



Probud Association of W.A. Inc.
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NEWS & NOTES

THE VOICE OF PROBUS CLUBS IN THE WEST

WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY 2023 EDITION of NEWS and NOTES

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Presidents Message: It's AGM Time for Clubs and PAWA to elect Office Bearers and members of YOUR Management Committee. Let's think about the following Quotes I have gathered when it comes to participation in your Club. relating to YOUR PROBUS Club WIFM –"What's in it for me," not the tasks.

The benefit of being on my Management Committee ... "was getting to know all of the members and being part of a team." "I gained greater computer skills."

"I have built up a wealth of knowledge about Probud and gained many close friends."

"Just the pleasure of working with the Management Committee."

"I was able to get to know my fellow members, and the friendship and fellowship that I have gained".

"Having the opportunity to impact on the health of the club and the enjoyment of its members." "The satisfaction of contributing." "A feeling of belonging.

I have added a couple more that are VERY appropriate.

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." — Audrey Hepburn (do you remember her?)

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – Gandhi

"Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help." – Heather French Henry

"Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mould the present into a future of which we can all be proud." – Helen Dyer

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill

All the best for your AGM's

Peter Olney PSM

President 2022/23

Happy Birthday to Clubs with Anniversaries in FEBRUARY

East Fremantle Probus Club Inc	4 years
Mandurah Island Probus Club Inc.	14 years
Combined Probus Club of Albany Inc.	14 years
The Combined Probus Club of Leeming Inc	15 years
Bedford Combined Probus Club Inc.	15 years
The Probus Club of Eaton Inc.	31 years
Combined Probus Club of Rockingham Inc.	36 years
Bunbury Ladies Probus Club Inc.	38 years
Probus Club of Northam Inc.	38 years



To All Probus Clubs

As you are aware, the PAWA AGM will be held on 30th March 2023.

Clubs are asked to nominate WA Probus Members for PAWA Committee positions using the Nomination Form sent to them.

In addition, if a Club will not be attending, a Proxy Voting Form has also been sent. Please use this form to assign your Club's voting rights to another Club/individual who will be attending the AGM and who can then cast a vote on your behalf.

Both the Nomination and Proxy Voting Form are Word editable.

When completed, please return the forms to the PAWA Secretary PAWASecretary@gmail.com before the closing date of 25th March.

Let us hear your voice!

The PAWA AGM will be held at the Bendat Basketball Centre, Ellis Room,
201 Underwood Avenue Floreat WA 6014.

Registrations start at 0945am for the AGM at 1030am.

It is essential that we have a quorum of PAWA members represented. The meeting is expected to conclude by 12md after which Probians can enjoy fellowship and light refreshments in the comfortable surroundings.

There is a cost of \$15 per attendee.



THE PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF WA INC
Invites all Probus Club Members to a day of
HARNESS RACING at Pinjarra Paceway.
Monday 20th February 2023
Come any time after 11am.
Enjoy lunch before the races start at 1pm.

The \$33 Lunch includes a roast meal + dessert + 1drink + mystery bet +
1 race book between 2. Pay at the venue.

Call Edna Jones with numbers and dietary requests
by 12 February 2023 on 0420 647 388

Can you help?

Wembley Downs Probus Club Inc. would like to know if any club is
attending the Pinjarra Paceway from the metropolitan area by bus.

If so, is there any space for some of their members?

Please contact Kate Forsyth on 0417 929 997 or email

wembleydownprobusc@gmail.com

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Probus South Pacific Ltd CAPITATION FEES & PAWA levy

Please note:

Capitation fees and PAWA levies are paid on the number of members at
your AGM.

Capitation fees are payable for all classes of members except for Non-
Active Members. Capitation fees are payable for Honorary Members, even
though they are not required to pay subscriptions to their club.

PSPL Capitation fees 2023-2024 are **\$16.75**

PAWA levy remains at **\$2** per member.

GENERAL TIPS FOR HOLDING A GENERAL MEETING for the in-coming newly elected committee members.

The purpose of the general meeting is for members to come together to enjoy, socialize with each other, have fun, enjoy activities & hear from interesting guest speakers.

PREPARATION is essential.

- Each Committee member is given a portfolio with roles and responsibilities.
- Become familiar with the Club's Constitution, by-laws/standing resolutions, protocols, policies & insurance documents.
- Out-going Committee hand over to the In-coming Committee re the Club's financial status, current reports, and any ongoing business.

What to include in a General Meeting Agenda:

Secretary prepares an Agenda with input from the President and Committee.

- President welcomes members, guests & visitors.
- Note housekeeping/emergency details.
- Note apologies.
- Confirm that a quorum is present.
- Induct new members, Life Members & Honorary Members (if applicable)
- Confirm minutes of the last meeting; moved & seconded.
- Discuss business arising from minutes.
- President's report.
- Correspondence received and sent.
- Treasurer's report.
- Reports from Committee members
- General Business and Announcements
- Introduce Guest Speaker or fun activity. Inform the Guest Speaker of the allocation of time including time for Q & A.
- Vote of thanks to Speaker.
- Confirm next meeting date & time and close Meeting.

Meeting tips

- Create a warm, friendly, atmosphere.
- Manage the time efficiently.
- Assign a member to welcome guests, visitors, and Guest Speaker.
- Encourage members to mix freely with others.
- Use voice amplifier equipment for members with diminished hearing.
- Allow adequate time at morning tea for friendship.
- Encourage members to actively participate and engage in organized activities.
- Actively listen to members' suggestions/ideas to include in the next general meeting.

BUILDING BETTER CLUBS WORKSHOPS



DATES HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR THE WORKSHOPS IN 2023.
Club members are encouraged to attend these informative sessions,
especially if you have a new club or committee member.

Registration forms will be sent out closer to the dates.

Choose a date to suit your club.

Friday May 5th	The Kalamunda Bowling Club
Thursday May 18th	The Esplanade Hotel, Busselton
Friday May 19th	Le Grande Motel, Albany
Thursday June 1st	North Beach Bowling Club
Thursday June 15th	Rossmoyne Bowling Club
Friday June 30th	RAAFA Estate Meadow Springs
Thursday July 20th	Cambridge Bowling Club, Floreat

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

SPEAKERS LIST

- **Michael Bleus, RFDS**, has requested to have his name removed from the Speakers List.
- **David Cook**, Cyber Crime, from Edith Cowan, is unable to accept [inet](mailto:inet@inet.com.au) emails.
- **Nigel Ridgway** Mob: 0419 921 131 Updated list of talks for 2023.
- “**Lotus 11 – an Indian Ocean Adventure**” (a voyage to South Africa and return to Fremantle on a 29-foot yacht).
- “**Over the Top - Hillarys to Darwin** (sailing a 39 foot across the top end) Part One
- “**Over the Top - Darwin to Brisbane** (continues the voyage along Qld coast) Part Two
- **Von Mucke and the Schooner “Ayesha”** – a World War1 adventure story of a German war hero.
- “**T.E Lawrence – the man versus the Myth**” – what was “Lawrence of Arabia really like?”
- “**The Duyfken 1606 – the first Europeans to set foot on Australian soil.**” (The epic voyage of discovery – and life aboard the replica built in WA).
- “**The British Involvement in the Establishment of Modern Israel**” (some historic and religious reasons behind the Brits being in the Middle East).
- “**Living With a Ketch** – (our 7 years of adventure owning a leaky wooden boat – including an ocean voyage to Cocos).
- “**1948 – The Year That Changed the World**” (looks at Israel’s independence and consequences).
- “**Hobby Writing** – a look at the pleasures and pitfalls of self-publishing your own book (s).



“You’re right. We should have built the castle first, *THEN* the moat.”

Discover the East Coast in 2023

Australian Alps & Sapphire Coast

Image: Serenity Shots Photography

6 DAYS > 28 Feb - 5 Mar 2023

Highlights

- Braidwood Museum
- Mogo & Central Tilba
- Wallaga Lake Tourist Drive
- Tathra Wharf
- Merimbula & Pambula
- Wheeler's Oyster Farm
- Eden Killer Whale Museum
- Bega Cheese Heritage Centre
- Bemboka Pie Shop
- Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre
- Jindabyne
- Snowy Mountains Visitor Centre
- Kosciuszko National Park
- Kosciuszko Express Chairlift
- Gaden Trout Hatchery
- Thredbo Village
- Schnapps tasting at Wild Brumby

Price: \$3,445pptw \$410 single option

Celebrating Canberra in Autumn

Image: Tourism Australia

6 DAYS > 15 - 20 Mar 2023

Highlights

- Canberra Balloon Spectacular
- Specialist guided tour of Canberra
- Lake Burley Griffin cruise
- High Court of Australia
- Australian War Memorial
- Museum of Australian Democracy guided tour
- Behind the scenes at the National Library
- National Museum of Australia
- Cockington Green Gardens

Price: \$3,585pptw \$500 single option

Historic Hobart & A Taste of Tasmania

Image: Tourism Australia

8 DAYS > 22 - 29 Mar 2023

Highlights

- Richmond & Old Hobart Town
- Salamanca Market
- Mount Field National Park
- Coal River Farm produce
- Port Arthur historic site
- Tasman Peninsula
- Dinner cruise
- Cascades Female Factory historic site
- Derwent Valley Railway
- Huon Valley

Price: \$4,245pptw \$755 single option

Magnificent High Country of Australia

11 DAYS > 23 Mar - 2 Apr 2023

Highlights

- Walhalla Gold Mine tour
- Walhalla Goldfields Railway
- Gippsland Vehicle Collection
- Duart Homestead tour & lunch
- Port of Sale historic waterways cruise
- Great Alpine Road touring
- Bright guided tour
- Mount Beauty & Falls Creek
- Beechworth historical tour
- Beechworth Gaol tour
- Tumberumba Boggy Creek show
- Pioneer Women's Museum
- Snowy Mountains Highway
- Thredbo & Lake Jindabyne

Price: \$5,070pptw \$645 single option

Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show

5 DAYS > 27 - 31 Mar 2023

Highlights

- Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show
- Melbourne River Cruise
- Queen Victoria Markets
- Royal Melbourne Botanical Gardens
- Dinner at Crown Casino

Price: \$2,550pptw \$370 single option

YOUR FULLY INCLUSIVE, ESCORTED TOUR INCLUDES

- Transfers**
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- Transport**
- Accommodation**
- Meals**
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- Tour Leaders**
- Local Guides**

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PAWA

The voice of WA Probud Clubs

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

***Contact Secretary Ralph
Sirmulis for an invitation to
attend.
0417 201 867 or
pawasecretary@gmail.com***

***We meet on the 1st Thursday
of every month at the Piney
Lakes Environmental
Education Centre,
555 Leach Highway Winthrop
9.30am-12.30pm***

***PAWA occasionally meets via
Zoom.***

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