

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting Number 390
held at Kincumber Uniting Church on Tuesday 22 November 2016

The meeting was opened by President Arthur Adeney at 9.30am. Arthur welcomed our visitor Marilyn Farmanfarmai.

In memoriam: Hermione Dunbar remembered Jean Johnson as a quiet person but one who showed plenty of spirit in some situations. One incident happened in Sydney while enjoying a BBQ. A kookaburra stole Jean's sausage giving rise to the hidden anger rarely seen. On another occasion the club was having a soup day when unfortunately rain intervened. Jean insisted on finishing her soup rather than moving out of the rain as others did. More recently Hermione had a nasty fall on the slippery floor during morning tea break. Jean told Hermione that it was the first time she had witnessed a fall – perhaps fulfilling some item on a bucket list? In particular Jean is remembered for her role as caterer for many men's meetings since her husband was a founding member. She was a long time friend of Irene Dunlop. One minute of silence helped us remember this gentle lady.

Induction: Roseanna del Villar and Helen Goudge were welcomed as members. Arthur invited them to participate in the various activities and presented them with their badges and a copy of the Constitution.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the October 2016 General Meeting were presented. The Minutes had been confirmed by the Committee. The meeting accepted the Minutes as a correct record.

Correspondence: Letter from PSPL giving details of a sponsor company which is a financial management firm. Members were alerted to the availability of such a service if needed.

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

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

Treasurer's Report
October 2016

		Year to date
Opening Balance 1.10.16	\$2885.31	
Receipts	65.07	3666.61
Total	2950.38	
Expenses	479.69	3465.33
Closing Balance 31.10.16	2470.69	

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

Membership Report: Convenor Ineke Esveld reported that we had 62 members and 4 Life Members present. Apologies were received from Rhoda Roberts, Adrian and Natalie McConnell, Beverly Boon, Kevin and Lorraine Southgate, Anne and John Mulford, Brian and Vi Game, Carla Hurley, Barbara Orme, Leonie Bird, Bob and Kay Cochrane, Jeff Bradshaw and Keith Tysoe.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Convenor Hermione Dunbar: We received a thank you from Tricia Fortier from the Humour Foundation (Clown Doctors) for the support for her fundraising. Our meeting today features the Rumbalara Rebels – a musical group from Kincumber. In January we will hear from our own member David Dennison who will talk about the Maori Culture.

Social Convenor's Report: Convenor Gloria Reid : Thanks to the helpers who worked for our Bush Picnic. It was a happy day - thank you cooks Alan and Bill, Isobel, Joan and Di for helping me serve and also thanks

to David and Richard as cheesecake cutters. Hermione's Christmas cake was excellent. Christmas Lunch will be held on Monday 12 December at 12 noon at Ettalong Diggers. The cost is \$35 PP and is due today.

Welfare Report: Co Convenors Carla Hurley and Bob Cochrane are away. We are pleased that David Dunbar has recovered from his surgery and is with us today, But sorry to hear tha John Mulford is not well and in Brisbane Waters Hospital.

Theatre/Trip Report: Di Rudd gave advanced notice of performances of the Victorian Ballet in September 2017 and the Merchant of Venice by the Bell Shakespeare Coy in October 2017 She is waiting on news of the Woy Woy program. In 2017 My Fair Lady returns to the Opera House in August and Bodyguard (a new musical) is coming to the Lyric Theatre on 21 April. If you are interested in attending any theatre performances please let Di know in case a group booking can be arranged. Joan Vella announced that there are two vacancies for the trip in April 2017 and anyone who wishes to pay today may do so.

Golf report: Liz Gilbert reflected on the happy and successful year the golfers had experienced and presented the Annual trophy to George Costigan who was happy to accept .

Bookshare: Convenor Jenny Baker: Books by James Patterson feature today.

President's Report: President Arthur read the citation for John Mulford who was nominated for Life Membership by Fred Leake and seconded by Richard Collins. It was a comprehensive history of John's outstanding contribution as a member. Members voted unanimously to confirm this honour and we hope to do this at the Christmas Lunch in December.

Profile talk: Jill Willis told of happy times in her youth and of a particular interest she developed into tracing some of her family history in a Family History Group. Here interest and research came up with intriguing information on her family background, including her roots in Ireland and Germany dating back 2 or 3 generations, with convict history in the Hunter Valley. After the busy time of raising her family of 4 children she was able to visit Ireland with other members of the group to enjoy the atmosphere of a country where her ancestors lived, adding colour to this search of her background. Her hobby has filled in a lot of time and helped understand something of her family from the past.

We broke for Morning Tea.

Speaker: As promised Hermione Dunbar gave us a surprise this month. The entertainment came from the Rumbalara Rebels - a banjo and singing musical group. Their name Rumbalara refers to the fact that they live close to the Rumbalara Reserve, and Rebels acknowledges the fact that they are rebelling against aging. There was plenty of foot tapping and singing through the various numbers - familiar songs like 'Home Among the Gumtrees', 'Singing in the Rain', 'Shake rattle and Roll', and others. The highlight came as our Kincumber Probus All Stars donned leis to perform the hula, and waved 'I Love Probus' flags as they marched to 'When the Saints Come Marching In'. They were magnificent and you can see for yourself by checking our web site. Many photographs were taken and I am sure Barry will have added them to the site. Thanks to Rumbalara Rebels and to Hermione and Gloria Reid who initiated this variety for our meeting.

Vote of thanks: Gloria Reid thanked the ukelele group for their performance and presented them with Probus pens.

Draw lucky door prize: The Lucky door prize was drawn (two bottles of wine today).

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

Signed as a correct record: Arthur Adeney, President