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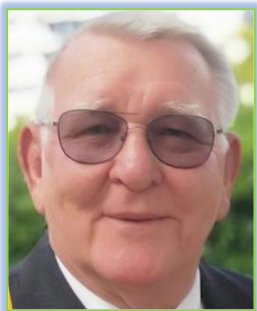


# NEWS & NOTES

THE VOICE OF PROBUD IN THE WEST

## WELCOME TO THE SEPTEMBER 2024 EDITION of NEWS and NOTES

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The recent *Pasta in the Valley* event, organised by PAWA, was a tremendous success, drawing an impressive crowd of around 300 Probudians from over 30 WA Clubs. It was heartening to see such a strong turnout, with members coming from as far as Northam and Eaton in order to share in the fun and enjoy a delicious lunch and entertainment from the Accordion Man.

The cheerful atmosphere made it clear that most attendees thoroughly enjoyed themselves, reinforcing the sense of belonging to something bigger and beyond just our own Clubs - like a true "WA family."

While the enjoyment of events like these is central to our overall experience, it is important to remember that the true success of a Probud Club goes beyond just social gatherings. Good management plays a key role, but what keeps a Club vibrant is its ability to engage members through a variety of speakers, activities, events, and outings. After all, most of us joined the Probud family for fun, friendship, and fellowship, and it is essential that these remain the pillars of our club life.

However, it's often the case that only one or two enthusiastic "drivers" on the Management Committee are pushing to keep the club's energy and momentum going. As much as we value their commitment, we cannot rely solely on these few individuals. The rest of the Club needs to step up and support them by contributing time, ideas, or helping out where possible. When more members get involved, the club becomes stronger and more enjoyable for everyone.

Lastly, clubs should pay attention to the article on Privacy in this edition, as there seems to be some confusion among both members and committee members. Clarifying these issues will help ensure the smooth and responsible management of member information. Let's all work together to ensure our Probud experience remains fun, inclusive, and well-managed

*Ralph Sirmulis*  
*President.*

## PROBUS CLUBS & PRIVACY PRINCIPLES

Many members are somewhat confused or have incorrect perceptions as regards privacy of their information. Management Committees and members need to be aware of the implications even though these are not onerous.

There are four documents that cover the issue of “privacy” within Probus Clubs. These are:

- **The Privacy Act of 1988,**
- **The WA Associations Act of 2015,**
- **The Probus club Constitution, and**
- **The Probus Club Membership application form.**

### **The Privacy Act 1988**

Under the current Privacy Act 1988 any business or association that has an annual turnover of less than \$3 million is **exempt** from complying with the Australian Privacy Act of 1988.

### **The WA Associations Act of 2015 & the “Standard” Probus Club Constitution**

The Associations Act of WA 2015 states:

- An up-to-date members’ register must be maintained and made available to any member to inspect and copy on request.
- Provide a copy of the register of members upon receipt of a written request (to the Secretary) from a member.
- A list of committee members and office bearers, together with their residential, postal, business or email address must be maintained and made available to any member to access or copy on request.

These conditions are addressed in the “standard” Probus Club Constitutions.

### **Probus Club Membership Application Form**

The current “standard” PSPL issued Probus Club Membership Application Form clearly sets out certain conditions related to the privacy of a member’s information, and it is the responsibility of members to acknowledge this. In essence, a member consents to:

- Name, address, telephone number and email address being included in the ‘Directory of Members’ to be distributed only to members of the Club.
- PSPL can use a member’s information unless members specifies otherwise.
- The minimum information required by PSPL is first name and last name and that it is a member’s to advise otherwise.
- The Club and/or PSPL may publish photographs or videos of members on their websites, in newsletters and on social media to promote the Club and Probus generally – unless advised otherwise.

Probus Clubs can publish their Membership List to all members of the club, but the list cannot be shared outside of the club.

### **Conclusion**

So, in summary, Clubs need to be aware:

- Members can request access to the membership register
- Members’ contact details can be circulated to other Club members
- PSPL can use membership information as they decide – unless otherwise stated.



Find us on  
**facebook.**

The PAWA Committee has decided to set up a Facebook page which is intended to help promote Probus in Western Australia.

Clubs will be able to post articles and pictures of their events and activities and see what other Clubs are doing.

The Page will be made available very soon and Clubs in WA will be advised when it is active and what are PAWA's guidelines.

PAWA hopes that **all** PAWA member Club will follow the page and provide input and suggestions.

**PAWA Committee members enjoy visiting our Probus Clubs to see how “we all do the same thing but do it differently”.**

**So we are open to invitations which should be sent to our Secretary Pauline ([PAWASecretary@gmail.com](mailto:PAWASecretary@gmail.com))**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS  
CELEBRATING IN SEPTEMBER.**

Joondalup City Probus Inc.	5 years
Claremont/Swanbourne.	7 years
Combined Probus Club of East Perth Inc.	18 years
Probus Club of Albany Central Inc.	33 years
The Probus Club of Busselton Inc.	38years
Probus Club of Whitfords WA Inc.	40 years



**Reminder - South West Get Together  
This annual event is taking place in Manjimup on  
Monday 7 October 2024.**

It is hosted by the Probus Club of Manjimup at the  
Manjimup Country Club in Golf Links Rd.

Arrival time is from 8.30 and tea and coffee will be available at this time.



## PASTA IN THE VALLEY



*"Sincere Thank You for a well organised luncheon. Our group of people were amazed to receive our very tasty meals HOT. It was very nice to meet a lot of people at this event and we will be encouraging our club to join in on future events. Thanks again to all at PAWA for a lovely day."*

**Mike Mazzella, from the Combined Probus Club of Scarborough Inc.**

*Thank you email received from Nola Woodward from Willetton Ladies Probus Club Inc.*

**Comments: "Enjoyed meeting the PAWA committee" "meals came out promptly and hot."**

*On behalf of the Mundaring Club members who attended the above, I would like to thank all the hard-working PAWA team who put this together. Am I right in thinking that we had the whole restaurant to ourselves? If so, that was the key to the improved ambience.*

*The addition of door prizes and the musical entertainment both contributed to a "party" atmosphere and I personally heard no complaints at all.*

*Congratulations on a job well done ! The PAWA executive can now rest on its laurels until next year.*

**Helen White from Mundaring Probus Club Inc.**



Some of the Probus members and guests who attended and sang to O Solo Mio with the accordionist.





**PROBUS MONTH Theme for 2024  
"Celebrating Community and Companionship".**

**Probus Month** gives us an opportunity to celebrate what *Probus* is all about.  
It also creates awareness of Probus within the wider community.



**Probus** is also a Latin word meaning honest or virtuous, from which the English word “probity” is derived.

Clubs now have the entire month of October to celebrate what makes their Clubs amazing.

**PAWA President Ralph Sirmulis and Committee Member Sandra Dawe were invited to the Canning Vale Probus Club for their 12th Anniversary.**

“We very much enjoyed your ‘fire side chat’ and now have a much better understanding and appreciation of PAWA, how it functions, how it can support and foster clubs in WA.

It was very refreshing to get your opinion on how clubs should operate and that under the umbrella of PAWA we can all be seen as a Probus family. “ **Dean Townsend, Secretary.**

Dean thanked Ralph for his leadership in his role as PAWA President.



## **New Guest Speaker: Ian Stann**

**Topic: If Switzerland ran Australia.**

This will be a talk in two parts:

1. First about the Political System and how the people are in charge and can change what the Govt has done. Try that in OZ.
2. The Second part is about their industries, and banks and even the education system i.e. training.

Also they do not fight wars but are better prepared than most to defend themselves. Also they have more guns than USA yet few killings. How come?

Contact Ian. [ianstann@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ianstann@yahoo.com.au) 0477 788 031

## **UPDATE for Australian Wildlife Conservancy.**

**New presenter: Alex Tibbitt**

Email: [alex.tibbitt@australianwildlife.org](mailto:alex.tibbitt@australianwildlife.org)

Mob: 0459 404 683

## **Hollywood Kings Park Probus - Theatre Visit**



Members of the WA Hollywood Kings Park Probus club gather on the steps of His Majesty's Theatre in Perth before enjoying a behind the curtain tour.

They found the backstage and unique features of this Edwardian theatre fascinating.

Who knows... perhaps some Probus members may get to be on stage there one day!

## **Notre Dame visit by the Cottesloe Ladies Probus Club.**



We had a very interesting and informative tour of Notre Dame University in Fremantle on Wednesday September 4th.

A great visit which concluded with a lovely afternoon tea.  
J. Wright (Sec).

## **Bunbury Ladies Probus Club. (Edited)**

### **Bunbury Ladies Probus Club will be forty years young in 2025.**

The club has been successful at maintaining a strong and active membership, and at the recent “Building Better Clubs” workshop for the South West, we were asked, what is our secret?

In the last twelve months we have had many and varied well organised outings, usually involving the hire of a bus. This is important in enabling us to go further afield for entertainment than would normally be within the “driving” comfort zone of some of our all-female membership and means that no one is excluded for that reason.

In the past year Bunbury Ladies Probus has cruised the **Donnelly River**, the **Mandurah Canals at Christmas**, travelled on the **Hotham Valley Steam Train**, had **High Tea at Little Wren Farm at Lake Clifton**, and seen the sights of **Nannup during the Tulip Festival**.

We have also had more purposeful outings to the **Lithium Mine at Greenbushes**, and a tour of the **Port of Bunbury**. There have been group outings to musical performances at **Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre**, and also a couple of “**Mystery Tours**”.

“Later this year we will be going **Whale Watching in Geographe Bay**. Outings are always fully subscribed, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We have a strong and democratic committee, whose members work well together, making committee meetings fun and amiable. We have put a lot of thought into succession planning. At our AGM this year, we worked successfully towards recruiting new members onto the management committee, to assist those who have already put in some time, and to prepare the newcomers for future executive roles. We were mindful of including the new committee members among attendance at the “Building Better Clubs” workshop to this end.

Although we have regular social events outside our monthly general meetings (coffee morning, after meeting lunch), we do not have any “specialty sub-groups”, just the one all-in-together general gathering. Because of rising hire costs, last year we reduced the footprint of the space we use for our meetings, which has turned out to be beneficial in that it has much less formal seating arrangements, leading to better mixing and conversation among members. An unexpected bonus!

Once a year we have a “Friendship Day”, when members are asked to invite a friend or two along to a general meeting. Recruitment is an ongoing issue for all of us, to compensate for an aging membership.

**Gail Parker (Newsletter Editor) for Bunbury Ladies Probus**

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST**

Access to emergency contacts should be restricted to the Management Committee and activity coordinators and the information marked “Private and Confidential and not for distribution”.

Some club members may have chosen to carry a medical card that includes this information, though this may not be readily known in an emergency.

***The contact person should not be a club member.***

These cards are available from the PSPL website. It is advisable that emergency information includes all visitors and participants.



Information from Irena Tumak, Probus member Northam.  
Multi-Cultural Festival in Northam and migrant writing competition.



# ACT BELONG COMMIT

## Northam Heritage and Multicultural Festival



Face Painting  
Food Trucks  
Military Displays  
Pipebands  
Music  
Dancing  
Kids Zone  
Family History



27 October 2024  
10am - 3pm  
Bernard Park, Northam



[www.nachamulticulturalfestival.com.au](http://www.nachamulticulturalfestival.com.au)







# ACT BELONG COMMIT Northam Heritage and Multicultural Festival

## Migrant Writing Competition



This year, the Northam Multicultural Festival is presenting three awards for the most compelling story about your family's migration and settlement experience.

Share a tale about a family member or your entire family, whether from recent times or the past, within a word range of 500 to 1000 words.

**DATE:** 27 October 2024  
**TIME:** 9am - 1pm  
**VENUE:** Central Regional TAFE Northam

### Panel Presenters

- Matthew Dyktynski
- Loretta Baldassar
- Susanna Lulliano
- Verena Thomas
- Manonita Ghosh
- Lesa Melynyuk Morgan



**Prizes on Offer:** 1st Prize | \$100  
2nd Prize | \$60  
3rd Prize | \$40



**Submit your stories to:**

- [genoefa@westnet.com.au](mailto:genoefa@westnet.com.au)

**Entries Close:** 12 October 2024



Scan the QR code to find more information about Migration Writers, Readers & Digital Storytelling Literary Festival and profiles on the expert presenters.



## Soup Night at Frank and Mary-Helen Smith's

This was the fourth year the Smith's had organised a soup night and the most successful, with nearly half **Mundaring Probus** members venturing out on a cold winter's night.



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### **PROBUS CLUB OF EATON**    **A meeting with a difference.**



In July our thoughts turn to warm comforting things, so the Probus Club of Eaton decided to do something a little different at their July meeting.

The club put on a free soup and sweets event after our meeting. There were three types of soup, all made by members.

Because of safety concerns, ease of serving and an opportunity to sit with and get to know different people, everyone sat at a designated table determined by the type of soup they pre-ordered. Along with a variety of breads, this made for a delicious lunch and a fun meeting. Then it was time for sweets – a Vanilla Slice, with or without ice cream. While this activity took a bit of organizing, I can highly recommend it as a way to brighten up a winter day.

*Chris Durrant.*



# Christmas Extravaganza

**\$6,215** pptw  
\$1,065 single option

IMAGE: Destination NSW



**8 Days | 20 to 27 December 2024**

Celebrate this Christmas in New South Wales, experience spectacular festive light displays and Christmas celebrations in the Blue Mountains. On boxing day watch the thrilling start of the historic Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race on a Sydney Harbour cruise.

#### Inclusions



#### Highlights

- Christmas lunch at the Hydro Majestic Hotel
- Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Spectacular
- Sydney Christmas lights & festivities
- Boxing Day Sydney Harbour cruise
- Hawkesbury Riverboat Postman cruise
- Museum of Sydney
- Australian Reptile Park
- Hyde Park
- The Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney



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# PAWA

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 meets at the  
Melville Recreation Centre, Cnr Stock  
Rd and Canning Highway Melville.***

***1st Thursday of every second month.***

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

***Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September meeting was held  
at the Melville Recreation Centre.***

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