



**Probus Association of Western Australia Inc.**

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



# NEWS & NOTES

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

### President Peter Olney



The opening of WA's border, hopefully is bringing certainty to many and allowing Probus families, loved ones and friends to finally reunite after being apart for so long. Further restrictions, which were provided with little warning, also have started. Please check on the ever-changing rules brought in by the WA Government.

Our thoughts are also very much with the communities impacted so terribly by the devastating floods across Queensland and New South Wales. Many of you may know that all my working life I was part of the emergency orchestra as NSW Director of Disaster Recovery and worked on floods and other disasters like these. My mind reflected on the giant task ahead for those affected materially and emotionally.

Our Annual General Meetings are held during March. This gives us time to refresh and renew our Management Committees and focus on what we, during the year, did well and what we can improve.

PAWA recently ran a groundbreaking Forum designed to get views and opinions of Clubs, share information on issues and concerns with the view to determine an action Plan for PAWA. This was successful and we will be conducting in other locations more as soon as can be organized.

I congratulate PAWA Secretary Ralph Sirmulis on his excellent work on the Forum.

### **I share key issues / findings/ perceptions from the Forum.**

- *Probus awareness in the community is poor.*
- *Clubs cannot define what is Probus – our “product”.*
- *Poor knowledge of PSPL and PAWA.*

Peter Olney PSM  
March 2022

**PROBUS ASSOCIATION OF WA**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING *Reminder***

***31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at Tompkins Park in Alfred Cove.***

**Why come to the PAWA Annual General Meeting?**

This is an opportunity to:

- ❖ Learn more about PAWA, it's focus and direction
- ❖ Meet the Office Bearers
- ❖ Connect with likeminded Probians
- ❖ Exchange ideas
- ❖ Enjoy the friendship and fellowship on the day
- ❖ Help shape the future direction of PAWA and how it might help WA Probus Clubs.
- ❖ Join the PAWA Committee. PAWA meets once per month.
- ❖ Did you know that each PAWA member club can have one voting member on the PAWA Committee as well as one other?
- ❖ For those Clubs who would like to participate but the travel to PAWA Meetings is an issue, we can hook you up with Zoom.
- ❖ Thus you can participate digitally.



 **FreeCall**

**1800 066 272**

When making a payment online, for identification, be sure to first write your PAWA club number,

(Not your PSPL club number).

You will find this number in the Club Directory.

*Remember to bring your Proof of Vaccination certificate and your Name badge.*

*See your Secretary for a Registration form.*



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE CLUBS CELEBRATING in MARCH

Swan View Probus Club	4 years
Probus Club of Mandurah Peel Inc.	7 years
The Combined Probus Club of Murdoch Inc.	25 years
Marmion Probus Club (Mixed) Inc.	29 years
The Probus Club of Denmark Inc.	32 years
Probus Club of Mandurah Inc.	38 years
The Probus Club of Thornlie Inc.	40 years

### **PRIVACY PRINCIPLES**

The Australian privacy principles are the cornerstone of the Privacy Act 1988

*Clubs are exempt from the requirements of the Privacy Act 1988, as Clubs do not meet the Act's turnover threshold of \$3 million.*

*As a matter of best practice, it is recommended that Clubs follow the Australian Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act when collecting, holding, using or disclosing personal information.*

*Clubs should establish a Privacy Policy for the handling of personal information. This information should be securely maintained and anyone who has access to this information should return or destroy it when their term of office has expired.*

**Please note that the points of contact for PAWA are:**

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### Events In our History In the Month of March

#### *Golf ball size hailstones*



**The March 2010 hailstorm in Perth was the costliest natural disaster in Western Australian history, with more than \$1.3 billion in insurance claims.**

#### *St John Ambulance Trainees*



**The St John Ambulance Association held its first training course in WA in March 1892**



**YESTERDAY MY  
HUSBAND  
THOUGHT HE SAW  
A COCKROACH IN  
THE KITCHEN.  
HE SPRAYED  
EVERYTHING  
DOWN AND  
CLEANED  
THOROUGHLY.  
TODAY I'M  
PUTTING THE  
COCKROACH IN THE  
BATHROOM.**

### **HANDOVER CHECKLIST**

The outgoing and incoming management committee can all help make a smooth transition by considering the following points:

- ❖ Ensuring any records held are handed over to the new management as soon as possible.
- ❖ Updating bank accounts to reflect new signatories and remove any committee members who have left.
- ❖ Inviting the new Committee to meet with the outgoing members to ensure urgent matters receive attention and there is continuity regarding the association's Policies, Procedures and important contacts (i.e. accountants, auditors, peak body representatives etc).
- ❖ Retiring any outgoing users linked to the records held by Consumer Protection, Dept. of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety and adding new users.

### **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.

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 **May 15<sup>th</sup> 2021** to submit more items



## **GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

### **DEPARTMENT OF MINES, INDUSTRY REGULATION AND SAFETY:**

#### **ASSOCIATIONS INFORMATION STATEMENT**

#### **Associations and clubs are required to submit an information statement to Consumer Protection every year.**

This statement confirms the association is still active, eligible to be incorporated and has held its Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Incorporated associations must also continue to notify Consumer Protection of any changes to its name, rules (also referred to as the constitution), and status and contact addresses.

Information statements must be submitted within six (6) months after the end of an association's financial year. Associations and clubs can choose their own financial year so the due date for submitting the statement may differ between groups.

AssociationsOnline users will be sent a notification about submitting the information statement on or before the association's end of financial year.

#### **INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED**

Make sure you have the following information ready to answer the questions:

- Provide the association's current address and address for service.
- Provide the date of the most recently held annual general meeting. (Excluding the first AGM, associations are required to hold its AGM's every calendar year and within six months after the end date of the financial year. Copies of the financial statements must also be presented to members at the AGM.)
- Provide the association's total amount of revenue for the reporting period. (Read more information about calculating revenue in the Inc. Guide)
- Confirm that the association has at least six members with voting rights;
- Confirm the association's main purpose (i.e. educational, sporting, recreation, religious).

#### **HOW TO SUBMIT**

Enrolled AssociationsOnline users can login to AssociationsOnline to submit an information statement.

Note: Your user account must be linked to an association in order to submit an information statement and receive reminders. Read more information about managing my association's details for further assistance.

At the AssociationsOnline sign in page, enter your user name and password then click the Login button. See the enrolment help guide for assistance.

Fill in the form by answering all of the questions. Click "next" to move through the sections. To finish click: "Submit".

# Celebrate in Albany



**\$1,865** pptw  
\$275 single option

## Easter in Albany

**6 DAYS > 13 to 18 April 2022**

View some of the Great Southern's most striking scenery in the Torndirrup and Porongurup National Parks, cruise King George Sound and enjoy entertainment as you browse local art and produce at the annual Denmark Easter Arts Markets.

### Highlights

- Easter Sunday celebrations
- National Anzac Centre
- King George Sound cruise
- Torndirrup & Porongurup National Parks
- Mount Barker Old Police Station
- Princess Royal Fortress
- Denmark Arts Markets

## Albany & the Anzacs

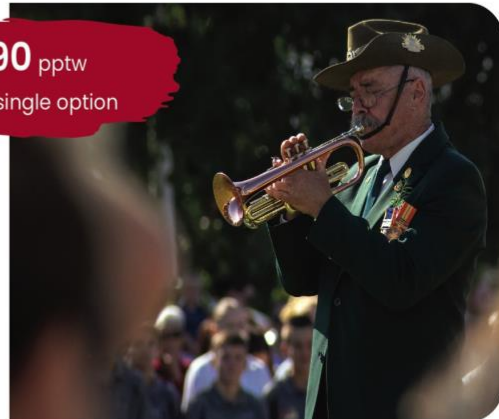
**5 DAYS > 23 to 27 April 2022**

Commemorate the Anzacs where the dawn service tradition was originally created then explore the significant historic sights of Albany and Princess Royal Fortress, the Great Southern region's incredible landscapes and ruggedly beautiful coastline.

### Highlights

- Princess Royal Harbour cruise
- Anzac Day commemorative dawn service
- Anzac Day march & ceremony
- National Anzac Centre
- Old Police Station Museum, Mount Barker
- Torndirrup National Park
- Princess Royal Fortress

**\$1,390** pptw  
\$220 single option



**\$1,130** pptw  
\$165 single option

## Wondrous Albany

**4 DAYS > 16 to 19 May 2022**

Experience the best of Albany's history and nature and go on a bargain hunting bonanza on this spectacular four day getaway.

### Highlights

- National Anzac Centre
- Red Cross op shop, Albany
- St Vincent de Paul op shop, Albany
- Good Sammy op shop, Albany
- Princess Royal Fortress
- Mount Romance
- Torndirrup National Park

### 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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## NEW GUEST SPEAKERS

### **DR SUE BOYD AO**



Sue Boyd is a retired diplomat, with 34 years in the Australian Foreign Service. Some Clubs have already heard her speak and she is well recommended by the Bedford Combined Probus Club. Sue lives in Claremont WA.

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Sue was head of Diplomatic Missions in Bangladesh, Vietnam, Hong Kong and Fiji and also served at the UN in New York, Portugal and East Berlin. Her autobiography, "Not Always Diplomatic" was published in 2021.

Sue talks about her life in the foreign service, her role in advancing the role of women, her experiences since retiring and returning to WA, working in the East Kimberley, serving on a number of commercial and not for profit boards, at Universities and as senior executive business coach and mentor of university students. She will bring copies of her book for those interested in reading more.

### **DR HENRY SKLARZ**



Dr Henry Sklarz is a criminal Defence Barrister. He provides an understanding of the role that a criminal Barrister plays in the administration of justice. He combines this information within each harrowing or hilarious story. His book "Jungle Law" ranges from hilarious to horrifying and was inspired by decades of working with complex characters in difficult situations.

Mob: 0408 120 764

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### **THE MELODY MAKERS**



Brian Copping, John Healy and Tony Eardley combine to form the Melody Makers. They play wonderful songs from the Golden Age of Broadway shows and Hollywood Musicals.

Melody Makers Jazz Trio has played at various Probus Clubs for Birthdays and Christmas functions. The charge is \$300 to entertain you.

Contact Brian: 0411 202 943

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## SPEAKER Update



**Nigel Ridgway** sent his updated list and is keen to speak at Probus Clubs. Nigel has always sailed since high school in Germany, and has had many adventures, both overseas and around the coast of Australia. He became a WA primary teacher for 21 years, then a high school relief teacher, while all his adult life he also played music part time.

- **“Lotus 11 – an Indian Ocean Adventure”** (a voyage to South Africa and return to Freo 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) Pt.2
- **Von Mucke and the Schooner “Ayesha”** – a World War 1 adventure story of a German war hero.
- **“T.E Lawrence – the man versus the Myth”** – what was “Lawrence of Arabia 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.



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