



Probud Association of W.A. Inc.

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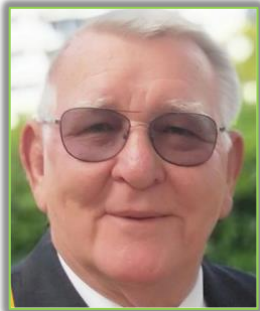


# NEWS & NOTES

THE VOICE OF PROBUD CLUBS IN THE WEST

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

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From the feedback PAWA received, our Building Better Clubs workshops proved to be beneficial to the attendees, particularly in clarifying various aspects of club management. The workshops placed a strong emphasis on providing clarity and simplifying Committee roles and responsibilities. Participants were able to gain more understanding of realistic tasks and obligations associated with their positions, enabling them to fulfil their roles more effectively and contribute to their Club's success. As was presented, the world around us is changing and Clubs need to adapt to new circumstances.

Moreover, the workshops also focused on demystifying the “entrenched views and perceptions” as to the Club Constitution, Standing Resolutions and the PSPL Probud Club Handbook and other “policy” guidelines. PAWA attempted to provide a clear understanding of these “rules” and guidelines to help Clubs foster transparency and consistency in decision-making processes. We need to all remember that a Probud Club is not a mining company, or a bank and the focus must be on *fun, friendship, and fellowship* and not management by “rules”.

A key aspect was on the interpreting of the guidelines set out in the PSPL Club Handbook which all too often many Clubs interpret as “rules”. Participants were given clarification and insights into best practices for practically applying these guidelines. Topics such as privacy interpretation and insurance clarification (regarding outings and activities) were specifically addressed. Attendees were provided with the knowledge necessary to navigate potential legal and risk-related challenges and the understanding that the requirements are not as complex as perceived.

*One of the key highlights of the Workshops has been the opportunity for attendees to sit with others in breakout groups. These group sessions enabled an open exchange of approaches and ideas between different clubs. As participants shared their experiences, challenges, and successes, they were able to gain invaluable insights into the diverse ways in which clubs can achieve their goals. PAWA hopes that this collaborative environment encouraged innovation and the adoption of best practices, ultimately benefiting all attendees and their respective clubs.*

By attending PAWA's Building Better Clubs workshops, individuals not only acquired a better and more practical understanding of their roles and responsibilities but also gained insights that a Management Committee role is not as complex as they may have been led to believe from job descriptions, guidelines and “internal historical knowledge”.

Finally, all of us, both attendees and PAWA Committee members, were able to meet each other and learn from each other's' experiences.

As I have realised *“We all do the same thing, but we do it differently!”*

Ralph Sirmulis  
President

## Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety



### Why do you have to report?

The WA Associations Incorporation ACT (2015) and the Associations Incorporation Regulations (2016) require that Probus Clubs provide a report to DMIRS each year to prove to the Department that your Club is still eligible to be incorporated and is adhering to the Act and Regulations. If the report is not lodged, the Department is able to deregister the association for not complying with the Act or Regulations.

### What is the information that they want?

The report is not time consuming and is easy to complete with only the following questions being asked:

- Club name
- Club address for communications
- Does the association currently have at least six voting members?
- When did your club hold its last Annual General Meeting (AGM)?
- What was the Club's total revenue for its last financial year?

*Note: Revenue is the total amount of money received or earned by the association in a financial year.*

When completing the form, DMIRS and Associations Online state that a generic email is **NOT** to be used. Your private email address is requested. This is because generic emails cannot be passed on as they are owned by the person who set them up the first-time around. The report must come from a current legal Officer of the Club.

If your club has not been updating each year you will need to complete the "missing" yearly reports to bring reporting up to date.

### Who should be preparing the report?

Annual reports must be completed by a legal Officer of the Club (President, Treasurer or Secretary) and a personal email address for that officer is to be used.

### Need Help?

If you need help completing the report, Mr Mark Ing is happy to help you and will accept your calls or email.

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### **SENIORS' WEEK**

**"Have a Go Day" will be held at Burswood Park in Seniors' Week**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

## NEW PAWA COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

### Michael and Moira Macpherson from the Probus Club of Eaton



Michael Macpherson

Born in Leeston, New Zealand.

**Professional history:** I worked for 50 years in the travel and tourism industry, including 27 years as Managing Director of my own Tourism and Marketing Company.

**Community history:** I have been a member of Lions' Clubs International for 43 years. I was District Governor in 1990/91 and am currently the Treasurer for the Eaton Lions' club. I joined the Probus Club of Eaton in 2021 and am currently Vice-President.

Born in Westport, New Zealand.

**Professional history:** teacher of French and English. Deputy Principal of a medium sized college in Auckland for more than 25 years. As a linguist, I organised and/or accompanied students on multiple trips to French speaking countries and Japan. I am still doing some relief teaching at a local college.

**Personal:** We made the decision to move to Australia to be closer to family. I have a sister here and a brother in Perth. We have a very spoilt Tibetan spaniel called Margot who rules our home.

**Community history:** I joined the Probus Club of Eaton in 2020 after retiring to Australia and have been Secretary, Vice-President and now President.



Moira Macpherson

### WORKSHOP HELD AT THE RAAFA ESTATE MEADOW SPRINGS – 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE .

#### **POINTS OF VALUE to CLUBS:**

- Workshops in general.
- Breakout groups useful for sharing information.
- PAWA, PSPL and Standing Resolutions.
- Clarification of committee roles and learning how other clubs operate.
- Insurance for visitors on outings.

#### **SUGGESTIONS:**

- Prefer one topic per group.
- Allow more time for breakout groups.
- Keep group feedback brief.
- Use of microphone so everyone can hear.

*“Consider using the suggested Registration Form for Outings, Activities and Tours provided by PSPL”.*

This form is suggested to encourage members to consider whether they are physically capable of participating. Whether or not this form is completed does not affect the level of insurance provided under the National Insurance Program/s. The form is not a condition of insurance.

It is not mandatory that visitors to clubs complete an Outings Form. It is a suggestion.

**However, there should be a record of contact information for all attendees.**



The choices for your Club's **Probus Month** celebration are unlimited.

*Why not hold a special lunch, dinner, or morning tea, or have a dress up party or even a BBQ in your local park.*

Be adventurous and plan an activity that your Club has never done before.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO CLUBS WITH ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY



<b>Canning Vale Probus Club</b>	<b>11 years</b>
<b>York Probus Club</b>	<b>13 years</b>
<b>Combined Probus Club of Mosman Park</b>	<b>16 years</b>
<b>Port of Albany Ladies Probus Club</b>	<b>33 years</b>
<b>The Probus Club of Claremont/Cottesloe</b>	<b>39 years</b>

## **NEW SPEAKERS**

### **Graham Jenke. HISTORY of WIRELESS HILL. Convenor, Friends of Wireless Hill.**

Wireless Hill was the 40-hectare site selected for one of Australia's first radio telegraph stations in 1911 – the other was in Sydney. The station operated until 1968 after which the land was transferred to the City of Melville to become public open space and a Bush Forever reserve.

Friends of Wireless Hill have been working ever since to restore the bushland to its original condition. This talk describes the history of the radio station and the site's restoration.

I would be happy to present the talk at Probus meetings for clubs south of the Swan River down to Thomas Road. **Contact Graham** 0417 174 053 Email: [grahampjenke@gmail.com](mailto:grahampjenke@gmail.com)

### **Dr Andrew Davies - HOMELESS HEALTHCARE**

The underlying philosophy of Homeless Healthcare is one where the patient is respected regardless of background. While addressing the health needs of a patient is a priority, Homeless Healthcare aims to provide holistic and wide-reaching support to address a number of interconnected issues to improve patient health.

Being homeless is associated with higher morbidity, reduced life expectancy and greater usage of acute health care services. Either Dr Davies or a colleague will be available to speak at your club.

Contact the Practice Manager Alison. (08) 6260 2092 Email: [alison.sayer@hhc.org.au](mailto:alison.sayer@hhc.org.au)

## **OUTINGS LIST**

If you have visited a park, museum, or restaurant that you think other clubs may enjoy, please send the name address, and contact details to Sue Harwood. [smharwood1@bigpond.com](mailto:smharwood1@bigpond.com)





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**Join us!**

**PAWA is inviting Probus Clubs to a multi-club event - a "Pasta in the Valley" lunch.**

**Join with other Probians to share ideas, thoughts and solve the problems of the world!**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 1230pm**

**Pasta In The Valley Restaurant**

**2931 West Swan Rd Caversham WA - 20 minutes from the CBD.**

**Italian cuisine *but not just pasta!***

**Dishes include chicken, beef, fish, and gluten free and vegetarian.**

**Meals range from \$12 to \$34. Licensed, no BYO.**

**Pay on the day at the restaurant.**

**Senior's meals need to be ordered in advance, direct to Helen Hardy.**

**Important – contact Helen for forms and Menus.**

**Ample parking is available.**

**Reservations close 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023.**



**Why not make it a day outing and include a visit to the Chocolate Factory or wine tasting at one of the many wineries in the Valley. Perhaps organise a coach trip?**

**Clubs interested in attending:**

**Please send numbers to Helen Hardy for booking purposes:**

**[helenhardy@westnet.com.au](mailto:helenhardy@westnet.com.au) or phone 0419 251 489**

## CLUB NOTIFICATIONS

### Combined Probus Club of Melville Inc 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration



Combined Probus Club of Melville Inc. celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May.  
“The cake was a visual delight and delicious as well - so after the usual speeches, our members forgot the cold and tucked into morning tea then polished off the cake.”



President Steve Johnston & Secretary Ashley Favas

### PROBUS CLUB OF NARROGIN 3-DAY VISIT



17 members of the Probus Club of Narrogin arrived for a 3-day visit to Bridgetown, Greenbushes, Balingup and Boyup Brook. The group was accommodated at three locations - Ford House, Bridgetown Valley Lodge and Elysian Bridgetown - and all were most satisfactory. Bridgetown Probians joined us for the Talison Lithium Mine tour and visiting the Greenbushes Discovery Centre. Thank you to Matt Rowett - Talison Lithium's, Manager of Mining who gave us a marvellous insight into the massive operation.”

### PROBUS CLUB OF VICTORIA PARK INC HANDOVER LUNCH Ann Kennish, Media Officer [ack@inet.net.au](mailto:ack@inet.net.au)

The tradition of having a formal handover following the AGM of The Probus Club of Victoria Park was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2023 at the Royal Australian Air Force Association facilities in Bullcreek.

The Immediate past President, Brian McIntyre, welcomed members and guests and gave a brief overview of his very busy year as President which included organizing the Club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and the manufacture and presentation of a commemorative Lectern.

Brian inducted the new President, Linda Footman. Her motto will be TEAM – Together- Everyone – Achieves – More. The new committee members were presented with their badges and duty statements; Hon Sec Gaye Sweeney, Treasurer Ron Stephenson, Vice President Chris Dyson and committee members, Lea Newing and Rose Cunningham.





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**A visit to Kirra-Tugan Probus Club Qld in April 2023.** (By Ann Kennish, Victoria Park Probus Club).



While on holiday recently I had the opportunity to attend this Probus Club on the Gold Coast Queensland. The Members made me welcome at the meeting and demonstrated the core values of Probus of friendship, fellowship and fun. I was surprised to find that there were 16 visitors (I was the only interstate visitor) at the meeting. Their membership is 74 and 2 new members were inducted which almost reaches their cap of 80. We exchanged Newsletters and noted the similar activities.

## MYSTERY SOLVED!!!!

While we may never know what happened on the Mary Celeste, we can now reveal the plot of the **Probus Club of Eaton's Garden Mystery Tour** on Wednesday 17/5/2023.

Forty-eight "clueless" Probeans from several clubs and some Rose Society members arrived early at the Eaton Foreshore. We headed out through the beautifully green paddocks of Dardanup and up into the Ferguson Valley. We got a clue as we neared Frog's Hollow. But no! We headed on to **Val's Tin Shed**. Inside was the most eclectic collection of tins, boxes, packets, and memorabilia that you could possibly imagine. What a fascinating walk down memory lane it was.

**"My Grandmother had biscuits in that tin", "I keep my cottons in that tin", "Mum used to put Flavine on my skinned knees". "I had one of those toy sewing machines".**

Almost any tin you can imagine from the last 100 years was to be found on the shelves. You were welcome to a fantastic morning tea of cakes, scones with homemade jam and egg sandwiches. Then we had a walk through the sunshine to inspect the garden, buy plants and purchase butternuts and pumpkins. This is a great place to visit.

**The mystery continued.** We arrived at the **Fine Timber Company**. Derrek Doak 's hobby became a profession. He has a small one log sawmill and saws logs into wonderful slabs and planks that are used by timber firms and hobbyists to make high quality timber furniture. He has a large stockpile of timber, mainly Marri. The wonderful thing about mystery tours is when you go to someplace that you would never otherwise visit. This was such a place. Magnificent.

The next stop was lunch at the Mumby Pub. After lunch, we headed to the **Thomson Brook Estate Winery**. We also managed to taste quite a bit of the product as well. Thank you, Les, and Kerry and thanks to Dorothy for organizing such a good day! Chris Durrant.



Val's Tin Shed



Derrek's Sawmill





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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 Pauline Dunning  
for an invitation to attend.*

*pawasecretary@gmail.com*

*We meet on the 1st Thursday  
of every second month at the  
Piney Lakes  
Environmental Education Centre,*

*555 Leach Highway Winthrop  
10am-12.30pm*

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

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