

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting Number 381
held at Kincumber Uniting Church on Tuesday 23 February 2016

The meeting was opened by President Diane Rudd at 9.30am. Di welcomed visitors Margaret Hobbs and Jill Willis.

Induction of new member: Di was pleased to Induct Lyn Martin into membership of our Club. She was presented with her Badge and a copy of the Constitution. We hope she enjoys her time as a member of the Club.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the January 2016 General Meeting were presented, having been reviewed by members of the Committee. The meeting accepted the Minutes.

Correspondence:

Business arising from the Minutes:

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

January 2016

Cheque account balance at 1 March 2015		\$ 132.06
Savings account balance at 1 March 2015		\$1701.67
Float (catering)		\$50.00
Balance		\$1883.73
	<i>January</i>	<i>Year to date</i>
Income	\$200.00	\$ 3593.29
Expenses	\$104.41	\$ 3089.32
Balance		\$503.97
Total		\$2337.70
<i>Combined net balance at January 31 2016</i>		\$2337.70

Members accepted the report.

Barry reminded members that annual fees are due at our March General Meeting and will remain at \$40.

Membership Report: Convenor John Rudd received apologies from Richard Collins, Sue Schmid, Irene Dunlop, Ann Dillon, Keith Tysoe, Cliff Davy, Ann Davy and David Dunbar. There were 58 members and 2 Life Members present at the meeting.

Golf report: John told us that golf was in recess due to the very hot weather.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Convenor Hermione Dunbar: Today Elaine Norling from the Avoca Cinema will speak about the proposed development of the theatre. In March when we have our AGM our member Chris Dillon will speak during the General Meeting on Art and Song. This presentation will include 1930-1940 paintings of North England.

Social Convenor's Report: Convenor Gloria Reid: Our Lunch on 9 February at Empire Bay Tavern was enjoyed by 35 people. A visit to the Central Coast Interactive War Exhibit at 24 Tatura Ave West Gosford is our activity for 8 March. It will cost \$12.00 PP which includes Morning Tea. On April 12 there will be a picnic at Kincumba Mountain and will possibly include a Sausage Sizzle. Bring everything else yourself.

Welfare Report: Co Convenor Elizabeth Butler: It was good to see John Rudd at the meeting, looking well after recent treatment. Remember to let your Welfare Officer know if you are not well or need support for other reasons.

Theatre Report: Convenor Barbara Orme distributed tickets for “Fiddler on the Roof” for 16 April at the 2.00pm matinee, and the season at the Woy Woy Theatre.

Bookshare: Convenor Jenny Baker – bring a book and take yours home if not taken to avoid unnecessary carrying and storing of books between meetings.

President’s Report: Di Rudd: Members were reminded of the AGM to be held on 22 March. 10 members are going on the trip on the Murray River and home via the Southern Pacific. They leave on the 7 April for one week. Di referred to the need for vacant Committee positions to be filled for the coming year and Vice President Arthur described the role of Junior Vice President over the three years on the Committee. Di followed that by noting the need for people to fill the roles of Catering Officer, and Theatre Convenor. Nomination Forms are available from any Committee Member. She commented on her wonderful year as president, which was coming to a close. A discussion was held about where we had lunch after our meetings. It was decided to alternate between Kincumber Pub and Tukka Time to be fair to all. The members were happy with this option.

Profile talk: : **Bob Cochrane** recalled his memories of education at North Sydney and the honour of being the only male graduate of Fort Street Girls’ High. National Service took him to Dubbo and he subsequently was a member of the guard when the Queen attended Parliament House in Sydney. Bob spoke of his time in New Guinea, his return to Orange where he was a teacher for 10 years and involved in Rugby League as well. He has since lived on the Central Coast enjoying life with Kay and his 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

General Business: Marie Riley told us of the death of a former speaker who had written a book called Refugee to Resident, and had been a respected lecturer at Ourimbah Campus. Her death from cancer was sad and we remembered her inspiring talk well. Di read the Citations connected with the nomination of Nev Owen and Barry Riley as Life Members. A secret ballot was held and the meeting voted unanimously to confirm the nominations. Nev and Barry were congratulated.

The meeting adjourned for Morning Tea.

Speaker: : Hermione Dunbar introduced **Elaine Norling** from the Avoca Theatre who was not able to give her planned talk due to problems with technical equipment. She will return at a later date to present that for us. She did speak about the controversial changes planned for the theatre and of the reasons for proposing this. Economically the expansion to include other theatres is vital for survival of the complex. Management believes expansion is necessary to survive with parking issues, heritage orders and obtaining development approval hindering their plans. We look forward to Elaine’s next visit when we will hear her full presentation.

Vote of thanks: Liz Gilbert thanked Elaine for her interesting overview of a Cinema which characterised character and warmth. It was helpful to understand more of the financial situation and difficulties with obtaining movies under the present situation. She presented Elaine with a bottle of wine.

Lucky Door Prize: was drawn by Elaine.

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

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 Tukka Time. All are welcome to attend.

Signed as a correct record: Diane Rudd, President