

**Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.**  
**Minutes of General Meeting Number 380**  
**held at Kincumber Uniting Church on Tuesday 19 January 2016**

The meeting was opened by President Diane Rudd at 9.30am. Di welcomed visitors Lyn Martin, Margaret Hobbs, Maureen Bell, peter and Alison Mackey.

In memory: Di sadly told the meeting of the recent passing of member Cecilia Donnelly. Sue Schmidt spoke of Cecilia's qualities of friendship and fellowship over several years. She especially loved family, friends, and her garden. Probus had played a special place in her life and we enjoyed her company at various activities. One minute of silence was held to remember her.

Induction of new members: Moya and Rob Capon, and Ann and Cliff Davy were presented with their badges and Constitutions and, welcomed and invited to join in the various activities of our Club.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the November 2015 General Meeting were presented, accepted, and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

Correspondence: We received a Christmas card from Coast Shelter, thanking us for our support.

Business arising from the Minutes: Di thanked Gloria Reid for her work in running our Christmas Lunch in December. This well attended activity was enjoyed by all.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Riley tabled the financial report.

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Cheque account balance at 1 March 2015	\$ 132.06	
Savings account balance at 1 March 2015	\$1701.67	
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$1883.73</b>
	<i>December</i>	<i>Year to date</i>
Income	\$1.84	\$ 3393.29
Expenses	\$23.80	\$ 2984.91
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$408.38</b>
Total		<b>\$2242.11</b>
<i>Combined net balance at December 31 2015</i>		<b>\$2242.11</b>

Members accepted the report as correct.

Membership Report:Jnr Vice President Liz Gilbert reported for John Rudd. Apologies were received from Wally Tuffs, Anne Mulford, Nannette Steanes, Max Newman, Neville Owen, Yvonne & Tony Kelly, Betty & Barrie Pickersgill, George & Pam Pendergast, Keith Tysoe, and Ineka Esveld. We now have 88 members and 2 Life Members.

Golf report: In John's absence Di reported that only 3 people played golf last week. An invitation was extended to anyone who wishes to play golf – all are welcome.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Convenor Hermione Dunbar: Today Matthew and Fiona Wingate will talk about their 2 year long motor bike trip around South America. In February Elaine Norling from the Avoca Cinema will speak about the proposed development of the theatre. Her presentation will be amusing and interesting.

Social Convenor's Report: Convenor Gloria Reid: The Christmas Lunch held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December at the Ettalong Beach Club was a great success with 66 members present. On 12 January our Recovery Picnic was held at Kincumber Park, and although the weather was hot we had 20 members attending.

On 9 February there will be a lunch at Empire Bay Tavern, and a visit to the Central Coast Interactive War Exhibit at 24 Tatura Ave West Gosford on 8 March. It will cost \$12.00 PP.

Welfare Report: Co Convenor Elizabeth Butler: Bev Tysoe has told us that Keith is keen to leave hospital and may be home in the next week.

Theatre Report: Convenor Barbara Orme is collecting subscriptions to the Woy Woy Little Theatre productions for the year. Our trip to "Fiddler on the Roof" is set for 16 April at the 2.00pm matinee. There are 7 extra tickets available and payment of \$99.00 is due by 5 February.

Bookshare: Convenor Jenny Baker reminded us of the share/swap books available. If not taken please take your book back.

President's Report: Di Rudd: Members were reminded of the AGM to be held on 22 March. Di told us that all positions were declared vacant except for the President and Vice President and Committee members should be approached if you wish to nominate a suitable candidate for any position. Our membership calls for a willingness to stand for office where possible. We have a particular need to fill the positions of Junior Vice President and Welfare Officer. From the Constitution Di read the description of responsibilities of the Welfare Officer to develop a more detailed understanding of the duties and benefits to the Club.

General Business: Richard Collins gave us information of two musical events with a local band. They would be held at Wagstaff Community Hall on Friday evening(22<sup>nd</sup> Jan), and McMasters Beach Surf Club on Sunday afternoon (24 Jan). There is no charge and all are welcome.

Profile talk: : **Kay Cochrane** spoke about her life with Bob, particularly of experiences when they lived in Papua New Guinea. With a background in nursing Kay told us of life in PNG living in a multi race community. Many colourful experiences were described, giving us an understanding of what life was like in that environment. Living in the remote highlands in such a hot climate added to the unique nature of those experiences and Kay's vivid descriptions made it real to us. On their return to Orange Kay undertook teacher training for 3 years before moving to the Central Coast where she and Bob have shared many happy times for 22 years.

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea.

Speaker: : Hermione Dunbar thanked Gloria Reid for the referral of our speakers Matthew and Fiona Wingate, who will tell us about their two year journey through South America and north as far as Canada. **Matthew and Fiona** held our attention with their talk – Our Odyssey Overland. This involved a 55,000km journey through South America and north into the USA and Canada over a period of two years, travelling by motor bike. In essence we travelled with them as they told us of their adventures in places like Santiago, Buenos Ares, the Amazon River, west Bolivia, Columbia, Ecuador and Panama – to name only a few. Their photographs of many of these places brought the story to life as we enjoyed the beautiful images of National Parks, isolated roads, and colourful experiences in towns along the way. They travelled safely but when the few difficulties of such a journey occurred they showed great resilience in the maintenance of their bikes and the occasional problem at country borders. The vivid visuals of festivals in Latin America helped us to sense the excitement of being involved in such events and the atmosphere they generated. Their short video of experiences and travels for the whole period concluded their presentation in a realistic way.

Vote of thanks: Gloria thanked Matt and Fiona for their very interesting talk which made a number of members wish they could be involved in such a journey. She presented them with a bottle of wine.

Lucky Door Prize: was drawn by Fred Leake and won by Bill Clarke.

The volunteer to help in the kitchen at our next meeting is Fred Leake.

Di Rudd closed the meeting at 11.30am thanking all who helped with the morning's activities. She reminded members that lunch would be held at the Kincumber Pub since Tukka Time is still closed for the holidays. All are welcome to attend.

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