



Probud Association of W.A. Inc.  
Patron: His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson ACAPM  
Governor of Western Australia



# NEWS & NOTES

THE VOICE OF PROBUD CLUBS IN THE WEST

## WELCOME TO THE APRIL 2023 EDITION of NEWS and NOTES

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**I thank you for the opportunity to be President of PAWA. My thanks to the team from last year who, under the leadership of Peter, looked at how we could be more effective in our role to support WA Probud Clubs. From the feedback we received, we feel that we made significant inroads.**

*PAWA intends to continue building upon what we have accomplished so far and conduct more workshops and get out amongst the Clubs more often to listen and understand and offer advice. As you may be aware, PSPL and PAWA are two different organisations, but both have the same goals i.e., wanting Clubs to be successful. PAWA intends to work with PSPL to improve the working relationship. The biggest issues facing our Clubs continue to be:*

- \* Finding officer bearers for the Management Committee.**
- \* Finding new members.**

Often, the Management Committee roles are made too complex and adherence to chapter and verse of “rules and regulations” scares off possible candidates. Running a Probud Club should not be complex and intimidating as we are running social clubs and not BHP or a Government Department. We need to be practical about our approach.

People come to Probud because they want a social life to meet other people, be entertained, learn something new and feel a sense of belonging. As Clubs, we need to ensure that our focus is on the fun, friendship, and fellowship and not administration business. Word will get out if the Club is happy and thriving and thus attract new members.

All too often, we forget that Clubs and Committees are there for the members and not the other way around. **I urge you to send members to our Workshops as our aim is to listen to issues, pool ideas and suggest alternatives/solutions.** Clubs should consider sending not only Committee members but also other Club members who may want to learn about taking on a role in the future. We can all learn something new and I did from the Forums and Workshops.

Likewise, PAWA is there just an email or phone call away to answer your questions and help you resolve issues. **We see ourselves as the Voice of Probud in the West.**

Clubs certainly differ in how they operate and thus there is no “standard” template that is applicable to all. We would like to get out and visit your Clubs and see and hear firsthand so please do not hesitate to contact us and invite us to your meetings. **Ralph Sirmulis**

## PAWA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The PAWA AGM was held at the Bendat Basketball Centre on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Representatives from thirty clubs attended along with eleven clubs by proxy. Retiring President, Peter Olney, outlined the work and achievements of the Committee during the past twelve months. Peter acted as the Returning Officer and the new committee was duly elected.

Members adjourned for light refreshments and to enjoy fellowship with those in attendance.



2023-24 PAWA Committee Left to right:

Pauline Dunning Secretary, Sue Harwood Vice President, Ralph Sirmulis President, Edna Jones Vice President, Helen Hardy Treasurer, Peter Olney Immediate Past President. Absent Malcolm Wauchope AO, Committee.

### Congratulations to Ralph Sirmulis

on his appointment as President of PAWA.

**Thanks are extended to the retiring President Peter Olney for his leadership and direction over the past two years.**

**Well done to all the 2022-23 committee who gave their time throughout the year, to assist clubs to thrive.**

**Congratulations also to the incoming committee.**

## PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF WA INC. ACHIEVEMENTS 2022-23

*PAWA has assisted clubs to deliver the promise of fun, friendship, and intellectual stimulation in the past 12 months by providing the following: -*

- Workshops in local and regional areas to share information, ideas, and network with other Probians. Forums and workshops represented 79.3% of all WA club members.
- Upgrading Publications: Club Directory, Monthly News and Notes, Speakers List and Outings List.
- Responding to members questions with advice to help resolve issues and encourage Committee involvement.
- Visiting many clubs throughout the year.
- Hosting a successful multi-club outing in Pinjarra in February with plans for more in 2023.
- Providing encouragement to raise the profile of Probus to the community with Probus Day celebrations in October and “Have a Go Day” in November.

**(Part of Peter Olney’s presentation at the PAWA AGM in March.)**

## PLAN FOR 2023-24

To continue the Building Better Clubs Workshops acknowledging and incorporating feedback from members.

To communicate to clubs with appropriate segments and news articles via monthly News and Notes.

To provide the Club Directory, Speakers and Outings Lists for club use.

To be available to clubs for advice and encouragement to resolve issues.

To organize multi club outings.

To be the Voice of Probus in the West.

### **Probus West:**

*During the Forums conducted by PAWA last year, many Clubs expressed the view that the current style of Probus West was too voluminous. Consequently, not many members tended to read it. What Probus Clubs are doing socially should be set out in their own Club's Newsletter and perhaps sent to PSPL.*

*Despite the comments from the Forums, PAWA recognises that many members would still like some information on social activities of WA Clubs. We see this as best being shown on the PAWA website. This website is currently being reviewed and will be revamped.*

*In the meantime, please send a briefer writeup and limited number of photos to Sue Harwood who will decide as to what might be included in the News & Notes or perhaps a quarterly revision of Probus West.*

## PLANNED WORKSHOPS

New, past committee and interested members are invited to attend one of these workshops to gain / share information about committee roles to help manage their club.

Below is a list of dates and venues for Workshops.

Registration forms will be sent to clubs.



Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>

Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>

Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>

Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup>

Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup>

Friday June 30<sup>th</sup>

Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>

The Kalamunda Bowling Club

The Esplanade Hotel, Busselton

Le Grande Motel, Albany

North Beach Bowling Club

Rossmoyne Bowling Club

RAAFA Estate Meadow Springs

Cambridge Bowling Club, Floreat

## Happy Birthday to Clubs with Anniversaries in APRIL



Wembley Downs Probus Club

2 years

Combined Probus Club of Murray District WA Inc.

24 years

Narrogin Probus Club WA Inc.

29 Years

Scarborough Ladies Probus Club Inc.

36 years

Probus Club of Dalkeith/Nedlands Inc.

37 years

Rossmoyne Ladies Probus Club Inc.

37 years

Probus Club of Albany Inc.

39 years

## SPEAKERS LIST UPDATE

**Barry Chesson**, “Brief history of Poisons”, has retired from speaking. Barry stated it was a pleasure to speak at Perth based Probus clubs over the past four years.

An updated [Speakers List and Outings List](#) will be sent to clubs in April.

Please give feedback regarding Speakers on the list.

If you have enjoyed an outing or café, please let Sue Harwood know so it can be added to the Outings List. [smharwood1@bigpond.com](mailto:smharwood1@bigpond.com)



The theme for Probus Day in 2023 is:  
“Good friends, Great times, New adventures”

*Celebrating*  
**PROBUS**  
1 - 31 October 2023 *Month*

Do you know all the Probus clubs in your Area?

[Check your new Directory.](#)

The Directory of clubs will be finalized when clubs have forwarded all new committee information to the Secretary.

Check clubs near you for the possibility to join up for outings and activities or when trying to fill a bus!





# Interstate Awaits

## The Man from Snowy River Bush Festival

7 DAYS > 10 to 16 April 2023

**\$3,780** pptw  
\$410 single option

### Highlights

- XPT rail journey Melbourne to Albury
- Local guided tour of Albury
- Lake Hume Dam Wall walk
- Albury Botanic Gardens guided tour
- Bonegilla Migrant experience
- Army Museum Bandiana
- Boggy Creek Show, Tumbarumba
- Pioneer Women's Hut Museum
- The Man from Snowy River Bush Festival (2 days)



**\$4,045** pptw  
\$570 single option



## Splendid Bright, Beechworth & Yackandandah

9 DAYS > 26 April to 4 May 2023

### Highlights

- Train journey from Melbourne to Albury
- Guided tour of Albury Botanic Gardens
- Mount Buffalo & Falls Creek touring
- Bright Autumn Festival
- Red Stag Deer & Emu Farm tour
- Beechworth Historic & Cultural Precinct tour
- Old Beechworth Gaol tour
- Beechworth Honey Bee School
- Milawa produce

## Outback South Australia & the Red Centre

14 DAYS > 3 to 16 May 2023

villa discovery



### Highlights

- Alice Springs
- MacDonnell Ranges
- Kings Canyon
- Uluru
- Kata Tjuta (the Olgas)
- Field of Lights Illumination
- Oodnadatta Track
- Coober Pedy
- Ikara-Flinders Ranges
- Wilpena Pound
- Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary
- Clare Valley

**\$6,995** pptw  
\$1,205 single option

**\$2,980** pptw  
\$560 single option



## Vivid Festival of Light, Sydney

5 DAYS > 6 to 10 June 2023

### Highlights

- Vivid Festival of Light
- Vivid Light dinner cruise
- St Mary's Cathedral
- Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney
- Mrs Macquarie's Chair
- Vaucluse House & Estate
- Sydney Opera House
- ABC Ultima guided tour
- Army Museum of New South Wales

## Cairns & the Atherton Tablelands

9 DAYS > 21 to 29 June 2023

**\$4,740** pptw  
\$695 single option



### Highlights

- Yungaburra Memorial Park
- Historic Village Herberton
- Gallo Dairyland
- Nerada Tea
- Millaa Millaa Falls
- Cairns Botanic Gardens
- Cairns Aquarium
- Green Island cruise
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park
- Kuranda Rail & Skyway
- Cairns dinner cruise

### YOUR FULLY INCLUSIVE, ESCORTED TOUR INCLUDES



#### Transfers

Courtesy pre and post home/hotel transfers (Perth/Mandurah metropolitan areas)  
A country collection service is also available



#### Transport



#### Accommodation



#### Meals



#### Attractions



#### Tour Leaders



#### Local Guides

Terms and conditions: All Villa tours are fully escorted, depart from Perth and tour prices include courtesy home collection (Perth and Mandurah metro only), most meals and attractions. Tours are subject to change. Full terms and conditions can be found on villa.com.au or ask us to send them when you call.

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***Come along to a  
committee meeting and  
give us your ideas to  
ensure that PAWA is an  
effective voice of WA  
Probus Clubs.***

***Contact Secretary Pauline  
Dunning for an invitation to  
attend.  
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*We meet on the 1st Thursday  
of every second month at the  
Piney Lakes Environmental  
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9.30am-12.30pm*

***NB: On alternative months,  
PAWA meets via Zoom.***

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