

Minutes of Meeting 256 of the Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.held at Avoca Beach Bowling Club 26th July 2005.

President Richard opened the meeting at 09.30 hrs , welcomed two visitors: Patrick Lennon a guest of Mike Ryan and Kevin Southgate a guest of Barry Riley.

Secretary Don then read the minutes of the previous meeting and proposed they be accepted. This was seconded by Barry Riley and Agreed.

Correspondence: The usual news letters from local clubs; a new Directory from Probus South Pacific; change of address from East Gosford (Mens) Club.

Treasurers report Nev Owen gave the report as follows:

Opening Balance at 1 st June 2005	\$2928.53
Subscriptions	180.00
Interest	0.11
Giving	\$3108.64
Less Expenses of	363.17
Closing Balance at 30 th June	\$2745.47

Nev proposed that the report be accepted, seconded by Bruce Dunlop, and Agreed.

Presidents Report: President Richard thanked Sid for his back up P/A System, and noted that since Syd had been bringing it, the Club's PA system had worked perfectly.

Membership: As John Orme was away helping the Poms with their catching skills, Ken Robson ably deputized and recorded the attendance at 58.7%.

Speaker Convener Stan Roberts confirmed that Les Chanter would be present after the Tea Break.

Social Convener David Dennison having returned from his globetrotting said that the next trip would be to Prague as not many members had been there. The next local event was at the water front close to the Gosford Sailing Club but not quite at the public baths, bring your chairs for Tuesday 9th August.

Lerryn Mutton then announced that planning for the schools' debate was well under way and the finals would be at our next meeting in August.

Welfare Officer Ken Robson's report was as printed in the News Sheet. Ken noted that Alec Cochran had had his operation and was still poorly. He had also been notified that John Dunn had suffered a stroke.

Bushwalking: President Richard said that the walk to Girrorakool was one of the most challenging to date and the survivors would be welcome to join on the rearranged Rumbalara expedition in August, weather permitting.

Golf: George Costigan reported that numbers were improving like the weather and Friday mornings were going well but not enough to start again on Mondays just yet.

Bowls: Reg Davies required numbers for the match at Terrigal on 26th September, two teams of three will be required for the event.

Theatre: David Dunbar reported that the group had attended shows at Woy Woy Little theatre and Laycock. He had thirty tickets for The producers in Sydney in September at the Lyric (Star City), but he must have confirmation before 10th August after which there would be no refunds.

General Business: President Richard thanked Barry Riley for another excellent News Sheet.

Tea was then taken.

President Richard introduced the guest speaker Les Chanter from the NMRA who enlightened us on the Years Ahead Driver Program for Seniors. A very informative and entertaining speaker opening our eyes to all the statistics and causes of crashes (not accidents). The risk groups were particularly interesting as most of us fell into the final two groups. This was the first part of the Driver Awareness Program, and Les would be happy to return and present the second part.

Bruce Dunlop fittingly gave a vote of thanks and a bottle of the best red.

Ticket B 32 orange won the lucky door prize.

President Richard closed the meeting at 11.32 hrs

Signed as a correct record: President..... Date.....