



NEWS & NOTES

THE VOICE OF PROBUS IN THE WEST

WELCOME TO THE AUGUST 2026 EDITION of NEWS and NOTES



Probus South Pacific Ltd and PAWA have been busy organising and implementing the launch of new clubs in WA. Cockburn commenced on 15th June, Dalyellup on 6th July and Mt Lawley on 4th August. All who attended and joined were enthusiastic about belonging to a Probus Club. It was fitting to launch three new clubs during the 50th year celebration.

PAWA committee member Brian Hout and Vice President Carol Hout, recently visited Geraldton Probus Club and delivered a presentation to their members, which was well received.

Current clubs need to make a structured approach to making changes in order to flourish and achieve membership growth. Welcome change with a forward-thinking mindset by fostering a culture receptive to change.

It's the nature of people to want to keep things as they are - comfortable. Members need to realise if a change is not made the club may not survive. If nobody sees a problem, membership decline will eventually be the cause of collapse of the club.

One of the best ways to embrace innovation is to ask members for their ideas. Maintain effective communication with members and eliminate complacency and indifference. Ensure meetings are relaxed and without rigid formalities. This encourages an open exchange of ideas and allows members to communicate their thoughts readily.

Transparent decision-making is the foundation of a healthy, member-driven organisation. By openly communicating, leaders build deep trust and ensure that committees remain accountable to the members. Members are thus empowered to actively engage with the club's aims of friendship, fellowship and fun. When members understand the reasoning behind decisions, they feel valued.

Promote inclusivity, by encouraging members to interact with different people at meetings, so not to form cliques.

Some of your members may be encouraged to start a special interest group within your club. Visiting other clubs can inspire new ways and fresh ideas for adding interest to your own club.

Try something you haven't done before at your meeting, a quiz, "bring and take" or "show and tell". Have an Open Day that has proven to be successful recently. Choose an interesting guest speaker or entertainer and share with the wider community.

Sue Harwood
President.

WHY ARE MANY WA PROBUS CLUBS “TRIBAL”?

For several years, PAWA has encouraged WA Probus Clubs to work together through joint activities and events. While some clubs have embraced this approach, others remain reluctant. Why?

A number of factors appear to contribute to this situation.

Tradition and Independence

Many clubs have developed their own culture and identity over many years. Members often feel a strong attachment to their own club and may see little need to participate with others.

Lack of Initiative and Logistics

Organising joint events requires leadership, coordination and communication. Busy committees may focus on their own programs, while differing calendars and interests can make planning more difficult.

Concerns About Identity

Some members fear that increased interaction with neighbouring clubs could diminish their club's individuality or reduce opportunities for members to socialise within their own club.



Different Membership Profiles

Clubs may have varying age groups and interests. A club focused on travel and outings may have different priorities from one centred on speakers or local activities.

Competition and Resistance to Change

Declining membership numbers can sometimes create a perception of competition between clubs. In addition, members are often comfortable with established routines and may be hesitant to try new approaches.

Limited Awareness of the Benefits

Some clubs simply have little experience collaborating with others and may not appreciate the social and financial advantages that can result.

Yet clubs that do cooperate frequently discover that joint outings, guest speakers and special events enhance the experience for members while preserving each club's independence. In a time when many clubs are seeking to attract and retain members, greater cooperation offers an opportunity to increase participation, share resources and strengthen the wider Probus community.

Perhaps it is time for WA Probus Clubs to think less in terms of “my club” and more in terms of “our Probus family”.



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Dianella Districts Combined Probus Club Inc	20 years
The Probus Club of Booragoon Inc	36 years
South Perth Ladies Probus Club (Inc)	38 years
Floreat Ladies Probus Club Inc.	39 years
Bunbury Probus Club Inc	44 years



WANTED WORDPRESS PRACTITIONER

PAWA is looking for someone with skills in Wordpress to maintain our website on a casual basis,
Do you have such skills or do you know someone - relative, friend, grandchild?
Please contact Ralph 0417 201 867 to discuss



PROBUS CLUBS TERMS of OFFICE

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

The immediate past president (IPP) is **not elected, but is appointed** and recognised for their past service and is available for support and advice to the management committee. The IPP has the same authority as other committee members. Voting entitlement is normally determined by the Standing Resolutions and must be consistent with the club Constitution.

RESTRICTION OF TERMS OF OFFICE of Committee members was removed by PSPL in the new recommended Constitutions to clubs in 2025.

Clubs need to state in their Standing Resolutions whether or not a maximum number of consecutive terms in a committee role has been set.

If clubs do not adopt the recommended Constitution, then they must abide by their existing one which restricts the President to one year and all other Management committee members to three years.



PASTA IN THE VALLEY

Friday 30th October 2026 Midday



Register now: pawatreasurer01@gmail.com

Payment required in advance

BSB 086 217 Acc: 816445280

Note the extra cost for Barramundi meal

Closing date for registrations is Tuesday 20th October



CHOICE OF MAIN

Spaghetti Bolognese

Special blend of beef mince, slowly simmered with vegetables and herbs, finished with parmesan cheese & parsley.

Spaghetti Carbonara Funghi

Bacon & mushrooms sautéed in a creamy sauce, finished with parmesan cheese & parsley.

Spaghetti Pomodoro V

Vegetarian tomato based napolitana with basil, finished with parmesan cheese & parsley.

Lasagne

Classic lasagne made with beef bolognese, mozzarella, Parmesan cheese and bechamel sauce. Vegetarian option available

Chicken Parmigiana & Salad

Succulent crispy chicken cutlet, topped with pomodoro sauce & mozzarella cheese served with an Italian salad.

Barramundi Fillet & Salad GF (extra \$5)

Barramundi, pan seared, served with an Italian salad.

CHOICE OF SWEETS

Cannoli

Tube-shaped shells of fried pastry dough, filled with a sweet, creamy custard filling.

Gelato GF

Classic Italian dessert. Choose from:

Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Rum 'n Raisin & Ferrero

Sorbet GF + DF

Lemon or Watermelon

Seniors order form will be sent to clubs.

Guest Speakers Officers - new speakers welcome!



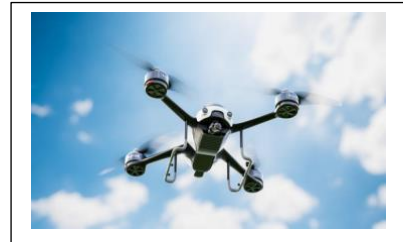
One of the most important assignments in a Probus club is finding guest speakers. If your club has had an interesting guest speaker, please invite them to be added to the PAWA Speakers List.

Contact PAWA Speaker coordinator, Brenda Heywood. brendaofgayndah@yahoo.com.au

SPEAKERS LIST

Alan Jupp updated his Topics. Among others are:

- What exactly is an aircraft?
- Certificate of Airworthiness issue.
- A quick look at a very complex process.
- Artificial Intelligence. The future of mankind?
- Brief history of 4 Jupps in Military & Civil aviation (Dad and 3 sons)



NEW SPEAKERS

John Baldock is an 87-year-old Writer, Artist and Poet. He has had his poetry published in Europe. He trained as a psychologist and his poems are generated from psyche. John lectured at the Claremont School of Art for 25 years. He drives himself to appointments and would like to share some of his poetry with Probus Clubs.

"To be in love" and "Land of Mine" are two of his poems. **Contact John:** 0448 506 653

Comfort Quilts provide quilts to cancer sufferers. Contact Christie Mason. Comfortquilts.org.au 0422671300.

Life in instalments a true story of a journey through family, addiction, resilience and hope. sartorelli.danielle19@gmail.com

Royal Flying Doctor Service correct details are Larr.Rose@rfdswa.com.au
Phone: 08 9417 6367

"Life In Instalments" is a true story of a journey through family, addiction, resilience and hope. Contact Danielle Sartorelli. sartorelli.danielle19@gmail.com

SPEAKER UPDATES

Petrina Bishop from De Lucca International has asked to be removed from the List.

"I thank Probus, and all its members that I have been fortunate to meet, always being greeted with so much warmth & professionalism." www.deluccainternational.com.au

Brian Burke has removed his name from the list. He thanks everyone for the welcome extended to him by all the clubs he visited.

Chris Atkinson, an acoustic guitarist **and Colleen and Virgil Reuters**, cabaret performers have also requested to be removed from the listing.

PAWA is often asked questions about PSPL's National Insurance Program relating to approval of activities.

On 26th June 2026, PSPL sent an update to all management committees with access to the 2026-2027 Certificate of Currency for Public Liability.

“Coverage is provided for **approved** Probus activities and include any event organised by a Probus Club or Probus Association such as meetings, outings, tours, trips and interest groups.”

The Management Committee should include information related to the activity such as member interest, location, cost and risk assessment.

The Probus South Pacific Ltd. incident report form states:

“Was the activity where the incident occurred approved?”

Please note that in the event of an insurance claim, the insurer may require a copy of the minutes where the activity was approved by the Probus Club/Association.”

VISITORS



The PSPL Club Handbook recommends that a Club establishes a protocol in its Standing Resolutions to limit visitor attendance to three so as not overexpose PSPL's insurance policies. It is up to the Club to determine how frequently a guest/visitor can attend meetings, outings, and activities without applying for membership.

There is no rule that precludes unlimited attendance, but a protocol should be established to avoid visitors enjoying all the benefits of membership without the responsibilities. However, a visitor / guest / spouse can attend any number of outings/activities approved and minuted by the Probus Club.

NON-MEMBERS

A regular visitor/guest may not wish to be a member but wants to continue their attendance. In this instance, some Clubs register (with PSPL) the individual as a non-member but this is at their discretion. However, in this circumstance PSPL expects that a Club pays the usual non-member capitation fee.

Visitors, guests, and spouses / partners are covered by the Probus National Insurance Program when attending a Probus Club's endorsed meeting, outing or event, irrespective of the number of times that they attend.

Such a decision must be documented in the Club's Standing Resolutions - after a vote of the Club membership. Attendance lists should be maintained for all Probus activities and kept for a minimum of 13 months.

NOTE:

Guest speakers, visitors and/or participants in any organised or officially recognised activity of an accredited Probus Club, accredited Probus Association or PSPL are also included as Insured / Covered Persons under the Personal Accident and Public & Products Liability Insurance policies only.

CITY OF MANDURAH CIVIC RECEPTION

To celebrate **50 years of Probus in Australia**, the city of Mandurah hosted a civic reception for the six Mandurah Probus Clubs on Friday July 24.

This invitation reflected the value that the city places on what we as Probus Clubs do in supporting people in our community who are retired or semi – retired. The need for connection, purpose and companionship in every stage of life.

Here in the city of Mandurah the oldest club, the Mandurah Probus Club Inc. was founded in March 1984, followed closely by the Mandurah Ladies Club Inc. in May 1985. Mandurah now has six clubs with over 400 members.

The Mayor Amber Kearns, acknowledged the work of the volunteer members of each club, without their enthusiasm and service, the clubs would not thrive. Each club received a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Mandurah in recognition of the role they play in shaping the community in which we live.

In his response to the Mayor, Brian Hoult, WA Representative and Director PSPL, noted that the 50th anniversary was not only a celebration of the past, but a promise for the future. Thank you must go to Brian for coordinating the reception as a joint celebration for Mandurah Probus Clubs.



Attendees with Mayor Amber Kearns (left front) and CEO Casey Mihovilovich



L to R: Brian Hoult, John Geoghegan, Mike Griffiths, Helen Newton, Diann Gibbs, Carole Morritt, Lorrie Stewart.

Excerpt from “Come Rain or Shine!”

Kallaroo Probus Club Inc. Virtual Walk

We held our Virtual Walk on Tuesday 30 June 2026. But I woke up that morning, looked out the window, it was blowing a gale, and it was raining. I rang Brian and he assured me that the weather was going to be good. There was a window of opportunity going to come round about 10 o'clock, the skies would open, it would be blue and we could do a walk. “

So, we headed off to Admiral Park, and we all sat in our cars because it was raining and it was windy We went over to the ablution block, and we tried to shelter in the lee of the building. Ooh! It's stopped raining! Guess what? And not only that, but we also got a blue sky, the wind dropped, and there was a rainbow. So, when Brian says it's going to be okay, I believe him now, he's proved it. Off we trotted and we did the circuits around the grounds there until people felt they had enough. And then we adjourned to the Runyeh coffee shop, just around the corner in Caridean and had a coffee and chat.

We notched up a respectable 15.8 kilometres contribution from our club. Participation Certificates were awarded to all walkers at the next general meeting. From Albany to Geraldton is a distance of about 820 kilometres. But we did 15.8 kilometres, so we're very proud of our contribution for a small club. It's up to the rest to do their bit now. It would be great if Probus could do a barometer starting in Albany and gradually working its way up towards Geraldton. *Robin Briggs, President*



Tally to July 25
Eaton - 1019
Waniassa - 666
Mandurah Islands
- 635





Glengarry Probud Club

Would like to invite you and your friends
to join us for a fun morning picnic

Celebrating 50 years of Probud

on

Tuesday 15th Sept 2026

At 10.30am

At

Tom Simpson Park, Mullaloo

(opposite Mullaloo Tavern)

BYO food, drinks and seats

or alternatively food and drinks can be purchased at the fish and
chips kiosk or at the Dome Café under Mullaloo Tavern

R.S.V.P BY Tuesday 1st Sept 2026

Pat Beard 0427 682 296

Kathy Hilton 0466 120 058



Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety

ANNUAL INFORMATION STATEMENT (AIS)

Incorporated associations in Western Australia must lodge an Annual Information Statement (AIS) and financial reports with the [Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety \(DLGIRS\)](#) within six months of their financial year-end.

The information provided in the AIS helps confirm that it is still active, eligible to be incorporated and has held its Annual General Meeting (AGM)

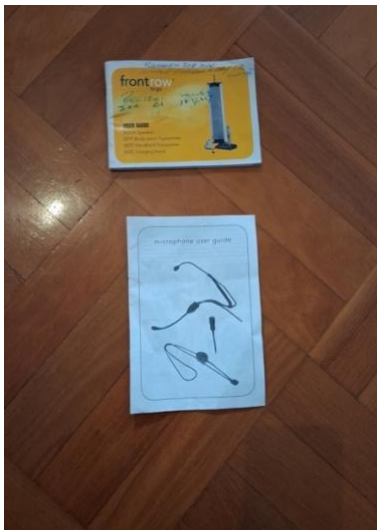
When completing the form, a generic email is **NOT** to be used. **Your private email is requested.** (A generic email is not owned by the person who set it up first time around.) The report must come from a legal officer of the club (President, Secretary or Treasurer).

If the report is not lodged, the Department is able to deregister the association for not complying with the Act or Regulations.

If your club has not been updating each year you will need to complete the "missing" yearly reports to bring reporting up to date.

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM offered from Claremont /Swanbourne Probus Club

Contact Nick Bagshaw. nickbagshaw44@gmail.com



Their old system was bought in 2020 for \$1,200. They are happy to donate/accept a small payment and can provide more details if needed.



They have a spare Public Address system (loudspeaker, hand-held microphone, lapel microphone and head-mounted microphone) as their meeting venue (Claremont Tennis Club) has recently installed a complete PA system which they now use.



Murraylands & Wildlife Cruise

8 Days | 27 Nov to 4 Dec 2026

Step aboard the majestic PS Murray Princess for an unforgettable cruise along Australia's iconic Murray River. Departing from historic Mannum, discover towering cliffs, tranquil wetlands, charming riverside towns and award winning wineries. Learn about Indigenous culture and early settlers, savour regional food and wine, enjoy classic Aussie entertainment and finish with a visit to the picturesque town of Hahndorf.

\$6,815 pptw
\$2,385 single option



Highlights

- Seven nights aboard the iconic PS Murray Princess
- Savour a traditional Aussie barbecue on the banks of the Murray River
- Join in the fun and laughter of the entertaining Murray River Cup
- Explore the historic riverside towns of Morgan and Swan Reach
- Enjoy tastings and scenic views at Banrock Station Winery and Wetlands
- Burk Salter Winery flavours
- Peaceful Discovery Cruise

- Captain's Farewell Dinner
- Live on-board entertainment
- Guided boardwalk tours through Ngaut Ngaut
- Woolshed Show
- Visit picturesque Hahndorf

Inclusions

- Pre/post tour transfers (ex Perth, WA)
- Airfares & taxes
- 21 meals
- 7 nights accommodation
- Included sightseeing & attractions
- Professional Villa 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 PAWA Committee
welcomes new members who
have an interest in being an
effective voice of
WA Probud Clubs.*

**Contact Secretary Margaret
Collins for an invitation to attend.**

pawasecretary@gmail.com

***The PAWA Committee met at
the Melville Recreation Centre,
Cnr Stock Rd and Canning
Highway Melville.
on
Thursday 6th August***

September will be a zoom meeting

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