



**Probud Association of Western Australia Inc.**

Patron: His Excellency The Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of WA



# NEWS & NOTES

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

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### MESSAGE FROM PAWA PRESIDENT PETER OLNEY



I hope all Members throughout WA had a good break from Probud. During our break we have indeed been beset with a batch of very hot weather and the dreaded COVID.

PAWA has been doing its best to provide helpful advice on COVID.

Now is the time to get down to the last month, our AGM's and on to another year. We in Probud can reflect on the plus factors that our Clubs have delivered to its members in the PRODUCT of Fellowship Friendship and Fun.

I offer a few tips to all as we head to our Annual General Meetings and hopefully more of that PRODUCT. Here is one that comes to mind.

#### What are some of the benefits of VOLUNTEERING our time to give to MY CLUB?

Below are some of the reasons people choose to volunteer to help the Club at meetings or as a member of the Committee that has guided us through 2021-2022

For some it provides an opportunity to:

- Give something back to an organisation that has impacted on a person's life, directly or indirectly
- Make a difference to the lives of others
- Help the environment
- Help others less fortunate or without a voice
- Feel valued and part of a team
- Spend quality time away from work or a busy lifestyle
- Gain confidence and self-esteem.

For others, volunteering appeals because of its social benefits. These include:

- Meeting new people and making new friends
- A chance to socialise
- Getting to know the local community. (Have a good think about this Tip.)

I have been visiting several Clubs and will meet more and witness the teamwork and participation that is occurring, this has really made a difference.

I give you some statistics from similar organisations to ours.

- 5% of members run the organization and show up for almost every event
- Another 15% of members regularly participate
- Another 20% occasionally participate
- The remaining 60% never show up for anything!

#### **Can we prove those statistics wrong!!!!**

**Peter Olney PSM, President 2021-2022**

## PAWA AGM and NEW PRESIDENTS' LUNCH

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**PAWA will hold its Annual General Meeting followed by the  
New Presidents' lunch**

**at**

**Tompkins on Swan  
Tompkins Park 632 Canning Highway  
Alfred Cove 6154**

It is essential that a quorum of members is present at the AGM. We urge all clubs to have a representative at this important event.

Registrations open at 9.30am, AGM at 10.30am and lunch about 1200pm.

Reports will be presented by the PAWA President and PAWA Treasurer, followed by the election of the 2022-23 PAWA office bearers and Committee members.

The PAWA Committee is offering one voting delegate from each member club a complimentary lunch. Special dietary needs can be accommodated.

Members attending will have these options:

- Attend the AGM and Buffet Lunch as the Club delegate: No charge.
- Attend the AGM only as the Club delegate: No charge.
- Attend the AGM only as a non-voting member: No charge.
- Attend the AGM and Buffet Lunch \$55 per person.

**Registration forms to follow in March.**

### **Tompkins on Swan**



Please note that in accordance with WA State Government directives, Proof of double Vaccination and ID is required before attendees will be allowed entry to the venue and the AGM.

COVID safety plans will be in place at the venue and in order to comply with social distancing regulations, seating will be at circular tables for both the AGM and lunch.

## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND RETENTION

Every Club should be continually focussed on membership growth and retention, regardless of its current membership levels. The nature of our membership means that members will leave Clubs, either through relocation, lifestyle needs and attrition. A constant focus on membership is important to ensure that there is a continual stream of retirees joining your Club.

Retaining members is just as important as sourcing new ones, providing members with a wide range of activities that suit the members' lifestyle; level of activity and financial situation will ensure they stay engaged and active within the Club.

- Contact your local council and ask them to include your Probus Club in the community activities section of their website and newsletters.
- Place Probus posters on community noticeboards in shopping centres, libraries, the local Council as well as the Club's meeting venue.



Use either the generic or personalised flyers in a letterbox drop – current members can distribute the flyers in the regular walking group.

If your Club does not have a regular walking group, this would be a great reason to start one.

## OUTINGS LIST UPDATES

Please remove Alcoa tours and Pecan Hill Museum from the list.

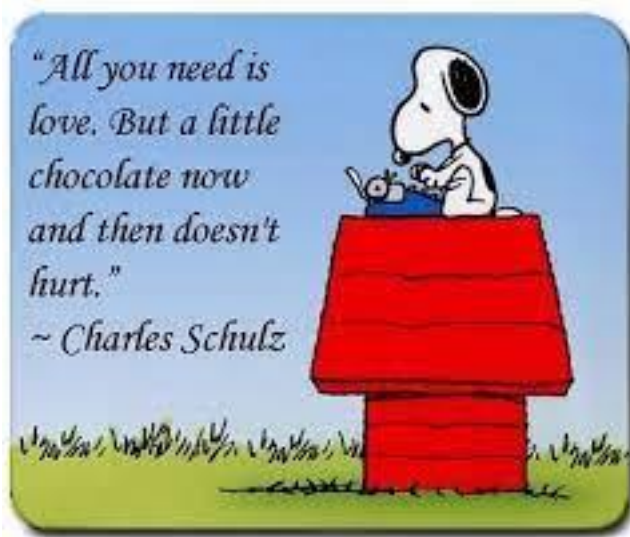
## NEW IDEAS:

The Peel Zoo has been rebranded as Ranger Red's Zoo and Conservation Park. It is situated in Sanctuary Drive, Pinjarra. Ph: 9531 4322. Open Weekdays 10-4pm and weekends 9-5pm Entry Fee applies.  
[red@redzoo.com.au](mailto:red@redzoo.com.au)

Sculpture by the Sea

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual event is planned this year from 4<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> March on Cottesloe Beach.

## HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE CLUBS CELEBRATING IN FEBRUARY**

East Fremantle Probus Club Inc.	3 years
Mandurah Island Probus Club Inc.	13 years
Combined Probus Club of Albany Inc.	13 years
The Combined Probus Club of Leeming Inc.	14 years
Bedford Combined Probus Club Inc.	14 years
The Probus Club of Eaton Inc.	30 years
Probus Club of Northam Inc.	37 years
Bunbury Ladies Probus Club Inc.	37 years

## **PAWA PUBLICATIONS**

The 2022 **Guest Speaker List** has been sent to all clubs with new speakers clearly marked.

An **Outings Directory** has also been updated and sent to all clubs.

'**News and Notes**' is published monthly.

*Sue Harwood Editor*

**Probus West**, the social arm of PAWA, is produced quarterly:

March, June, September and December.

*Trish Floyd Editor*

**PAWA will be holding Forums during 2022.**

*Forum: A meeting or medium where ideas and views on a particular issue can be exchanged.*

The Forum's purpose is to have an interactive session to gain and share information so that PAWA can better improve its assistance to WA Probus Clubs.

This Forum invitation is the first of a number and has been extended to 11 Probus Clubs in the ***northern corridor*** of Perth.

The first 4-hour forum will be on Wednesday 23rd February at the Bramston Park Community Sporting Centre, Mattingleys Approach, in Burns Beach.

Facilitator for the Forum will be Ralph Sirmulis, PAWA Secretary. Other PAWA Committee members will be in attendance.

**Northern Club Forum:** (Lunch will be provided)

**Up to five members from the 11 clubs are invited.**

Glengarry Probus Club

Joondalup City Probus Club

Kallaroo Probus Club

The Probus Club of Karrinyup & North Beach WA

Karrinyup Ladies Probus Club

The Probus Club of Kingsley

Marmion Probus Club

North Coast Probus Club

Whitfords Ladies Probus Club

Probus Club of Whitfords WA

Yanchep/Two Rocks Probus Club

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**Get to know your PAWA Committee.**

*Consider inviting the PAWA President Peter Olney, Secretary Ralph Sirmulis or Vice President Sue Harwood to one of your meetings.*

*They are available to assist with any issues and give advice and support where needed.*

## PREPARING FOR 2022-23



**Budget:** Ensure that the joining and / or annual membership fees payable by members reflect the costs associated with managing your club. It is advisable to maintain one year's operating costs as a surplus. Take into account the fees payable to PSPL and PAWA and rent for your venue.

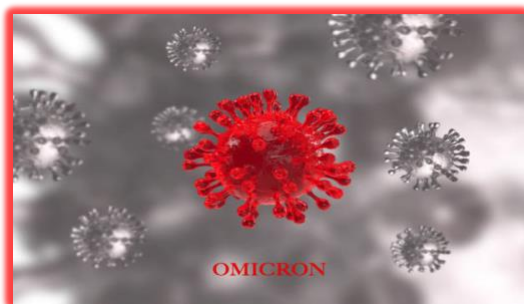
**Nominations for Committee positions:** These should be lodged with the Secretary by the February meeting but can be called from the floor on the day of the AGM if no nominations have been received. A brief description of each role may encourage members to nominate.

**Portfolios:** Ensure all new Committee members will have access to a portfolio outlining their role.

**E-mail address:** Clubs are encouraged to have a consistent e-mail address rather than the private address of the Secretary. A G-mail address is user-friendly, usually with no cost associated. All correspondence is then in a single location, easily transferred to a new Secretary.

**COVID-19:** Check the WA Government Dept. of Health regulations in relation to managing the risks associated with COVID-19 at your club. A helpful tool is the PSPL risk assessment checklist.

**Electrical Tagging:** Check that your club's electrical equipment has been tested and tagged as per the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984.



**RE COVID-19:**  
*A number of clubs have approached PAWA requesting advice and assistance in regards to how to protect their members.*

PAWA recommends that:

- Clubs follow the WA State Government's advice / directives about proof of vaccination, social distancing and wearing of masks.
- Club management Committees review and upgrade their clubs action plans in response to such directives.

Clubs should make their own decisions as regards Proof of Vaccination for their meetings and outings, if they meet in venues not covered by the WA State Directive.

PAWA will continue to monitor the WA Government directives and post relevant information that may be of assistance to WA Probuss Clubs.

**The main reference site:** [www.wa.gov.au](http://www.wa.gov.au)

## Probus Club Insurance

The National Insurance Program in Australia provides coverage for approved activities. These activities include any event organised by a Club or Association such as meetings, outings, tours, trips and interest groups. The Management Committee should assess whether or not to approve an activity, after considering all the information related to the activity. This should be reflected in the Club's minutes i.e.

- Interest from members, location, availability, cost and risk assessment.

Management Committee members should ensure that Probus club members understand coverage provided to them as part of the annual capitation fee.

The National Program provides cover for Public Liability, Personal Injury (Australia only), Association Liability (protection for Club Officers) and Club Money Cover for approved Probus activities.

The National Programs do not provide cover for club property.

Clubs have the option to contact **AON Risk Services** 1800 786 682 for property insurance available to clubs.

Clubs and Associations should report any injury, accident or injuries involving Club members or guests to PSPL, by lodging the Accident/Injury/Incident Report Form as soon as practicable. A report should be lodged with PSPL regardless of whether or not medical attention was required.

*See PSPL Website under Club Administration for further information.*

### **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.

**Editions are published in March, June, September and December**

Articles to be in Word format, with pictures as jpegs. **One photo per Club please**

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

Contributions can be emailed to [rpfloyd@westnet.com.au](mailto:rpfloyd@westnet.com.au) or posted to 103a Stock Road, Attadale 6156.

You have until **February 15<sup>th</sup> 2021** to submit more items for March.

## Events In our History In the Month of February



1851 Edward Hargraves finds gold near Bathurst starting the first of many gold rushes.



In February 1966 Australian currency was decimalised, introducing the Australian Dollar.



In 1975 The Order of Australia was established to recognize individuals for their public service.



In 2002 Steven Bradbury wins Australia's first Winter Olympics gold medal in the 1,000 meters short-track speed-skating event.



# Return to travel in 2022

Interstate Adventures



Image: South Australian Tourism Commission

## Kangaroo Island Adventures

6 DAYS > 21 to 26 February 2022

\$3,470 pptw

\$425 single option

### Highlights

- Horse-drawn tram ride
- Granite Island
- Seal Bay
- The Raptor Domain
- Flinders Chase National Park
- Remarkable Rocks & Admirals Arch
- Emu Bay Lavender
- Kangaroo Island Honey Farm
- Kangaroo Island Eucalyptus Oil Distillery
- Scenic touring, Kangaroo Island
- Free time on Kangaroo Island

## Splendid Bright, Beechworth & Yackandandah

9 DAYS > 19 to 27 April 2022

\$3,985 pptw

\$515 single option

### Highlights

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

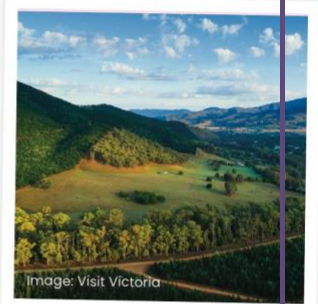


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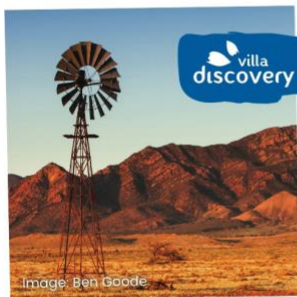


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## Outback South Australia & Red Centre

14 DAYS > 4 to 17 May 2022

\$6,665 pptw

\$1,100 single option

### Highlights

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

## Vivid Festival of Light, Sydney

5 DAYS > 31 May to 4 June 2022

\$2,840 pptw

\$420 single option

### 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 Ultimo guided tour
- Army Museum of New South Wales



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	<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Attractions</b>	<b>Local Guides</b>

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*If you have views on how we can help Probus Clubs in WA to grow and prosper come along and give us your ideas to ensure that PAWA is an effective voice of WA Probus Clubs.*

**COME ALONG AS A VISITOR TO A COMMITTEE MEETING.**

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at the Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre, 555 Leach Highway Winthrop.

9.45am, for a 10am start.

*You will be made most welcome.*

*Let the Secretary Ralph Sirmulis know if you are coming.  
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