



Probud Association of W.A. Inc.

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# NEWS & NOTES

THE VOICE OF PROBUS CLUBS IN THE WEST

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

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I have come to appreciate that one of the very key aspects of our Probud Clubs is the importance of the social interaction at our Club meetings.

One should remember that the key reasons that many people join Probud Clubs is to meet others of the same age group and interests.

Probud Clubs exist to bring people together, fostering camaraderie, and building lasting friendships. We gather not only to learn but to enjoy the company of like-minded individuals. Therefore, we must ensure that our meetings provide ample opportunity for members to mingle and interact.

To strike the right balance, it's crucial to keep the business aspects brief yet informative. While we need to discuss club matters, we can achieve this efficiently without spending too much of our time together on such items. This allows us to dedicate more time to what truly matters: socialising and forming connections. In most Clubs, guest speakers play a valuable role in the monthly meetings, offering insights and knowledge.

However, it's important to limit their presentations to 40-45 minutes. This not only keeps our gatherings engaging but also leaves room for interaction, questions, and discussions.

### **Morning tea is a golden opportunity for our club members to socialise and mingle with one another.**

It's during these informal moments that we can deepen our friendships, share experiences, and create cherished memories. This is when we truly live out the spirit of Probud Clubs. All too often, morning tea is treated simply as a break in between business matters and the guest speaker. Consider the value of the social interaction opportunity and give it more time at the meeting.

Also, consider that visitors and prospective members often attend to "sound out" a Club before joining. They achieve this by determining the approachability of its members and picking up the "vibe" of the Club - and not by the business aspects, funds on hand, outings, and guest speakers.

Our Probud Club meetings should be a reflection of our values: fun, friendship, and fellowship. By maintaining informative yet concise business aspects, limiting guest speaker durations, and prioritising social interaction during morning tea, we can ensure that our meetings are not only productive but also deeply enjoyable, creating lasting bonds among our members and encouraging new members.

**Ralph Sirmulis**  
President



## PAWA ADVISORY

### The Reality of being on a Probud Club Management Committee

Recently, PAWA sent out an Advisory to all WA Clubs setting out the intent to hold 4 Forums for Club members who might be interested in taking on a position on the Management Committee.

Following feedback from a number of Clubs and re-evaluation within our Committee, PAWA has decided to cancel these proposed four Forums in February.

For 2024, PAWA plans to conduct such Forums in September/October thus enabling more time for prospective members to attend before they make the decision if they wish to nominate for the Management Committee.  
Thank you for your consideration and input.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO CLUBS CELEBRATING IN NOVEMBER



Probud Club of Dawesville Inc.	8 Years
Combined Probud Club of Scarborough Beach Inc.	14 Years
Probud Club of Margaret River Inc.	29 Years
The Morley Ladies Probud Club Inc.	32 Years
Kalamunda Ladies Probud Club Inc.	35 Years
Probud Club of City Beach Inc.	37 Years
Probud Club of Victoria Park Inc.	41 Years

## The Probus Club of Kalamunda Inc. 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The club was sponsored by a Rotary delegate on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1983 for men only. In 2011, after the 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it was decided to become a combined club as average age was increasing and membership was falling.

The members celebrated their **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** on 11<sup>th</sup> October at the Kalamunda Club, with guests from nearby Probus Clubs, Kalamunda Rotary, PAWA, and local groups. President Leah Way chaired the brief meeting and welcomed the members and guests.

Recognition was given to a number of members who were involved for many years in ensuring the club ran effectively for fun and friendship.

*Left to right*     **Bernie Thomason, Jim Dickson, and John Freeman**



There were many door prizes and a sumptuous morning tea.

The celebration cake was made by President Leah Way and was well received by all.

Members and guests were entertained by two music students from the Kalamunda High School.

**President Leah Way with the Anniversary News**



**The hall was decorated for the occasion.**



## GET RID OF CASH IN YOUR CLUB.

There is more and more of a push in our society to get rid of cash payments at Club meeting. Devices are available where members can simply swipe their credit/debit card and make an immediate payment to the Club for an event or activity.

**Square** is one example of a point-of-sale electronic transaction system. Many businesses and non-profit organisations now use **Square** to provide credit card and debit card payment services to their customers or members. These devices allow point-of-sale electronic transactions.

### Advantages of using Electronic payments

1. Less handling of cash at meetings and trips to a bank.
2. Receipts can be easily generated. They can be printed, emailed, or sent by text message, depending on the hardware you purchase and whether you are online or not.
3. **Square** can allow generation of reports to analyse trends in club activities. Funds received can be automatically transferred to the club's bank account.
4. Many people use tap-and-go payments by card, mobile phone, or smart watch for their purchases.
5. You can create separate items within the **Square** system for meeting attendance fee, annual membership fee, pro-rata joining fee, and individual outings with the one 'tap'.

### Things to consider:

#### A. Initial purchase of Square hardware and potential future replacement cost.



SQUARE card reader



SQUARE terminal

For the devices, check with the **Square** website for pricing but also shop around at places like JB Hi-Fi and Officeworks or through a Council grant. There are two main options to consider:

**Square Card Reader:** This must be connected to a smartphone via Bluetooth at the time of the transaction (no screen on the device itself). They are relatively low cost to purchase, but the transaction fee is a little higher (1.9% of the transaction amount).

**Square Terminal:** This device has a screen and can accept a 'tap' without being online, although it must be connected to Wi-Fi within 24 hours to be fully processed. The screen can show all items available for purchase, as set up by the user. The transaction fee is lower, (1.6% of the transaction amount). The Terminal has a paper roll and can print receipts, even if not online at the time of the transaction. Both have rechargeable batteries.

#### B. Creation of an account with Square via the Square website.

**Square** will require an Australian Business Number (ABN) for the club and contact details for key committee members (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer). They will also need you to upload a copy of the Club's Certificate of Incorporation. You supply them with the club's BSB and bank account number and set up an automatic transfer function from your **Square** account to the club's bank account.

#### C. Application for ABN

This can be made at: <https://www.abr.gov.au/business-super-funds-charities/applying-abn>  
You apply as **Other Incorporated Entity** (an Incorporated Association). Main business activity is Social Club Operation. The nature of your activity is 'In the form of a business'. Don't register for GST or apply for a tax file number. You will be asked for name, date of birth, address, and tax file number for the key committee members, as listed above for the Square application. These committee members go under the category Office Bearer of a Club/Association. **Square website:** <https://squareup.com/au/en>

## A TIPTOE THROUGH THE TULIPS

Recently, the **Probus Club of Eaton, Garden Group** organized a bus trip down south to see what was on offer.

“We all know that Spring is a time of wonderful flowering and growth, and the **Nannup Tulip Festival** is a great example of this. We were accompanied by members of two other clubs and luckily the questionable weather only found us while we were on the bus.



Our first stop was at Holberry House, which is on the Open Garden list and is found within Nannup itself. The grounds were magnificent but most fascinating was the mini lecture given by the owner on how they developed the gardens based on understanding of the chemistry of the soil and the light/shade conditions. Definitely impressive! After morning tea in the house, we walked the short distance into the town itself. Here we trudged, traipsed, tiptoed (?) through the tulips which were just fully opened and gorgeous. There were tubs of tulips, beds of tulips and even some tulips to buy.

As we were there on a Tuesday there were some good and bad things about our visit. Firstly, there were no crowds, parking was easy, and the tulips were at their best. However, many places, cafes etc. were closed and there were no market stalls, but as we were on a garden trip, not a buy-a-thon, that was fine. We all managed to find somewhere to buy lunch.

Our next stop was a revelation. As we pulled up (some way out of town), we glimpsed a full sized (but fiberglass) African elephant and was that a child's Ferris Wheel?



### This was Wombledoone!

It is a magical world created by Vicki for herself. It contained diverse garden “rooms”, each with its own special theme and vibe and more animals such as replica rhinos and real-life friendly alpacas.

We had afternoon tea nestled amongst the plants of this quirky creation that brought out the little bit of a child in all of us and shows what you can do if you give free reign to your dreams.”

**Thank you, Dorothy and Kerry.**



**The COMBINED PROBUS CLUB of EAST PERTH Inc.  
17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and PROBUS DAY Celebration**

The East Perth Club invited a number of guests from other clubs and two PAWA committee members to help celebrate their 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Probus Month with a High Tea.

The regular quiz was popular as usual thanks to Lucille and Ralph won the Heads and Tails.

**Pam McDonald , Secretary and President Bruce Paul**



**Bruce with PAWA President Ralph Sirmulis**



***PROBUS CLUB OF BRIDGETOWN-BLACKWOOD VALLEY.***

*Probus Club of Bridgetown-Blackwood Valley* created a special meeting at Maranup Ford Caravan Park featuring fun, games, and great raffle prizes – to celebrate **Probus Month** and to promote the health benefits of staying socially connected.

Members and guests formed 3 teams - Mac, Beth, and Rosa - named after 3 of the resident farm dogs.

**Winners: Probus Team - Beth**



The games included Pick-up Sticks, Head-Basket Ping Pong and Tight Squeeze Skittles! The event concluded with team choir practise - splendid renditions of *Waltzing Matilda*.

**Team Beth** won by a slim margin having wisely played their Joker card - to receive double points - on the skittles game! The day was a great success ... everyone really enjoyed the experience.

Special thanks to Cate at Maranup Ford for the venue, games inspiration and great catering!

## NEW SPEAKERS

### **VIVIEN STUART**

*Recommended by Combined Attadale Probus Club*

- ∴ **ADVANCED CARE PLANNING and PALLIATIVE CARE**
- ∴ **RESEARCH and writing my novel-ACACIA HOUSE**

Vivien trained as a nurse and midwife and became a Palliative Care nurse. She studied creative writing at UWA, culminating in a PhD.



My presentation starts with a discussion of advance care planning and palliative care, and I attempt to dispel a few common myths and misconceptions.

Then I give an overview of the research and writing of my novel, *Acacia House*, which has a palliative care central theme, and which was shortlisted for the WA Premier's Book Awards in 2023. It is the first self-published novel ever to be shortlisted for the awards. The novel is about three nurses working in a Perth Hospice in the 1990's.

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### **DIANNE FRANKLYN.**

*Recommended by Karrinyup Probus Club*

- ∴ **GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN.**



Grandparents Raising Grandchildren WA (GRGWA) is a support group specifically for grandcarers (grandparents with the full-time care and responsibility of their grandchildren).

We are a peer led group of volunteers who support and advocate for the plight of grandcarers.

GRGWA offers many in house services for our members and provide much in the way of emotional support to our grandcarers who are usually in a very difficult situation.

I relish the opportunity to engage with your membership and tell the story about being a grandcarer with its many challenges and joys.

We have our head office at 6 Dugdale Street, Warwick and also branches at York, Gosnells, and Kwinana.

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## PROBUS ASSOCIATION of WA Inc.

You can now access back copies of NEWS and NOTES on the website.  
Look under the "Information" heading.

### HOLLYWOOD KINGS PARK - PROBUS DAY CELEBRATIONS

The **Hollywood Kings Park Probus Club** celebrated Probus Day with a fun quiz party complete with chocolate cake and other goodies for morning tea. There were lots of prizes donated by members to reward the winners. Everyone got a different table number as they arrived, so members got to meet others.

Seeking answers , sharing knowledge.



A happy prize winner



Enjoying morning tea



Checking out the many prizes.





# Get set to *Explore* in 2024

## Australia Day in Bunbury

4 Days | 24 to 27 January 2024

### Highlights

- Mandurah Dolphin Cruise
- Australia Day celebrations & fireworks
- Australia Day evening dinner cruise
- Dolphin Discovery Centre & Dolphinarium
- Bunbury Wildlife Park
- Taffys of Bunbury
- King Cottage Museum
- Aristos Waterfront Restaurant

### Inclusions

- Pre/post tour transfers (ex Perth, WA)
- 9 meals
- 3 nights' accommodation
- Tours & attractions
- Professional Villa Tour Leader & Coach Captain



**\$1,415** pptw  
\$240 single option

IMAGE Tourism Western Australia

## Celebrating Canberra in Autumn

6 Days | 13 to 18 March 2024

### 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

### Inclusions

- Pre/post tour transfers ex Perth, WA)
- Airfares & taxes (ex Perth, WA)
- 11 meals
- 5 nights' accommodation
- Tours & attractions
- Professional Villa Tour Leader



**\$3,740** pptw  
\$425 single option

## Easter on Norfolk Island

9 Days | 27 March to 4 April 2024

### Highlights

- Norfolk introduction tour
- Breakfast Walk & BBQ
- Progressive Dinner & Island Feasts
- Glass Bottom boat cruise
- Wonderland by Night Tour
- Pitcairn Settlers tour
- Island fish fry
- Green Fingers tour
- Colleen McCullough Home
- Convict Settlement tour
- Night as a convict
- Bounty Folk Museum

### Inclusions

- Pre/post transfers (ex Perth, WA)
- Airfares & taxes
- 17 meals
- 8 nights' accommodation
- Tours & attractions
- Professional Villa Tour Leader



**\$4,395** pptw  
\$555 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

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# PAWA

## 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.***

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

***Our PAWA Committee venue has changed.***

***From January 2024,  
PAWA will meet at the Melville Recreation  
Centre, 431 Canning Highway,  
Cnr. Stock Rd Melville***

***9.30am-1230pm.***

***Website: [probuswa.wordpress.com](http://probuswa.wordpress.com)***