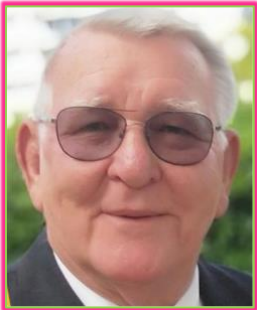




# NEWS & NOTES

THE VOICE OF PROBUS IN THE WEST

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



### Season's Greetings to our WA Probud Family!

As 2024 comes to a close, I extend my warmest wishes to all Probud Clubs across Western Australia for a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. This festive season is a time to cherish with family and friends, to celebrate the year gone by, and to look ahead with optimism. I hope you enjoy moments filled with laughter, love, and the true spirit of togetherness.

As we step into 2025, let us look forward to another fantastic year of fun, friendship, and fellowship—the core values that define Probud. Our Annual General Meetings in March present an important opportunity for members to reflect on their Club's achievements and chart a path forward. I encourage all members to show their commitment by considering a role on their Club's management committee. Fresh ideas, shared responsibilities, and diverse perspectives are vital for keeping our Clubs thriving. Let's not leave the work to the same dedicated individuals year after year—every contribution makes a difference.

In April and May, PAWA will host the **Building Better Clubs Workshops**, designed to equip committee members with the tools and knowledge to excel in their roles. These workshops will be invaluable in helping Clubs navigate change and adapt to evolving member interests.

It's essential for Clubs to recognise that doing things the way they've always been done may not be as effective as before. The world is changing, and so are the needs of our members and potential new members. Be open to trying new ideas—without experimentation, we'll never discover what's possible.

One great way to ensure growth is by raising your Club's profile and image in the local community. By showcasing what Probud stands for, we can attract new members and build stronger connections. PAWA is committed to supporting Clubs in this endeavour and will focus on key initiatives to drive growth and prosperity in the coming year.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a 2025 filled with success, joy, and enduring fellowship!

Warm regards, Ralph





# INVITATION

## to WA Probud Clubs



**Pinjarra Harness Racing Club**  
**7 Paceway Court Pinjarra 6208**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 11 am**

\$33 Lunch (payment on the day) includes:  
Roast, Dessert, 1 Drink, 1 Free Bet, 1 Racebook Between 2  
A La Carte meal also available

Names of attendees booking the \$33 lunch  
And numbers of other attendees  
are required by **Friday 17 January 2025**

**All enquiries to Edna Jones M: 0420 647 388**

**Registration to Helen Hardy E: [helenhardy@westnet.com.au](mailto:helenhardy@westnet.com.au)**

Please advise of people on special diets as chef does them individually.  
If you don't let Edna know you won't be catered for.

Clubs need to keep a record of names for insurance purposes  
No set time for leaving just when you want to go.  
Easy access for all levels of ability including walkers/wheelchairs  
Venue is enclosed with wide window expanse but also large outside area

## PAWA Workshop Dates and Venues for 2025



The Probus Association of WA Inc is pleased to announce the planned **free workshops** for 2025. Morning tea is provided.

**Sorrento Bowling Club**, Peter Doyle Reserve, Duncraig.  
Thursday 10th April 2025

**Mt Pleasant Bowling Club**, 40 Bedford Road, Ardross.  
Thursday 24th April 2025

**Albany Le Grande Motel** 479 Albany Highway, Albany  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Bunbury.** Mantra Bunbury Lighthouse, 2 Marlston Drive, Bunbury  
Friday 2nd May 2025

**Halls Head Bowling Club**, 3 Sticks Boulevard. Erskine.  
Thursday 8th May 2025

**Noranda Morley Recreation Club** 85 McGilvray Avenue, Noranda.  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

This is an opportunity to network with other club members and share ideas. Members are able to attend any of the workshops on a day to suit. New and existing committee will find these workshops beneficial, though any interested members are welcome to find out more about managing your club successfully.

### Positive feedback by attendees from the previous workshops:

- Enjoyed sharing ideas
- Increased my knowledge of committee roles
- Very positive experience.
- Please continue these workshops annually.
- Invite whole committees to attend.
- Useful case studies.
- Enjoyed the social interaction.

All the feedback enabled the committee to make some positive changes to the format and the most popular request was to allow more time for the breakout groups.

**Attendance forms will be available soon.**



PAWA Vice President Sue Harwood and Committee member Sandra Dawe were pleased to attend the 15<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of the Combined Probus Club of Scarborough Beach. The Silver Threads Brass Band entertained members who actively joined in, including singing the **YMCA**. Morning tea was extra special, and a sausage sizzle followed the meeting.



## ASSIST YOUR PROBUS CLUB TO THRIVE!

**Sharing social time and having fun are important for our members to enjoy friendship and fellowship:**

- Vary activities.
- Consider a new interest group.
- Try a new kind of social event.
- Listen to your members.
- Allow adequate time for social interaction.



### **Meetings:**

- Have a greeter who welcomes members to meetings.
- Be well-organized
- Keep the business side simple.
- Acknowledge special members' achievements.

### **Committee:**

- Provide clear roles and responsibilities for each Committee member.
- Consider assistant roles.
- Have a succession plan.
- Seek feedback from members and be open to change.

### **Development plan:**

- Encourage members to actively promote your Club.
- Ensure new members and visitors are supported.
- Follow up leads.
- Have a Community Group listing with your local council.
- Actively seek new members. Consider an Open Day.



*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year to all  
Probus members and  
their families,*

## NEW OUTING

### **"Romancing the Stone Garden".**

**3 Lilian Rd Maida Vale 9454 4298**

Owner Tom Hogg invites you to experience his garden that he spent many years developing. For a ten-dollar fee you have entry plus morning tea. He funds the Amanda Young Foundation and hosts concerts in the garden.



## NEW ENTERTAINERS

### **STEEL PAN DRUM BAND.**

### **Amateur Family Group**



Trinidad and Tobago is the birthplace of the Steel Pan drum music in the 1930's. This is the only musical instrument invented in the twentieth century and has its origins in the drumming tradition of the African groups that now reside in these islands. This family Steel Pan Band plays anything from Classical to traditional, Calypso, Reggae, Rock, and Jazz.

Contact: William (Bill) Stibbs 0434 482 271

[wgstibbs@gmail.com](mailto:wgstibbs@gmail.com)

**Available from April 2025**

No charge.

### **KATHY CARVER MUSIC.**

### **Recording artist/Musician**



Kathy's music brings a variety of genres 60s to today's music! Dance and singalongs! She plays acoustic guitar both with and without backing tracks. Kathy has performed alongside some amazing renown artists at the Mandurah performing arts centre and the Astor Theatre and has had regular performances at bowling and golf clubs. She is a recording artist and nominated finalist in a couple of Country music festivals throughout Australia! Kathy would love the opportunity to entertain some of your Probus clubs. Please call to discuss on 0401 980 497

## NEW SPEAKER

### LENNON MATTHEWS-ROWELL

### Financial advisor / planner

The presentation will solely focus on advice strategies available to over 55's to ensure financial security. LENNON tailors his talk to suit the audience. He asks in advance what members would like to learn about. It can be anything to do with finances including superannuation, pension, Centrelink, tax, estate planning and/or aged care.

One of the most important things he likes to get across is the law surrounding superannuation and when the balance can be moved into pension phase. While it is a very simple concept, it is hard to get information on it.

Lennon Matthews-Rowell

BA (Journ), GradDipFinPlan

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[0433 384 833](tel:0433384833).

### UPDATE: DAVID KENNEDY, Emeritus Professor UWA. ARCHAEOLOGIST.

#### David is back from overseas and available.

Professor Kennedy specialises in the Roman Near East. David has conducted annual aerial reconnaissance over Jordan as part of the Aerial Archaeology in Jordan project.

His talk: The Roman Empire was not the biggest or longest lasting or most powerful or most civilized or most developed ... but it was near the top in every category. In many respects it seems almost modern – nearer to us than to its predecessors and many of its successors. The lecture will explore how and why it was 'almost modern' and why it did not become modern.

*David will bring a USB - needs a laptop and projector.* Ph: 6488 2150 [david.kennedy@uwa.edu.au](mailto:david.kennedy@uwa.edu.au)

## Succession Planning

**Why is this important?** The answer is it assists clubs by making them ready to move forward in an orderly fashion. Some clubs may say: **"We don't need it! Our club members are always willing to stand as officers. Our members don't want to pre-plan."**

Whilst this may be the case, please remember that, with succession planning, you can achieve the following:

- Existing programs can continue
- There is no need to reinvent the wheel each year
- Have appropriate people in place – the round peg in the round hole
- Offer vice presidents, assistant officers and members of sub committees a chance to move into the main job

#### How can we achieve this?

- By making sure members understand the role of the management committee
- Planning early so members have time to consider taking on a role
- Appointing assistants for secretary, treasurer, outings and activity officer
- Giving potential committee members the opportunity to be involved in running special projects

For further information on succession planning, please refer to the PSPL power point presentation which can be found online on the PSPL website.



# Grand Alpine Explorer

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**14 Days | 13 to 26 May 2025**

The Grand Alpine Explorer is a rail journey for the bucket list! Travel through boundless snow-capped peaks and alpine valleys on one of the world's greatest rail ways.

#### Inclusions

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# PAWA

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*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.*

*[pawasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:pawasecretary@gmail.com)*

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

***1st or 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every second  
month and more regularly  
before the AGM.***

*PAWA also meets via Zoom.*

*The Committee will meet again in Melville  
on **Thursday 9th January 2025***

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