



Probus Association of W.A. Inc.
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Governor of Western Australia



NEWS & NOTES

WELCOME TO THE DECEMBER 2022 EDITION of NEWS and NOTES

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2022 is coming to an end BUT sadly COVID is still prevailing in our communities and all too many communities are recovering from dreadful floods. What does Christmas remind you of; Christmas tree, Christmas pudding, and so many wonderful things? It's also a time for happy reunions, parties with family and friends. When the heart is happy, Christmas can never be dull. It's not just about feasting and fun.

Has your Probus Club had a good year? Let's celebrate it!!!

Let me share some good things:

"The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live."

"Anyone who believes that men are the equal of women has never seen a man trying to wrap a Christmas present."

"I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying, toys not included."

"When you stop believing in Santa Claus is when you start getting clothes for Christmas!"

Let me share some all-too-common things:

Many of us have lost families and Probus friends recently; this never leaves and is profoundly felt at Christmas time. Christmas is a time of celebrations and its appropriate at this time to have fun and recall those happy times and memories.

Many of you will know that I have been on a Queen Elizabeth 2 cruise around Australia together with Lorraine. I was delighted to see quite a number of Western Australian Probus Members and a few overseas members on Board. Cunard allocated Probus a meeting venue.

PAWA has commenced its planning for 2023 so we can look forward to another prosperous year ahead.

PAWA wishes its entire member clubs a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Kind Regards

Peter Olney PSM

President



Happy Birthday
To the clubs with
Anniversaries
In December

Probus Club of Woodlands Inc.	23 Years
Esperance Probus Club Inc.	25 Years
North Coast Probus Club Inc.	31 Years

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE CLUB'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE?



A Club Management Committee is the group of people, elected according to the Constitution of the Club to run the Club on behalf of the members and to plan strategically and implement measures to ensure the sustainable future of the club. This includes events and activities and potential expenditure.

All too often, Club Management Committees tend to forget that they are responsible to the Club's membership. Whilst the Committee can formulate ideas and activities/events, membership fees and possible expenditure, these should be put to the Club's membership for their endorsement/approval. It is the members who make the final decision and not just the Committee.

Likewise, the membership should be appraised of the Club's financial position at the monthly Club meetings. After all, it is the Club membership funds in question.

“Have a Go Day” was the main theme for Seniors Week Wednesday 9 November.

Have a Go Day began in 1991 at Taylor Reserve in South Perth. In 1992 it moved to McCallum Park and then on to Burswood Park where it has been held ever since. Attendance has grown from 500 to an average of 15,000. It was designed to make seniors aware of the importance of exercise, socialization and both physical and mental activity.

Probus Association of WA had a free of charge marquee at Burswood Park on the day. PSPL was supportive and organised flyers to be given out to interested people, which included contact information.

Committee Member **Helen Hardy** worked hard *to promote Probus in WA* by organising the registration and planning and also set up and manned the marquee on the day.

Volunteers: Jeff Rooke from Booragoon Men’s; Barbara Lee, Ros Pantell, Julie Williams and Viv Why from East Perth Combined; Val Coles and Jenny Nailer from Fremantle Combined; Kath Thomson from Leeming Combined and Dale Eckersley and Rex McKell from Thornlie Combined. PAWA thanks these club members for volunteering their time and assistance in making it a successful day.

The 2022 WA Seniors Awards ceremony was held on the 16 November. The program recognises the important contributions of outstanding seniors in the community, who contribute to age-friendly WA.



PAWA Marquee at Have A Go Day

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR – 2023

At the Forums held earlier this year, members requested that PAWA consider events to include multiple clubs.

Monday 20th FEBRUARY

PINJARRA PACEWAY: Registration forms out soon for catering. \$33 gives you a Roast lunch with dessert, tea & coffee, a race book between 2, a drink voucher and a mystery bet. (Pay at the event).

Thursday 30th MARCH:

PAWA Annual General Meeting: Bendat Basketball Centre, Floreat.

Friday 8th September

LUNCH in the SWAN VALLEY: at “PASTA in the VALLEY” Sicilian Cuisine.

Wednesday 15th November

“Have A Go Day” at Burswood Park in Senior’s Week.

Friday 17th November

AFTERNOON TEA at a *special location* in the CBD, 2-4pm

BUILDING BETTER CLUBS WORKSHOPS

Dates will be in the January edition. Why not invite members who may need encouragement to take on a position.

Bunnings releases new Bluetooth Cordless Hose



You can find this product in the blinker fluid aisle.

WAYS TO REDUCE DEALING WITH CASH AT MEETINGS



Receiving cash at meetings can be a problem these days. Banks are closing branches and it means more travel to make deposits. With fuel being as expensive as it is the Treasurer having to bear this cost. Most people use tap-and-go card technology to pay for groceries. Clubs can use this same technology to receive payments.

A very small number of members may not be willing to go down this path. These members should be accommodated but going cashless for the majority is still a step forward in efficiency for the club.

Advantages for members:

- You don't need to remember to take cash;
- A printed receipt can be provided, or it can be sent by email or text;
- Your transactions appear on your bank statement.

Advantages for the club Treasurer:

- You don't need to remember to make cash available for change (if all members participate);
- You don't need to handle much cash (if any) after the meeting, with the risk of loss or theft;
- The funds are transferred to the club's bank account with the transaction fee already deducted and fully documented.

Typical transactions are:

- Initial membership joining fees and membership renewals;
- Meeting entrance fees (either per meeting day or for the whole year in advance);
- Payment for outings.

One Possible Solution Is To Use a Square Terminal

These machines are used in quite a few clubs throughout WA.



**Takes payments quickly and every entry is securely encrypted.
Clubs pay the same simple rate for every tap or insert: 1.6%.
The club can get the funds as fast as the next day.**

- The Square Terminal provides all-in-one capabilities for taking payments and printing receipts.
- Get up and running straight away with no long-term contracts or monthly recurring charges.
- It takes magstripe card payments, chip card payments and NFC tap-and-go functionalities, including Apple Pay and Google Pay.
- It accepts the taps, swipes, and dips of all major cards.

If you have any questions or need some help, please contact Helen Hardy, PAWA Treasurer, M: 0419 251 489 E: helenhardy@westnet.com.au

Government of Western Australia
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety
Consumer Protection

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SCAM ALERT

“The nationwide scourge of scammers stealing money from unsuspecting and vulnerable individuals has turned its ugly head towards clubs and charities in WA.

Payment redirection scams cost Australian businesses over \$14 million in 2021 and WA ScamNet is warning committee members to be on high alert for impersonators of third-party suppliers in particular.

Consumer Protection was recently informed of a WA association, which was duped out of \$70,000 by a sophisticated email payment scam. Scammers posing as the president of the association requested a number of payments from the treasurer, who unfortunately transferred money electronically to the requested account without question.

Many clubs and charities are run by volunteers and it appears scammers have identified this as a susceptible target market. We ask that you ensure your committee members are on alert for potential scams. Please read and follow the advice on the [Payment Redirection Scams](#) page on the WA ScamNet website.”

(It shows that payment redirection scams, also known as business email compromise, were the most financially damaging scams for Australian businesses in 2021. In a payment redirection scam, scammers impersonate a business or its employees via email and request an upcoming payment be redirected to a fraudulent account.)

“Committee members should also take this opportunity to review their payment practices and ensure proper controls are in place. These may include, but are not limited to, ensuring a valid invoice is received for each payment and matched to a purchase order or approval for the purchase; requiring at least two persons to effect a payment; passwords are not shared or written down and bank statements are regularly reconciled. “

The [Scamwatch website](#) provides a range of resources to help businesses avoid scams. Businesses that have been scammed should contact their bank as soon as possible. Businesses that are the victims of a cybercrime, such as payment redirection scams or ransomware, should report the incident to ReportCyber as soon as possible. ReportCyber is run by the Australian Cyber Security Centre and passes reports to law enforcement agencies for assessment and intelligence purposes.”



Did you know you can create your own club's website within the PSPL site?

PSPL is offering all Probus clubs a complimentary website to showcase your clubs specific activities that will encourage potential new members to your club.

The offer includes the ability to manage this website at club level or to engage PSPL to assist you by uploading your editorial and photographs on a monthly base for a charge of \$100 annually.

Your own website will enable you to also provide your Club members with specific details about your Club such as activities, special meals, meeting minutes and Club newsletters.

It's easy to set up and the power is then in your hands to update your very own website. To set up your Clubs website please feel free to contact PSPL.

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THE PUBLIC SILO TRAIL

Fremantle based, Dutch born artist, Amok Island, focused on native Western Australian flora and fauna for this mural. This species of Banksia is only found between Esperance and Albany. His solo exhibition, Reverie opened at Kamile Gallery on Pier Street recently.



Spanning 1000 km of unique landscapes, the **Public Silo Trail** has transformed towering grain silos across regional WA into world-class art.

Follow the Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail to Northam, Merredin, Newdegate, Pingrup, Ravensthorpe and South to Albany.

This Trail is putting regional WA up in lights, bringing world-class murals on grain silos and iconic infrastructure in unexpected towns across the state.

Why not venture out and explore this amazing art?



On Wednesday 30 November 100 guests gathered at Abbey Beach Resort to celebrate 30 years of unforgettable tours with **Villa Carlotta Travel**.

Guests ranged from those who wanted to learn more about Villa with this holiday being their first, to those who travelled on the first ever tour out of Villa Carlotta Hotel in 1992 and have since enjoyed many tours.

The evening was full of dancing, laughter, memories, history, pearls (to mark 30 years) and of course, great food. The evening at Abbey Beach Resort was part of the two anniversary tours departing Perth and exploring the South West of WA, in particular Busselton and surrounds, where the tours began.

After a wonderful year of Western Australian and interstate tours in 2022 to celebrate this milestone, 2023 is shaping up to be another exciting year of travel. With international tours to Mauritius and New Zealand, favourite WA and interstate tours returning and a brand new Goldfields tour in October, now is the time to contact Villa, book your home collection and get on your way.

If you are interested in travelling with Villa in 2023, contact our friendly office staff on 1800 066 272 or email travel@villa.com.au Our website villa.com.au has a full range of tours listed and our 2023 holiday magazine will land in mailboxes from 9 January. You can leave your details and order a copy of this magazine via our website.

If you have travelled with Villa over the last 30 years we'd like to thank you for choosing us and if you are considering joining one of our tours or having our travel agent organise your independent holiday, we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our friends at Probus.



NEW SPEAKERS

KAY MCINTYRE

Planned Giving Coordinator | VisAbility | Guide Dogs WA

Topic:

I talk a little bit about Guide Dogs WA, how our dogs are trained, different ways that people can support Guide Dogs WA and the opportunity to ask anything you've ever wanted to know about Guide and Assistance Dogs!

As we are a charity we do ask for a donation and/or the opportunity to sell merchandise to help cover our costs.

For meetings during the day we can bring an Ambassador Dog (not a working Guide Dog) with us for people to interact with. As we're quite a small fundraising team it's best if people contact us several months in advance otherwise we might already be booked up.

Contact Iris: Iris.Loscher@guidedogswa.com to arrange a booking / 08 9311 8285

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Audika
Hearing Clinic

Audika is proud to be the exclusive hearing partner of Probus, which means that we work together to give you access to quality hearing healthcare. Backed globally by more than 115 years of hearing expertise and leadership, Audika know ears. Our expert teams are specialised in helping people hear better, providing the right technology, value, and care for every ear. Audika will provide a talk on the importance of hearing health as well as provide free* hearing checks to all event attendees. Visit Audika.com.au to learn more."

Topics include:

- Campaign for Better Hearing (the give back program)
- Fact about Hearing Loss
- How do our ears work
- Types & causes of Hearing Loss
- Noise induced hearing protection
- Signs of Hearing Loss
- Tinnitus
- Hearing Device Technology
- Implantable Technology
- Hearing Services Program

Audika offer a range of services and discounts to Probus members across Australia. They offer 10% off a range of selected hearing services purchased from an Audika Hearing Clinic.

They have 29 clinics between Kalbarri and Albany.

Contact Sharon Birch, Business Development Officer, who will organise a speaker in your area. Mob: 0437 802 693 Email: shbi@audika.com.au

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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 Ralph Sirmulis for an invitation to attend.
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We meet on the 1st Thursday of every second month at the Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre, 555 Leach Highway Winthrop 9.30am-12.30pm

On alternative months, PAWA meets via Zoom.

Website: probuswa.wordpress.com

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 the clubs.

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
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