



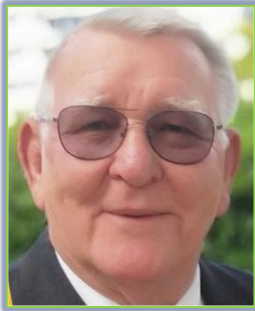
NEWS & NOTES

THE VOICE OF PROBUS IN THE WEST

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WELCOME TO THE JUNE 2024 EDITION of NEWS and NOTES

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The recent Building Better Clubs Workshops have again been a success with a great turnout of 57 Clubs and 195 Probudians, the workshops served as a focal point of knowledge and collaboration, addressing critical issues facing WA Probud Clubs today.

PAWA ensured the involvement of both city and country WA Clubs by holding the Workshops in North Beach, Albany, Bunbury, Halls Head, Mt Pleasant and Glen Forrest. Our thanks to the Probud Clubs that helped us facilitate these Workshops.

Attendees were given the opportunity to understand challenges confronting their clubs, ranging from governance matters to the intricacies of the WA Associations Act. The importance of understanding the Act and its implications for Club Constitutions and Standing Resolutions was underscored, empowering attendees with vital legal knowledge essential for effective club management.

Furthermore, the Workshops provided a much-needed platform for clarifying the sometimes-differing interpretations surrounding insurance, outings, events, and activities. Attendees gained invaluable insights into risk management practices and compliance requirements, enabling them to navigate potential pitfalls with confidence and foresight.

Perhaps one of the most praised benefits of the Workshops was the opportunity for networking and knowledge exchange. Attendees hailed from diverse backgrounds and experiences, each bringing a different perspective to the table. Through sometimes spirited discussions and shared anecdotes, participants gleaned from the collective wisdom of their peers, gaining fresh perspectives on tackling common challenges that face our Clubs in WA.

However, amidst the celebration of success, a sobering reality remains: there are still clubs hesitant to embrace change and reluctant to participate in our Workshops. It is a concern to PAWA which recognises the imperative of adapting to a changing Probud landscape. The Workshops served as a wake-up call, urging clubs to shed complacency and embrace innovation. For PAWA, the message is clear: the status quo is no longer tenable. To thrive in a changing world, Probud Clubs must embrace continuous learning and evolution, leveraging opportunities to build better clubs for the years to come.

Ralph Sirmulis, President.



PAWA is looking for a person with skills in WordPress to be the webmaster for the PAWA website.

We require someone who knows the product well and has experience in building and maintaining websites using the product.

If you are this person or know of someone, please contact President Ralph at PAWAPresident@gmail.com or call 0417 201867



Can a club fundraise for its own benefit?

Yes, a Club can fundraise for its own benefit.

Each Club's constitution states that it is not seen as a fundraising body. However, Clubs can source additional funds throughout the year through activities such as lucky door prizes, adding an extra dollar to the cost of a function, this creating a function surplus.

Prizes can either be purchased by the Club or donated by local businesses. Monies collected from these activities do not amount to fundraising because they are added to the general funds of the Club and the funds are spent to benefit the Club members.

Fundraising that is not allowed, is monies raised for the benefit of third parties, such as a person, charity or specific cause.

As an example, a Club could not run a BBQ or a raffle to raise monies for a specific person, cause or charity.

Although if a Club wanted to donate money it has accumulated in its general funds to a charity or specific cause, it can do so, provided the Club's membership approves of such a donation.

MAY 14th. Subiaco Probus Club 35th Anniversary.



Left: Anne Schnell, PAWA Committee, and Diana Brown, President of the Subiaco Probus Club.

Anne presented Diana with a 35th Anniversary certificate and noted that it is a lovely vibrant club doing lots of activities.

"The members decorated the club rooms with balloons, and they had a lovely birthday cake & very nice morning tea.

The guest speaker spoke about sailing across the Indian Ocean SOLO from Africa to Australia. The members made me feel very welcome and I really enjoyed the morning.

They were happy to have a PAWA representative with them and sent me a personal thank you."

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

**Friday
6th September**



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



**Pasta In The Valley Restaurant
2931 West Swan Rd Caversham WA - 20
minutes from the CBD.**

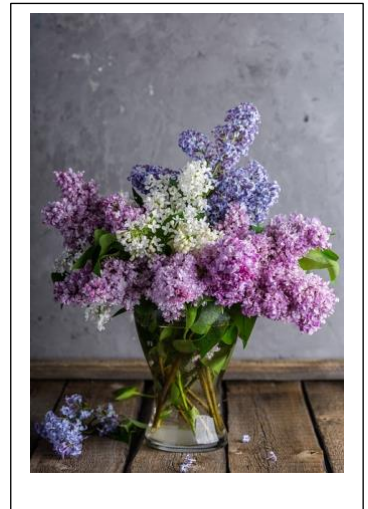
**Italian cuisine but not just pasta!
Dishes include chicken, beef, fish, and gluten
free and vegetarian.**

Licensed, no BYO.

**Pay on the day at the restaurant.
Ample parking is available.**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS IN JUNE

The Probus Club of Geraldton Inc	6 Years
Collie Probus Club Inc	8 years
Probus Club of Bridgetown-Blackwood Valley Inc	10 years
Combined Probus Club of Mandurah Inc	18 years
Kallaroo Probus Club (Inc)	26 years
Glengarry Probus Club (Mixed) Inc	31 years
The Shoalwater Ladies Probus Club Inc	35 years
The Cottesloe Ladies' Probus Club Inc	35 years
The Willetton Ladies Probus Club Inc	37 years
The Probus Club of Mundaring Inc	40 years
Probus Club of Dianella (Inc)	40 years



Probus Club of Byford and Districts.



Photo of our visit to Parliament House for a tour and lunch in the dining room.

A very enjoyable day out courtesy of our local MP Hugh Jones MLA.

Margaret Ward

Wembley Downs Probus Club. 3rd Anniversary. OPTUS STADIUM TOUR



"A good time was had by all members who undertook the Tour. Terri was an excellent guide. A very knowledgeable and passionate lady. The tour was beyond my expectations. I have a great sense of pride that our State has such a state-of-the-art stadium."

Marion Benness, Events team.

HARVEY PROBUS CLUB



Since the formation of the Harvey Probus Club in 2011, Graeme Purnell, assisted by wife Judy, has diligently and meticulously planned all the club's monthly outings and excursions — adding up to more than 150 events.

Graeme and Judy — who have both been President of the club — always checked out the venues first at their own cost; things like parking and bus access, is the terrain suitable for walking and wheelchairs, toilet facilities, morning tea and lunch facilities.

Members have always enjoyed interesting events around the district, venturing as far as Perth, a 300km round trip.

Graeme and Judy are now going to sit back a little, away from the pressure of organising things, but are still actively enjoying the social benefits of Probus.

Bill Russell

PAWA BUILDING BETTER CLUBS WORKSHOPS 2024



GLEN FORREST WORKSHOP

TWENTY Probusians attended this final workshop for the year on 23rd May at the Glen Forrest Sports Centre.

Hosts were the Combined Probus Club of Mundaring Inc. President Helen White and the Committee made everyone welcome.

Sue Harwood was the presenter in Ralph Sirmulis' absence.

Ian helped prepare the scones which were part of a delicious morning tea, courtesy of the Mundaring Club.

Edna Jones, Helen Hardy, Anne Schnell and Sue Harwood were the facilitators at the breakout groups where there was a good deal of information sharing and discussion.



Photos courtesy of Robyn Cain from Mundaring Club.



***Personal conflict within a club can lead to a lot of stress and discord between members.
Here are a few pointers that might be helpful in preventing real problems escalating.***

- *First and foremost try not to never let a problem get to the stage of needing resolution.*
- *Nip problems in the bud when they first arise. Take the person aside and talk to them privately, never in front of others.*
- *Avoid being confrontational. Try to take the position of mediator and also try to be neutral.*
- *Discuss the problem and, if you can't avoid taking sides, then get someone else to deal with it. Having a third party, who is not involved in the dispute, participating can often keep things under control.*
- *At times, it may take more than one meeting to resolve a problem. However, as long as you are meeting and talking, the better the chance of coming to a mutually satisfactory agreement or resolution.*
- *Once resolved the matter should be put to rest and not discussed again*

These are my ways of dealing with problems so feel free to have your own opinion. These are pointers to help.

*Edna Jones
VP PAWA Committee*



- **Do not be complacent**
- **Times and people change**
- **Keep the "business" side simple**
- **Focus on FFF**
- **Listen to your members**
- **Innovate**

Unfortunately there is some confusion over the correct date for the South West Get Together, being held in Manjimup, due to the incorrect date being published in a recent PAWA News and Notes.

Please note the correct date is:
Monday, 7 October 2024

The application form will be sent out in **June**.

NEW SPEAKER **TERENCE MCGONIGLE Clinical Audiologist BSc (hons), MSc**

I am a Local Audiologist at Advanced Hearing Western Australia (Busselton) and we are currently undertaking outreach in our local area. We are offering casual information sessions to improve knowledge around the importance of hearing and aural health to healthy aging.

My background is in medical research and prior to relocating to the Southwest I was engaged in research at the Sarich Neuroscience Research Institute in the field of neurodegeneration. Recent publications in the field have now indicated untreated hearing loss as the leading modifiable risk factor for dementia and cognitive decline.

Here in Australia, we have some of the highest levels of government funding to support hearing, including free (fully subsidized) hearing tests and hearing aids for eligible pensioners. I would like to offer your members the opportunity to both hear about and ask questions about some of the latest research.

If you feel that your members would be interested in such an opportunity, I would appreciate a direct contact for the Busselton Probus admin. There will be no cost involved to your organisation. info@advancedhearingwa.com.au

DAVID HOUNSOME former Art Gallery Guide **Updated**

1. "Making sense of a modern art: a gallery Guide's personal journey".

David Hounsome, a former Art Gallery of WA Guide has an informative and engaging presentation entitled, "Making sense of a modern art: a gallery guides personal journey". His talk is illustrated with slides which cover a wide range of art including Van Gogh, the Mona Lisa, a fake Vermeer, and pictures that challenged the art world.

2. Art with a PURPOSE

Art has been used by the church to promote the faith, by Governments to support wars and by the wealthy to immortalise their status. Today it's often intended to shock. From Banksy's street art to the Arnolfini portrait of Van Eyck there is something for everyone in this visually rich presentation which includes four successful but now forgotten women artists who all had a message in their art.

David needs projection equipment/ Computer for his presentation which is on a thumb drive.

Contact David by phone:- 94488045 or by e-mail :- dshounsome@iprimus.com.au

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

NB: On alternative months, PAWA meets via Zoom.

Zoom meeting date Thursday 6th June.

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