

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting Number 389
held at Kincumber Uniting Church on Tuesday 25 October 2016

The meeting was opened by President Arthur Adeney at 9.30am. Arthur welcomed our visitors Helen Goudge, and Libby Walker.

Induction: President Arthur welcomed new members David and Shirley Casey, presenting them with their name badges and a copy of the Constitution. He described the activities of Probus and invited David and Shirley to participate in the various opportunities to enjoy their membership fully.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the September 2016 General Meeting were presented, The Minutes had been circulated to the Committee for confirmation. The meeting accepted the Minutes as a correct record.

Correspondence: A response letter from PSPL regarding the comments of our Club about the proposed changes to the PSPL Constitution, and the Reform Group summary of responses to points from all responding clubs have been received. A summary of the important points from these letters will be placed in the November Newsletter. The original two letters are available for any member who wishes to see them.

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gerry Turner presented the financial report for September. This was accepted by the members.

Treasurer's Report
September 2016

		Year to date
Opening Balance 1.09.16	\$3008.08	
Receipts	1.03	3601.54
Total	3009.11	
Expenses	123.80	2985.64
Closing Balance 30.09.16	2885.31	

A summary of Income and Expenses for the April-September period was tabled and included in records.

Membership Report: Convenor Ineke Esveld reported that we had 58 members and 4 Life Members present. Apologies were received from John and Diane Rudd, Jan and Laurie Gee, Phyl Hill, Yvonne and Tony Kelly, Nanette Steanes, Rhoda Roberts, Thelma and Patrick Leonard, Denise Lawrence, John and Helen Sutton and Max Newman.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Convenor Hermione Dunbar: Today we welcome Tricia Fortier from the Humour Foundation (Clown Doctors). The November meeting is announced as a 'surprise' which all will enjoy.

Social Convenor's Report: Convenor Gloria Reid : Our members enjoyed the tour of Hyde Park Barracks which was enhanced by the interesting commentary from the tour guide. Lunch was at the Courtyard Café at Sydney Hospital. On the 8 November our Bush Picnic will take the form of a Sausage Sizzle at Kincumba Mountain. The cost is \$10 due today. Christmas Lunch will be held on Monday 12 December at 12 noon at Ettalong Diggers. The cost is \$35 PP and is due at the November meeting. On a personal level Gloria informed us that her Coach Tour to Nelson Bay and a Macadamia Farm has 5 seats available at a cost of \$72. The coach will leave Davistown RSL at 8.15 on Monday 14 November. Let Gloria know if you would like to attend.

Website Report: Barry Riley reported that the site is up to date.

Welfare Report: Co Convenors Carla Hurley and Bob Cochrane. Bob has been in contact with Sue Schmidt's husband Gunter. He is at home and comfortable. Adrian McConnel's treatments are complete and they hope to return to meetings soon. Keith Tysoe is not too well and is receiving treatment from his GP.

Golf report: Liz Gilbert told of the annual competition now in progress including choosing the best/worst competitors. They are having good fun. A detailed report of results is in the Newsletter.

Bushwalking Report: Betty and Barrie Pickersgill: Betty reported on the walk at Woy Woy with 16 people joining in. She thanked members for their support, reminding us that Bushwalking is now in recess until March 2017.

Bookshare: Convenor Jenny Baker: There were a lot of books. Many have been taken but some are left.

President's Report: Arthur introduced the nomination of John Mulford for Life Membership recognition of the club. Fred Leake and Richard Collins had nominated him and prepared a detailed citation supporting this. Under the special situation clause in the Constitution we will vote on this nomination at the November meeting because the Mulford's are moving back to Sydney. The meeting agreed unanimously with the recommendation that the vote should be an open one. If confirmed John is willing to accept the Life Membership. Next year we will be including Historical presentations in our program at some meetings during the year. Items of interest connected with club activities will also be welcome for the Newsletter. These may include stories from outings or experiences when attending outings together.

General Business: Richard Collins reminded us of the annual concert to be held at the Kincumber Uniting Church on 13 November at 3.00pm by the Tempo Terrific Band. All are welcome to attend.

Profile talk: Bev Boon described many of her life experiences to us. She was born and educated in Wellington NZ before moving to Geelong in Victoria. During her youth swimming was a favourite sport, and her career choice was as a pre-school educator. Bev enjoyed the opportunity to participate in an overseas study tour connected with her work, which involved travelling to England, France and Japan. She was able to see the work of early intervention in Community Health Centres to enrich her abilities and contribution to the program in Australia. She was married with two daughters. After retirement Bev enjoyed overseas travel, social activities and time to spend with her 4 grandchildren. The move to the Central Coast is something she enjoys with time to continue her various interests.

We broke for Morning Tea.

Speaker: Hermione Dundar introduced Tricia Fortier from the Humour Foundation which supplies clown doctors for work in children's hospitals gave us an insight into how this program works. Her colourful dressing highlighted the bright nature of this work – designed to create a more lively atmosphere for sick children in what may otherwise be a solemn place. The manner in which this is done has been carefully developed over the years to ensure that the use of clowns as a happy diversion works well. Even families have positive reactions as they see their sick child laughing and responding. . Funding and other support comes from the community and offers of help are welcome. The aim is to make this a worldwide program which would be a very good move. A smile makes people feel so much better and the work of the Humour Foundation plays a significant role in helping the recovery of countless sick children.

Vote of thanks: Carla Hurley thanked Tricia for her enjoyable talk and presented a bottle of wine. Tricia plans to use it for fundraising purposes.

Draw lucky door prize: Tricia drew the ticket which was won by Carla who donated her gift to the Humour Foundation .

Arthur closed the meeting at 11.30am thanking all who helped with the morning's activities. He reminded members that lunch would be held at Kincumber Pub. All are welcome to attend.

Signed as a correct record: Arthur Adeney, President