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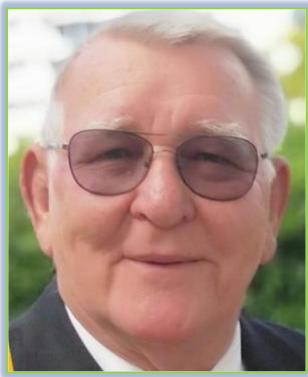


NEWS & NOTES

THE VOICE OF PROBUS CLUBS IN THE WEST

WELCOME TO THE MAY 2023 EDITION of NEWS and NOTES

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We know that Probus Clubs are renowned for fostering social connections and fellowship among retired and semi-retired individuals and this holds great potential for networking and mutual benefits. Recognising the advantages of increased interaction, PAWA strongly encourages Clubs to engage in more social contact, facilitating the sharing of information, ideas, and experiences among members. By inviting other Clubs to meetings, staging joint social events, and organising shared activities, Probus Clubs can unlock numerous advantages.

First and foremost, networking between Probus Clubs offers an excellent opportunity for members to expand their social circles and forge new friendships. By interacting with individuals from different Clubs, members can broaden their horizons, learn from diverse perspectives, and establish connections that can enrich their lives beyond their immediate Club community.

Moreover, increased social contact between Probus Clubs facilitates the exchange of valuable knowledge and experiences. Each club has its unique strengths, resources, and expertise that can benefit others. By sharing information and ideas, clubs can enhance their programs, organise more engaging activities, and improve the overall Probus experience for their members.

Collaboration among Probus Clubs also allows for the pooling of resources, making it possible to organise larger-scale events and outings. Joint social events can include excursions, guest speakers, workshops, and cultural activities. These shared experiences not only add variety and excitement to Club activities but also create a sense of unity and camaraderie among members from different Clubs.

Increased social contact and interaction between Clubs will enhance the overall Probus experience for their members and thereby collectively contribute to a vibrant and thriving Probus community.

Many clubs have mentioned that they have sent invitations to other Clubs but received no response. My suggestion is keep trying and make a phone call; don't just rely on email.

Ralph Sirmulis
President

FREE WORKSHOPS FOR YOUR CLUB MEMBERS



Club members are encouraged to attend these FREE informative sessions, especially if you have a new club member or committee member.
Contact the PAWA secretary Pauline for a registration form if you have not received one.
Choose a date to suit your club.

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

Information of value acknowledged by attendees at the Kalamunda Workshop.

- Learned how other Clubs operate and understand others have the same problems.
- Clarification of roles of Committee members
- Scouting for possible committee members early in the year.
- Need for good communication within your club.
- General information about PAWA and PSPL
- Probud Club Handbook is a guideline, not a set of rules.
- Constitutional issues and legal obligations.
- Standing Resolutions/ByLaws
- Various issues with activities and emails.
- Breakout group discussions were of value.
- Insurance for visitors on outings.
- Make contact with other clubs in your area.
- PAWA should continue with education of clubs.

Feedback included some points for the Committee to consider regarding improving visual information and presentation.

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 8th September at 1230pm

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

Sicilian cuisine *but not just pasta!*

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

Meals range from \$12 to \$32.

Pay on the day at the restaurant.

Senior's meals need to be ordered *in advance*, direct to the restaurant.

Ample parking is available.



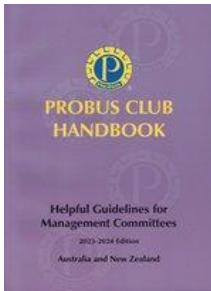
Why not make it a day outing and include a visit to the Chocolate Factory or wine tasting at one of the many wineries in the Valley. Perhaps organise a coach trip?

Clubs interested in attending:

Please send numbers to Helen Hardy for booking purposes:

helenhardy@westnet.com.au or phone 0419 251 489

PROBUS CLUB HANDBOOK: Helpful Guidelines for Management Committees



The Probus Club Handbook is intended to serve as a comprehensive set of guidelines to assist the Management Committee in effectively running a Probus Club. It provides valuable insights, best practices, and recommendations based on the collective experience of Probus clubs worldwide. However, it is unfortunate that some clubs have started treating these recommendations as rigid rules that must be followed.

The Handbook is meant to offer flexibility, allowing clubs to adapt the guidelines to suit their unique circumstances and member preferences. It provides a framework for decision-making, governance, and organising club activities, empowering clubs to make informed choices that align with their specific needs and goals.

By viewing the Handbook as a set of guidelines, rather than strict rules, clubs can benefit from its wealth of knowledge while still retaining their individuality and autonomy. It is essential for clubs to remember that the Handbook is a tool to enhance their operations and create a positive member experience, not a rulebook to be blindly adhered to.

Embracing the spirit of flexibility and creativity, while keeping the Handbook as a valuable resource, can help Probus Clubs thrive and evolve in ways that best serve their members' interests.

ROLE OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT YOUR CLUB

The role of the Management Committee is to manage the Club in accordance with the Club's constitution, by-laws and/or standing resolutions and the law. It therefore has the power to make binding decisions on behalf of the Club which are not subject to review by the membership.

However, Committees represent their members and therefore should report to their members on any decisions made and are encouraged to seek their member's views on any matters that may be considered contentious.

The key roles for all Committee members are:

- 1. To meet and greet and mingle at each meeting so that we all get to know our members.*
- 2. Execute your role as best you can. If you need help, just ask.*
- 3. To contribute ideas on how we might improve our members' experiences in this Club.*
- 4. Consult with Club members on key decisions e.g., expenditure, events/activities selection, and membership fees.*

More Multi Club events:

WEDNESDAY 15th November "HAVE A GO DAY" at BURSOOD PARK in Senior's week.

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER AFTERNOON TEA AT A special location IN THE CBD.



Theme for 2023

"Good friends,
Great times,
New adventures"

With less than 5 months to go, there is plenty of time to plan your Club's special event. You can celebrate with your Club members or host joint celebrations with local Clubs in your area.

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.

The choices for your Club's **Probus Month** celebration are unlimited. In the coming months PSPL will share ideas you can consider as well as more about **Probus Month** recognition awards for your Club members... so stay tuned and get planning!

From PSPL

SPEAKERS LIST UPDATE

NEW SPEAKER Ian D MacLeod AM, PhD, DSc, FTSE, FIIC, FRACI, FRSC, PMAICCM

TOPICS INCLUDE:

Shipwreck conservation, conservation of New Norcia textiles, conservation of an exhumed body from East Perth cemetery (or why did the Chinese gentleman still have his clothes on after 110 years), conservation of Aboriginal rock art, shipwreck analysis of the environment in Chuuk Lagoon - insights into the Japanese fleet sunk in 1944.

Education: 2007: Doctor of Science, University of Melbourne:
1974: Doctor of Philosophy, University of Melbourne:
1970: Bachelor of Science (Hons) - (H2A), University of Melbourne.

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UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS Sandra Harris

You can contact Sandra directly now: sharrisramini@gmail.com or 0467 048 676.

Welcome to our new committee member, Anne Schnell



Adelaide was my birthplace; as a child we moved to a dairy farm in the south of the city near Victor Harbour where I lived until I was married. During my first marriage we were owners of four Regional Newspapers in South Australia, and during that time we had two boys, and I held many varied positions on committees in schools in our time as Newspaper Owners in our country town. Our next adventure was to buy a boat hire business on the Noosa River.

After my divorce I opened my first boutique in Adelaide and became a member of Zonta International. I met my present husband Greg and together we moved to the Sunshine Coast where we had a Financial Services business. I did become President of the Zonta Club and made many new friends through the organisation. We were on the Sunshine Coast for 11years.

On our return to Adelaide, I of course became involved again with a Zonta Club and once again opened another Boutique. In 2017 we eventually came to our senses and moved to Perth. The reason was, that we have our beautiful Grandchildren here. Between us we have 4 children, and 7 grandchildren.

I joined Probus and View in WA and have loved every moment of both organizations. At present I am a member of the Glengarry Probus Club having served as Liaison Officer and then President in 2022/23 and in my View Club I am presently Vice President, Delegate and on the Development Team. *I look forward to joining the PAWA Committee and helping in any way I can.*

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT PAWA?

The Probus Association of WA (PAWA) was established 39 years ago (1984). It is a separate entity from Probus South Pacific Limited and the idea behind the formation of the Association of WA Clubs was and is purely:

- to advise Clubs on matter/issues affecting their Club,
- to co-ordinate group activities, and
- to supply information that may facilitate Management Committee operations and activities to the Probus Clubs in WA. It was not established to dictate to clubs or in any way interfere with any individual club.

PAWA is the voice of the 92 WA Probus member Clubs and their 5,200 members and exists to serve and support our clubs in their pursuit of fun, friendship, and fellowship.

PAWA has its own Constitution, similar to that of Probus Clubs and is administered by a Management Committee. PAWA services include:

- Assisting member Clubs to resolve issues and problems.
- Helping clubs interpret regulations and guidelines.
- Bring clubs together to gain and share information.
- Conduct workshops, forums, and social events.
- Provide WA Probus Clubs with a state Directory, Outings List and Guest Speaker list.
- Provide a monthly newsletter (News & Notes) to inform WA Probians of Probus matters.

Should you have any issues or difficulties, you should not hesitate to contact PAWA. We are here to help.



**Happy Anniversary to the
many Probus Clubs
with Anniversaries
in MAY**

Probus Club of Harvey	12 years
Probus Club of Byford and Districts Inc	15 years
Probus Club of Manjimup Inc	15 years
Mt Barker Plantagenet Probus Club Inc	15 years
The Belmont Districts Probus Club Inc	17 years
Noranda Combined Probus Club Inc	19 years
The Probus Club of Vasse Inc	31 years
Karrinyup Ladies Probus Club Inc	32 years
The Probus of Kojonup Club Inc	33 years
Melville Ladies' Probus Club Inc	34 years
Probus Club of Subiaco Inc	34 years
The Probus Club of South Bunbury Inc	35 years
Como Combined Probus Club Inc	37 years
Probus Club of Gosnells Inc	37 years
Mandurah Ladies Probus Club Inc	38 years
Probus Club of Perth Inc	39 years
Combined Probus Club of Melville Inc	40 years
The Probus Club of Fremantle WA Inc	41 years

Embrace the Warmth up North

West Coast Wonders

8 DAYS > 15 to 22 Jun 2023

Highlights

- Half-day adventure on Dirk Hartog Island
- Steep Point – the western-most point of mainland Australia
- Monkey Mia dolphin experience
- Shark Bay World Heritage Area touring
- Shark Bay eco cruise
- Pinnacles Desert Discovery Centre
- Historic tour of Dongara
- Central Greenough Historic Settlement
- Carnarvon Space & Technology Museum

\$4,165 pptw
\$660 single option



From **\$1,495** pptw
* With Prospector free pass
\$255 single option



Goldfields & the Prospector Rail Journey

5 DAYS > 19 to 23 Jun & 31 July to 4 August 2023

Highlights

- Return journey on The Prospector train (Perth to Kalgoorlie)
- Super Pit lookout
- Museum of the Goldfields
- Golden Quest Discovery Trail
- Leonora
- Kookynie
- Coolgardie

North West Cape - Reef to Range

8 DAYS > 24 June to 1 July 2023

Highlights

- Ningaloo Centre galleries & aquarium
- Working cattle station visits
- Ningaloo coral reef cruise
- Yardie Creek & gorge cruise
- Milyering Discovery Centre
- Cape Range National Park
- Coral Bay natural wonders
- Carnarvon Space & Technology Museum
- Wooramel Station
- Murchison River cruise
- Kalbarri National Park & Skywalk

\$3,890 pptw
\$515 single option



\$4,120 pptw
\$825 single option



Coral Coast Treasures

10 DAYS > 13 to 22 Jul & 10 to 19 Aug 2023

Highlights

- Kalbarri Wilderness cruise
- Kalbarri National Park & Skywalk
- Monkey Mia dolphins
- Stromatolites of Hamelin Pool
- Shell Beach
- Ocean Park Aquarium
- Shark Bay wildlife cruise
- Francois Peron National Park
- Exmouth & Cape Range National Park
- Yardie Creek cruise
- Coral viewing cruise, Coral Bay
- Carnarvon Space & Technology Museum

\$4,195 pptw
\$905 single option



North West Spectacular

10 DAYS > 21 to 30 Jul & 15 to 24 Sep 2023

Highlights

- Karijini National Park touring
- Dales & Joffre Gorges
- Karijini Eco Retreat stay
- Yardie Creek gorge cruise
- Ningaloo Coast World Heritage Area
- Cape Range National Park
- Exmouth Gulf
- Bullara & Wooramel Stations
- Coral Bay coral viewing cruise
- New Norcia guided tour
- Pastoral & gold mining history
- Mount Whaleback iron ore mine tour

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*The Voice of
WA Probus Clubs*

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

*Contact Secretary Pauline
Dunning for an invitation
to attend.*

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*We meet on the 1st Thursday of
every second month at the
Piney Lakes Environmental
Education Centre,
555 Leach Highway Winthrop
9.45am-12.30pm*

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

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