity. Using his PowerPoint aid, we learnt of the extensive nature of the

walks across Europe and beyond. There are many aspects of the walks which can cover 1,000 - 1500 kms according to the route chosen and your preferred distance. Different routes offer varying experiences including historic, physical, relaxation, challenges, and as Peter's wife commented freedom. Many people are very committed to these walks with different motives, goals and benefits. The beauties of the surroundings and the opportunities to interact socially with other walkers are certainly highlights. Peter's talk was filled with so much detail and enthusiasm and we learnt so much more about this enthralling, if demanding, activity.

David thanked Peter for his talk and presented him with a bottle of wine.

Peter drew the lucky door prize which was won by Gerry Turner.

As she closed the meeting President Gloria thanked venue officers and catering staff for their work.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Gloria Reid, President