

GENERAL MEETING (No. 191): January 25th, 2000

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Minutes of General Meeting no. 191 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc, held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 25th January 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed his visitor, Michael Ryan.

The minutes were read and confirmed on a motion of Harry Goodban and seconded by Ted Johnson.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence consisted of the usual Newsletters from other Probus Clubs and travel brochures were handed to the social convenor; Terrigal Haven Probus Club inviting us to participate in the Jim Price Memorial Bowls Day handed to Reg Davis; the Rotary Club of Gosford inviting us to come to a combined Rotary Concert handed to John Horton; The Newcastle Woodworking and Craft Expo 2000 invitation handed to Gordon Taylor; a thank you from Harry Green for the card we sent recently for his brother's death; and a letter from Avoca Beach Bowling Club confirming our meeting dates for the year 2000.

All correspondence was accepted on a motion of David Kenny and seconded by David Lester.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$2342.13 for the main administration account and a closing balance for the social account of \$575.91.

It was proposed by Neville and seconded by Norm Walsh that the financial report be accepted. Carried.

President John then called for a minute's silence for the death of Doug Beardman who passed away 30/12/99. President John then told the meeting about the serious car accident that involved Max and Ruth Newman and Max sends his thanks for all the get well messages.

John then spoke of the need to combine with 2 other Probus Clubs for future coach outings and holidays to make up the shortfall in numbers that all Clubs are experiencing.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh advised that our guest speaker today was unable to come and that Reg Davis will fill in at short notice and talk about his trip to Iceland. Next month we have Tom Sweeney from the Heart Foundation and in March we have a speaker from the Stock Exchange.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 10 apologies, and present were 3 life members, 65 members, and 1 visitor, representing 92% of our club membership.

Social Convenor Ron Coleman advised that there were still some vacancies for the Parkes trip and that he was trying to finalise pick up points, for the bus departure. Ron also advised that after the ferry trip in February Norm Baker had arranged a luncheon at a new restaurant in Davistown.

Other Reports were given, Golf by Brian Smith, Bowls by Reg Davis, and Theatre by John Horton; and a special vote of thanks given to Eric Waldegrove on his presentation of our Newsletters.

There was no profile speaker and our lucky door prize was won by Ron Coleman.

General Business: Past president Gordon Taylor surprised the members by telling them that Australia Day was going to be a Big Day for President John and his wife Betty as they were going to become naturalised Australians and everyone congratulated them in advance.

After morning tea President John introduced our very own Reg Davis who kindly offered to address us in the absence of our programmed guest speaker and told us of his time in Iceland during World War Two. Reg was thanked in the usual way by Past President Norm Baker.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.10am

COMMITTEE MEETING: February 1st, 2000

Minutes of the Committee of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the home of Ken Robson at Kincumber on Tuesday 1st February 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30am.

Also present were Vice President and Social Convenor Ron Coleman, Secretary David Kenny, Treasurer Neville Owen, Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh, Editor Eric Waldegrave, Membership Officer Ken Robson, and Harry Green.

The Minutes were read and confirmed on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by Ken Robson.

All matters arising from the minutes were dealt with in various reports.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Neville reported a closing balance \$2229.68 for the administration account and \$1410.91 for the Social account. Neville reported that Gordon Maxwell had agreed to be the auditor for Club for the financial year 1999–2000.

Neville then moved that his report be accepted and this was seconded by Norm Walsh.

President Report: President John requested that the Committee members submit ideas as to how we let the other members know of any future deaths or accidents that occur to members or their wives; also that a policy of sending flowers or donations to charities to be instigated in the future. President John also advised that he would write to Avoca Probus offering to twin with them on future outings and holidays as we were having trouble filling seats on coaches.

Vice President and Social Convenor Ron Coleman advised that there were 37 members and friends booked on the coach trip to Parkes and a booking had been made to go to the David Parsons Organ Recital in June. Ron was also proposing a coach trip to the Paralympics on Friday 20th October, through the Seniors Group as we would not be able to fill the 100 seat booking required direct.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh advised that Tom Sweeney from RNSH Heart Foundation would be our next guest speaker in February, Doug Grice would talk about investments in the Stock Exchange in March and Mick Joffe would talk on caricatures in April. Norm also requested assistance with future emergency speakers when the main speaker fails to arrive and Ken Robson offered (was pressured) to prepare such a talk.

Editor Eric Waldegrave presented a revised list of members names and addresses.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that we now have 1 honorary member, 3 life members, and 75 ordinary members and 6 on the inactive list, including Cliff Wilson, which means a vacancy for 5 ordinary members. Ken presented a membership application for Michael Ryan, sponsored by John Orme and Harry Fox, sponsored by Ron Coleman, and these two members to be inducted into the Club at the February meeting. Ken is authorised to prepare their badges. Another membership form from Terry Palmerston was not accepted as there was no sponsor and seconder.

General Business: After discussion on the poor attendance at last year's Probus Melbourne Cup function it was decided to abandon the Melbourne Cup function for the year 2000. This will enable the golfing group to arrange their trip to Gloucester during the first week in November.

A brief discussion took place on the forthcoming election for the four executive positions and as no definite candidates had emerged for the position of Vice president, it was decided to pursue the matter further.

It was brought to the attention of the Committee that the president's chain of office was not insured under the Probus Insurance Policy and that this was a matter of concern to future Presidential Office Bearers.

It was agreed to hold the next Committee meeting at the Home of Neville Owen on Wednesday 19th April 2000 at 9.30am.

A vote of thanks was given to Ken and Velda Robson for use of their home for the meeting and especially to Velda for the very nice morning tea provided.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.00am.

GENERAL MEETING (No. 192): February 22nd, 2000

Minutes of the General Meeting no. 192 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 22nd Feb, 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed the ladies and visitors: Forbes Smith, introduced by Dave Kenny; and Herb Hughes introduced by Lerryn Mutton; and Joan Tonkin a friend of John and Betty Orme from England.

President John then proceeded with the induction of new member, Michael Ryan, sponsored by President John Orme, and Harry Fox sponsored by Vice president Ron Coleman.

President John then proposed that the minutes be taken as read and this was seconded by Harry Goodban. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Correspondence consisted of the usual newsletters from Probus Clubs, and travel brochures handed to Ron Coleman and Harry Green; and a thank you cards from Dorothy Beadman, Peter and Jill Manzie and Max Newman; and a letter from Cliff Wilson asking to be transferred to the inactive list.

All correspondence was accepted on the motion of Dave Kenny and seconded by Ted Johnson.

Treasurers report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$2227.57 for the Administration Account and a closing balance of \$1135.56 for the Social Account.

It was proposed by Treasurer Neville and seconded by John Horton that the financial report be accepted, Carried.

President John advised the meeting that Bert Hodgins had recently had a heart attack and that Jean Metcalf was also in hospital.

President John also advised that nominations for the executive positions for the year 2000-2001 had closed and that one nomination only had been received for each position, being: President Ron Coleman, Vice President John Mulford, Secretary David Kenny and Treasurer Neville Owen.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh advised that today's speaker would be Tom Sweeney from the North Shore Heart Research Foundation, and next month would be Doug Price from Merrill Lynch to speak on investing in the Stock Exchange.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 10 apologies and present were 2 life members, 62 members, 3 visitors, and 48 ladies, representing 77% of our Club Membership.

Social Convenor and Vice President Ron Coleman advised that the recent boat trip on the Brisbane Water was very successful; Ron and Harry are organising a trip to the Paralympic Games in October; a return visit to the Ourimbah Campus Facility of Hospitality for a luncheon in April; and a trip to the Musical Museum at Alexandria. Ron advised that the annual holiday to Parkes numbers were dropping to 35.

Other reports given, Golf from Brian Smith, Bowls from Reg Davis, Newsletter from Eric Waldergrave, Theatre from John Horton. John Mulford reminded us that the Bushwalking section was now 10 years old and had been on some 70 walks and had walked a total of over 200 Kilometres.

General business: Past President Ted Johnson advised of a forthcoming Golf day being arranged by Kincumber Rotary for 'Sailability' for handicapped people. Anyone interested, to see Past President Ted Johnson.

There was no profile speaker and the lucky door prize was won by Bev Tysoe for the ladies and Harry Fox for the men.

After morning tea Speaker, Tom Sweeney, from the North Shore Heart Research Foundation was introduced by Norm Walsh. Tom spoke on "Affairs of the Heart" in a light hearted manner.

He was suitably thanked by Past President Keith Judd. A special raffle was drawn and this was won by Anne Mulford. There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.37am.

GENERAL MEETING (No. 193): March 28th, 2000

Minutes of the General Meeting no. 193 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 28th March, 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed members and guest: Forbes Smith.

The Minutes were read by the Secretary and proposed by John Dockety and seconded by Keith Judd.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Correspondence consisted of the usual newsletters from other Probus Clubs, a thank you card from Jean and Hon Sinclair for the 50th Wedding anniversary card sent to them, and information about Probus Rendezvous 2000 in Armidale; and correspondence from Probus Centre South Pacific requesting records and directory information and confirming that the Probus Magazine has increased from 75 cents to 95 cents per copy and that the administration Capitation fee had increased from 30 cents to 50 cents per member.

All correspondence was received on a motion from Dave Kenny and seconded by Gordon Maxwell.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$2207.29 for the Administration account and a closing balance of \$1217.06 for the Social account.

It was proposed by Treasurer Neville and seconded by John Horton that the financial report be accepted.

Presidents Report: President John confirmed the election of office Bearers for 2000-2001 as: President Ron Coleman, Vice President John Mulford, Secretary Dave Kenny, and Treasurer Neville Owen.

President John also informed the meeting of the letter received from Probus South Pacific concerning amendments to the Probus Clubs Constitution regarding extending the term of office of the President from one year to two years in "special circumstances" and limiting the other office bearers to not more than three successive years in any one office. The President then referred the letter to the next Committee meeting.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh advised that today's speaker would be David Bradley from Legacy and next month would be Doug Price to talk about the Stock Exchange.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 14 apologies and present were 1 life member, 55 members and 1 waiting list, representing 68% of our membership.

Social Convenor and Vice President Ron Coleman reported on the very successful annual holiday trip to Parkes, although the numbers were down to 35 club members. The next function is at the Ourimbah Campus for luncheon, on 3rd April. Unfortunately Ron had to cancel the Musical Museum due to lack of numbers. Ron is advised that lack of numbers may also affect next year's annual holiday.

Other Reports given were about Golf from Brian Smith, Bowls from Reg Davis, Newsletter from Eric Waldegrave, Theatre from John Horton. John Mulford reported that he would try again for the Bellbird Walk as the last attempt was cancelled due to rain.

There was no profile speaker and the lucky door prize was won by Ron Coleman

Keith Austin was congratulated for turning 78 at the meeting and John Van Gelder for turning 80 and David Lester for turning 70.

After morning tea the guest speaker, David Bradley from Legacy, was introduced by Norm Walsh and he spoke on the subject "We do more than sell badges". He was suitably thanked by Lerryn Mutton.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.05am.

COMMITTEE MEETING: April 19th, 2000

Minutes of the Committee of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc held at the home of Neville Owen at Henry Kendall Village, Wyoming on Wednesday, 19th April, 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30am. Also present were David Kenny, Secretary; Treasurer Neville Owen; Editor Eric Waldegrave; and Membership Officer Ken Robson. Apologies were received from Ron Coleman, and Norm Walsh.

The Minutes of the previous Committee meeting were read and confirmed on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by Ken Robson.

Matters arising: Treasurer, Neville, had produced a suggested telephone list of members for each of the Committee to ring in the event of any future deaths or accidents and this was distributed to the Committee members present. All other matters arising were dealt with in the various reports.

Correspondence: Letter to Avoca Beach Probus from President John suggesting that we combine with them for future coach or holiday trips. Letter to Terence Palmerston regarding his application for membership as a transferee and requesting him to obtain a letter of transfer from his previous Probus Club. Letter from John Mulford regarding his nomination for Vice President and noting his continuing commitment to Rugby Union in Sydney and a possible trip overseas in 2001. Letter from Gordon Taylor giving his views on the President serving a second year in office and restrictions on the Secretary and Treasurer staying more than three years in office. Accounts were received from Australia Post for our PO box number, Rotary Down Under for the President's Collar Bar.

All correspondence was received and confirmed on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by Eric Waldegrave.

Treasurers report: Treasurer Neville reported closing balance of \$1833.75 for the administration account. Treasurer Neville also submitted an updated budget on an actual basis as well as on an accrual basis with projected GST amounts, which showed a possible deficit for the year. After much discussion of the Club's financial status it was decided to ask the next General Meeting to vote on either a rise in fees from \$22 to \$25 or to leave the fees as they are and have raffles or charge members for morning tea and Probus News Magazine.

Treasurer Neville then moved his report be accepted and this was seconded by Ken Robson.

Social-Convenors Report: Due to Ron Colman's absence President John read a written report from Ron confirming a bank balance for the social account of \$595.56 as at 10/4/00. Ron requested a direction on the annual donation to the Avoca Community Hall in view of cancelling our Melbourne Cup Day function and it was agreed that we no longer make this donation. It was also decided to leave another trip to Ourimbah Campus luncheon for another year. Ron confirmed that the trip to the Alexandria Musical Museum was cancelled and that the Paralympic Games only has two people booked in so far. The next function is a movie and meal at Avoca Beach on the 9th May. Ron also confirmed that we have lost the David Parsons Organ recital booking. Ron is proposing a coach trip to Dungog, Stroud in June for \$31.00 per person.

Membership officer Ken Robson reported that our membership stands at 1 honorary member, 3 life members, 78 members, 1 waiting list and 6 on the inactive list. Accordingly it was agreed that the waiting list member, Forbes Smith, be admitted as a new member at the meeting on 26th April 2000. It was agreed to wait and see what eventuates with Terence Palmerston's transferee application and that there is now one vacancy for a prospective new member.

Guest Speaker Convenors Report: due to Norm Walsh's absence, President John presented a fax from John Mulford to Norm Walsh confirming that Dr John Moulton OAM talking on "Time with the Wallabies " and his involvement with Drug Testing for the Sydney Olympics, is the speaker for June.

Editors Report: Eric Waldegrave reported that everything was ready for the next issue of the Newsletter.

General Business: Discussion took place on the directions from Probus Centre South Pacific to change our constitution by confirming that the payment of administration fees shall include capitation fees and insurance as required by the Probus Centre South Pacific and also confirming that the President's term of office may be extended to not more than two years if required in special circumstances. It was also noted that incorporated clubs such as ours need only include the above amendments when next making further changes to their constitution, and it was decided that Kincumber Probus would follow this suggestion and make the necessary changes at a future date. It was also decided to canvas the members at the next meeting on whether we should

increase our membership from the current 80-member limit.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Committee at the home of President John with a bottle of champagne on Tuesday 6th June, 2000.

A vote of thanks was given to Audrey and Neville for the use of their home for the Committee meeting and especially to Audrey for the delightful morning tea and providing the accompanying bellbirds. during the meeting.

GENERAL MEETING (No. 194): April 26th, 2000

Minutes of the General Meeting no. 194 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc held at the Avoca Beach Bowling & Recreation Club on Wednesday, 26th April, 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed members and guests: Kim Messner, a friend of Neville Owen; & George Costigan, a friend of Ron Coleman.

President John then inducted New Member, Forbes Smith who was sponsored by David Kenny.

President John then appointed two new morning tea officers, John Dockerty and Stan Roberts to replace Rick Ricketts who is moving to Tumby Umbi and Noel Smith who is going to hospital.

The Minutes were read by the Secretary and proposed by Harry Goodban and seconded by Max Newman.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Correspondence consisted of the usual newsletters from other Probus Clubs, travel brochures passed to Ron Coleman, Rotary Club of Gosford concerning a Gala Concert on 21st May and Rotary Central Coast Bowel scan programme to be held in May 2000.

All correspondence was received on a motion from Dave Kenny and seconded by John Horton.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$1833.75 for the administration account and \$583.10 for the social account.

It was proposed by Neville Owen and seconded by Gordon Taylor that the financial report be accepted.

Treasurer Neville then spoke about GST effect on the Club finances and advised the club that as we had a healthy bank balance of well over \$1000 it was decided to absorb any GST costs for the next financial year and review the situation in the year 2001.

Presidents Report: President John spoke about the request from Probus South Pacific for us to change our constitution extending the term of office of the President from one to two years in exceptional circumstances and limiting the other office bearers to not more than three successive years in any one office; he advised that the Committee had decided to put the matter aside for the time being, as it was likely that we would be unable to fill all the positions if the three year rule was made compulsory. As regards the President being in office for two years it was noted that if this became necessary in the future then permission has already been granted by Probus South Pacific. At the suggestion of Past President John Horton, who is also a Board member of Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club, it was agreed to pay the usual donation of \$100 for the use of the meeting room in lieu of \$125 as had been suggested by the Committee because of GST.

Past President Gordon Taylor spoke of the need to open up the membership from 80-100 or even unlimited membership in an effort to solve our problem of cancelling trips and outings due to lack of numbers. This was supported by President John and will be discussed by the Committee at their next meeting.

Social Convenor and Vice President Ron Coleman advised of a visit to Avoca Beach Theatre followed by lunch at Avoca Beach Bowling Club 9th May; and coach trip to Dungog and Stroud on 13th June; and a picnic outing in July. It was decided to cancel the proposed Paralympic coach trip in October due to lack of numbers, and members were encouraged by President John to make their own arrangement to visit the Paralympics by train. A Christmas in July function would be held at Linton Gardens on 4th July and the Probus Xmas Party on 5th December.

Speaker Convenor: In the absence of Norm Walsh, Lerryn Mutton advised that our next guest speaker would be Mick Joffe a well-known caricature artist.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 17 apologies and present were 3 life members, 53 members and 2 visitors representing 66% of our membership.

Other Reports given were Newsletter from Eric Waldegrove; and Theatre from John Horton. Colin Sheumack advised that Keith Tysoe was having a pacemaker fitted and John Langley had had a recent heart attack. In the absence of John Mulford, President John commented on the large loss of blood by nearly all the bushwalkers on a recent bushwalk due to leeches.

General Business: Past President Bruce Dunlop encouraged members to take part in the forthcoming Rotary Bowelscan and asked for volunteers to sell the bowel scan kits at Kincumber Shopping Centre between 20th May and 27th May.

There was no profile speaker and the Lucky door prize was won by Alf Jones,

After morning tea, guest speaker Doug Price from Merrill Lynch was introduced by Lerryn Mutton and he spoke on investing on the Stock Exchange. He was thanked suitably by Neville Owen.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.30am

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING: May 11th, 2000

Minutes of Special Committee Meeting of Probus Club of Kincumber held at the home of President John Orme on Thursday, 11th May, 2000.

Those present were John Orme, President; David Kenny, Secretary; John Mulford; Treasurer, Neville Owen; Membership Officer, Ken Robson; Editor, Eric Waldegrave; Speaker Convenor, Norm Walsh; and Harry Green.

President John opened the meeting at 9.30am and advised that the Special Committee meeting had been called to resolve the situation created by the resignation of Vice President Ron Coleman.

The letter from Winsome Wallace, President of Avoca Beach Women's Bowling Club had been previously circulated to all Committee members and was discussed and the contents noted. President John read to the meeting his reply to Winsome Wallace and this was accepted and endorsed by all present. It was agreed to take no further action on the letter and it was also agreed that it not be read out at the general meeting as it will be a ladies day.

The letter from Ron Coleman resigning as Social Organiser, Vice President and President-Elect had also been circulated to all committee members and it was discussed in detail. It was decided to accept Ron's resignation and President John will write to Ron confirming this. A discussion then took place on filling Ron's vacant positions and it was agreed by the Committee to invite President John to remain in office for a second term, which is entirely in accordance with the recent notice from Probus South Pacific Inc authorising a second year in office due to special circumstances; and this is already deemed by Probus South Pacific Inc to be part of our Constitution. The Committee then decided to appoint Harry Green to the position of Social Convenor for the remainder of the Kincumber Probus Year and it was noted with pleasure that Ron Coleman agreed to sit with and assist Harry Green in his duties of Social Convenor. Harry Green accepted this position and Ron's financial books and records were handed to Harry Green to be continued to be used for the remainder of the Kincumber Probus Year. Harry was offered assistance from the Committee members. The Committee also decided to appoint John Mulford as Vice President and John accepted this appointment. The appointment of Harry Green and John Mulford were both carried out under rule 13 clause 4 of the Clubs Constitution.

The Meeting ended at 10.30am with a vote of thanks to Betty Orme for the very nice coffee, tea & toast.

COMMITTEE MEETING: June 6th, 2000

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc held at the home of Betty and John Orme at Macmasters Beach, on Tuesday 6th June, 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed the Committee with the customary glass of champagne.

Those present were President John Orme, Vice President John Mulford, Secretary David Kenny, Treasurer Neville Owen, Membership Officer Ken Robson, Editor Eric Waldegrave. and Social Convenor Harry Green. Apologies were received from Guest Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh.

Minutes of both the previous Ordinary Committee Meeting and the Special Committee Meeting were read and both were confirmed on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by Ken Robson.

All Matters Arising were dealt with in the various reports.

Correspondence consisted of President John Orme's letter to Ron Coleman accepting his resignation from the positions of Social Convenor and Vice President and withdrawing his nomination for President. A letter from Central Coast ARM offering Jill Rush as Guest speaker on the subject of youth mentoring and it was agreed that Neville Owen would liaise with her to arrange a short lecture at 10.30 am after our AGM in July. A letter from Probus Club of Moss Vale confirming Terry Palmerstone's previous membership of that Club. It was decided to write to Terry Palmerstone and invite him to attend meetings. A letter from Neville Elliot with a cheque for \$22 for membership fees and as this was double the amount required; it was agreed to accept the cheque for two years membership.

All correspondence was confirmed on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by Eric Waldegrave.

Presidents Report: President John Orme confirmed he would, if invited, remain in office for a second term and it was agreed that Secretary David Kenny would take this proposal forward to the June Meeting and that Treasurer Neville would support the proposal. It was also agreed that we should investigate changing our Annual Meeting from July to March, and after much discussion on the necessary changes to the Constitution it was agreed to set up a sub-committee of interested persons after our annual meeting in July to recommend the various changes to update our Constitution, and even possibly discard it in favour of the Standard Probus Constitution recommended by the Probus Centre South Pacific.

President John confirmed that he would be away in August and Vice President John Mulford will chair the meeting.

Vice Presidents Report: Vice President John Mulford offered Professor Richard Collins as a future guest speaker and also as a prospective Probus Member. Vice President John is to be confirmed in his position of Vice President filling the vacancy left by Ron Coleman's resignation. Vice President John also foreshadowed a future bushwalk on the Kokoda Trail, not in New Guinea, but in the Mangroves of Rhodes.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Neville reported a bank balance of \$2498.93 for the administration account and submitted an updated budget showing a projected surplus. A cheque for \$100 is to be sent by the secretary to the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club as a donation for the use of the meeting room.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported the membership breakup as 1 Honorary member, 3 life members, 77 ordinary members, and 7 inactive members. An application from Mr Kim Messner was considered and accepted and his induction would take place in July.

Editor Eric Waldegrave will publish in the June newsletter notice of the Annual Meeting and the nominations received for the positions of Membership officer, Ken Robson; Guest Speaker Organiser, Norm Walsh; Social Convenor, Harry Green; and Editor, Eric Waldegrave. The other co-opted Convenors will be approached for reappointment for the next Probus Year.

Social Convenors Report: Harry Green reported that he was planning a picnic at Patonga in August, a trip to Williamstown in September, The Musical Museum in October, a free month in November and the Christmas Party at Avoca Beach Bowling Club on 5th December. Harry wants advice from the members if they would support a 6-day trip in March, April 2001, to Bright in Victoria. Harry reported a balance of \$604.05 as at 30th May 2000.

General Business: A vote of thanks was given to Betty & John Orme for the use of their house, the customary champagne; and the very nice morning tea provided.

It was agreed to hold the next committee meeting at the home of Ken & Velda Robson on Tuesday, 1st August, 2000 at 9.30am.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.45 am.

GENERAL MEETING (No. 195): May 23rd, 2000

Minutes of General Meeting no. 195 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 23rd May, 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed the ladies and members. President John then advised the meeting of the resignation of Ron Coleman as Social Convenor and Vice President and also withdrawing his nomination for President, for personal reasons. Ron has agreed to assist Harry Green in Harry's new role as social Convenor, and President John paid special tribute to Ron for his considerable efforts over the past few years in running the Social Organisers position and making this Club of ours one of the most successful on the Central Coast. A vote of thanks to Ron Coleman was then carried by acclamation. President John advised that the Committee would bring a proposal to the June meeting for nomination to be our next President,

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and it was proposed by David Kenny and seconded by John Horton that the minutes be accepted.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Correspondence: consisted of the usual newsletters from other Probus Clubs; a letter from Terrigal Ladies Probus Club inviting our President and partner to attend their 13th Birthday Luncheon on 13th July; and a letter from Bruce Pike asking to be put on the inactive list.

All correspondence was received on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by Bruce Dunlop.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$1781.43 for the main Administration account and a closing balance of \$604.05 for the Social account.

It was proposed by Treasurer Neville and seconded by Gordon Taylor that the financial report be accepted.

Treasurer Neville then advised that he was now taking annual subscriptions of \$22.00 from members for the next financial year.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 15 apologies, and present were 3 life members, 33 ladies, 58 members, representing 72% of our membership.

Social Convenor Harry Green advised of a coach trip to Stroud on 13th June; and a Xmas-in-July function at Linton Gardens on 4th July; and confirmed the Probus Christmas Party will be held at Avoca Beach Bowling Club on 5th December. Harry also paid tribute to Ron Coleman for his past assistance to him and for encouraging him to take on the job of Social Convenor.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh reported that he was only told at 8am that today's guest speaker was going to hospital and was unable to address us. He was very fortunate in obtaining Dr Dallas Finney at 8.03 as a replacement speaker. Next month we will hear from Dr John Moulton who was the Rugby Union doctor with the Wallabies for 6 years.

Other Reports given were Eric Waldegrave and Brian Smith on Golf, Reg Davies on Bowls, John Horton on Theatre. Bushwalking Captain, John Mulford, reported that while on the recent bushwalk above Maitland Bay we actually lost our President John and we had to send out a search party to find him. Our next walk is in the privately owned Glenworth Valley.

There were no profile speakers and the lucky door prize for the ladies was won by Sadie Cummins, and the lucky door prize for the men was won by Ron Baker, who said that although he handed out the tickets it was quite legitimate and he had never won before.

After morning tea, Guest Speaker Dr Dallas Finney was introduced by Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh. He spoke on cancer and cardiovascular problems, commenting that most people who died with strokes died between 3 & 4 am in the morning. He was suitably thanked by past President John Horton.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.10am.

GENERAL MEETING (No. 196): June 27th, 2000

Minutes of the General Meeting no. 196 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 27th June, 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed the members.

President John spoke about the passing of Cyril Roberts and thanked the members for coming to the funeral and a minute's silence was held in memory of Cyril.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and it was proposed by David Kenny and seconded by John Dockerty that the minutes be accepted.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Correspondence consisted of the usual newsletters from other Probus Clubs; a letter to Avoca Beach Bowling Club with \$100 donation for the use of the auditorium for our meeting room; a letter to transferee member, Terry Palmerstone, inviting him to attend meetings; cards were sent to Ron Coleman, Bruce Pike, and Beryl Roberts, and a thank you letter was received from Ron and Mary Coleman.

All correspondence was accepted on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by John Horton.

Notice of Motion: The Secretary, David Kenny, advised that as Probus Centre South Pacific now deem that the term of office of the President may be extended to not more than two years if required due to special circumstances; and since such circumstances exist within the Club then notice of motion is given that President John Orme remain in office for a further term. The motion was seconded by Neville Owen, and will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Presidents Report: President John advised that he would be prepared to remain in office for another term but only until March 2001; and that it also suited Vice President John Mulford to take over as President in March 2001. All other office bearers and co-opted convenors would be elected at the Annual General Meeting in July, 2000.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Neville reported a bank balance of \$2496.41 for the administration account; no monthly report was given for the Social account.

It was proposed by Treasurer Neville and seconded by Gordon Taylor that the treasurer's report be accepted.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported there were 13 apologies and present were 3 life members and 59 members representing 73% of our membership.

Social Convenor Harry Green reported on the Xmas in July function at Linton Gardens on 4th July; a Hot Soup picnic in August; and Williamstown Air Base in September; the Musical Museum in October; and an annual holiday to Yarrangabilly in May next year.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh reported that today's speaker is Dr John Moulton OAM, the Rugby Union doctor with the Wallabies and next month's speaker is Ms Jill Rush from Active Retired Members Association.

Welfare Report: in the absence of Colin Sheumack, a report was given by Lerryn Mutton on the passing of Cyril Roberts.

Other Reports given were Editor, Eric Waldegrave; and Bushwalking Captain, John Mulford, who advised our next bushwalk in the Kokoda Trail Memorial Walk in the mangroves of Rhodes; and John Horton on Theatre. There was no report on bowls or golf.

There was no profile speaker and the lucky door prize was won by Rick Ricketts.

Bob Cummins reported that there had been several robberies in his area with the thieves coming in the unlocked front doors or back doors while the house was occupied and recommended that doors be kept locked at all times.

After morning tea Guest Speaker, Dr John Moulton, OAM was introduced by John Mulford and he spoke about his time as the Rugby Union Doctor with the Wallabies, and drug testing for the Olympics. He was suitably thanked by Speaker Convenor, Norm Walsh.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.35am.

16th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: July 25th, 2000

Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc held at the Avoca Beach bowling and Recreation Club on 25th July, 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed all the 60 members present. There were no visitors.

Apologies were received from Ken Bailey, John Horton, Harry Green, Peter Manzie, John Dunn, Ken Jones, Jack Metcalf, Jack Gentle, Bernie Smith, David Georgeson, Maurie Dunstan, Les Ireland, Ken Gosby, Stan Hannaford, Gordon Taylor, Tom Mulcahy, Roy Rees, Alan Lucre, and Jack Easton

The Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting were read by the Secretary and it was proposed by Len Fricker and seconded by David Lester that the minutes be accepted. Motion carried.

There was no business arising.

Treasurer Neville Owen presented his Statement of Income and Expenditure and financial report for the year 1999–2000, together with the Social fund financial statement both of which had been examined and approved by the Honorary Auditor, Gordon Maxwell.

It was proposed by Neville Owen and seconded by Harry Goodban that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion Carried.

Perce Fitzpatrick asked about our involvement with GST and Neville replied that as confirmed by Probus Centre South Pacific Club our funds do not attract GST.

No other reports were received from any of the committee members or convenors of Club activities for the year 1999–2000 year.

President's Report: President John Orme reported that he had enjoyed his year as President of the Club and thanked the Committee and the members for their support. President John noted with regret that Vice President Ron Coleman had resigned and said that if there were no further nominations for President, he would reluctantly remain in office for a second term. President John then left the room and the meeting was chaired by past President Gordon Maxwell, who called for further nominations for President; in addition to the notice of motion "That John Orme remain in office for a further term" as previously circulated in the June 2000 Newsletter and proposed by David Kenny and seconded by Neville Owen. Alf Billet asked if Vice President John Mulford could take the President's job a year earlier and was told that John Mulford was not available until next year. Keith Judd asked if Ron Coleman would reconsider his resignation, which Ron declined. Keith Judd then asked if Neville Owen would take the position to which Neville declined. Perce Fitzpatrick then said if John Orme was prepared to take the position then we should proceed. Chairman Gordon Maxwell then formally put the motion that "John Orme remain in office for a further term and the motion was carried unanimously. President John Orme was called back into the room and resumed the Chair as President for a second term of office.

Election of Office Bearers for 2000/2001.

President John then confirmed that in accordance with our constitution and at the General Meeting on 28th March, 2000 the following members had been elected, all of whom would take office at the conclusion of this Annual General Meeting:

Vice President:	John Mulford
Secretary:	David Kenny
Treasurer:	Neville Owen

President John also confirmed that nominations had been received for the following committee positions and as no other nominations for these positions had been received, they are duly elected:

Social Convenor:	Harry Green
Membership Officer:	Ken Robson
Guest Speaker Convenor:	Norm Walsh
Editor:	Eric Waldegrave

President John also confirmed the following sub-committee positions:

Welfare Officer:	Colin Sheumack
Theatre Party organiser:	John Horton
Bushwalking organiser:	John Mulford
Assistant Membership Officer:	Ron Baker
Club Historian:	David Lester
Club Photographer:	Keith Austin
Golf Organiser:	Brian Smith
Lawn Bowls:	Reg Davis
Catering Officers:	John Dockerty, Norm Baker, John Van Gelder, Rick Richards and Stan Roberts.

President John then called for nomination for the position of Auditor for 2000/2001. Gordon Maxwell was nominated by Neville Owen and seconded by Bruce Dunlop and was elected for the year 2000/2001.

General Business: Gordon Maxwell asked if the new Committee was considering changing the Annual General Meeting to March in lieu of July, and was told by President John that this would be examined and would most likely happen.

There being no further general business, the Annual General Meeting closed at 10.15am.

GENERAL MEETING (No. 197): July 25th, 2000

Minutes of the General Meeting no. 197 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 25th July, 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 10.15am and welcomed the members.

The Minutes of the previous monthly meeting were taken as read and there were no matters arising from the minutes.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Treasurers Report: No Treasurers reports were given as the annual financial statements of both the Management Committee and Social Committee had just been tabled at the preceding Annual General Meeting.

President John then proceeded with the induction of new member, Kim Messner, who was proposed by Neville Owen, and who was his sponsor.

Membership Officer, Ken Robson reported that there 19 apologies and present were 2 life members and 58 members, representing 72% of our membership.

Social Convenor: in the absence of Harry Green, Ron Coleman advised of a hot soup picnic at Patonga in August; and a trip to Nelsons Bay in September; and Musical Museum in October. (Musical Show).

Guest Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh advised that the next meeting would host our annual local High School Debate

Other Reports given were from Editor Eric Waldegrave, Golf from Reg Davis, Bushwalking from John Mulford and theatre from Ken Robson as John Horton was absent.

Welfare Officer Colin Sheumack reported on the condition of Beryl Roberts; and on Peter Manzie who had recently broken some ribs.

There was no profile speaker and the lucky door prize was won by Reg Davis.

After morning tea Speaker Convenor, Norm Walsh, introduced Jill Rush from the Active Retired Mentors Association, who spoke on the mentoring of High School pupils leaving school. Jill was thanked by past President Bruce Dunlop.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.45am.

COMMITTEE MEETING: August 1st, 2000

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc, held at the palm tree lined home of Ken and Velda Robson, at Kincumber on Tuesday, 1st August, 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed the Committee. Those present were John Orme, President; Vice President John Mulford; Secretary David Kenny; Treasurer Neville Owen; Membership Officer Ken Robson; Editor Eric Waldegrave; Guest Speaker Norm Walsh; and Social Convenor Harry Green.

Minutes of the previous meeting were summarised by the Secretary and confirmed on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by Ken Robson.

All matters arising were dealt with in the various reports.

Correspondence consisted of newsletters from other Probus Clubs handed to Norm Walsh, Travel brochures handed to Harry Green, a receipt from the North Shore Heart Research Foundation for a donation in memory of Cyril Roberts, Certificate of currency for our Club insurance for 2000-2001, and a letter to the National Australia Bank at Kincumber changing the signatories on our social account from Ron Coleman to Harry Green.

Treasurers Report: Neville advised a bank balance of \$2689.65 for the administration account and reported that there were 7 ordinary and 3 inactive members unfinancial who would be prompted at the next meeting

Membership Officer Ken reported the membership breakup as 1 honorary member, 3 life members, 78 ordinary members and 10 members on the inactive list. Special attention is to be paid to David Georgeson who is hovering back and forwards between active and inactive membership.

Guest Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh advised that after the High School debate in August, Guest Speakers are Mick Joffe in September, Derek Giblin in October, Professor Collins in November and no speaker in December. It was agreed to pay travelling expenses of \$40 to Mick Joffe who is travelling from Sydney. A discussion took place on whether we hold a General Meeting in December or not as it is a busy month. We have a Christmas Party on 5th December and a possible meeting date booked for the second Tuesday, being 12th December. It was decided to ask the members at the next meeting.

Editor Eric Waldegrave advised that he is preparing the revised membership register for distribution October and that the cost of printing newsletter had risen to 29 cents per copy. Eric was authorised to continue printing 120 copies per month.

Social Convenor Harry Green reported that changing the mode of transport from coach to train for our proposed annual holiday to Victoria would be dearer rather than cheaper and would be more inconvenient as regards hauling luggage. It was therefore agreed to stay with the coach trip and stay 6 days duration. Dates for the trip are 5th to 10th May, 2001 and cost \$425. A trip to Nelsons Bay is proceeding in September and the Music Museum in October; and Harry was authorised to hold a raffle at the Xmas Party in December. Harry reopened the idea of a Melbourne Cup function and was told that as the function was being poorly attended it had been decided to abandon it. Norm Walsh suggested that Probus members could attend a Melbourne Cup function at the Avoca Beach Bowling Club, and Harry agreed to mention this at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was given to Harry for his continuing efforts.

General Business: President John Orme then tabled his resolution for which 21 days' notice would be given by publishing it in the next newsletter. It states that the Annual General Meeting would be changed from July to March commencing in March 2001, and that the Secretary be authorised to prepare the necessary minor changes to the Constitution to enable this to happen. It was also noted the Club's financial year would have to change from June 30th to 28th or 29th February each year (depending on leap year) to enable the annual meeting to be held in March and the Treasurer agreed to examine the implications of this, together with a recommendation whether the Club fees should be reduced or remain the same for the initial 8 months term. It was agreed that the resolution would be proposed by David Kenny and seconded by Ken Robson.

Independently of this the Secretary was authorised to set up a small sub committee to decide whether we

should discard our present constitution in favour of the Standard Probus Centre South Pacific Inc Constitution and to report the findings back to the Committee in due course.

A vote of thanks was given to Ken and Velda Robson for the use of their home for the meeting and to Velda for the sumptuous morning tea provided.

It was agreed to hold the next committee meeting offshore at the island home of Norm and Mollie Walsh on Tuesday, 3rd October, 2000 at 9.30am.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.15am.

GENERAL MEETING (No. 198): August 22nd, 2000

Minutes of the General Meeting no. 198 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 22nd August 2000.

In the absence of President John Orme, Vice President John Mulford chaired the meeting and welcomed the members and their partners, and visitors Cliff and Shirley Taylor. Vice President John also warmly welcomed the boys and girls from Kincumber High School and Central Coast Grammar School, the Moderator Bob Winder, the adjudicators Sue Hale and Ron Talsman from Berkley Vale High School and various teachers from each of the schools. The seventh Central Coast Probus debate then began under Master of Ceremonies Lerryn Mutton on the subject "That we are a nation of imitators". The debate was won by Central Coast Grammar School. All participants were thanked by Vice President John Mulford.

After morning tea, the Vice President opened the normal monthly meeting at 11.00am and a minute's silence was held for past member Bruce Pike.

The Minutes were taken as read and there were no matters arising from the minutes and no Correspondence.

TreasurersReport: Treasurer Neville reported a closing balance of \$2688.21 for the main account and \$797.76 for the social account.

It was proposed by Treasurer Neville and seconded by Norm Baker that the Treasurers report be accepted.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 20 apologies, and present were 3 life members, 50 members, 2 visitors and 28 Ladies representing 62% of our membership.

Social Convenor Harry Green reported that he may have to cancel the Nelson Bay trip due to lack of numbers and as no Melbourne Cup Day function was being organised, Probus members could come to the Avoca Beach Bowling Club to watch the Melbourne Cup.

Welfare Officer Colin Sheumack reported on a long list of members' injuries and illnesses.

Bushwalking Captain John Mulford reported a very pleasant leach-free bushwalk in the Glenworth Valley.

Bowls Organiser Reg Davis reported on the bowling activities and was considering changing the format of the bowls competitions.

Theatre Organiser John Horton outlined various theatre offerings.

General Business: A Special Resolution giving twenty-one day's notice was set out in the Newsletter 'that the election of Office Bearers and Committee members take place at an Annual General meeting to be held in March each year in accordance with normal Probus practice.' The tenure of office of the current President would therefore end in March 2001. Furthermore, 'that the Secretary be authorised to implement the necessary minor amendments to those parts of the Constitution which may be affected by this rule change.'

This special resolution was proposed by David Kenny and seconded by Ken Robson and will be put to the next general meeting for ratification.

Vice President John Mulford then asked the meeting if they wished to hold a normal December meeting as our Christmas Party is being held on 5thDecember and the normal fourth Tuesday falls on Boxing Day; and as there was no response it was decided that there would be no Club meeting in December apart from our Christmas Party at the Avoca Bowling Club on Tuesday, 5thDecember.

There was no profile speaker and the lucky door prizes were won by Jill Waldegrave and Jack Metcalf.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.32am.

GENERAL MEETING (No. 199): September 26th, 2000

The Minutes of the General Meeting no. 198 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 26th September, 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed the members.

President John then inducted Terry Palmerston, previously from Moss Vale Probus Club.

President John then put forward the special resolution for which 21 days' notice had been given in the Club's Newsletter, "that the election of office bearers and committee members take place at an Annual General Meeting to be held in March each year in accordance with normal Probus Club practice. The tenure of the current President would therefore end in March 2001. Furthermore, that the Secretary be authorized to implement the necessary minor amendments to those parts of the Constitution which may be affected by this rule change".

All as proposed by David Kenny and seconded by Ken Robson.

There was no discussion forthcoming, so the motion was put, and carried unanimously.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read. And there was no business arising.

The correspondence consisted of the usual newsletters from other Probus Clubs; a thank you card from Glad Pike thanking the members for their condolences for the recent death of her husband Bruce Pike; a letter sent to Avoca Beach Bowling Club complaining about the poor performance of the microphone at our previous meeting and a reply from the Avoca Beach Bowling Club apologizing for the problem with the microphone and advising us that they had purchased a new microphone.

All correspondence was received on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by John Horton.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$578.81 for the social account and a closing balance of \$2693.42 for the Administration account. Treasurer Neville reported that there were 4 unfinancial members who would be dealt with.

It was proposed by Treasurer Neville that the Treasurers report be accepted and this was seconded by Stan Roberts.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh reported that today's guest speaker, caricature artist Mick Joffe was unable to come and he had arranged for Mr Frank Gallagher from St Vincent de Paul Society to come at short notice. Next month would be Mr Deryck Giblin; and in November, Professor Collins.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 14 apologies and present were 2 life members and 54 members, representing 67% of our membership. Ken then advised that Jack Easton had resigned.

Social Convener Harry Green advised of the Palm Beach Ferry trip on 10th October; and Probus Christmas lunch on 5th December; and deposit of \$50 for the Annual holidays required by January 2001.

Other Reports given were Welfare by Colin Sheumack, Golf by Brian Smith, Bowls by Reg Davis and Theatre by John Horton.

Profile speaker Brian Smith told us of his life in the Navy and his football activities and as a debt collector and a Brisbane Waters County Council linesman.

The lucky door prize was won by John Wallace.

After morning tea Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh introduced Guest Speaker, Frank Gallagher from St Vincent de Paul Society who told us of his problems with alcohol and how he overcame them. Frank was ably thanked by Past President Norm Baker.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.30am.

COMMITTEE MEETING: October 19th, 2000

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc held at the home of Norm and Mollie Walsh at St Huberts Island on Thursday, 19th October, 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed the Committee. Those present were President John Orme, Vice President John Mulford, Secretary David Kenny, Treasurer Neville Owen, Editor Eric Waldegrave, Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh and Social Convenor Harry Green. Apologies were received from Membership Officer Ken Robson.

The Minutes of the previous committee meeting were read by the Secretary and confirmed on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by John Mulford.

All matters arising from the minutes were dealt with in the various reports.

Correspondence consisted of newsletters from other Probus Clubs handed to Norm Walsh.

Vice Presidents Report: Vice President John Mulford spoke on the boring choice of topic for the recent debate and stated that it was important to have a topic which would capture everyone's interest. It was decided that President John Orme and Vice President John Mulford would speak to Lerryn Mutton to see if we could liven up the topic for the next debate. John also spoke about the poor performance of the microphone at the debate. However, as the Avoca Beach Bowling Club has apologized and confirmed in writing that they have purchased a new microphone there is not much we can do except monitor the situation.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Neville reported a bank balance of \$611.81 for the Social account and \$2606.72 for the administration account. Neville reported that 3 members still remain unfinancial, viz Gordon Fensom, Stan Ford and Tom Mulcahy and they would be approached by the Treasurer to determine their status or fate. It was decided to allow David Georgeson to come back to active membership if he pays his fees. Treasurer Neville agreed to prepare himself for a revised end of financial year for the Club to be 28th February (or 29th February in leap years) and it was agreed by the Committee that the fees for the 'short' year of eight months will remain at \$22.00.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh advised that he had received three or four promising prospects for guest speakers for next year from various members and Norm was authorized to proceed with these. Our next guest speaker is Mr Deryck Giblin in October; and Professor Collins in November; and no guest speaker in December.

Social Convenor Harry Green advised that he required payment for the Christmas Party at the next meeting at \$25 per person. And it was agreed by all present that organized table layouts were not really possible. Harry advised that it was not necessary to supply him with a float of advance petty cash as he operates his own cheque account on the Club's behalf. It was agreed that we should now start pushing the Annual Holiday in May next year as it would be preferable to have our own Probus members fill the coach if possible.

Editor Eric Waldegrave reminded us that the next meeting would be our 200th meeting and that he had produced an article about Alan Lucre's passing for the newsletter. He also advised that the newsletters cost had now dropped to 24 cents per copy and there would be no newsletter in December.

General Business: A general discussion took place on our next Vice President and various names were put forward. It was agreed to commence calling for nominations at the October and November meetings as the Vice President would be called to take up his duties immediately after the elections in March 2001 in lieu of waiting until July.2001.

It was again confirmed that there would be no Club meeting in December, 2000.

The Secretary was authorized to pre-book all the meeting dates at the Avoca Beach Bowling Club for 2001 and it was agreed that there would also be no Club meeting in December, 2001 as the fourth Tuesday in 2001 was Christmas Day.

The Secretary then gave a report on the proposed alterations at to the Constitution and advised that in response to numerous requests, Probus South Pacific was now preparing a new constitution that was suitable for incorporated Clubs and which would be preapproved by the Department of Fair Trading and, will be issued to us

when complete with a recommendation that we change over to it. They will issue us with 100 copies free of charge and it will include all the recent amendments that we have been making in the last few years and will be printed on A4 format and in Plain English. The secretary then recommended that instead of going through all the work of altering our own Constitution yet again for the change of the financial year, and change of Annual General Meeting month from July to March, that we wait for the Official Probus South Pacific Constitution for incorporated Clubs. The only reservation is that the new constitution may not be ready in time for March 2001, so that problem will have to be overcome in due course. The Secretary then advised that the Department of Fair Trading had no problem with us changing our whole constitution; our Annual General Meeting date; or our end of financial year, providing that we advise them officially in the usual manner with the End of Year, Form 12, and Form 6, changing our constitution rules.

Neville Owen then issued a revised Kincumber Probus emergency notification list to all committee members and a revised up to date budget.

Eric Waldegrave presented a copy of an advertisement from Gorokan Probus in the Express Advocate and it was agreed that we place similar ads in the Express Advocate, and also that we approach Stan and Rhoda Roberts to see if we can get publicity on the 50+ local radio station; and Barbara Wills of Macmasters Beach to see if we can get publicity in the Kincumber local community Bulletin. All this is calculated to try and encourage some new younger members to join our Club.

Vice President John informed the meeting he was proposing to appoint various bush walking leaders to organize bushwalks during his year as President.

A vote of thanks was given to Mollie and Norm Walsh for the delicious morning tea and the use of their home for our committee meeting, and it was decided that the next committee meeting would be at the home of President John and Betty Orme at Macmasters beach on Tuesday, 6th February, 2001 at 9.30am.

GENERAL MEETING (No. 200): October 24th, 2000

Minutes of General Meeting no. 200 of Probus Club of Kincumber held at Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club Avoca Beach on Tuesday, 24th October, 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed the members.

John made a special mention of our 200th meeting and congratulated original members Norm Baker, Ted Johnson, and Alf Billet for still being with us. A minute's silence was held for our Foundation President, Alan Lucre who passed away recently.

President John informed the meeting that Ken and Velda's granddaughter was recovering from a very serious illness and Ken then thanked the members for their kind thoughts and best wishes.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and passed on a motion put by David Kenny and seconded by John Van Gelder.

Correspondence consisted of newsletters from other Probus Clubs, a thank you card from Hilda Coutts and a letter sent to Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club confirming our meeting dates for 2001.

All correspondence was accepted on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by Keith Judd.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of 611.81 for the social account and \$2606.72 for the Administration Account. Treasurer Neville reported that there were still two unfinancial members.

It was proposed by Treasurer Neville that his report be accepted and this was seconded by Past President John Dockerty.

President John then made an appeal for next year's Vice President to be nominated as soon as possible and that the recycling of past Presidents would be a last resort.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 13 apologies, and present were 2 life members and 58 members representing, 72% of our membership.

Other Reports given were Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh, Editor Eric Waldegrave, Brian Smith on golf. Reg Davis on bowls, Vice President John Mulford on bushwalking, all as per the newsletter.

Welfare Officer Colin Sheumack reported on various members illnesses.

Social Convenor Harry Green called for members to give serious thought to putting their names down for the annual holiday.

The lucky door prize was won by Lionel Hughes.

After morning tea Michael Ryan gave a few pointers on how to get to and from the Paralympic Games and then Past president Keith Judd introduced Guest Speaker Deryck Giblin, DFC, who told us of his experiences as a RAAF Pathfinder in World War 2. Deryck was thanked by our own World War 2 pilot, Lerryn Mutton.

GENERAL MEETING (No. 201): November 28th, 2000

The Minutes of the General Meeting no. 201 of Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 28th November, 2000.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed the ladies and the members, and congratulated those having special birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read on a motion from Michael Ryan and seconded by Gordon Maxwell.

Correspondence consisted of a thank you card from the family of our late foundation President, Alan Lucre; a letter of resignation from member Tom Mulcahy; a letter from Probus South Pacific informing us that they are commencing a Probus Club in the Ourimbah area; and the usual newsletters from other Probus Clubs.

All correspondence was accepted on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by Keith Tysoe.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$2583.31 for the administration account and a closing balance of \$2035.81 for the Social Account.

The Treasurers report was accepted on a motion from Neville Owen and seconded by John Steanes.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 14 apologies and present were one visitor, 2 life members, 58 members and 35 ladies, representing 72% of our membership.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh was absent and his report was given in the newsletter.

Social Convenor Harry Green reported that the annual Xmas party cost of \$25 had to be paid today and then presented his programme of outings for the next four months, as outlined in the newsletter, and reminded members that the deposits of \$50 per person were required by the January meeting for the annual holiday to Yarrawonga. Single supplement for this trip would be \$100 extra.

Other Reports given were Welfare by Colin Sheumack, Newsletter by Eric Waldegrave, Bushwalking by John Mulford and Golf by Brian Smith. Reg Davies reported that the bowls green cup was in danger of not being competed for due to lack of active and interested bowlers. Past President John Horton gave his usual inspiring talk on theatre parties.

Lerryn Mutton reported that Derek Brand, the son of Allan Brand. a previous welfare officer for the Avoca Bowling Club had passed away at the age of 48.

There was no profile speaker and the lucky door prizes were won by Hazel Dockerty for the women and President John Orme for the men.

After morning tea Vice President John Mulford introduced Guest Speaker Professor Richard Collins who spoke on how he helped to develop a successful double-glazing technique for windows using minute pillars between sheets of glass. Professor Collins was thanked by John Steanes and was encouraged to join Probus as he is building a house at Macmasters Beach.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.40am.