



# NEWS & NOTES

## WELCOME TO THE APRIL 2022 EDITION OF NEWS AND NOTES

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### Presidents Message

It is an honour to be your President for 2022-2023.

I shall try to live up to the expectations of my role.

It was so pleasing to see well over half the total Probud membership in WA represented at the AGM and that my presentation of the "Year in Review" was well received. The concurrence of PAWA's re-vitalisation plan for the rest of the year by 50 clubs present, representing 60% of WA membership has given the 2022-23 Committee a lot of work ahead.

Be assured your Committee will try very hard to deliver as much as we can to assist your Club and foster collaborative links across WA and the wider Probud community.

Planning for the coming events on the Probud Calendar are and well in hand and we shall keep you well informed as further details are finalised.

Thank you, PAWA Member Clubs across Western Australia

Yours in Friendship, Fellowship and Fun,  
Peter Olney PSM





## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE CLUBS CELEBRATING IN APRIL

Wembley Downs Probus Club Inc.	1 year
Combined Probus Club of Murray District (WA) Inc.	23 years
Narrogin Probus Club Inc.	28 years
Scarborough Ladies Probus Club Inc.	35 years
Probus Club of Dalkeith/Nedlands Inc.	36 years
Rossmoyne Ladies Probus Club Inc.	36 years
Probus Club of Albany Inc.	38 years

### **COVID advice from PAWA: RE PRIVACY.**

The WA Government directive that came into effect on 31<sup>st</sup> January indicates that a club Management Committee has a duty of care in regards to its membership. This means that Proof of Vaccination (PoV) can be requested from Club Members and there is no violation of privacy.

### *Standing Resolutions/By Laws for your Club:*

*As the new Management Committee takes office, it is a good idea to review whether the Club's Standing Resolutions/By Laws need updating.*

*All too often Clubs utilise the original template provided by PSPA and this may no longer be relevant to a Club's operations.*

*The Standing Resolutions are a simplified guide to the operation of a Club and should align with the Club Constitution.*

## PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General meeting was held at Tompkins Park in Alfred Cove on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Ninety-seven members from fifty clubs were in attendance, This represents around 60% of the WA Probus membership.

It was an excellent turnout considering many Clubs' concerns about the Covid Situation.

President Peter Olney addressed the meeting acknowledging the difficult year it has been for clubs. He outlined the areas that PAWA focused on in the past term and how the Committee was working as a team towards improved communication.

This was carried out with Club visits, Information Days, the inaugural Northern Forum, ably facilitated by Secretary Ralph Sirmulis, Little Aussie Communities advertising, upgrading of PAWA publications and the promotion of Probus Day.

PAWA also provided clubs with COVID advice in relation to the WA State Government Directives regarding Covid protocols and the impact privacy issues.

Peter spoke about PAWA's vision to be the most innovative, interactive and respected organisation to support Probus Clubs in Western Australia.

The recent survey identified some general issues, but it was decided to "dig deeper" into the more specific needs with a Forum. (*See Forum feedback*).

**PAWA has decided to adopt the following as its overall goal:**

*"To promote Probus to the retired and semi-retired community in Western Australia as an avenue for fun, friendship and social interaction through the sharing of ideas and information, coordinating multi club events and activities, and supporting the growth and operation of clubs."*

It was put to the AGM delegates that the PAWA levy will remain at \$2 per member for the coming 2022/23 year.

As regards the election of PAWA Officer and Committee members, the new Committee is as follows:

President: Peter Olney (Ellenbrook Combined Probus Club)  
Vice President: Sue Harwood (Combined Probus Club of Winthrop)  
Secretary: Ralph Sirmulis (Joondalup City Probus Club)  
Treasurer: Helen Hardy (Shoalwater Ladies Probus Club)  
Committee Members:  
Edna Jones (Combined Probus Club of Rockingham)  
Pauline Dunning (Combined Probus Club of Rockingham)  
Moy Coomer (Joondalup City Probus Club)

Clubs should note that each PAWA member Club is entitled to have two members on the PAWA Committee but only one of whom has voting rights.



### **PAWA COMMITTEE- new member:**

PAWA Committee welcomes Moy Coomer from the Joondalup City Probus club who joined at the Annual General Meeting.  
Our thanks to the efforts of Lesley Goudie who was the Treasurer in 2021-22.

### **Northern Club Forum**

*This Forum was held at the Bramston Park Community Sporting facility in Burns Beach on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022*

*Eleven clubs were invited to send representatives. This represented around 12% of WA Probus membership.*

*Continued:*

*Thirty-five members from seven clubs attended.*

- *Yanchep Two Rocks*
- *Kallaroo Probus Club*
- *Karrinyup Ladies Probus Club*
- *Karrinyup / North beach Probus Club*
- *Joondalup City Probus Club*
- *Kingsley Probus Club*
- *Probus Club of Whitfords*

*The Forum was opened by the President Peter Olney and facilitated by the PAWA Secretary, Ralph Sirmulis. PAWA committee members in attendance were Helen Hardy, Lesley Goudie and Sue Harwood.*

*Attendees were able to share information on issues and concerns that clubs are faced with today. This information is being used by PAWA to help it to determine how it can better serve WA Probus Clubs and to determine an action plan for the future.*

*The Forum was an interactive session, which also allowed members to network with other club members during the short break for a light lunch.*



***Some examples of feedback from the Forum includes:***

- *Probus awareness in the community is poor*
- *Clubs unclear on what our “product” is*
- *Poor knowledge of PAWA and PSPL.*
- *PSPL needs to recognize that the Associations Act differs between States and Territories*
- *PSPL Handbook seen as a rulebook, not a guideline*
- *Poor knowledge of Constitution / Standing Resolutions*
- *Active Retirees magazine focuses on the Eastern States and is not relevant to WA*
- *Marketing material is not always appropriate*
- *Uninspiring Probus website*
- *No knowledge of the roles of Ambassador, Rotary District Probus Chair or Probus District Chair*

*The general consensus was that “cluster” Forums would be beneficial and perhaps held 2-3 times per year.*

*P A W A will be holding more **Forums** for  
Probus club members to have an opportunity to  
have a voice, share their thoughts and help  
determine an action plan for P A W A.*

A **Forum** is planned for the following clubs on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at the RAAFA Club, Air Force Memorial Estate, 2 Bullcreek Drive, Bullcreek WA 6149. A Flyer has been sent inviting up to 4 members of each club to attend. Non-Committee members are most welcome. Proof of vaccination will be required.

#### South Central Region

- Como Combined Probus Club
- South Perth Ladies Club
- Probus Club of Victoria Park
- Belmont Districts Probus Club
- Combined Probus Club of East Perth

#### South Metropolitan Region

- Rossmoyne Probus Club
- The Probus Club of Bannister Creek
- Willetton Ladies Club
- Combined Probus Club of Leeming
- Canning Vale Probus Club
- Probus Club of Gosnells
- Probus Club of Thornlie
- Combined Probus Club of Winthrop

#### Inner Central Region

- Probus Club of Fremantle
- East Fremantle Probus Club
- Combined Probus Club of Melville
- Melville Ladies Probus Club
- Ladies Probus Club of Booragoon
- Probus Club of Booragoon
- Rossmoyne Ladies Probus Club
- Probus Club of Attadale
- Combined Probus Club of Attadale
- Combined Probus Club of Murdoch

The above Clubs represent around 60% of the WA Probus membership.



## WA PROBUS CLUBS DIRECTORY UPDATE

All Clubs have been asked to update their details for the PAWA Club Directory. Names, telephone and email addresses are required for the following:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Liaison officer
- As Committee members change from year to year, it is useful to have a generic Club email address to make communication with clubs easier at change of Committee.
- Please also note that that PAWA correspondence is always sent to the Club Secretary as, under the Constitution, the Secretary is the primary channel for all communications with a Club.
- *Please send the completed form to [PAWAsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:PAWAsecretary@gmail.com)*

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### Quote from Helen Keller

#### PAWA TARGETS:

- ❖ Open lines of communication
- ❖ Foster collaboration
- ❖ Safeguard autonomy
- ❖ Legislation awareness
- ❖ Listen to members



#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

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#### TRAVEL HANDBOOK

Two printed copies of the new Travel Handbook have recently been sent to your Club, for the Tour Officer and anyone else assisting in planning Probus Club tours and trips.

#### CHANGE TO GUEST SPEAKER LIST

Chris Carmody is unable to continue as a Guest Speaker and requested to be removed from the list. His topic was "Yesterday's Heroes" and he spoke about the rivalry between the Fremantle football teams.

# Spectacular South Australia

South Australia is your one stop shop for incredible outback wonders, lush Barossa Valley wine country, beautiful island life, the Fleurieu Peninsula, and the mighty Murray River.

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Featuring guided walks at Wilpena and Arkaroola			
<b>Kangaroo Island Adventures</b>	<b>6 DAYS</b>	<b>2 – 7 Sep</b>	<b>\$3,235pptw</b>
Enjoy 5 nights on beautiful Kangaroo Island			
<b>Upper Murraylands cruise Mannum to Morgan</b>	<b>8 DAYS</b>	<b>8 – 15 Sep</b>	<b>\$4,465pptw</b>
Featuring 7-night PS Murray Princess cruise			
<b>South Australian Splendour</b>	<b>10 DAYS</b>	<b>24 Sep – 3 Oct</b>	<b>\$5,275pptw</b>
Featuring Victor Harbor, Kangaroo Island and the Murray River			



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## TRISH FLOYD with STEVEN JOHNSTON, President Melville Combined Probus Club



*Congratulations to Trish Floyd from Melville Combined Probus Club, on becoming a Life Member at their March meeting.*

*Trish was the club's first female Committee member, first female President of the club, and has served in many positions on the committee.*

*Trish is also the editor of **Probus West**, a position she has held since 2016. Trish joined the club when she retired in 2008, after receiving an invitation from a friend to attend a meeting. She returned to work in 2009, but made sure she kept the first Wednesday morning free so she could attend her club meeting.*

*This continued until 2013.*

*Her commendation reads:*

**“TRISH FLOYD – you have been elected as a Life Member of the Combined Probus Club of Melville Inc. because of your loyalty, commitment and excellence in support of Probus ideals of Friendship, Fellowship and Fun.**

**As a respected member of our club, you have continuously displayed these qualities of membership, which encourage the development of Probus principles and standards. We sincerely thank you and have pleasure in presenting you with Life Membership of our Club”.**

Following the presentation, with acclamation from all members, Trish claimed she was speechless, but all evidence was to the contrary – well done Trish!



## PROBUS WEST

*Clubs are invited to submit articles for Probus West - the social arm of Probus, which highlights the social events, fun times, and news of activities from around clubs. Add a few words that tell us how much fun you had and what people did!*

Articles to be in Word format, with pictures as jpegs.

**Trish Floyd** will acknowledge your story and is happy to give assistance.

Contributions can be emailed to [rpflloyd@westnet.com.au](mailto:rpflloyd@westnet.com.au)

or posted to 103a Stock Road, Attadale 6156.

*If you have views on how we can help Probus Clubs in WA to grow and prosper contact Secretary Ralph Sirmulis for an invitation to come along and give us your ideas to ensure that PAWA is an effective voice of WA Probus Clubs. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at the Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre, 555 Leach Highway Winthrop. 9.30am -12.30pm Contact Ralph Sirmulis 0417 201 867 or PAWASecretary@gmail.com*

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