



Probud Association of Western Australia Inc.

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NEWS & NOTES

WELCOME TO THE MAY 2022 EDITION OF NEWS AND NOTES

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Since the PAWA - AGM your PAWA Committee has been very busy progressing with activities including gathering information towards developing its re-invigoration Plan to assist Probud Clubs in Western Australia.

The RAAFA at Bull Creek was the venue for the latest Forum. This was a successful Forum that focussed on Southern Metropolitan Clubs. The same topics that we used were presented at the Northern Metropolitan Clubs late February; many of the issues raised were similar to those of both forums. This includes “the lack of understanding of Probud in the Community, the roles of both Probud Association of WA (PAWA) and Probud South Pacific Limited (PSPL). Both these issues need to be addressed and have duly been noted.

PAWA is planning another Forum on 3rd June further south around Mandurah. This forum is to be held at RAAFA Meadow Springs. This should complete the series of Forums for the time being.

PAWA Secretary Ralph Sirmulis and I have been active visiting Clubs, getting feedback on different services to members. Thank you for the great hospitality; we look forward to Committee members visiting your Club. Ralph visited Karrinyup and I visited Bedford and Byford.

The PAWA Committee has been experimenting using Zoom to conduct some of its meetings. This has been successful.

Please let us know of interaction with other Clubs and interesting Guest Speakers and ideas of making your club successful.

Peter Olney PSM
President 2022-2023

SOUTHERN REGIONS FORUM

Twenty-three Clubs were invited to attend the second Forum, which was held at the RAAFA Club at the Air Force Memorial Base in Bullcreek on May 5th 2022.

Fifty-two representatives from eighteen clubs attended.

South Perth Ladies Probus Club Inc.
Probus Club of Victoria Park Inc.
Combined Probus Club of East Perth Inc.
Rossmoyne Probus Club WA Inc.
The Probus Club of Bannister Creek Inc.
Combined Probus Club of Leeming Inc.
Canning Vale Probus Club Inc.
Probus Club of Thornlie Inc.
Combined Probus Club of Winthrop Inc.



East Fremantle Probus Club Inc.
Combined Probus Club of Melville Inc.
Melville Ladies Probus Club Inc.
Ladies Probus Club of Booragoon Inc.
The Probus Club of Booragoon Inc.
Rossmoyne Ladies Probus Club Inc.
Combined Probus Club of Attadale Inc.
Combined Probus Club of Murdoch Inc.
Como Combined Probus Club Inc.



The President Peter Olney welcomed attendees and outlined the purpose of the day, which was to engage with clubs face to face, to listen and understand issues and concerns facing clubs today. PAWA Secretary Ralph Sirmulis facilitated the Forum and invited club members to help determine an action plan for PAWA.

Committee members, Pauline Dunning, Edna Jones and Sue Harwood, supported by guest Lorraine Reed, took notes from the comments made.

Information from clubs was very valuable to ascertain what clubs need at the moment and would like in the future. PAWA hopes to channel their efforts to assist clubs in engaging members and building vibrant active clubs. A summary of the day will be published in the next month's edition. Many clubs indicated they would like an Information Day primarily for networking and exchanging ideas.

PAWA'S GOAL

“To promote Probus to the retired and semi-retired community in Western Australia as an avenue for fun, friendship and social interaction through the sharing of ideas and information, coordinating multi club events and activities and supporting the growth and operation of clubs.”



One of the sad but interesting things to come out of the two WA Probus Clubs Forums that PAWA has facilitated has been the view from WA members that there is a lack of awareness in the community about what is Probus? Even many Probians have a difficulty responding when someone asks, “What is Probus? I have not heard of it.”

Awareness of Probus starts with your response to the question. If you don't give a relatively short and somewhat punchy and enthusiastic response to grab their interest, then you have lost that person as a possible member. It may not be enough to simply say it is a Club of retirees or semi-retired people who enjoy fun, friendship and fellowship.

Perhaps also consider that we should not say that Probus derives from the terms PROfessional and BUSiness. This may convey that Probus is elitist and only open to retired professional businesspersons.

Think about the following:

- “Probus is a social club in our local Community where you can meet other retirees on a regular basis, make new friends and acquaintances, listen to interesting speakers and join in fun activities.”
- “Probus is about Friendship and Fun in retirement.

It gets me out of the house and provides me with the opportunity to meet with fellow retirees on a regular basis, listen to interesting speakers and join together in activities, all in the company of new friends.”

Think about this:.....

If you cannot describe your product (what is Probus) then how can you sell someone on the idea of joining a Probus Club?

Ralph Sirmulis, PAWA Secretary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Scarborough Ladies Probus Club had their 35th Anniversary in April but decided to celebrate in May and invited PAWA Secretary Ralph Sirmulis to attend.

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE MANY CLUBS
CELEBRATING IN MAY***

Probus Club of Harvey	11 years
Probus Club of Byford and Districts Inc.	14 years
Probus Club of Manjimup Inc.	14 years
Mt Barker Plantaganet Probus Club Inc.	14 years
The Belmont Districts Probus Club Inc.	16 years
Noranda Combined Probus Club Inc.	18 years
The Probus Club of Vasse Inc.	30 years
Karrinyup Ladies Probus Club Inc.	31 years
The Probus of Kojonup Club Inc.	32 years
Melville Ladies Probus Club Inc.	33 years
Probus Club of Subiaco Inc.	33 years
The Probus Club of South Bunbury Inc.	34 years
Como Combined Probus Club Inc.	36 years
Probus Club of Gosnells Inc.	36 years
Mandurah Ladies Probus Club Inc.	37 years
Probus Club of Perth Inc.	38 years
Combined Probus Club of Melville Inc.	39 years
The Probus Club of Fremantle WA Inc.	40 years

PAWA levy invoices have been sent out.
Please quote your invoice number for easy identification.



The theme for Probus Day, Saturday 1st October 2022 is:

“Probus provides unlimited possibilities in retirement.”

The objective of Probus Day is to have a focal point on the calendar to celebrate Probus. It is a great way to generate awareness.

Start planning your celebration early. If you are unable to plan for Saturday 1st May, choose another day in October.

PSPL suggests you seek support from your local government to assist with funding and promotion on the day.



The April / May Digital Retirees Magazine included some encouraging comments from the PSPL Chairman, Judith Maestracci.

Judith commented that when times get tough, laughter is a powerful antidote to stress, pain and conflict.

This reminds us that our Probus Community is such a wonderful source of support and friendship in these challenging times.

Escape the rain

Coral Coast Treasures

14 to 23 July 2022 &
12 to 21 August 2022

10 days

\$3,995pptw

\$820 single option

Magnificent Monkey Mia

1 to 6 Aug 2022

6 days

\$2,380pptw

\$485 single option

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25 Aug to 3 Sep 2022


10 days


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Fake emails have increased lately. Cyber crime has surpassed drug trafficking as the Number one global crime, according to Crime Stoppers.

It is costing businesses \$29 billion dollars annually. If you think you have been scammed, contact the relevant institution immediately.

Contact the Australian Cyber Security centre on 1300 292 371.

You can also contact [IDCARE](#) on 1800 595 180, who can work with you to develop a specific response plan to your situation and can support you through the process. The Services provided do not constitute legal advice. (From PSPL)

Consider having a speaker come to your club to talk to your members. You will find a [cyber expert](#) speaker on the PAWA Speakers' List.

NEW SPEAKER



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STUART USHER, of Joondalup City Probus Club

Entering his 16th year as a cruise enrichment speaker, Stuart had his first speaking appointment aboard *Thompson's "Celebration"* in 2005.

While in the RAF, Stuart worked extensively within the field of aerial reconnaissance intelligence, providing photo imagery of the activities of belligerent military groups and regimes in the UK and overseas. He is now based in Western Australia, and so is available for presentation work in the southern hemisphere throughout the year.

PROBUS WEST-the social arm of PAWA

Clubs are invited to submit articles for Probus West, which highlights the social events, fun times, and news of activities from around the clubs.

Articles to be in Word format, with pictures as jpegs.

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

Contributions can be emailed to rpfloyd@westnet.com.au

Or posted to 103a Stock Road, Attadale 6156.

RICHARD LADNY
ROTARY PROBUS CHAIRPERSON, DISTRICT 9455 & PAWA GUEST



Richard trained as an automotive mechanic and achieved a mechanical engineering degree. His first executive role was as workshop Operation manager at Freighter Industries.

He returned to the automotive industry as Fixed Operations manager for Metro Motors in Morley.

Richard moved to Darwin to work as workshop manager with a truck company. He later took a position as manager for suppliers of building, engineering equipment and a hire business. In 1984 Richard relocated to Karratha where he purchased a small stationery store.

Over the following 17 years in the Pilbara, he grew the business to a team of 40 people with branches in Port Hedland and Tom Price. The business was runner up in the Retail Telstra Business of the Year. During this time, Richard started and successfully operated several other retail and service businesses.

In 2000 Richard sold all his Pilbara businesses, moved to Perth and developed a complex of residential rental units. In 2001, Richard purchased a welding business and steered the business into the mining sector. Within 4 years this business had outgrown the current location .

He purchased seven acres of land in Hazelmere where he designed a “fit for purpose” workshop and grew his business to a crew of 140. In 2014 the business was sold to an international steel manufacturer. Richard remained employed as CEO, Managing Director and board member until 2016. He saw the period after 2016 as an opportunity to give back to the community.

Richard is actively involved in starting up the Eastern Hills Business Network Inc, under the umbrella of Regional Chamber of Commerce. Through Perth City Rotary & Mercy Care , he mentors refugees wanting to start their own business.

He is the Steering committee chairperson for Rotary WA supporting “My Home” project for the homeless and Probus chairperson for district 9455, responsible for 40 clubs.

Richard enjoys working with people and organizations in helping them achieve their goals and be comfortably successful.

In 2019 Richard graduated from the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) course and is still a very active member within AICD.

Today he still has one or two books on the go in either leadership, business foresight; strategic thinking; governance and risk.

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.

*We meet on the first Thursday of the month, either at the Piney Lakes Environmental Education Centre, 555 Leach Highway Winthrop, or we have a **ZOOM** meeting from home.*

9.30am -12.30pm

Contact Ralph Sirmulis for an invitation to meet or to zoom.

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