Probus Club of Kinumber Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting Number 281
held at Avoca Bowling Club on Tuesday 28 August 2007

President George Costigan opened the meeting at 9.35 am and welcomed members and their ladies. George also welcomed Bruce Harris who will be inducted into the Club today and another guest, Roy Bird. George drew attention to the proposal in the News Sheet to make Ron Coleman an Honorary Member, to be discussed after morning tea. George then handed over to Lerryn Mutton to introduce the schools' debate.
Lerryn said that this was his 14th debate that he had organised and that he was handing over the responsibility to Richard Collins. Richard congratulated Lerryn on an outstanding achievement, which the meeting supported by acclimation.

Richard then chaired the final of the 2007 debating competition between Green Point Christian College (Affirmative, teacher: Michelle McDonald) and Erina High School (Negative, teacher: Paul White). The topic was: "That Australia is a greedy country". The meeting was treated to six excellent and thought-provoking presentations from the debaters. The adjudicator, Linda Bagnet congratulated the teams and remarked that she had found it difficult to pick a winner, but gave the debate to Erina High School, by one point. Lerryn then presented the shield to the winning team and the meeting adjourned at 10.15 am for morning tea.

The meeting resumed at 10.45 am.

President George asked Keith Tysoe to introduce Bruce Harris to the Club. Keith said that Bruce was a good friend and a keen bowler and therefore would be a real asset to the Club. George then inducted Bruce into the Club, giving Bruce name badges for himself and his wife and a copy of the Club's Constitution.

George introduced John Orme who moved that Ron Coleman be appointed an Honorary Member of the Club. John mentioned Ron's long service in the Club, including on its executive, and his active participation in many of the Club's activities. John also remarked that he had depended on Ron when he first joined the Club. Barry Riley seconded the motion. Lerryn Mutton also spoke in favour of the proposal, mentioning that he had played bowls for 15 years with Ron.
The motion was accepted unanimously.

Minutes of previous meeting: Secretary Richard Collins reminded Members that the Minutes of the previous meeting on 24 July 2007 had been made available before the meeting for reading and comment, and that some parts of the Minutes are now routinely included in the News Sheet. The meeting agreed that the Minutes should be taken as read and accepted as a true record.
There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

Correspondence: Secretary Richard advised that letters had been received from several local Probus Clubs (Newsletters); and operators of possible tours. He also had received details of Probus Rendezvous 2008 in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kevin Finn gave the following details of the Club's finances over the past month:

Income	nil
Expenditure	$183.44
Interest	$0.03
Balance at 31 May 2007	$2062.22

Kevin's report was accepted.

President's Report: President George welcomed Kevin Southgate back after hospitalisation.

Membership Report: In Tony Kelly's absence, Harry Goodban informed members that 2 visitors, 16 ladies and 29 Members (59% of the current membership of 47) were in attendance. There were 7 apologies.

Speaker Convenor's Report: There was no report as Speaker Convenor Stan Roberts was absent.

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor David Dennison reported that the cruise on Hawkesbury River on 14 August had been most enjoyable. Future activities include lunch at the Ourimbah University Campus chef's training facility on 14 September, and lunch at MacMasters Beach on 9 October, Christmas lunch on 11 December and the recovery lunch on 8 January 2008.

Editor's Report: Editor Wally Tuffs advised that he would be away for a month and that Barry Riley would be compiling the next News Sheet.

Welfare Report: Fred Leake advised members that Foundation member George Waring had died. George was a retired Lt. Colonel and a former Spitfire pilot. He had been in the Club for 14 years.
Ron Coleman and David Lester were both very unwell, but remained cheerful.

Bushwalking Report: Bushwalking organiser Richard Collins reported that the Spit Bridge to Manly walk had been cancelled fore the second time due to bad weather. The next walk will be on 18 September at Bateau Bay where the wildflowers should be excellent.
Richard also mentioned the 30 September concert at Gosford RSL Club.

Golf Report: Golf Leader Mike Ryan thanked John Orme for leading the golfing group in his absence. Championship day will be at Everglades Course on Thursday 6 September.

Bowls Report: Bowls Leader Reg Davis was pleased that our new member, Bruce is a bowler.

Theatre Report: There was no report in Theatre Convenor David Dunbar's absence

History of the Club: Historian Fred Leake reminded members of the historical records of the Club that are available to borrow. Fred then introduced Norm Baker. Norm spoke of the early Presidents of the Club and remarked that he had many pleasant times with the Club and held fond memories of his many years with it. Norm then spoke of the "no seat" trip that he had organised for the Club to Broken Hill in which all members had seats in the train except his wife and himself. As is his custom, Norm's talk was interspersed with many amusing stories.

Profile Speaker: Kevin Finn's presentation was postponed due to the meeting running over time.

General Business:
President George informed members that Sid Holmes had material to hand out relating to a meeting on 31 August about the new driving license rules for older people.

The two lucky door prizes were won by David Dennison and Lorraine Southgate.

President George advised members that he will be away for the next two meetings and that these meetings will be chaired by Senior Vice-President Reg Davis. George then thanked members and ladies for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11.45 am.

Signed as a correct record: George Costigan, President ……..