

GENERAL MEETING (No. 202): January 23rd, 2001

Minutes of General Meeting no.202 of Probus Club of Kincumber Inc held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 23rd January, 2001.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30 am and welcomed the members and visitors: Roger Cressy, (Stan Roberts); Peter Moore, (John Orme); and Barry Riley, (John Mulford).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary and confirmed on a motion from John Horton and seconded by Ed Board

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence consisted mainly of newsletters from other Probus Clubs; Travel brochures passed to Harry Green; letter from Avoca Beach Bowling Club confirming the meeting dates at the Club for the coming year 2001; a letter sent to Avoca Beach Bowling Club from our Social organizer thanking the Club for providing an excellent Christmas Party venue.

All correspondence was accepted on a motion from the Secretary and seconded by Brian Smith.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$882.16 for the Social account and a closing balance of \$2539.16 for the Administration accounts.

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

President's Report: President John reported that one of our fittest members, Dr. Peter Manzie, has just returned from a trip to Antarctica.

President John also reminded members that nominations were now being called for the election of the President and the new Committee for 2001 and that nomination forms were available from the Secretary.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 11 apologies and present were 2 life members, 3 visitors and 60 members representing, 75% of our membership.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh reported that today's guest speaker would be Jenny Fancet of the Central Coast Blood Bank and our February guest would be Jim Cameron, former barrister and member of State Parliament.

Social Convenor Harry Green reported on the very successful Christmas Party in December 2000 and the January Picnic at Davistown. Our next function is at Edogowa Gardens in February and a mystery luncheon boat cruise in March. Deposits are required today for the Annual holiday at Yarrawonga.

Other Reports given were Newsletter by Eric Waldegrave; Golf by Brian Smith; Bowls by Reg Davis; and Theatre by John Horton.

Past President John Horton also presented the Club with the official Probus Anthem.

Past President Ted Johnson advised that a picnic was being arranged on Australia Day at Avoca Beach Community Park and all Probus members were welcome.

There were no profile speakers and the lucky door prize was won by John Steanes.

After morning tea, Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh introduced Guest Speaker Jenny Fancet from the Central Coast Blood Bank who gave us details of donating blood. Jenny was thanked by Past President Bruce Dunlop.

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

COMMITTEE MEETING: 6th February, 2001

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of The Probus Club of Kincumber Inc, held at the home of President John and Betty Orme at Macmasters Beach on Tuesday, 6th February, 2001.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30 am 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, Editor Eric Waldegrave, Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh, Membership Officer Ken Robson, and Social Convenor Harry Green.

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

Matters arising:

1) President John Orme and Vice President John Mulford have spoken to Lerryn Mutton about the choice of topic for the debate and Lerryn advised that the matter was beyond his control and was determined by the teachers from the schools. However, he would speak to Bob Winder about trying to make the topic more interesting.

2) The microphone problem was discussed and it was decided that Vice President John Mulford would speak to Syd Fabri of Macmasters Beach Garden club to see what we could do especially for the debate.

3) The question of Vice President has been resolved with the nomination of Stan Roberts for the position.

4) It was noted that all meeting dates for the year 2001 have now been booked and that a tentative date for a Probus Christmas Party has been booked at Avoca Beach Bowling Club for Tuesday, 11 December 2001. However, this date can be changed if another date or location is preferred.

5) The Secretary reported that as the new "incorporated constitution" from Probus South Pacific would not now be ready in time for our Annual General Meeting in March, then we should now make the bare minimum changes to our present constitution to enable us to change our Annual General Meeting date and end of financial year date to enable us to remain constitutional. Accordingly, the Secretary presented a suggested Annual General Meeting Agenda with the necessary minimum changes to the Constitution and this was accepted. The matter of the new Probus South Pacific "incorporated constitution" will be reopened when it has been approved by the Department of Fair Trading and formally sent to us by Probus South Pacific.

6) As regard advertising for new members it was noted that the Secretary had inserted an advertisement in the Express Advocate, and it was agreed not to advertise anywhere else for the time being.

Correspondence: The letter from Harry Green to Avoca Beach Bowling Club thanking them for arranging an excellent Christmas Party last year was noted and approved. Correspondence was tabled from Probus South Pacific requesting the Annual Insurance and Capitation Contribution, and the Probus News order form and a request for a registered trademark symbol® to be used in all our correspondence. It was agreed to remain with 50 copies of the Probus News, and cheques were issued by the Treasurer for \$220.00 and \$80.00 for the Probus South Pacific requirements.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Neville reported that the Administration Account and Social Account were the same as presented at the January General Meeting. Neville also reported that as GST had not affected the Club as much as he had previously thought, and as the financial year was only going to be 8 months in lieu of 12 then he recommended that the annual fees be reduced from \$22 to \$20 per annum. This recommendation was accepted and will be put forward at the Annual General Meeting in March.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that we have 3 life members 75 ordinary members and 5 on the inactive list. Next meeting three new members viz Peter Moore, Barry Riley and George Costigan will be inducted.

Social Convenor Harry Green advised that he would like the Club to once again have the ability to use the Avoca Beach Community Hall facilities in the event of a picnic held during inclement weather and it was recommended that the Social Club would recommence paying a \$50 donation to the Avoca Beach Community hall. This donation

had been suspended due to a lack of use by us of their facilities.

Harry reported that 44 persons were now booked in to the Yarrawonga trip and he was now investigating departure times, pick up points, and bedroom requirements.

Editor Eric Waldegrave reported that he would be publishing details of notices of motion for the Annual General Meeting and constitution changes and election of officer bearers as required, in the next Newsletter.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh advised that our next guest speaker would be Jim Cameron, former Barrister and Member of State Parliament.

Norm also advised that he would be happy to continue as Speaker Convenor for another year providing he was given support from other members in obtaining Guest Speakers, and Norm advised that Ed Board and others had agreed to assist him in this regard.

Vice President John Mulford advised that while he is our President he has arranged for at least 4 volunteer Bushwalking Captains to assist him in leading bushwalks.

John also advised that he will, in conjunction with Ken Robson, examine who is yet to give their profile talk.

John also reported that at least during the Federation Year he would like to see the Club sing the National Anthem before meetings and he is investigating how to introduce this.

General Business: The Secretary advised that the Probus Rendezvous 2001 will be held in Canberra this year and he has a brochure if anyone is interested.

The Secretary also tabled the official Probus song given to us last meeting by Past President John Horton. The committee emphatically declined to participate so it was agreed to set up a small sub-committee of several members eg Lerryn Mutton, Peter Moore, and others to rehearse the song and sing it at our Christmas Party.

The forthcoming elections were briefly discussed and it was noted that no nominations other than Stan Roberts for Vice president had been received and it was concluded that all office bearers would remain in their positions for another year.

Nev Owen said he would issue a revised Kincumber Probus Emergency Notification list after the election of the New Vice President.

President John Orme then thanked all the Committee members for their support during his extended term of office and said how much he had enjoyed having us come to his house for his last committee meeting as President.

A vote of thanks was then given to Betty and John Orme for the very nice morning tea and it was decided that the next committee meeting would be held at the Home of Anne and John Mulford at Macmasters Beach on Tuesday 3rd April 2001 at 9.30 am.

GENERAL MEETING (No. 203): 27th February, 2001

The Minutes of General Meeting no. 203 of Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 27th February, 2001.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30 am and welcomed the ladies, the visitors and members and apologized for the cramped conditions as the Ladies Bowling Club had required the other half of the auditorium for their Pennants Competition.

President John then proceeded with the induction of new members: Peter Moore, sponsored by President John Orme; Barry Riley, sponsored by Vice President John Mulford; and George Costigan, sponsored by Ron Coleman.

The Minutes of the last general meeting were taken as read on a motion from Michael Ryan and seconded by John Dockerty.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence consisted of travel brochures passed to Harry Green, Newsletters from other Probus Clubs and information from Probus South Pacific on the forthcoming Rendezvous 2001 to be held in Canberra.

All correspondence was accepted on a motion from the Secretary and seconded by John Horton.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$756.91 for our social account and a closing balance of \$2486.12 for the main administration account.

Treasurer Neville foreshadowed a reduction in annual fees from \$22 per annum to \$20 per annum to be put to the Annual General Meeting next month.

The Treasurers report was accepted on a motion from Neville and seconded by Ted Johnson.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 10 apologies, and present were 2 life members, 8 visitors, 42 ladies and 63 members, representing 77% of our membership.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh reported that today's guest speaker would be Jim Cameron former barrister and Member of State Parliament and there would be no guest speaker in March, being the Annual General Meeting.

Social Convenor Harry Green reported that our next social outing would be a cruise on Brisbane Waters and a barbeque in April at Avoca . Harry also advised the pick up points for the annual holiday to Yarrawonga.

Other Reports given were Newsletter by Eric Waldegrave, Golf by John Orme, Welfare by Colin Sheumack, Bushwalking by John Mulford ,Bowls by Reg Davis and Theatre by John Horton.

The Secretary then gave formal Notice of Motion under rule 26 of the Constitution of minor changes to the Constitution to be put to the Annual General Meeting.

There was no profile speaker and the lucky door prizes were won by Marie Riley for the ladies and Peter Manzie for the men.

After morning tea Lerryn Mutton introduced Guest Speaker, Jim Cameron, whose subject was, "Good moments galore and Miracles aplenty". He spoke from the heart about his recent heart transplant and Parliamentary experiences. Jim was warmly thanked by Past President Keith Judd.

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

17th ANNUAL MEETING: 27th March, 2001

Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on 27th March, 2001.

President John Orme opened the meeting at 9.30 am and welcomed all the 63 members present and one visitor, Mr. Ron Way. Apologies were received from George Costigan, Peter Moore, Norm Walsh, Peter Manzie, Harold Symmons, Les Ireland, Maurie Dunstan, John Van Gelder, Keith Oberman, Ern Sherring, John Steanes, Gordon Taylor and Max Boyer.

The Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting were read by the Secretary and it was proposed by David Lester and seconded by John Horton 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 2000-2001, 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 Bruce Dunlop and seconded by John Horton that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Motion carried.

Treasurer Neville then proposed that the Annual fees be reduced from \$22.00 to \$20.00 and this was seconded by John Dockerty and the motion was carried enthusiastically.

Reports of Committees: Brian Smith thanked all the golfers for their support during the year and looked forward to another good golfing year for 2001-2002.

Notices of Motion as proposed by David Kenny and seconded by Ken Robson that the following changes to the Constitution are necessary to allow the Club to change its Annual General Meeting date from July to March and to change the end of its financial year from 30th June to 28th February:

- Rule 4 (e): Change dates from 1st July and 30th June to 1st March and 28th February.
- Rule 8 8 (2) (a): Change date from 1st July to 1st March.
- (b): Change both dates in this clause from 1st July to 1st March.
- Rule 14 (1) (b): Change special general meeting to Annual General Meeting.
- Rule 24 (2) (c): Delete, "elected at special general meeting held in March each year".
- Rule 25 (6): Delete entire clause.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

The Election of Officers and Committee for the ensuing year

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

President:	John Mulford
Vice President:	Stan Roberts
Secretary:	David Kenny
Treasurer:	Neville Owen
Social Convenor:	Harry Green
Speaker Organizer:	Norm Walsh
Membership Officer and Public Officer:	Ken Robson
Editor:	EricWaldegrave

President John also confirmed the following sub committee positions:

Welfare Officer:	Colin Sheumack
Theatre Party Organizer:	John Horton
Bushwalking Organizer:	John Mulford
Assistant Membership Officer:	Ron Baker

Club Historian:	David Lester
Club Photographer:	Keith Austin
Golf Organizer:	Brian Smith
Catering Officers:	John Dockerty, Norm Baker, John Van Gelder, Stan Roberts and Michael Ryan.

President John called for nominations for the position of Honorary Auditor for 2001/2002. Gordon Maxwell was nominated by Neville Owen and seconded by Bruce Dunlop and was elected as honorary auditor for the year 2001/2002.

General Business: Lerryn Mutton asked if the original foundation members present could be identified. They were, Bruce Dunlop, Ted Johnson, Alf Billet, David Lester and Norm Baker and a photograph was taken for the Club record.

President's Report: President John reported that he had enjoyed his extended term of office and was leaving with regret. He thanked all his office bearers and committee members and all the club members for their loyal support during his term of office and then welcomed incoming President, John Mulford by handing over his chain of office.

President John Mulford thanked Past President John Orme for his hard work and devotion to duty and then presented a Past President plaque and Past President pin badge to Past President John Orme, together with a bunch of flowers for Betty Orme.

There being no further business the Annual General Meeting closed at 10.05 am.

GENERAL MEETING (No. 204): 27th March, 2001

Minutes of General Meeting no. 204 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 27th March, 2001.

President John Mulford opened his first meeting at 10.30 am, and welcomed the members and visitor, Ron Way, a friend of Bruce Dunlop.

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

Correspondence: There was no correspondence tabled.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's reports were presented as the annual financial statements for both the Administration Account and the Social Fund had just been tabled at the proceeding Annual General Meeting.

Treasurer Neville reminded members that fees of \$20 were now due with an additional \$20 joining fee and \$2 for visitors where applicable.

President's Report: President John Mulford spoke about the need for members to mix around and particularly to get to know the new members.

In the absence of Norm Walsh, President John advised that our next guest speaker would be Norma Cantwell of the NRMA who will speak on, "Driving for Seniors".

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 13 apologies and present were 3 life members, 60 members and one visitor, representing 75% of our membership.

Social Convenor Harry Green advised that he still required pick-up times and bedroom preferences for members going on the annual holiday to Yarrawonga.

Other Reports given as per the Newsletter were Welfare from Colin Sheumack, Bushwalking from John Mulford, and Theatre parties by John Horton.

The Profile speaker was Forbes Smith, who spoke about his early life and his career in metallurgy.

The lucky door prize was won in a somewhat suspect manner by Ron Baker.

President John then identified the members who were born in the Year of the Snake and gave details of their personalities.

Lerryn Mutton reminded members of the excellent lunch and entertainment held at the Avoca Bowling Club every first Friday for the good price of \$8.00 per head; anyone interested see Lerryn.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.15 am

COMMITTEE MEETING: 3rd April, 2001

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the home of President John and Anne Mulford at Macmasters Beach on Tuesday, 3rd April, 2001.

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

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

Matters Arising:

- 1) As regards the debate, Lerryn Mutton is to speak to Bob Winder about trying to make the debate topic more interesting;
- 2) The microphone problem is still being monitored. However, with the discovery of a volume switch last meeting the problem may possibly be solved. President John offered to investigate the cost of our own microphone;
- 3) The Secretary reported that the new "incorporated constitution" from Probus South Pacific is still not available as it is being examined by the Department of Fair Trading before being issued to us;
- 4) Neville Owen reported that he had not yet issued a revised Kincumber Probus emergency notification list.

Correspondence In: consisted of Newsletters from other Probus Clubs handed to President John; Travel brochures handed to Harry Green; an invitation to a Rotary Conference on Hamilton Island; a request from Probus South Pacific for us to advertise the forthcoming Probus Rendezvous 2001 in Canberra in our newsletter; a letter from Community Radio Five-O-Plus offering us a guest speaker and asking our Probus Club to consider joining as members. It was decided to publicize Radio-Five-Plus in our newsletter.

Correspondence Out: consisted of the Form 12 Annual Statement and Form 6 Alterations to Constitution rules, both of which will be forwarded to the Department of Fair Trading as required, together with cheques for \$37.00 and \$31.00 respectively.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Neville reported a bank balance of \$2238.74 for the administration account and requested approval for the issue of cheque numbers 243 to 249 inclusive. Neville also advised that he is proceeding with alterations to the bank signatures on our St George Bank account as required by the change of Office Bearers.

Speaker Convenor: In the absence of Norm Walsh the next guest speaker was confirmed as Norma Cantwell of the NRMA. Her requirement of a back-up overhead projector was not possible but President John will provide a back-up screen and David Kenny will check with John Horton and Norm Walsh about the requirements for a video.

Other suggestions for future lectures were "Computers for Seniors" and Hornsby Hospital Life Support information.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that currently we have 3 life members, 78 ordinary members and 5 on the inactive list. Ken then tabled membership applications forms from Ron Way and Ron Murphy, both of which are being sponsored by Past President Bruce Dunlop.

Social Convenor Harry Green reported that 4 persons had now dropped out of the Annual Holiday to Yarrowonga, leaving a total of 40. Harry advised that he was looking at the South Coast Area for next year's Probus holiday with, Eden, Merimbula and the Lakes District Area being considered.

Harry was authorized to proceed with the Avoca Beach Bowling Club for our Probus Christmas party on Tuesday, 11th December, 2001. He is also arranging to alter the bank signatures on the Social Fund Bank account as required by the change of office bearers and advised there was no change to the Social fund financial account since the last general meeting.

Harry confirmed that he had paid \$50.00 donation to the Avoca Beach Community Hall so that we can have the

occasional use of their premises.

Editor Eric Waldegrave was authorized to continue with the issuing of the Special Birthday and Anniversary cards that he sends to members, and advised that he would publish the names of the subcommittee members elected at the recent Annual General Meeting in the next newsletter.

The revised Membership list will be issued in May or June after consultations with Treasurer Neville and Membership Officer Ken Robson, Eric is to advertise Radio Five-O-Plus and Probus Rendezvous 2001 in the Newsletter.

Bushwalking: President John advised that Fred Leake will lead the next bushwalk in April, Past President John Orme in May, Michael Ryan in July, and Max Newman in September.

General Business: President John advised that Harry Fox will give his profile talk at the June meeting.

President John also advised that the golf trip to Gloucester was cancelled due to lack of numbers.

President John reported that he would set up a sub-committee to sing the Probus song at the Christmas Party in December and suggested Lerryn Mutton, Peter Moore, Stan Roberts and Alex Cochrane could form a barber shop quartet.

President John also advised that he was arranging for the National Anthem to be sung at the start of future meetings at least during this Federation Year.

A vote of thanks was given to Anne and John Mulford for the use of their home and especially Anne for the very nice morning tea provided.

It was decided that the next Committee meeting would be at the home of Joyce and David Kenny at Macmasters Beach during the whale watching season on Tuesday, 5th June, 2001 at 9.30 am.

GENERAL MEETING (No. 205): 24th April, 2001

Minutes of the General Meeting No. 205 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 24th April, 2001.

President John Mulford opened the meeting at 9.30 am and welcomed the ladies and Members. The National Anthem was sung and a minute's silence was held due to the passing away of two members, Max Boyer and Ray Rees.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Correspondence consisted of a thank you card from Betty Orme for the flowers received at the last meeting and the usual newsletters from other Probus Clubs.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$2237.79 for the Administration account and a closing balance of \$829.74 for the Social account.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Neville Owen and seconded by John Dockerty.

President's Report: President John presented Past President John Orme with a photographic record of his term of office.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 17 apologies, and present were 1 Life member, 5 ladies and 57 members, representing 71% of our membership.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh advised that the Guest Speaker for May will be Mr Barry Butt who will tell us about his Antarctic Expedition.

Social Convenor Harry Green advised that numbers were still dropping out for our trip to Yarrawonga and others could come in at the last minute if they so desired. A coach trip to the Museum of Ancient Cultures at Macquarie University is being arranged for June and Calga Springs Sanctuary in July.

Other Reports: Given were Newsletter by Eric Waldegrave, Bushwalking by John Mulford, Golf by David Georgeson, Bowls by Reg Davis and Theatre by John Horton.

General Business: Lerryn Mutton reminded members that the Annual Rotary Bowelscan programme would soon commence and asked for volunteers to sell kits at Kincumber Shopping Centre from 19th May to 9th June, 2001.

There was no profile speaker and the lucky door prize was won by Past President John Orme.

After morning tea President John introduced Guest Speaker Norma Cantwell of the NRMA Customer Relations Service who spoke on Driving for Seniors. Norma was thanked by Past President Norm Baker.

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

GENERAL MEETING (No. 206): 22nd May, 2001

Minutes of the General Meeting no. 206 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc, held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 22nd May, 2001.

President John Mulford opened the meeting at 9.30 am and welcomed the ladies, members and visitors: Ray Tracy, David and Hermione Dunbar, and Paula Gordon.

The National anthem was sung and President John then proceeded with the induction of two new members, Ron Murphy and Ron Way who were sponsored by Past President Bruce Dunlop.

The Minutes were taken as read on the motion from Brian Smith and seconded by Lerryn Mutton.

There was no Business Arising or Correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$2817.17 for the Administration Account and \$717.74 for the Social account.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Neville Owen and seconded by David Lester.

President's Report: President John then presented the inaugural Kincumber Probus Perpetual Silver Canoe Trophy to Peter Moore for being the first person to fall out of a canoe at the start of Macmasters Beach Kite and Canoe festival held at Lake Cochrane on Easter Saturday.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 9 apologies and present were 3 life members, 57 members, 4 visitors and 47 ladies representing, 71% of our membership.

Speaker Convenor Report: in the absence of Norm Walsh, President John called for a show of hands from members interested in a lecture on Computers for Seniors and, as this was supported by at least 40 members, it was decided to proceed with this lecture some time in the future.

Social Convenor Harry Green gave details of future excursions but unfortunately had to cancel the trip to the Museum of Ancient Cultures in May due to lack of numbers.

Welfare Officer Colin Sheumack reported that Ian Bartier's wife had recently passed away and welcomed Keith Oberman back to our meetings after making a good recovery from his recent operation.

Golf Captain Brian Smith encouraged the golfers to provide a good roll up for future competitions.

Bowls organizer Reg Davis reported that the Green Cup tournament had been postponed and would be rescheduled to take place when the rain stops.

Theatre Organiser John Horton gave details of future shows at Laycock Street Theatre and would like to hear from members what their preferences are.

Bushwalking Captain John Mulford gave details of the bushwalk to Wondabyne Trig in June and a whale watch walk in July.

General Business: There was no profile speaker and the lucky door prize was won by Anne Mulford and Ron Coleman who won his first lucky door prize in 10 years.

After morning tea Lerryn Mutton introduced Guest Speaker Barry Butt who spoke on his expedition to Antarctica in 1962. Barry was ably thanked by Murray Coutts.

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

COMMITTEE MEETING: 5th June, 2001

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc held at the home of David and Joyce Kenny at Macmasters Beach on Tuesday, 5th June, 2001.

President John Mulford opened the meeting at 9.30 am and welcomed the Committee. Those present were President John Mulford, Vice President Stan Roberts, Secretary David Kenny, Treasurer Neville Owen, Social Convenor Harry Green, Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh and Editor Eric Waldegrave. 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 Stan Roberts.

Matters Arising: President John reported that the cost of a new microphone would be in the vicinity of \$650 which it was agreed is beyond our budget, and as the volume switch for the microphone has now been discovered at the back of the stage, it was decided to wait and see how the microphone performs for the debate.

Correspondence In: Consisted of Newsletters from other Probus Clubs handed to President John, travel brochures handed to Harry Green, theatre brochures to be sent to John Horton, a thank you card from Max Boyer's widow, a thank you card from John Prouting for his 80% birthday card, and an invitation from Terrigal Ladies Probus for our President to attend their 14th Birthday Luncheon, to be passed to John Horton.

Correspondence Out: Consisted of two letters from Harry Green, one to Bruce and Heidi Ryman our hosts at Yarrawonga Central Motor Inn, thanking them for a wonderful holiday; and one to President Jack of Yarrawonga Probus Club thanking them for joining us for drinks at the Yarrawonga Central Motor Inn. Also a letter to the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club with a \$100 donation and thanking them for the continued use of their Club auditorium.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Neville reported a closing balance of \$3038.71 for the Administration Account and a closing balance of \$693.74 for the Social Account.

Neville also reported that there were 9 unfinancial active members and 2 unfinancial inactive members who would be given the usual treatment by Membership Officer Ken Robson at the next meeting.

Treasurer Neville then produced an account for \$133.85 from Forbes Smith for photos taken and printed for the members in his capacity as official photographer during the Yarrawonga trip. It was agreed President John will talk to Forbes about resolving the amount of reimbursement to him for his expenses. Also, a glossy photo of the Yarrawonga Holiday Group will be sent to Probus South Pacific for inclusion in their quarterly magazine.

Treasurer Neville also produced an updated budget of the Club's financial affairs which shows a small deficit for the current financial year.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh reported that future guest speakers and topics would be "Computers for Seniors" in June to be arranged by Ed Board, Barry Cohen in July on a topic to be announced, the school debate in August, Dr Moulton reflecting on the Olympics, and Kaeena Orman from the Central Waste Management in October.

Membership Officer: A written report from Membership Officer Ken Robson was read showing membership of 3 life Members, 80 ordinary members and 4 inactive members, with a membership application form having been sent to David Dunbar.

Editor Eric Waldegrave presented an updated membership list which it was agreed will be issued to all members at the June meeting. Eric will continue to advertise Radio 50 Plus and the Probus Rendezvous 2001 in the newsletter.

Social Convenor Harry Green expressed disappointment at having to cancel outings due to lack of numbers but far from being discouraged Harry will proceed with the Calga Springs Sanctuary in July, The Hot Soup Picnic at Patonga in August, and will investigate Morpeth and Maitland Goal in September; and is determined to hold a Probus Melbourne Cup Day in November.

As regards next year's holiday, Harry is investigating different bus companies and vacation dates for the trip to Merimbula as the motel wants non-refundable deposits 6 months in advance.

Harry raised the problem of the closure of the National Bank Branch at Kincumber for his social fund account and it was suggested that Harry transfer to the Gosford Branch of the National Bank rather than to the Erina Branch of the Bank.

Bushwalking President John advised that the next bushwalk is to Wondabyne Trig in June and Box Head in July, during the whale watching season.

General Business: Secretary David Kenny presented all the Committee members with the newly issued Probus Centre South Pacific Constitution and By Laws for incorporated Clubs. It was agreed to set up a small sub-committee to examine these and report back to the Main Committee in due course. The sub-committee would consist of President John Mulford, Past Presidents John Orme and Gordon Maxwell, Vice President Stan Roberts and Secretary David Kenny and they will hold their first meeting on Thursday, 28th June, 2001 at the home of Vice President Stan Roberts.

A vote of thanks was given to David and Joyce for the use of their home and especially to Joyce for the very nice morning tea provided.

It was decided that the next Committee meeting would be held at the home of Eric and Jill Waldegrave at Davistown during the pelican breeding season on Tuesday, 7th August, 2001 at 9.30 am.

SUB COMMITTEE MEETING: 22nd June, 2001

Minutes of the Sub Committee Meeting of Probus Club of Kincumber Inc to review our Constitution, held at the home of Stan & Rhoda Roberts at East Gosford on Friday, 22nd June, 2001.

Present were President John Mulford, Immediate Past President John Orme, Past President Gordon Maxwell, Vice President Stan Roberts, and Secretary David Kenny.

President John Mulford opened the meeting at 9.30 am with an appropriate reading from Machiavelli's "the Prince".

The Secretary issued a comprehensive report on the Probus Centre - South Pacific Inc new constitution for incorporated Probus Clubs and it was generally agreed with.

Past President Gordon Maxwell felt that rule 9, "Members Liabilities", should be included and it was agreed to write to Probus Centre South Pacific to see if there was any problem including this clause, and also to clear up the question of whether the new constitution had in fact been pre-approved as inferred by the Probus Centre - South Pacific.

As regards the By-Laws it was agreed to generally leave them as they are, with only the small changes necessary due to our change of Annual General Meeting dates and end of financial year dates, and other minor changes to bring it into line with the new clause numbers in the new constitution, and to bring it up to date with the recent revisions such as membership numbers, etc.

President John advised one more meeting would probably be sufficient and the Sub Committee would report back to the Main Committee who would then advise the General Meeting. It was felt that we should try and have everything ready for a Special Meeting before the Annual General Meeting if possible.

A vote of thanks was given to Rhoda and Stan Roberts for the very nice morning tea and it was agreed the next meeting would be at the home of the Immediate Past President John and Betty Orme on Friday, 24th August, 2001 at 9.30 am.

*[NB: Date altered by hand and unable to read – also, no Minutes of the proposed meeting found.]

GENERAL MEETING (No. 207): 27th June, 2001

Minutes of General Meeting no. 207 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 27th June, 2001.

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

The National Anthem was sung, led by Vice President Stan. President John then held a minute's silence for Bob Wilson.

The Minutes were taken as read on a motion from President John and seconded by John Horton.

There were no matters arising.

Correspondence consisted of a letter sent to Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club thanking them for the use of the auditorium and giving them a donation of \$100.00.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a balance of \$3063.75 for the Administration Account and a closing balance of \$480.56 for the Social Account.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Neville and seconded by Brian Smith.

President's Report: President John announced he had set up a sub committee to examine the possibility of changing the Constitution to come into line with the new plain English constitution as recommended by Probus Centre - South Pacific.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 16 apologies and present were two ladies, three Life Members and 53 ordinary members, representing 66% of our membership.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh reported that next month's guest Speaker would be Barry Cohen.

Social Convenor Harry Green reported that the next outing would be to Calga Springs Sanctuary in July, and the Hot Soup Picnic at Patonga in August, and Maitland Gaol and Morpeth in September. Harry also was seeking interest in ten pin bowling in October; and confirmed a booking for the Annual Holiday to Merimbula in March, 2002, with deposits required by December, 2001.

Other Reports given from Eric Waldegrave, Welfare from Colin Sheumack, Bushwalking by John Mulford, Golf by Brian Smith, Bowls by Reg Davis and Theatre by John Horton.

Profile Speaker was Harry Fox who spoke of his life as a metal worker and Insurance agent.

There was no General Business and the lucky door prize was drawn by Gloria Board and was won by Ed Board.

After morning tea Ed Board introduced guest speaker Garry Reynolds, who gave a very interesting discussion on "Computers for Seniors". Garry was thanked ably by Brian Smith.

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

GENERAL MEETING (No. 208): 24th July, 2001

Minutes of General Meeting No. 208 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 24th July, 2001.

President John Mulford opened the meeting at 9.30 am and welcomed the members. The National Anthem was sung, led by Gordon Taylor.

The Minutes were taken as read on a motion from John Mulford and seconded by Ed Board.

There were no matters arising and there was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$2,928.81 for the Administration Account and a closing balance of \$494.06 for the Social Account.

Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Neville and John Horton.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 22 apologies and present were 2 life members and 50 members representing, 62% of our membership.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh reported that Barry Cohen was unable to come and our Guest Speaker for today would be Vic Selig. Next month would be the school debate and Barry Cohen in October.

Social Convenor Harry Green reported on the successful outing to Calga Springs Sanctuary. Harry has arranged a Hot Soup Picnic at Patonga in August, and Maitland Goal in September; and a possible cruise from Patonga on October. Harry would like names in advance for the Merimbula trip in March, 2002.

Other Reports given were Welfare by Colin Sheumack, Theatre by John Horton, and an embarrassed President John who reported there were no whales on the recent whale watching bush walk, and advised that the August bushwalk would be to the Watagans.

There were no profile speakers.

After morning tea Norm Walsh introduced Guest Speaker, Vic Selig a retired Government Architect who revealed the secrets of the untold story of the Sydney Opera House. Vic was thanked by Past President Bruce Dunlop.

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

COMMITTEE MEETING: 7th August, 2001

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc, held at the home of Jill and Eric Waldegrave at Davistown on Tuesday, 7th August 2001.

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

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

Matters arising: President John advised that he had resolved the question of reimbursement of expenses to Forbes Smith for photos taken during the trip to Yarrawonga.

Correspondence In: Consisted of Newsletters from other Probus Clubs; a copy of the Certificate of Currency for our Public Liability and Accident Insurance for \$20 million from Probus South Pacific; and two copies of the Directory of all Probus Clubs in Australia; and a letter of non-renewal of membership from Past President John Wallace. It was decided that the Secretary would write to John Wallace thanking him for his past endeavours with the Club.

Correspondence Out: Consisted of a letter to Probus News together with two colour photographs and a paragraph about our recent trip to Yarrawonga for them to publish in the Probus News magazine. Also, a letter from Harry Green to Barry Cohen thanking him for the nice reception we received during our recent trip to the Calga Springs Sanctuary.

Treasurer's report: Neville Owen reported a closing balance of \$2913.48 for the Administration account and \$736.50 for the Social account. Neville also reported that there were two unfinancial active members and two inactive members and they would be pursued in due course.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that we have 3 life members, and 78 ordinary members and submitted an application from David Dunbar which was approved and he will be inducted at the next meeting, being proposed by President John as his sponsor, John Van Gelder, will be away.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh reported that future guest speakers will be Dr Moulton in September, Barry Cohen in October and Colin Sheumack in November.

Editor Eric Waldegrave reported that everything was proceeding OK and that he would present a news sheet at the December Christmas Party although there would be no general meeting that month.

Social Convenor Harry Green reported that everything was organized for the Hot Soup picnic at Patonga in August, and he is still awaiting sufficient numbers for the Maitland Goal trip in September. Harry has sent a deposit to the Town Centre Motor Inn in Merimbula for our next Annual Holiday which is to be from 3rd March to the 8th March 2002 and would cost \$448 per person twin share. Harry is arranging a lunch at the Ourimbah Campus on 19th October, and is proceeding with arrangements for the Christmas Party at Avoca Bowling Club on 11th December 2001. The Avoca bowling Club may be engaged in major alterations so we may have to consider car-pooling for the Christmas Party as parking locations will be scarce. It was decided to supply Probus Dinner mints to our next Christmas Party and Harry will factor the cost of these into his Christmas party costings. Harry will also submit a report to the next committee meeting after doing a taste-test on one of the special Probus dinner mints provided by Probus South Pacific.

Harry has now reorganized the bank signatures to his Social account and is relocating to the Erina Branch of the National Bank.

Harry is also proceeding with his plans for a Melbourne Cup day function at Avoca.

Bushwalking President John reported that the Bushwalk in August would be the Watagan Wilderness walk and in September Max Newman will lead a walk to Rumbala to see the orchids. A possible future walk will be to view

the historical buildings in Macquarie Street Sydney and for short people, a walk through the Tank Steam tunnels.

General Business: It was decided to issue bravery awards at the next meeting to Ed Board, John Orme and Forbes Smith for their recent climbs over the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

President John will investigate introducing a second verse of the National Anthem to start our meetings.

President John also reported that the Constitution Review sub-committee was making progress and would report back to the main committee in due course with a timetable to adopt our new constitution before our next Annual General Meeting.

President John also foreshadowed some future mechanism for inducing members to be future office bearers.

A vote of thanks was given to Jill and Eric for the use of their home for the meeting and especially to Jill for the very nice morning tea provided. It was decided that the next committee meeting would be held at the offshore island home of Mollie and Norm Walsh at St Hubert's Island on Tuesday, 9th October, 2001 at 9.30 am.

GENERAL MEETING (No. 209): 28th August, 2001

Minutes of General Meeting No. 209 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 28th August, 2001.

President John Mulford opened the meeting at 9.30 am and welcomed the members, ladies, & visitors.

The National Anthem was sung led by Peter Moore.

President John then warmly welcomed the debating girls from Central Coast Grammar School and Green Point Christian College; and Moderator Bob Winder and the adjudicators, Sue Hale and Mrs Henshaw, and various teachers from the schools. The eighth Central coast Probus Debate then began under the Master of Ceremonies, Lerryn Mutton. The subject of the debate was "That patriotism is out of date" and after a lively discussion the debate was won by Green Point Christian College. All the participants and adjudicators were thanked by President John.

After morning tea President John opened the normal monthly meeting at 11am with a minute's silence for the passing of Neville Elliot. President John then proceeded with the induction of new member, David Dunbar, sponsored by John Van Gelder.

The Minutes were taken as read on a motion from President John Mulford and seconded by Ed Board. There were no matters arising.

Correspondence was not read due to the debate but consisted of newsletters from other Probus Clubs, travel brochures for Harry Green, a thank you card from Beulah and Harry Symonds, and a letter to the Hunter Region State Forest of NSW complaining about the lack of signage at Heaton's Lookout at Watagan State Forest.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$2,913.48 for the Administration Account and a closing balance of \$730.56 for the Social Account.

Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Neville Owen and seconded Bill White.

President John then awarded special Probus Bravery awards to Ed Board, John Orme and Forbes Smith for their awesome bravery in climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 14 apologies and present were 2 life members and 59 members and 30 ladies, representing 75% of our membership.

Social Convenor Harry Green reported that he required more numbers for the Maitland Goal trip and wants names for the annual holiday trip to Merimbul.

Theatre Party Organiser, John Horton, suggested a party could be arranged for the Wizard of Oz and advised that tickets for Les Miserables were selling fast.

Other Reports were given by Norm Walsh, Eric Waldegrave and Welfare Officer, Colin Sheumack, brought us up to date on the welfare of our sick members. Bushwalking Captain, John Mulford, reported on a magnificent bushwalk to the Watagans and advised that the next month's walk would be to Rumbalara Reserve led by Max Newman, and in October a walk down Macquarie Street led by Ed Board.

General Business: Past President Ted Johnson advised of a proposed Kincumber rotary Cinema night to be held on September 10th.

The Lucky door prize for ladies was won by Sylvia Davis and the lucky door prize for men was drawn by Max Newman and won by Max Newman, and will be referred to the Dept of Fair Trading.

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

GENERAL MEETING (No. 210): 25th September, 2001

Minutes of the General Meeting no. 210 of the probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 25th September, 2001.

President John Mulford opened the meeting at 9.30 am and welcomed a visitor, John Short, a friend of Max Newman.

A minute's silence was held in memory of the victims of the recent terrorist attacks in America. The National Anthem was sung, led by Peter Moore. President John presented a special bravery award to Arthur Hyslop for climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge eight years ago.

The Minutes were taken as read on a motion from President John and seconded by John Dockerty and there were no matters arising.

Correspondence: The only correspondence was a letter from State Forests of NSW thanking us for drawing their attention to the lack of signage on the Heaton's Circuit Track in the Watagan State Forest during our recent bushwalk.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$2832.87 for the Administration Account and a closing balance of \$591.36 for the Social Account.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Neville Owen and seconded by Ed Board.

Vice President Stan Roberts reported that he had been talking to the Avoca Beach Bowling Club about the poor performance of the Microphone at the last meeting and had been told that a new system would be installed in conjunction with the current renovations.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 16 apologies and present were 2 life members, 1 visitor, and 56 members, representing 70% of our membership.

Social Convenor Harry Green reported on the forthcoming luncheon at the School of Tourism and Hospitality at Ourimbah University Campus, the Melbourne Cup Day function at Heazlett Park, Avoca in November, and the Annual Christmas Luncheon at Avoca Bowling Club in December.

Bushwalking Captain John Mulford reported on a proposed 'Bushwalk' led by Ed Board down Macquarie Street in October to see some sandstone heritage buildings, and Parliament House, and the Commonwealth Bank Building in Martin Place, and finally Customs House at Circular Quay.

Theatre Party Organiser John Horton reported tickets to Les Miserables were selling fast and that he was looking at a possible trip to 'Wizard of Oz'.

Golf report: While no formal report was given due to the absence of Bruce Smith, a report was given about a magnificent hole-in-one played by Michael Ryan at a recent Probus Golf Day.

There was no profile speaker and the lucky door prize was won by Ken Robson.

After morning tea President John introduced Dr John Moulton who spoke on his reflections of the Olympic Games, where he was Deputy International Drug Commissioner. Dr John was ably thanked by Murray Coutts.

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

COMMITTEE MEETING: 9th October, 2001

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the home of Mollie and Norm Walsh at St Hubert's Island on Tuesday, 9th October, 2001.

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

The Minutes of the previous committee meeting 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 the various reports.

Correspondence consisted of newsletters from other Probus Clubs, travel brochures, and a letter sent to John Wallace thanking him for his letter advising that he would not be renewing his membership.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Neville reported a closing balance of \$2821.10 for the administration account.

Neville also circulated an updated Probus Emergency Notification list with the added proviso that Committee members should also notify the President or Secretary.

President's Report: President John then asked the Secretary to present the new Probus Centre South Pacific Constitution and updated By Laws which have now been examined and approved by our Constitution Sub-Committee. After discussion it was agreed to present the new Constitution and By Laws to the members at the October meeting with a Notice of Motion to vote for their adoption at the November meeting.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that we have 3 life members and 79 ordinary members and 3 inactive members.

There was some discussion on an apparent lack of interest by some members. However, it was agreed that nothing much could be done about this as it was really up to each individual member to participate enthusiastically or not.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh reported that Barry Cohen would be the guest speaker for October, and Colin Scheumack in November.

Editor Eric Waldegrave confirmed that he would present a Newsheet at the December Christmas Party although there would be no general meeting that month.

Social Convenor Harry Green advised that he had 44 names for the Merimbula Annual holiday and requires deposits of \$25 per person by the October meeting. There was discussion on the cancellation of the Maitland Gaol trip and this may be looked at again next year. Avoca Beach Bowling Club has assured Harry that parking and microphones should not be a problem for our Christmas Party as the alterations should be completed by then. The Secretary was authorised to order the Probus After Dinner Mints for the Christmas party as late as possible to ensure their freshness. Harry is organising the Melbourne Cup day function and has arranged raffles and sweeps.

Bushwalking Captain John Mulford advised that the Macquarie Street bushwalk was now all organised, and the November bushwalk would be to Fagan's Bay, finishing with a Christmas Lunch at Gosford Leagues Club.

General Business: The Secretary tabled the suggested meeting dates for 2002 and it was decided to proceed with the booking of these dates, including a possible Christmas Party date of 10th December, 2002.

President John has decided not to proceed with the idea of the second verse of the National Anthem at our meetings.

An informal discussion took place on office bearers for 2002-2003 with Ken Robson, Eric Waldegrave, and David Kenny all agreeing to continue on. Harry Green would probably continue if he can have an assistant to work with him and to share the workload. Norm Walsh advised that would like a change and may possibly take Ron Baker's job of Assistant Membership Officer if Ron didn't want to continue.

A vote of thanks was given to Mollie and Norm Walsh for the use of their home for the meeting and especially to Mollie for the very nice morning tea provided. It was decided that the next committee meeting would be held at

the home of Velda and Ken Robson on Tuesday, 5th February, 2002 at 9.30 am.

GENERAL MEETING (No. 211): 23rd October, 2000

Minutes of the General Meeting no. 211 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 23rd October, 2001.

President John Mulford opened the meeting at 9.30 am and welcomed visitors John Short, a friend of Max Newman, and Bob O'Hearn, from Avoca Beach Probus Club.

A minute's silence was held for the passing of Neville Elliott.

President John thanked member Ron Way for providing his own microphone for our use at the meeting as the Club microphone is absolutely hopeless. The National Anthem was sung, led by choir master, Peter Moore.

The Minutes were taken as read on a motion from President John and seconded by David Kenny. There were no matters arising and no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Neville presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$2821.10 for the Administration account and a closing balance of \$886.36 for the Social account.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Neville Owen and seconded by Max Newman.

President's Report: President John introduced the subject of our proposed new Constitution and By Laws. Past President Gordon Maxwell then formally moved the Notice of Motion given under Rule 36 and Rule 26, Clause 2 of our current Constitution and a special resolution to be put at our normal monthly meeting on Tuesday, 27th November, 2001 that: "We delete our entire current Constitution and By Laws and substitute the New Probus Centre-South Pacific Constitution and our own revised By Laws." Past President Gordon then went on to explain that Probus Centre - South Pacific had prepared this new constitution especially for incorporated clubs and had picked up all the recent constitution changes and amendments of the past few years, including the changes to our Annual General Meeting date.

Secretary David Kenny, in seconding the motion, commented that the new Constitution was simple, concise and written in plain English and several copies were available for those who wish to peruse the proposed new Constitution and By Laws before the next meeting.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 9 apologies, and present were 2 life members, 56 members and one visitor representing, 70% of our membership.

Social Convenor Harry Green reported on the forthcoming Melbourne Cup day function and wants names for the Christmas party in December, and deposits for the annual Holiday to Merimbula in March.

Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh advised that our guest speaker for October was Barry Cohen, and retired Bishop Colin Scheumack for November.

Other Reports given were Newsletter by Eric Waldegrave, and Golf by Brian Smith. Bushwalking Captain John Mulford reported on a very successful walk down Macquarie Street, Sydney and our next walk is to be Fagan's Bay near Gosford RSL, followed by a Bushwalkers' Christmas lunch at the Gosford Leagues Club.

There was no profile speaker and the lucky door prize was won by Fred Leake.

After morning tea Norm Walsh introduced Guest Speaker, Barry Cohen, the former member for Robertson who spoke on the "Agony and ecstasy" he experienced in the setting up of Calga Springs Wildlife Sanctuary. Barry was warmly thanked by Past President Keith Judd.

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

GENERAL MEETING (No. 212): 27th November, 2001

Minutes of the general Meeting no. 212 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc. held at the Avoca Beach Bowling and Recreation Club on Tuesday, 27th November, 2001.

President John Mulford opened the meeting at 9.30 am and welcomed the members and the ladies. The National anthem was sung led by Musical Director Peter Moore.

President John then inducted new member, John Short, who was proposed by Max Newman.

The Minutes were read by the Secretary and were accepted as a true record on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by John Van Gelder.

Matters Arising: The Notice of Motion as put at the previous meeting by Past President Gordon Maxwell and seconded by David Kenny, "That we delete our entire current Constitution and By Laws and substitute the new Probus Centre-South Pacific Constitution and our own revised By Laws," was then formally put and carried unanimously. The new Constitution and By Laws will now be printed and every member will receive a copy after approval has been given by the Dept of Fair Trading.

Correspondence tabled by the Secretary consisted of Newsletters from other Probus Clubs, a thank you card from Lorna Elliott, a letter to Avoca Beach Bowling Club booking all our meeting dates for 2002, a letter from Probus Centre-South Pacific advertising the Probus Rendezvous in Auckland during October 2002, and a letter from Probus Centre-South Pacific giving us a copy of their annual report for 2000-2001. All correspondence was accepted on a motion from David Kenny and seconded by Alf Billett.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nev presented his financial report showing a closing balance of \$2723.42 for the Administration Account and a closing balance of \$1873.11 for the Social Account. The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Nev Owen and seconded by David Lester.

Membership Officer Ken Robson reported that there were 8 apologies, and present were 2 life members, 63 members and 44 ladies, representing 78% of our membership.

Social Convenor Harry Green reported on the forthcoming Christmas Party in December, the annual picnic at Davistown in January, and the Annual Holiday to Merimbula in March.

Other Reports given as per the Newsletter were from Speaker Convenor Norm Walsh, Newsletter from Eric Waldegrave, Colin Sheumack on Welfare, John Mulford on Bushwalking, Brian Smith on Golf and John Horton on Theatre.

President John then paid tribute to Eric and Jill Waldegrave for their magnificent work in presenting the newsletter, and gave a history of the Waldegrave family printers back four hundred years when Waldegraves printed Shakespeare's sonnets and one of the first English Bibles.

General Business: President John then gave a special bravery award to Past President Ted Johnson for climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Ted was able to authenticate his achievement by producing a photo showing him up on the bridge, so we know his claim was genuine.

There was no profile speaker and the lucky door prize was won by Janet Smith for the ladies, and John Dunn for the men. A special raffle for a tapestry was won by Joyce Baldwin.

After morning tea President John introduced guest speaker Colin Sheumack who spoke about, "will there ever be one Church"; and although Colin thought this will not happen in our lifetime, he gave encouraging information on recent Ecumenical behaviour in various churches and an interesting prediction on the possible aftermath of the September 11 tragedy. Colin was warmly thanked by Lerryn Mutton.

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