

Probus Club of Kincumber Inc.
Minutes of General Meeting Number 336
held at Avoca Bowling Club on Tuesday 27 March 2012

President Rhoda Roberts opened the meeting at 9.30am, welcoming Members and guests Yvonne Chandler, June Thorpe, Arthur Adeney, Gerry Turner, Jill Smith, Dawn Purcell, Trish Verity, J Thompson and Anne Madin.

Rhoda informed Members of the death of Life Member Keith Austin on 25 March. He would have been 90 years old on 28 March. At Rhoda's request, Ken Robson and Fred Leake spoke about Keith's life and involvement in the Club. Keith joined the Club in August 1984, just a few months after its formation. In his Profile talk given in 1986, he spoke about his career as a surveyor and the challenges that he had faced when setting up his business. Keith was the Club photographer from 1990 to 2003. Of the 8 photo albums recording the life of the Club, more than half are Keith's work. Quoting the words of Janet Smith, Fred said that Keith was an unassuming, quietly spoken gentleman. The meeting stood for one minute's silence to honour Keith.

Minutes of previous meeting: Secretary Richard Collins read a brief synopsis of the Minutes. The Minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting. There was no business arising from the Minutes.

Correspondence: News Sheets from other Probus Clubs; tour information, resignation of Kevin Finn.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Barry Riley provided the following information about the Club's accounts:

Balance at 1 March 2011	\$994.47	
	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>February</i>
Income	\$2125.00	120.00
Expenses	\$2134.47	\$313.05
Balance at 29 February 2012	\$1075.00	

Barry's report was accepted. Barry also reminded members that annual fees are now due.

President's Report: President Rhoda thanked the Committee and Members for their assistance and support during her Presidency. She also made particular mention of those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Membership Report: Membership Officer John Pagett said that the total membership now stands at 66, including the three new members. There were 42 Members present, and 8 visitors. There were 13 apologies: from Wally Tuffs, George and Jan Costigan, Nanette Steanes, Rhonda Laybutt, David and Elizabeth Butler, Denise Lawrence, Anne Mulford, Robyn Armytage, Lerryn Mutton, Pam Robertson and Helen Sutton.

Speaker Convenor's Report: Speaker Convenor Marie Riley said that future speakers will be: Alan Flores on recent trends in libraries (April); Bob Smith on films of the 50s and 60s (May), and Tom Richmond on Ginger Meggs (June).

Social Convenor's Report: Social Convenor Ruth Charlesworth thanked all who had supported the social activities throughout the past year. On 13 March, 24 people visited Riding for the Disabled. During the visit we donated \$150 to them from last month's raffle. There will be no social event in April due to Easter. We will visit the Kooindah Waters Sculpture on the Greens in May.

Editor's Report: No report in Editor Wally Tuffs' absence.

Welfare Report: Joint Welfare Officer Lorraine Southgate welcomed back Annette Pagett and Keith Tysoe and said that it was good to see Bruce Dunlop with his new pacemaker.

Bushwalking Report: Bushwalking Convenor Kevin Southgate said that 25 people attended the walk to the Arboretum at Pearl Beach. In April we will walk at the Davistown waterfront. The combined bushwalking and golfing trip to Nelson Bay has 25 starters.

Golf Report: Golf Leader Mike Ryan said that the golf course was at its best and exhorted members to come and have a try.

Theatre Report: Retiring Theatre Convenor David Dunbar thanked all who had supported the theatre activities in the past. The two forthcoming plays at Woy Woy Theatre will be attended by 25 people from the Club. Incoming Theatre Convenor Anne Swan discussed the possibility of a regular theatre event on the first Tuesday of each month to either the Avoca Beach Theatre or the Paradiso Theatre at Ettalong.

Five minutes of fame: Rhoda invited Ken Robson to speak on a subject of his choosing. Ken said that his family had always had an affinity for the Rudds, starting with Dad and Dave, then Kevin (now in the back of the bus), and now John. John has a great team starting with his wife Diane (superb photographer and golfer), Thelma, Richard, Barry (always has his hand out), Ruth (great Foreign Minister, although she seems to have something going on with a bloke called Reg), Marie (Speaker of the House), John (Numbers man), Kevin (Minister for Highways) and Mike (Minister for Sports). Ken was delighted to have made so many good friends with John's team. The closeness of these relationships can be judged by the fact that one of them (Bruce Dunlop) recently invited him to feel his pacemaker.

General Business: Col Laybutt said that he has just started to get the Daily Telegraph, because the writing in his old newspaper was so awful. However, the first article that he read in the new paper said "Police are under investigation for killing a man twice this week".

President Rhoda invited Jean Johnson, Irene Dunlop and Janet Smith to come forward. She then presented them with flowers and thank you cards for their sustained contributions to the Club over its entire life. Irene and Jean's support goes right back to the first meeting of the Club where their names appear in the Minutes as the "capable organisers of morning tea". They have supported the Club in similar ways ever since. Janet has consistently supported the Club's activities and we have all greatly appreciated the superb Christmas cakes that she has made and donated to us every year for as long as we can remember. The meeting supported the presentations with acclamation.

After morning tea, President Rhoda adjourned the meeting for the Annual General Meeting.

After the AGM the meeting reconvened with new President John Rudd in the Chair.

The two Lucky Door Prizes were won by Keith Tysoe and Marie Riley.

President John thanked Col Laybutt and David Kenny for helping with morning tea. Heather and Mike Ryan volunteered to help with morning tea at the next meeting.

President John advised that he will be unable to attend the April meeting as he will be in the West Indies watching two test matches.

John thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 11.10am.

Signed as a correct record: John Rudd, President