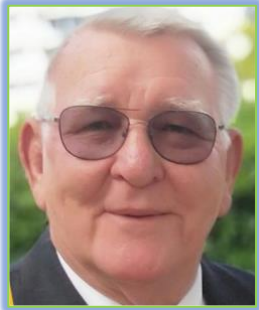




NEWS & NOTES

THE VOICE OF PROBUS IN THE WEST

WELCOME TO THE JANUARY 2025 EDITION of NEWS and NOTES



With Annual General Meetings of Clubs on the horizon, I reiterate that a Management Committee is essential to the success of a Probud Club, overseeing its day-to-day functions and setting the foundation for its future. Probud Clubs are social organisations for retirees and semi-retirees, aiming to foster fellowship, encourage active lifestyles, and promote lifelong learning. The Management Committee ensures that these goals are met by organising engaging events, managing finances responsibly, and maintaining an inclusive, welcoming environment.

The Committee has diverse roles, each critical to the club's success. From the president who leads and sets direction, to the treasurer who ensures financial health, to the social convener who organises events, every member brings valuable skills to the table. Together, they plan activities, manage member communication, and keep the club in good standing. Without the Committee's dedication, the club would lack structure, and its mission would be harder to achieve.

Volunteering to join the Committee is not only beneficial to the club but also rewarding for members themselves. Serving on the Committee offers a unique opportunity to shape the club's future, ensuring it remains vibrant and relevant for current and incoming members. Committee members gain new skills, expand their social networks, and enjoy the satisfaction of contributing meaningfully to the club's success.

For newer or younger members, joining the Committee can be an excellent way to bring fresh ideas and ensure that the club remains welcoming to retirees from different backgrounds. You'll have a direct influence on the activities and direction of the club and can help introduce events or ideas that appeal to a broader range of members.

Your contribution ensures that the club remains a thriving community for members to connect, learn, and enjoy life together.

I remind all Clubs that the **PAWA Annual General Meeting is on Friday 28th March** at the Bendat Centre in Floreat. This is an opportunity for delegates to hear what has been happening and what the future holds for Probud in WA. Plus you have the opportunity to elect a new leadership team for PAWA.

*Also, please note the dates included in this edition for the **Building Better Clubs Workshops**. The primary benefit of these Workshops is that you get to mingle with other Clubs' members and share ideas and initiatives. Overwhelmingly, the feedback from the Workshops has been very positive. **Ralph Sirmulis, President.***



AGM

NOTICE of PAWA 2025/26 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On

Friday 28th March 2025

**Bendat Basketball Centre, Ellis Room,
201 Underwood Ave, Floreat WA 6014**

Registrations start at 09:45 for the AGM at 10:30

This is the first formal advice to WA Probuss Clubs as regards the
PAWA Annual General Meeting.

It is essential that we have a quorum of PAWA member Clubs represented at the
AGM and therefore we urge all clubs to have a voting delegate attend this
important event in addition to any other Club officer/members
who may wish to attend.

Reports will be presented by the PAWA President and PAWA Treasurer, followed
by the election of the 2025/26 PAWA office bearers (the Executive Officers).

Nomination Forms for PAWA Committee members will be sent out in a couple of
weeks to enable Clubs to nominate members for the PAWA Committee.

In February, brief biographies of Probians standing for the positions of President,
Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will also be sent out together with the
Nomination Forms for these Executive positions. Clubs are welcome to nominate
anyone that they feel should stand for one of these Executive positions.
In addition, Proxy Voting Forms will also be supplied for those Clubs who wish to
vote but cannot attend the Meeting.

Please note that all PAWA member Clubs are entitled to have two members on
the PAWA Committee but only one has voting rights.

The cost of attendance at the AGM is \$15 per attendee – payable at registration.

Light refreshments will be available at the conclusion of the meeting.

The AGM is expected to conclude by 12 noon after which Probians can enjoy
fellowship and refreshments in the comfortable surroundings of the Centre.

The full AGM “package” will be sent out to all Clubs around the middle to end
of February and Clubs will be followed up as regards attendance
Registration.

PAWA Workshop Dates and Venues for 2025



The Probus Association of WA Inc is pleased to announce the planned **free** workshops for 2025. This is an opportunity to network with other club members and share ideas.

Morning tea is provided.

We look forward to seeing you at our Workshops at a venue near you.

Dates and places are listed below.

Bookings will be taken closer to the dates.

Sorrento Bowling Club, Peter Doyle Reserve, Duncraig.

Thursday 10th April 2025

Albany Le Grande Motel 479 Albany Highway, Albany

Wednesday 30th 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

Mt Pleasant Bowling Club, 40 Bedford Road, Ardross.

Friday 16th May 2025. Please note new date!

Morley Noranda Recreation Club 85 McGilvray Avenue, Noranda.

Friday 23rd May 2025

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO CLUBS CELEBRATING IN JANUARY



Hollywood Kings Park Probus Club Inc.	6 years
Ellenbrook Combined Probus Club Inc.	18 years
The Probus Club of Kingsley Inc	36 years
Albany Ladies Probus Club Inc.	40 years
Probus Club of Karrinyup and North Beach Inc.	41 years



INVITATION

to WA Probud Clubs



Pinjarra Harness Racing Club
7 Paceway Court Pinjarra 6208
Monday 3rd 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

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

WHAT WORKS IN MY CLUB?

Many Clubs have their Committee Meeting on a different day to their monthly meeting. What works for our Club is to have our Committee Meeting prior to our General Meeting. This came about for two reasons.

One: we were unable to use our current venue and would have to find an alternate one and,

Two: the Committee didn't wish to have to attend another meeting on a different day because of other commitments.



We meet at 8.30 a.m. ahead of our General Meeting. This means we always have a full committee and gives us plenty of time to hold our Meeting. Also our members find out what is happening on the day which keeps them up to date.

We also have a January meeting. Over the last few years because of low numbers we decided to hold a Champagne Brunch. This has been highly successful from a very small number to now over sixty. We have a quick General Meeting and then move onto a scrumptious morning tea (provided by members). Out comes the champagne! Everyone has a glass of champagne and orange juice or a soft drink whilst tucking into morning tea. A cup of tea is available if so desired.

The entertainer starts with plenty of music and songs. People join in the singing and continue to mix with each other. The fun continues until our meeting finishes at 12noon.



THE PROBUS CLUB OF BOORAGOON INC

"The Men's Club of Booragoon (WA) celebrated its 1st Christmas in 1990 and, according to my calculation, had its 35th Christmas lunch on 18th December 2024.

This year, members, wives and partners enjoyed a Christmas lunch at the Swan Yacht Club in a private room with lovely views of our Swan River.

The event was voted to be most enjoyable, and President Fred expressed our gratitude to organisers Merv and Paul and the other helpers. Photos show Fred doing this and a general view of the facility."

Mel Austin



Silver Threads Band is a community brass band providing interactive concerts for Community groups and Probus Clubs.-
"Making Music is Fun!"

The band can do country tours. Now in its 44th year of performing, Mr Irwin Palmer AO, was the founding member and is still the bandmaster. Of the 30 or so members, some are retired professional ADF musicians but include a range of players, women and men, who just want to enjoy the commitment of rehearsing and performing.

Full Band 18 - 25 members (preferred) or Ensemble 10 - 14 members if space is limited.

Concert length: approx 50 minutes.

A Booking Form is sent to the contact person of the organisation making the enquiry.

Light refreshments would be appreciated after a concert as members come from as far as Baldavis, Eglington (5 km south of Yanchep) and Darlington. *Perhaps concert first and club meeting after morning tea!*

The band is available from February 2025. Please call Les Hoffman to discuss any aspects.

Les Hoffman (Secretary) E: secretarystb1120@gmail.com M: 0411700478

A PA system is required with remote microphones. Donation for concert: \$200 - \$250.

UPDATE: AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS Community Speakers Network (CSN)

This Network supports Australian Red Cross in its effort to promote respect for International Humanitarian Law. The CSN offers workshops to community groups on how the Red Cross helps people impacted by armed conflict.

Contact: Simon Allan, Senior Officer Business Development

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MESSAGE from JUDY CURTIS: PROBUS CLUB of BYFORD and DISTRICTS.



BYFORD PROBUS recently had an outing to **Romancing the Stone Garden** in Maida Vale. This is a lovely garden which was entirely developed by Tom Hogg over a number of decades.

Tom provides a morning tea for \$10 per person but no other cost, although he does raise money for The Amanda Young Foundation so I am sure a donation would be acceptable. He will talk first about how he developed the garden before you wander around.

Contact: Tom Hogg "Romancing the Stone Garden." 3 Lillian Rd, Maida Vale Ph: 9454 4298

The Man from Snowy River *Bush Festival*

\$4,475 pptw
\$460 single option



7 Days | 7 to 13 April 2025

Join us for an enlightening and unforgettable journey to the breathtaking foothills of the Snowy Mountains in Corryong, home to the nationally acclaimed Man from Snowy River Bush Festival!

Highlights

- XPT rail journey from Melbourne to Albury
- Rich pioneering history of Albury
- Spectacular Lake Hume Dam Wall
- Albury Botanic Gardens
- Holbrook Submarine Museum
- The Bonegilla Migrant experience
- Army Museum Bandiana
- Pioneer Women's Hut Museum
- The Man from Snowy River Bush Festival (2 days)

Inclusions



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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.*

pawasecretary@gmail.com

*The PAWA Committee meets at the
Melville Recreation Centre, Cnr Stock
Rd and Canning Highway Melville on the
2nd or 3rd 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 20th February in 2025.

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