



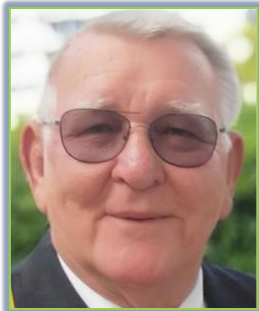
NEWS & NOTES

THE VOICE OF PROBUS IN THE WEST

Patrons: His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM, Governor of Western Australia, and Mrs Dawson

WELCOME TO THE JULY 2024 EDITION of NEWS and NOTES

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Now that the Annual General Meetings (AGMs) have concluded, clubs face the task of fulfilling their regulatory obligations by lodging an information statement with the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS).

This step ensures transparency and compliance, reinforcing the club's commitment to governance and accountability.

However, a perennial challenge for many clubs persists: recruiting new members and expanding their community visibility. To tackle this, clubs must adopt innovative and strategic approaches. One strategy is to host special guest speakers who appeal to a broader audience. Selecting speakers who cover diverse interests or trending topics can attract new faces and generate curiosity among potential community members.

Moreover, promoting these events extensively within the local community is an important part of the strategy. Utilising various communication channels such as social media, local newspapers, and community bulletin boards can increase outreach efforts, ensuring maximum visibility and attendance at the event.

Organising open days possibly coupled with engaging entertainment serves as another potent method to attract community members. Events featuring interactive activities, live performances, or demonstrations create a welcoming environment that entices individuals to explore what the club offers.

A notable upcoming opportunity for clubs is the Probus Clubs' gathering hosted by the Probus Association of Western Australia (PAWA) in September at Pasta in the Valley. This event, which drew over 200 Probians from 37 clubs last year, provides an invaluable platform for clubs to exchange ideas and share experiences. Participating in such gatherings not only enhances networking opportunities but also exposes clubs to successful recruitment and engagement strategies implemented by their peers.

In summary, while ensuring compliance with DMIRS regulations post-AGMs is essential, clubs must also prioritise innovative recruitment strategies and community engagement initiatives. Leveraging guest speakers, open days, and participation in industry gatherings like the PAWA event can assist clubs towards sustainable growth and increased community relevance.

Ralph Sirmulis

President

**PAWA welcomes two new Committee members:
Carol and Brian Hoult from Mandurah Peel Probus Club Inc.**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO CLUBS CELEBRATING IN JULY.

Canning Vale Probus Club Inc.	12 years
York Probus Club Incorporated	14 years
Combined probus Club of Mosman Park Inc.	17 years
The Probus Club of Claremont / Cottesloe	40 years



LEADING YOUR CLUB

Being elected by your club to be their President is a privilege and a pleasure, giving you the opportunity to express your personality into the role. Your position gives you the opportunity to put a stamp of your ideas to your club, this means working with your Committee to make the Probus experience for your members an enjoyable one.

This does not mean you will always get to do all the things you want but with consultation with the Committee you will manoeuvre your way through your Presidency. Your role is to listen, to lead, to be understanding of members requests and to be attentive to members concerns. You will need to be aware of Constitutional and Standing Resolutions for your club but not looking to rush in and change these unless your Committee wishes to so.

You can oversee the following points:

- + Ensure each committee member knows their specific duties.
- + Schedule regular meetings to discuss club activities and issues.
- + Use emails, newsletters etc. to stay connected.
- + Foster an environment where members feel comfortable sharing ideas
- + Address conflicts promptly and fairly.

Make your time as President an enjoyable time for both you and your club and take time to have fun, fellowship, & friendship.

MUNDARING PROBUS CLUB INC



Mundaring Probus Club has a new website.
<https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/mundaring/>

Frank Smith
Treasurer, Mundaring Probus Club
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ELLENBROOK PROBUS CLUB INC

Two life members were awarded Life Membership at the Club's last meeting:

- o Phil Barton (the clubs inaugural President)
- o Lorraine Reed (Foundation Member)



YOU ARE INVITED

Open invitation from PAWA
to WA Probud Clubs to celebrate
fun, friendship and fellowship

FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER – 12:30



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.

Seniors meals available.

Licensed, no BYO.

Pay on the day at the restaurant.

Ample parking is available.

Please make your booking with
Helen Hardy

helenhardy@westnet.com.au

0419 251 489

Please wear your Probud Club name badges
Closing date for booking is Friday 23rd August 2024



**Thornlie
Probus Club
members got
together at the local
Bowling Club for a
spectacular morning
tea on the
22nd of May.**



VICTORIA PARK PROBUS CLUB.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE General Meeting 15th May 2024.



**Bob Kucera &
Chris Dyson**

Get a Hat and Get Ahead

“The Hon Bob Kucera JP is a character with a wealth of life experiences. He was the guest speaker on 15th May meeting at Victoria Park Probus. He is a remarkable man who had dealt with some of the worst of society and aided some of the best people in our society. His topic was about his progression through the many ranks of policing characterised by the various police caps/hats he had acquired over a period of 34 years.

There were some collective gasps and hearty laughter from the members as he related to some of the dark sides of policing; and amusing stories about his first experiences as a new policeman posted out to the bush.

He made oblique comments about his career and achieving the rank of Assistant Police Commissioner. Bob resigned in 2001 to start a new phase as a Cabinet Minister in State Parliament and retired from Parliament in 2008.

Bob continues with his commitment to society as Patron to many community, volunteer, and sporting groups. It was an interesting and enjoyable presentation. Members invited Bob to make a return visit.”

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES, INDUSTRY REGULATION AND SAFETY
ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

HAS YOUR CLUB'S ANNUAL INFORMATION STATEMENT BEEN LODGED?

Every incorporated association must submit an association's information statement (AIS) every year. The AIS is a short online form that asks basic questions about an incorporated association's operations to confirm that it is still active and eligible to remain incorporated. Incorporated associations have an obligation under section 156 of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (the Act) to provide information to the Commissioner. Completing the AIS is the way that associations meet this obligation.

The information provided in the AIS helps confirm that the club is still active, eligible to be incorporated and has held its Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Note: When an incorporated association does not submit its information statement for two or more years, we may believe it is no longer operating and take action to cancel its incorporation.

The AIS asks questions about the incorporated association, its activities and some basic financial information to help confirm that the incorporated association is operational and complying with its obligations.

Associations do not need to provide copies of meeting minutes, financial reports or details of the association's members or committee of management as part of completing the AIS.

Information statements must be submitted within six (6) months after the end of a Club's financial year.

Need assistance in meeting this requirement? –

Contact Associations Online on 1300 304 074 or by email AOhelp@dmirs.wa.gov.au between 8.30am – 4.30pm Monday to Friday.



ONLY 3 months to go... time to start planning!

MUNDARING PROBUS CLUB 40TH ANNIVERSARY



LIFE BEGINS AT FORTY

The Mundaring Probus Club celebrated their 40th Anniversary with gusto. A wonderful morning of friendship, music, poetry and a delicious luncheon.

President Mary-Helen gave a beautiful overview of the club's history with Past Presidents helping to paint a picture of the long and successful Club's evolution. A very enjoyable and successful time was had by all.

PAWA Committee member, Anne Schnell



Mundaring Probus club was established in 1984 as men's only club for retired members of Mundaring Rotary Club. A decade later women were invited to join and in 1994 Sheila Forte became the first female to join the committee and the first female president in 1995. By 1996 the club had become a combined club and relocated to the Glen Forrest Sports club. Meetings are held 2nd Monday each month.



The meeting place looked fabulous with decorated tables, balloons and a photo stream. The music – thanks to Doug Faser on guitar – and the open fire, added to the ambience. Over 40 members enjoyed a three-course meal catered by Mojoes of Mundaring, washed down with orange juice and Prosecco.

Several members have also made speaking contributions: Robert Barnacle on his experience teaching in a remote school, Dora Norgaard on her birth country's hero Hans Christian Andersson, Tony Harding on life as a policeman in the UK and James Maxlow on the Wieliczka salt mine in Poland and The Eston coal mine in Yorkshire. *Frank Smith*

New Year on the Murray Princess

\$4,560 pptw
\$885 single option

IMAGE: Tourism South Australia



6 Days | 29 Dec 2024 to 3 Jan 2025

See in the New Year with a magnificent cruise along South Australia's stunning Murray River. As the sun sets for another year, begin your New Year aboard the majestic Murray Princess.

Inclusions

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Highlights

- Adelaide Museum & Art Gallery
- Adelaide Botanical Gardens
- Hahndorf, nestled in the Adelaide Hills
- Four night PS Murray Princess Cruise
- Celebratory New Year's Eve Dinner
- Barossa Valley Wine & heritage tour
- Elegant dining at Saltram Estate
- Beautiful Burk Salter Boutique Winery
- Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve
- Sunnysdale's classic Australian Woolshed Show

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Probus Club of Denmark

Two members of the Probus Club of Denmark, Margaret Pieroni and Louise Swan, were recognized for their service.

Louise Swan



Our Probus member Louise Swan has been awarded Denmark Shire's Senior Citizen of the Year 2024, for her exceptional community service for Horsepower Denmark, one of 13 centres affiliated to Horsepower Australia.

It is a registered voluntary, charitable, not for profit organisation that offers a variety of programs, including riding, carriage driving, vaulting, hippotherapy and walking with horses, to people with physical, intellectual, emotional and social challenges.

Photograph by Serena Kirby

Margaret Pieroni



Thanks to her great service to botanical art, Margaret Pieroni was honoured with a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), this year's Australia Day. Her love for nature and wildflowers, combined with her skills for drawing and painting, led her to a career as a renowned botanical artist, with works featured in countless magazines, books, journals, galleries and even a coin.

Now, at the age of 87, which she wasn't supposed to reach when diagnosed with leukaemia 55 years ago, Margaret is still finding different species of native plants.

Last year, she found the 20th different orchid on her own block but said many others would not come back.

Margaret hopes her work will help the wider community realise how special native plants and wildflowers are, and that they do not just grow as a field of colour at certain times of year.

SPEAKERS LIST

In the past two months, seventeen WA Probus Clubs invited **Brian Bassett** to speak while he was travelling in WA, from Queensland.

This was a very interesting talk about Brian and his wife Sue, working as trained volunteer rangers with a Veterinarian in Africa. Brian also showed photographs taken by Sue.

There are no new speakers in this edition. If you find a great speaker, why not ask if they would be willing to speak at other clubs and go on the PAWA list?

Country Clubs! Let PAWA know of any speakers to add to the list!!

GLENGARRY PROBUS CLUB

Glengarry Probus Club had a wonderful outing to the Amaze Village followed by lunch at the Ravenswood tavern and a visit to one of the Giants. A great day's outing.

Garry Fischer, Secretary, Glengarry Probus Club.



The Ladies Shoalwater Probus Club Inc. of Western Australia is celebrating 35 years of Fun, Friendship and Fellowship.

“Our June meeting marked the anniversary with members enjoying their monthly social get together along with invited guests and visitors. Thank you to the City of Rockingham Mayor Deb Hamblin, MLA for Rockingham Magenta Marshall, Probud South Pacific and Probud WA for their kind and encouraging words, letters, balloons and certificates. Our 35 Year certificate was presented to our President by a representative of our proposing Rotary Club from years ago. After the meeting concluded it was followed by a sumptuous morning tea with lots of time to catch up, laugh and reminisce. The president then introduced some surprise entertainment.



Our biggest THANK YOU though goes to our lovely members – those who have aged with us, inspired us, introduced new members to us and supported our club endeavours.

Let us embrace the future years with as much enthusiasm.”

Yours in Probud,
Kerry Crook.

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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.

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The PAWA Committee meet on the 1st Thursday of every second month at the Melville Recreation Centre Cnr Stock Rd and Canning Highway Melville 9.30am-1230pm.

NB: On alternative months, PAWA meets via Zoom.

Next meeting is a zoom meeting Thursday 1st August

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