



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



# NEWS & NOTES

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

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### **Happy New Year to ALL Probud members in Western Australia!**

May I wish you joy and light-heartedness as one year ends and another begins. I hope you have a fantastic new year and for everyone you care about, make this one more memorable.

#### **Pinjarra Races**

At the Workshops and Forums last year you asked PAWA to run more multi club events. Here is our next one --- All Probud members are invited to a day of **HARNESS RACING** at Pinjarra Paceway. Monday 20th February 2023

See the details in this issue. Come along and have FUN.

#### **Planning for 2023**

This is clearly the time to start to develop Club plans to prepare your Club for the year ahead. I know many clubs each year have difficulty in getting members to take on management roles. The roles in Probud are NOT onerous and everyone I know has gained so much personally from their individual contribution. WHY not have a go and put your hand up! Give something back to YOUR Club. Any one of PAWA team is happy to talk about this issue. Give us a ring.

PAWA are looking forward to conducting Workshops as local as possible in the year ahead so make sure you register; more information will be sent out in News and Notes.

#### **Club Newsletters**

I would like to receive a copy of your club newsletters so PAWA can see what you are doing as a club. Please add me to your distribution list. Peter Olney. [pete@gdaygday.com](mailto:pete@gdaygday.com)

I like to see what a variety of good things you are doing for your members.

#### **Contact PAWA**

PAWA as you know was formed 1984 to support WA Probud Clubs. We look forward to continuing to be the "Voice of Probud in WA".

Peter Olney PSM,  
President

## MULTI CLUB EVENT



**THE PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF WA INC**  
Invites all Probus Club Members to a day of  
**HARNESS RACING** at Pinjarra Paceway.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Come any time after 11am.**

**Enjoy lunch before the races start at 1pm.**

Race day dining in the Paceway Pavilion is a great way to enjoy the trots at **Pinjarra Paceway**. Full height windows overlook the track with direct access to the front lawn trackside.

The Lunch Time Special includes a roast lunch, dessert of the day, tea and coffee and a race book, 1 between 2.

*For \$33 pp. you'll receive a drink voucher and a \$1.00 Mystery Bet.  
Dietary requests can be made on registration forms that will be sent to clubs.*

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**MARK YOUR DIARY for these events:**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**LUNCH in the SWAN VALLEY: at "PASTA in the VALLEY" Sicilian Cuisine.**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**"Have A Go Day" at Burswood Park in Senior's Week.**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

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

***The PAWA Annual General Meeting***

*will be held at the*

**BENDAT BASKETBALL CENTRE**

**201 Underwood Avenue, FLOREAT**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

*Registration forms will be sent out in February.*

## **PLANNING FOR YOUR AGM**

**The Probus Year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31st March.**

**However a Club's financial year must not be the same as the Probus Year.**

**In your Club's Constitution, you must allow sufficient time for financial records to be submitted for internal audit/review.**

**A club member who has not been involved in preparation of the financial statement can conduct this audit/review.**

- The AGM must take place before 31st March each year.
- Check your Club's Constitution and Standing Resolutions regarding the timely issuing of notices, Agendas, Proxy forms and note your Club's stated quorum number.
- Nominations for Committee positions should be lodged with the Secretary by the February meeting.
- It is helpful to provide a brief description of each role, to encourage members to consider nominating for a position. If nominations have not been received by the AGM, nominations can be called from the floor on the day.
- Prepare a budget to be presented at this meeting for consideration by members at the AGM, where annual and joining fees are set.
- Appoint a Returning Officer in advance, to oversee the election process. This may be the retiring President or a Club member who is entitled to vote, but not another member nominating for a position.
- The Agenda should include last year's AGM minutes, removal of Management Committee names, any business arising and the Annual Financial statement.

## **FORMAL HANDOVER POINTS**

**The Incoming Management Committee may benefit from a formal handover, especially for those not previously on a Committee.**

- Ensure records are handed over as soon as possible and urgent matters receive attention.
- Provide brief notes on the role of Committee members, general expectations and what works for your Club.
- Incorporated associations must notify Consumer Protection of any changes to its name, rules (also referred to as the constitution), and status and contact addresses. Note the Associations Online Primary User and Authorised users.
- Note Insurance Policy, Club Policies, Club Constitution and Standing Resolutions.
- Organise Bank signatories, passwords, postage and banking details.
- Hand over the new Handbook with information and guidelines. (It is not a rulebook).
- Note Capitation fees, new Committee names and resignations to be sent to PSPL.
- Information for the WA Directory when invoiced by PAWA.

# Working Better Together

**Workshops** are being planned for 2023 and will be held in the months of May, June and July. These workshops may be of particular benefit to new committee members and those taking on a new position within a Committee.

Consider inviting a club member to attend, who has not served on a Committee before, to allow them an insight in to the sharing of ideas and information that these workshops provide.

The four workshops held in 2022 proved to be successful, according to the positive feedback received. The PAWA Committee listened to suggestions made in order to improve these events.



## **STEPS TO TAKE IN TROUBLED TIMES:**

**If your club is experiencing difficulty attracting new members or encouraging current members to take on Committee positions, there are steps you can take: -**

- Contact the PAWA President or Secretary for advice.
- Invite a PAWA Committee member to a meeting.
- Don't give up! Be sure to ask for assistance. We are there to help!



## ***News alert re:* PROBUS WEST**

**Trish Floyd, Editor of Probus West** since 2016 has decided to retire from this position. The President and the PAWA Committee wish to thank Trish for the years of considerable time and effort she put in to this quarterly magazine, which has been the social arm of PAWA. Many clubs now publish their own Newsletters and include photos of their outings and fun events, so Probus West will be re-evaluated. Instead, we ask you to send your Newsletters in to PAWA. **President Peter Olney** is very happy to receive them, to keep in touch with what clubs are doing to promote the fun and friendship that is our motto.

Peter's email: [pete@gdaygday.com](mailto:pete@gdaygday.com)

## Happy Birthday to Clubs with Anniversaries in January

Hollywood Kings Park Probus Club Inc.	4 years
Ellenbrook Combined Probus Club Inc.	16 years
The Probus Club of Kingsley Inc.	34 years
Albany Ladies Probus Club Inc.	38 years
Probus Club of Karrinyup North Beach Inc.	39 years



### 2023-24 CAPITATION FEES from Probus South Pacific Ltd

Excerpt:

**“The Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) Board recently set the capitation fees for the 2023 – 2024 Probus year. Fees are set in November to provide Management Committees with sufficient time to prepare their budgets for consideration at Club Annual General Meetings during March.**

When determining annual capitation fees, the PSPL Board has a responsibility to act reasonably to ensure that fees are kept as low as possible. However, fees must be set at a sufficient level to support the services provided and to invest in the growth of our Community.

While we continually review the service and support provided to clubs to ensure they are being delivered as efficiently as possible, an increase in capitation fees is necessary to maintain our services, and to fund membership growth.

Accordingly, the Board has resolved to set the capitation fee for the 2023-2024 Probus year at \$16.75 p.a per member. **This represents an increase of \$1.75 for the year.**

In addition to these services, our key objective is to work with the thousands of Management Committee members and Membership Representatives across both Australia and New Zealand to attract new members to Probus.

PSPL will continue to provide the *Active Retirees* national publication in digital form on a complimentary basis. Although it is understood that some Club members may prefer to have this provided in print, this option is not viable at this time. The Board will continue to review this on an ongoing basis.

Capitation fees are payable by 30 April 2023 and the usual forms for your completion will be sent to your Club early in the New Year. Clubs will also have the option to submit their annual return online from March 2023.”

***The Probus Association of WA Inc. (PAWA) Committee understands that we are all experiencing tough times and therefore will NOT be increasing fees, which will remain at \$2 per member.***





**Happy New Year!**  
**Look how far you've come and**  
**Don't forget to have fun!**



<http://TheFunnyPlace.net>

# Discover the East Coast in 2023



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



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



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



**11 DAYS > 23 Mar – 2 Apr 2023**

### Highlights

- Waihalla Gold Mine tour
- Waihalla 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
- Tumbarumba Boggy Creek show
- Pioneer Women's Museum
- Snowy Mountains Highway
- Thredbo & Lake Jindabyne

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



**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

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](http://villa.com.au) or ask us to send them when you call.

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## **SPEAKERS' LIST UPDATE for the Royal Automobile Club**

**RAC's Beyond the Roads program features a series of free, informative and engaging presentations that cover topics such as road safety, leisure activities and mobility in WA.**

### **AVAILABLE PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **1. Your driving future**

Bringing experienced drivers up to speed on road rules and road safety as well as considering mobility options beyond driving. Topics include:

Road safety facts and tips

Safer cars and ANCAP ratings

Changing road conditions and road rules

Alcohol, medication and the impact of health on driving

Mobility for the future

#### **2. Your leisure years**

For those approaching or already in their retirement years, this presentation includes information and advice on:

Personal security

Securing your home

Preparing for road trips and staying safe

Travelling safely with grandchildren

Exploring Western Australia

Mobility for the future

#### **3. From hooves to highways - the history of RAC in WA (Quiz)**

This is a fun and interactive information session. Topics include:

RAC's history and role in shaping WA

How motoring changed the way we live

Road rules past and present

Fun facts about Western Australia

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**For the better**  
**Giving Back to WA**  
**Since 1905**

**Joshua Tan**, School Education Officer – Social & Community Impact

The Royal Automobile Club of WA (Inc)

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**Presenters are available all over Perth but require access to a laptop, projector, and screen with sound for video, as presentations will be uploaded from a USB.**

**Advanced notice will be needed for Mandurah Clubs.**



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**PAWA**

*The voice of  
Probus in the West*

**Why not come along to a  
Committee meeting?**

*Contact Secretary Ralph  
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attend.*

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*We meet on the 1st  
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*At times the Committee  
meets via Zoom.*

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