

Minutes of meeting 253 of the Probus Club of Kincumber held at Avoca Bowling Club on 26th April 2005.

The meeting was started by the Ladies Bowling club at 9.30am due to malfunctions with the public address system. This was quickly remedied by the swift intervention of Barry Riley and Lerryn Mutton.

President Richard opened the meeting, and welcomed those present. Lerryn then lead the meeting in the National Anthem. President Richard then called for a minute's silence to remember the loss of Geoff Veal and Bill Stockman who are sadly no longer with us

Secretary Don then read the Minutes of the last meeting. These were accepted on his motion, seconded by John Short.

There were no matters Arising

Correspondence: News Letters from various clubs and offers from several organizations which where passed on to the Social Convener David Dennison. The Correspondence was accepted on the motion of Richard Collins, seconded by Norm Welsh.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Nev Owen reported that the club was still solvent. The balance in the Admin Acc was at \$1364.83. Subscriptions are due. The report was accepted on Nev's motion, seconded by Keith Judd

President's Comments: President Richard reminded the congregation that we still had a vacancy for a Junior Vice President and asked that members give some thought to remedying the situation

Membership Report: John Orme, with his new assistant Ken Robson, managed to make sure every one had a raffle ticket at last. 44 members were present with 14 apologies, representing a 55% attendance

Apologies were received from the following: Bruce Dunlop, Geoff Butcher, Ron Coleman, Peter Moore , Max Newman, Ron Sinclair, Ed Denmen, Norm Baker, Brain Smith, Bob Cummings, Ken Gouby, George Costigan, Kevin Duker, George Burt.

Speaker Convener: Stan Roberts confirmed that Neville Steer from Technical Aids for the Disabled was OK for today's meeting and that there were speakers lined up for the next two meetings

Social Convener: David Dennison reported that the visit to the Australian Technology Park was well attended and all enjoyed the visit. He called for numbers of intended participates for next month's trip to Palm Beach RSL. Future events: for June, Hotel Gosford 1926 Bar and Brassiere. Aunty Molly's Old Bakehouse, Morisset for July.

Editor: No report. A sign of an excellent News Letter

Welfare Report: Ken Robson said that Velda was recovering under his watchful eye and updated us on David Lester, Joan Van Gelder, and Beulah and Harold Symmons

Bushwalking. Richard Collins reported that 17 walkers enjoyed the cliff top walk at South Wyrrabalong National park. Next month's walk will be at Rumbalara Reserve in the heart of Gosford.

Golf: No Report.

Bowls: No Report.

General Business: President Richard presented Past President Michael Ryan with a Photo Album of his year in office in appreciation of his commitment over the last year to the Club.

Richard then presented a Plaque of Appreciation to the Past Secretary David Kenny for seven years of service as Secretary, a tenth of his life.

There was no Profile speaker this month and the meeting was adjourned for the Tea Break.

At 10.30am Stan Roberts introduced the Guest Speaker Neville Steer from Technical Aids for the Disabled. Neville's talk generated many questions before President Richard called upon Gordon Taylor for a vote of thanks.

The Lucky door Prize was won by Stan Roberts.

President Richard then thanked all present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11.25am.