



NEWS & NOTES

THE VOICE OF PROBUS IN THE WEST

WELCOME TO THE MAY 2026 EDITION of NEWS and NOTES



Following the clubs' AGMs, it is hoped that all committee positions have been filled. Clubs are required to actively seek to fill any executive positions that are still vacant. It is important that the committee are aware of their club's expectations. Why not register new committee members for one of the local Building Better Clubs workshops?

Ensure each new committee member has a portfolio about what is required for their position.

- the role of committee members.
- a list of committee members and their contact details.
- the club Constitution and Standing Resolutions
- meeting attendance and practices
- general expectations, e.g. mingle at each meeting to get to know your members.
- club policies and procedures.
- the committee must comply with the requirements of the Associations Act, the rules and any other legal obligations of the association.

WORKSHOPS

So far this year, two workshops have been held; Duncraig on the 16th April and Bunbury on the 24th April. Attendees had an opportunity to network to share information and meet other club members in a friendly environment. These are free gatherings, so please consider any new members who may wish to learn more about Probud and club management.

The breakout groups proved to be popular as everyone had a chance to be heard, gain information, and ask questions. By sharing information and ideas, clubs can improve the overall experience for their members. Feedback from attendees has given the Committee an opportunity to improve the Workshop presentation and breakout groups each year.

There will be three more locally; one in Halls Head on the 13th May, Ardross on the 21st May, and Noranda on the 28th May. The Albany workshop has been postponed to later in the year due to uncertainty regarding travel constraints.

PAWA MEETINGS

If you would like to attend one of the PAWA meetings, please contact Margaret Collins: PAWAsecretary@gmail.com. The next PAWA meeting will be on Thursday 4th June at the Melville Recreation Centre, 431 Canning Highway, Cnr Stock Road.

The club directory is still being collated as some clubs have yet to send in their information.

Sue Harwood, President

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE CLUB CONSTITUTION

If a club in WA is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA), its Constitution (rules) is legally binding on both the Club/Association and its members. It is not simply a guide—failing to follow it can have real consequences. Importantly, **non-compliance is not a PSPL or PAWA matter—it is a WA legal issue under the Act.**

Breach of legal obligations

The Act requires Clubs/Associations to comply with their own rules. Ignoring them can amount to a breach of the law, not just poor governance.

Decisions may be invalid

If meetings, elections, or financial decisions are not conducted in line with the Constitution, members may challenge them. Failures such as not meeting quorum or giving proper notice can result in decisions being set aside.

Regulatory involvement

Members can raise concerns with Consumer Protection WA, which can investigate, require corrective action, and in more serious cases take enforcement steps.

Committee responsibilities

Committee members (President, Secretary, Treasurer) must act with due care and diligence. Ongoing or serious disregard for the Constitution may lead to removal from office or, in extreme cases, legal consequences if negligence or misconduct is involved.

Internal impacts

Often the most immediate effects are internal. Non-compliance can create disputes, reduce trust, and lead to resignations or divisions within the club, making effective management difficult.

Risk to incorporation status

Although uncommon, persistent or serious breaches could result in regulatory action that may ultimately affect the association's incorporated status.

Practical perspective

Minor or occasional procedural errors are unlikely to lead to serious consequences, as regulators take a practical approach. However, repeated or deliberate non-compliance is where risk increases.

Good governance practices

Clubs can reduce risk by following their Constitution closely, updating it properly when needed, keeping clear records, and acting transparently and fairly.

In summary, the Constitution underpins how an incorporated Club/Association operates. Consistent compliance supports stability, fairness, and member confidence, while ongoing disregard can lead to legal, regulatory, and internal challenges.

FEEDBACK FROM DUNCRAIG AND BUNBURY WORKSHOPS

There were 26 attendees at each of these workshops. The information provided was well received and feedback very positive.

See some of the comments below that were important to those attending:

- Excellent agenda, easy to listen to and informative. Well run, very good speakers.
- Better understanding of PSPL and PAWA.
- Networking, meeting other members.
- Discussion re Standing Resolutions.
- New ideas for outings and social activities.
- Virtual walk interesting.
- Ideas to gain new members.
- Committee roles explained.
- Brian's talk on the 50th celebrations.
- Some members wanted more time at the breakout groups.
- **Encourage more members to attend.**

Despite some unavoidable technical issues at Duncraig, the committee managed the presentation well without the overhead slides. Several people commented that it was good to hear positive things about what PSPL is doing for the 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia. Also, there were several comments about positive aspects of the presentation rather than negativity.



There is still time to book into one of the following workshops.
Halls Head, Ardross or Noranda.
Contact: **Sandra Dawe**

HALLS HEAD / ERSKINE / Wednesday 13TH MAY. 9.30-1pm

Venue: Halls Head Bowling Club, 3 Sticks Boulevard Erskine.

Book with **Sandra Dawe.** sdawe1947@gmail.com

ARDROSS Thursday 21ST MAY 9.30-1pm.

Venue: Mt Pleasant Bowling Club, 40 Bedford Rd Ardross. (Enter via Canna Way)

Book with **Sandra Dawe.** sdawe1947@gmail.com

NORANDA Thursday 28TH MAY, 2026 9.30-1pm

Venue: Morley /Noranda Recreation Club, 85 McGilvray Avenue Noranda.

Book with **Sandra Dawe.** sdawe1947@gmail.com

The ALBANY workshop has been postponed until a later date in the year.

Wednesday 22ND APRIL 9.30-1pm. Venue: Le Grande Motel, 479 Albany Highway.

Book with **Michael Macpherson** mfmkmac@gmail.com

In 2026, Probus reached a significant milestone, marking 50 years of helping tens of thousands of older Australians stay engaged and connected.



The first Probus Club in Australia, was the Probus Club of Hunters Hill (established 3/2/1976) and it continues to provide community connections for men and women in retirement. Throughout 2026, PSPL will be showcasing the benefits of joining Probus, encouraging older Australians to enjoy more social engagement within their communities.

Club 55 is pleased to share that **Rove Charters & Elite Tours** is now part of their wider group.

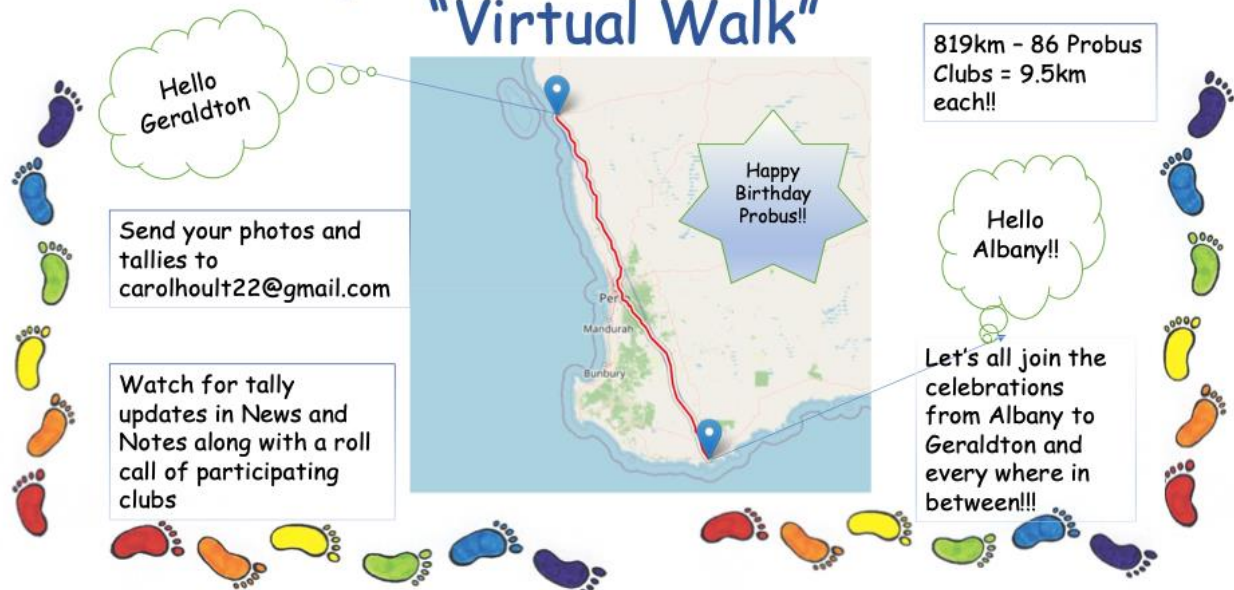
By welcoming **Rove Charters & Elite Tours** into the family, we are creating more opportunities for connection, more shared journeys, and an even stronger touring community for our customers.

From relaxed outings and social day tours to organised group travel, this broader network allows us to continue building enjoyable and well-organised travel experiences for more people across Perth and selected regional destinations. With its focus on memorable journeys, friendly service, and thoughtfully curated experiences, **Rove Charters & Elite Tours** is a wonderful fit within our wider group.

We are excited for this next chapter and look forward to what it will bring for our customers and community."

Visit Rove Charters & Elite Tours here: <https://www.tours.rovecharters.com.au/>

Albany to Geraldton Probus 50th "Virtual Walk"





2026 VIRTUAL WALK FROM ALBANY TO GERALDTON

What is the Virtual Walk all about?

Probus is celebrating 50 years in Australia this year. PAWA would love to host an event that all Probus members can participate in, but the state is too big and the distance between clubs is vast. To celebrate our Probus Family, PAWA is encouraging clubs to get together between May and October and walk the equivalent of 819km - the distance between our southernmost club and our northern most club. A virtual uniting of Probus members across our State.

If all 87 clubs participate each club would only need to walk 9.5 km!

How can your club participate?

Organise a walk or an outing that involves a short or longer walk

Ask members to park at the far end of the car park and walk to your meeting - 60 member walk 100 metres = 6 kilometres!

Start a walking group

Get your members to walk to the coffee shop - yes 10 members walk 100metres for coffee = 1 kilometre

What next?

Let PAWA know how far you walked, what you did and send us a photo. The tally will be published each month in News and Notes and Facebook along with your activities and club. Join in the fun and celebrate everything that is Probus.

Please contact me should you need any ideas or further information.

Kind Regards
Carol Hoult
Vice President
PAWA

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CLUB ANNIVERSARIES –MAY 2026

Probus Club of Harvey.	15 years
Probus Club of Byford and Districts Inc	18 years
Probus Club of Manjimup Inc	18 years
Mt Barker Plantagenet Probus Club Inc	18 years
The Belmont Districts Probus Club Inc	20 years
Noranda Combined Probus Club Inc	22 years
The Probus Club of Vasse Inc	34 years
Karrinyup Ladies Probus Club Inc	35 years
The Probus of Kojonup Club Inc	36 years
Melville Ladies' Probus Club Inc	37 years
Probus Club of Subiaco Inc	37 years
The Probus Club of South Bunbury Inc	38 years
Como Combined Probus Club Inc.	40 years
Probus Club of Gosnells Inc	40 years
Mandurah Ladies Probus Club Inc	41 years
Probus Club of Perth Inc	42 years.
The Probus Club of Fremantle WA Inc	44 years



Special recognition is given to the Probus Club of Gosnells Inc .and Como Combined Probus Club Inc. celebrating their 40-year anniversaries in May.

OUTINGS/ACTIVITIES DOCUMENTATION

The PSPL Probus Club Handbook recommends the use of the “**Registration Form for Outings, Activities and Tours.**” You can download this form from the PSPL website and also use it for visitors. The form is designed to manage risk, ensure member safety, and maintain records for insurance purposes under the Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) guidelines.

However, this form is not a condition of insurance and there is no specific rule in the National Insurance program or PSPL to determine what documentation is required.

Clubs should take all **reasonable steps** to protect the health and welfare of their members and visitors at any Probus activity. Any issues should be communicated to members, before they register their interest in participating, as it is important members understand the physical requirements of each activity and that they are fit for the activity. The club does not act as a carer for the member, and insurance does not provide cover for an illness.

The Management Committee should record approval of each outing/activity in the minutes of a meeting as this may be called upon in case of an accident claim. Next of kin contact information should be readily available in case of an emergency. Emergency Lists are private and confidential and should only be distributed to Management Committee or those in charge of an activity.

The Outings Officer or nominated person is required to maintain a list of those who actually attended an event. The PSPL guidelines state a tick beside each attendee is sufficient to record attendance for insurance purposes.

The Club Secretary is required to keep these records for 13 months.

THORNLIE - OLDEST CLUB IN WA, CELEBRATES 44 YEARS



I met Maureen who caters the club's morning tea each month. a delicious spreadand has been doing that for 12 years!!

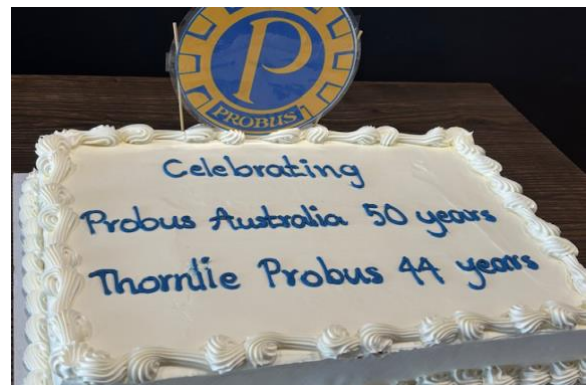
I am sure every club would love a "Maureen". A great effort and reflective of the dedication and hard work of many of the Thornlie Club members.

Brian Hoult.
PAWA Committee and PSPL Board member.



President Kath made gift boxes for the Probus chocolates.

Left:
Brian Hoult representing PSPL presented a certificate.



"Probus Association of Western Australia" Facebook page.

Facebook provides Probus members and clubs with another way to share what we are all doing in the spirit of fun, fellowship and friendship. Clubs can showcase their activities via a public page to people in the community.

Send your photos to Carol Hoult who will post them: carolhoult22@gmail.com.



Probud Association of WA,



THE VOICE OF PROBUS CLUBS IN WA

Retire from work ...not life



Probud Clubs
Fun
Friendship
Fellowship

PAWA BANNER

At the PAWA AGM, club members asked for information about the PAWA banner that was displayed.

This banner was produced for PAWA at:

[A team intelligent print](#)

81 Acton Avenue
Rivervale 6103
Ph 9478 3188

Officeworks also do banners.

A suggestion was raised at the AGM for PAWA to provide each club with a banner like this one but the cost at around \$300 per banner is prohibitive.

Clubs could consider applying for a local government grant.



Golf on the Goldy

6 Days > 1 to 6 September 2026

Tee off on Villa's first Gold Coast golf tour! Enjoy six fun-filled days of sunshine, friendly rivalry and great company. Play three rounds of championship golf, plus social events like bowls, trivia, sunset cruising and sky-high dining. Compete for daily bragging rights and the inaugural Villa Cup. Non-golfing partners are welcome, with plenty of options available for them too.

\$3,965 pptw
\$615 single option



Highlights

- Three rounds of 18-hole golf with carts on premier Gold Coast courses
- Friendly competition with the inaugural Villa Cup up for grabs
- Sunset cruise along the Gold Coast canals
- Barefoot bowls and trivia night at Broadbeach Bowls Club
- Dinner at Horizons Sky Dining with panoramic views
- A relaxed, social golfing escape with plenty of laughs along the way

- Non-Golfers activities: Tamborine Mountain Skywalk, Glow Worm Cave, Butterfly Valley, Cedar Creek Estate & Tropical Fruit World tour

Inclusions

- Pre/post tour transfers (ex Perth, WA)
- Airfares & taxes
- 12 meals
- 5 nights accommodation
- 3 rounds of 18 hole golf with carts
- Tours & Attractions
- Professional Tour Leader



Transfers

Courtesy pre and post home/hotel transfers (Perth/Mandurah metropolitan areas)
A country collection service is also available



Transport



Accommodation



Meals



Attractions



Tour Leaders



Local Guides

T&Cs: All Villa tours are fully escorted, depart from Perth and tour prices include courtesy home collection (Perth and Mandurah metro only), most meals and attractions. Tours are subject to change. Full T&Cs can be found on villa.com.au or ask us to send them when you call.

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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 Margaret
Collins for an invitation to attend.**

pawasecretary@gmail.com

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

***PAWA will meet at the Recreation
Centre on **Thursday 11th June**
2026***

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