NEWS & NOTES

THE VOICE OF PROBUS IN THE WEST

WELCOME TO THE NOVEMBER 2026 EDITION of NEWS and NOTES



*November is a time to be considering **succession planning**.*
This ensures your club stays active and avoids problems when current leaders step down.
Finding members to actively participate on the committee is one of the challenges of a club.

Now is the time to identify potential leaders and office bearers. The ability to form a committee successfully will aid longevity. If you merely ask members in general to fill a position, you may not receive a response. A personal invitation to nominate may have more success. Aim to have nominations for all positions by your February meeting as many clubs do not meet in December and /or January.

Many members join a club to enjoy all the social benefits without considering contributing to the organisation. Promote the importance of shared responsibility. Consider appointing an assistant to share workloads as this may encourage more participation. Invite members to your next committee meeting, who may be potential office bearers.

Clear communication about a role and what is required is essential. Ensure all positions have a job description and a proper handover for smooth transition to a new committee. List the actual duties for each role instead of relying on formal descriptions.

Members may be intimated by a previous competent leader or committee, but a fresh approach from a new committee group may do wonders for your club. Change can be very beneficial. As we are all volunteers, club members putting up their hand to take on a role should be commended and given as much support as needed. Ask previous committee members to provide a few words about their rewarding experience in a role.

Committee positions need not be onerous and responsibilities can be manageable. Some members may be happy to assist if given a one-off role. Another challenge is attracting new members and “bring a friend” may not be attracting younger members. Start by raising your club’s profile in the local community, through local media, partnerships with community organisations, and by maintaining an active online presence.

It is also important to retain members, by providing activities that appeal and interesting speakers with relevant topics. Also, have a variety of interest groups that appeal to younger members.

By evolving with the times, Probus Clubs can continue to grow and thrive.

Sue Harwood, President

PROBUS ASSOCIATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA

INVITATION

to WA Probus Clubs

Monday 22nd February 2027

PINJARRA TROTS

The Home of Real Horse Power!

Pinjarra Harness Racing Club
7 Paceway Court Pinjarra

ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO 200

1130am

$37pp

Includes:

- Race booklet for guests
- Roast of the day
- Dessert of the day
- Drink voucher
- Mystery bet voucher



November Anniversaries.

Probus Club of Dawesville Inc	11 years
Combined Probus Club of Scarborough Beach Inc	17 years
Probus Club of Margaret River Inc	32 years
Kalamunda Ladies Probus Club Inc	38 years
Probus Club of City Beach WA Inc	40 years
Probus Club of Victoria Park Inc	44 years

PROBUS ASSOCIATION WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

PAWA is calling for nominations from Probus Club members for the positions on the PAWA Committee. Our purpose is to support WA Probus Clubs by providing advice and guidance and to

Roles that are up for election at the AGM are:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Member

If you are interested in standing for one of these roles, you can get more information by contacting

Secretary Margaret
0417 178 010
PAWASecretary@gmail.com



Volunteering for the PAWA (Probus Association of WA) committee offers a rewarding opportunity to make a meaningful impact on WA's Probus Clubs. By joining the Committee you are playing an active role in helping clubs grow, strengthen and thrive, across the state.

Committee members are key to fostering connections between clubs, sharing valuable resources and supporting one another through challenges. Being part of the committee allows you to develop leadership skills and enjoy a deeper sense of community involvement. Your support can attract new members!

Every member's contribution matters!

GOOD NEWS! THE ANNUAL PAWA LEVY will remain at $4 per member which is just over *one cent* per member per day.

PASTA in the VALLEY

On Friday the 30th of October, 225 Probus members invaded the Swan Valley for PAWA's annual Lunch, a highly anticipated event on the Probus calendar.
Probus is based on three things Fun, Friendship and Fellowship and this outing definitely showcased this, with excellent food and service which enhanced the enjoyment of all who attended.

Below: Di and Bridget from the Probus Club of Victoria Park Inc.



Old friendships were renewed, new acquaintances made. Three lucky people departed with lovely hampers won as door prizes whilst many others departed with a range of fresh takeaway dishes and fresh Canoli.
If you missed this event you might want to get in early for PAWA's next event, the Pinjarra Paceway on 22 February next year.







CODE OF CONDUCT

Members have the right to enjoy Probus in a respectful and welcoming environment. Clubs can set clear expectations about how members should interact with each other.

For example:

- **Respect:**
  Treat all members, guests, and staff with politeness and dignity regardless of background, beliefs, or identity.

- **Responsible Behaviour:**
  Members should conduct themselves responsibly and avoid any actions that could damage the club's reputation, while attending group activities and outings.
  Use proper channels for grievances.

- **Zero Harassment and Discrimination**:
  Any form of harassment or discrimination, including verbal abuse, is strictly prohibited.

- **Property Care**:

  Respect club facilities, equipment, and shared spaces, reporting any damage immediately.

- **Privacy and Confidentiality**: Protect the personal information and private communications of fellow members.

- **Following Rules:**
  Adherence to the club's constitution, code of conduct, and any specific rules related to events or activities is expected.

- **Honesty and Integrity:**
  Members should be honest and transparent in their dealings with the club and other members.

- **Financial Responsibility:**
  Members should fulfill their financial obligations to the club, such as paying membership fees or event costs.

- **Conflict of Interest:**
  Committee members (if applicable) should declare and manage any potential conflicts of interest.

PROBUS Club of Victoria Park Inc. celebrating Morning and Night

To mark the 50th Anniversary of Probus in Australia, members of the Probus Club of Victoria Park enjoyed a memorable day of celebration on 21 October 2026.



The festivities began with a special performance by the **Western Australia Symphony Orchestra String Quartet** at the Club's morning meeting. Members were treated to a varied program featuring classical, operatic, popular and traditional Hungarian and Irish music. The performance was enthusiastically received, with warm applause and calls for an encore.





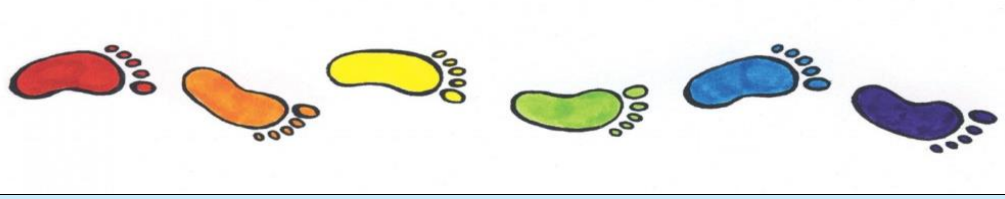
The evening celebrations continued with a sundowner at **The Camfield**, followed by a walk across the **Matagarup Bridge**, which Probus Victoria Park had requested to be specially illuminated in Probus colours for the occasion.

Against the backdrop of the Perth skyline at sunset, members enjoyed fellowship and the opportunity to be part of a unique anniversary event. The walk also contributed to the **Probus Association of Western Australia's** virtual challenge to collectively walk the distance from Geraldton to Albany.

By day's end, members agreed it was a fitting celebration of Probus friendship and community spirit, and a day that will be remembered for years to come.

Ann Kennish, President.

October Virtual Walk Update



Well, the walk is nearly over for the year. Haven't Probus Clubs been busy! Hello ***Geraldton*** we have arrived! Members have walked in the rain, in the sunshine, on the beach, in the bush and everywhere in between. They have seen dolphins, dogs, kangaroos and wildflowers and best of all they have been active and had fun together.

The ***Rossmoyne Ladies*** have stepped out on their own and are hoping to reach Geraldton by the end of October. They have currently walked 566 kilometres, past Ledge Point and are now heading to Dongara.

On a very overcast day some of the ***Bannister Creek*** Club members gathered at Wireless Hill to have lunch, check out the wonderful wildflowers and get a few steps up for the Probus Virtual Walk. We weren't disappointed with the wildflowers, especially the Kangaroo Paws. With 16 members walking we were able to do a cumulative walk of about 28 kms. A very enjoyable morning until the rain arrived.

Karrinyup- North Beach had planned a walk for 10 August after our meeting but it rained, so we held it 14 Sept after our meeting at the adjoining Charles Riley oval. We had a group of 17 who walked or pushed their walkers to help achieve a total of 20kms. We had kilometre keepers and choc/lollies to help revive!

A day out for the ***Mandurah Peel*** members saw them catch public transport (bus- train – bus) to Kings Park for a wildflower tour. Yes, they missed the first bus stop, missed the train connection, got off at the wrong stop and caught the wrong bus. They were heading in the right direction each time but walking (read LOTS of walking) was needed. A grand total for the group 0f 100 kilometres.

The over – achievers in the walk must be ***Eaton***, who have now in South Australia and have decided to circumnavigate Australia, I will keep you posted on their progress!

Two clubs who have stepped up the pace on their own are ***Mandurah Islands*** who only need 184.2 km to say hello to Geraldton and the ***Wanniassa Club*** from the ACT who need just 152.5 to get there.

Some clubs have organised walks in October so we may even make it back down the coast before Christmas.



Mandurah Peel walkers at Kings Park



Mandurah Island walkers



Karrinyup North Beach



Bunbury Ladies enjoying the sunshine

COMMITTEE - TOPIC UPDATES



Just a note to let everyone know to expect a new Speakers List in the next couple of weeks. It has been delayed to enable me to add some new speakers. Brenda

Speakers List: **Committee member: Brenda Heywood**

I had the pleasure of visiting the Leeming Club recently and heard Sharon Dunn give her first presentation on her time as an expat in Saudi Arabia, which was very well received.
At the Thornlie Club I listened to the very impressive Caradine Choir who have also agreed to be listed in the Entertainment section of the list. Another new entry is Joseph Erekaha whose topic is the History of Nigeria and he has been recommended by the Swan View Probus Club.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those members who have contacted me with new speakers, and updates re current speakers. This latest review does have a number of amendments but the majority of the changes are in the Entertainment section. I found a number of groups had changed names, also a lot of the performers have expectations re the fees they require to perform which have changed over time. Please check with both speakers and entertainers before confirming bookings to ensure there are no misunderstandings.

Finally, if you find any issues with any speakers listed, please let me know so other members don't have to face the same issues.

If anyone needs to contact me, don't hesitate to phone, text or email me on

0493 267 498 or brendaofgayndah@yahoo.com.au.

Club Directory: **Committee member: Peter Olney**

Peter is managing the club directory. Any changes, please use this email address: peter.john.olney@gmail.com

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Facebook: **Committee member: Carol Hoult**

Send your photos to Carol regarding any activities or outings you would like to share.

Email: carolhoult22@gmail.com

News and Notes **Committee member: Sue Harwood**

You can also send larger articles and photos to Sue for the monthly newsletter.

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Volunteering for your committee

What is in it for me?



You have an opportunity to share your knowledge and experiences.
Why not attend a committee meeting to see what is involved and how the workload is shared?

- Feel valued and part of a team.
- Personal growth. Gain confidence and self-esteem (e.g., speaking confidently in front of an audience.)
- You are in a position to build relationships.
- Gain satisfaction and pride in your role as a volunteer.
- Give back to your club in appreciation of the social benefits you have received.

Resources available to you.

- Your immediate predecessor. Ask questions.
- Obtain a handover with a job description.
- Refer to the PSPL Guidelines / how to run a meeting, membership advice, etc.
- Use PAWA resources! For example:
  - Workshops. These will take place in April and May 2027.
  - Ask PAWA committee for assistance. They will visit your club in support.
- Keep up to date with the Monthly News and Notes sent to all secretaries. (It is now on the website if you have not received it).
  Website:probuswa.wordpress.com

NEW PROBUS CLUB IN KALGOORLIE WA

HANNANS PROBUS CLUB. It is fitting that a new club in Kalgoorlie is named after **Patrick Hannan.** Patrick was a gold prospector whose lucrative discovery on 14 June 1893 set off a major gold rush in the area now known as Kalgoorlie -Boulder in Western Australia.

The resulting goldfield has been mined ever since and is renowned as *The Golden Mile*, the richest square mile in the world. The modern open-cut mine is a vast, astonishing sight known as the Super Pit.

The new club will meet on the first Thursday of each month with the first meeting on 3rd December 2026. We wish them well to grow their membership.

NEW OUTING INVITATION from Samir Patel

MOORE RIVER CAFÉ AND GENERAL STORE.

Email: garbanptyltd@gmail.com

Ph: 0895771651

Samir invites Probus members to dine at the small café or the restaurant in Guilderton, at the mouth of the Moore River.

- Liquor License
- Seats 100 indoor and outdoor.
- Open 7 days a week.
- Weekend dinners but weekday group bookings are catered for.

Located on Edwards Street, the Moore River Café has a warm and welcoming atmosphere which is suitable for any occasion. The premises consist of a spacious dining room and two outdoor areas overlooking the Moore River, all perfect areas in which to enjoy a nice meal with a glass of wine or a beer. The venue can be booked for private events and gatherings with the options of canapes or sit down set menus. *Why not hire a bus or take a river tour?*

BUILDING BETTER CLUBS WORKSHOP ***ALBANY***

*Members from six Probus Clubs attended the **Albany workshop** in October. Those who attended stated they were grateful that the PAWA committee came so they could discuss issues and share ideas.*

Group discussion was again well received and the committee were kept busy with a power point presentation, answering questions and facilitating the group sessions. Thanks to Brian and Carol Hoult, Moira and Michael Macpherson and Margaret Collins from the PAWA committee.

BE PART OF TEST CRICKET HISTORY

150th test at the MCG in March 2027. *JubileeTest.com*

"Jubilee Test" is an independent community initiative being developed around the 150th anniversary of Test cricket, with Australia and England meeting at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in March 2027. **Probus members** are invited to be part of the project if you are attending, to join them and order a commemorative shirt; **one of 10,000 Jubilee Test shirts free to spectators at the MCG**. They will also attempt a Guiness World Record.

"We would love to have Probus Clubs involved in celebrating an important milestone in Australian sporting history." More information is available at Jubilee Test.

Kind regards,
Aaqil Khan, Project Lead.

NEW SPEAKER

ROB GOLDFINCH. Prospects for Mitigating Global Climate Change

0409 516 218 Email: robgold@iinet.net.au

We are constantly fed a stream of news items on climate disasters both in Australia and around the world – bushfires, floods, cyclones, heatwaves, droughts, collapsing glaciers, etc. While these events are broadly recognised as resulting largely from anthropogenic (human-induced) activities, plus the sobering realisation that they are increasing in frequency and severity, not much information is forthcoming as to how we can slow them down and mitigate their damaging effects.

There are 4 main actions in the plan: The talk will focus on why these actions are critical and how they could be implemented on a global scale. We shall also discuss the role that Australia could play in being a major driver of the plan.

COCKBURN PROBUS CLUB INC.

Kerry Knowles-President



Congratulations to the Cockburn Probus Club which is now an incorporated club.
PAWA President Sue Harwood, presented Kerry Knowles with a Chain of Office and spoke of the leadership that it symbolizes.

Cockburn Probus club members are seeking a screen for their new premises in Success. If anyone can help, please contact the secretary, Pauline Moore:
Pauline.moore1@bigpond.com
Or 0407 990 472

ARMADALE PROBUS CLUB INC. Les Davey-President



Congratulations to the Armadale Probus Club Inc who have waited patiently for their Chain of Office.
PAWA President Sue Harwood presented Les with the regalia which also featured the name of the inaugural President, Gus Colling. Gus was present at the committee meeting along with Les Davey, the current President.



Anzac Day in *Canberra*

6 Days | 21 to 26 April 2026

Pay your respects on ANZAC day in our nation's capital. Attend the dawn service if you wish to, the parade and the significant "Last Post" in the late afternoon. Enjoy Canberra's important attractions which celebrate our culture, history and the Aussie spirit. Delve into our political past at the Australian Democracy Museum and visit Parliament House. Delight in gardens, step back in time at Lanyard Homestead and marvel at our important role in space exploration. Visit Gold Creek Station for a sheep dog demonstration and BBQ lunch.



$4,620 pptw
$435 single option

Highlights

- Honour our service people on ANZAC day in Canberra
- Reflect on Australia's military history at the Australian War Memorial
- Delight in the autumn wonder of the Canberra Arboretum
- Wander the charming miniature worlds of Cockington Green Gardens
- Explore the Museum of Australian Democracy in Old Parliament House
- Visit Gold Creek Station to enjoy country hospitality
- Parliament House guided tour
- Learn about our contribution to NASA at the Space Network
- Step back in time at Lanyard Homestead

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PAWA

The PAWA Committee welcomes new members who have an interest in being an effective voice of WA Probus Clubs.

Contact Secretary Margaret Collins for an invitation to attend.

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The PAWA Committee met on Thursday November 5th via zoom.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd December 2026 at 9.30am at the Melville Recreation Centre, Cnr. Stock Rd and Canning Highway.

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