



ROTARY DISTRICT 9700



Probus Newsletter

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ACTIVE RETIREES™ – Tomorrow's Vision for Probus

Australia
Dear Probus Friends,

The festive season is nearly upon us and this means that all Probus clubs will be looking to have their end of year celebrations. Remember to send in your happy snaps to **both** the Editor of Active Retirees™ for inclusion in the magazine or Probus website, and to RDPC Henry Gardiner at <henrygardiner@bigpond.com> for inclusion in the District *Newsletter*.

SUCESSION PLANNING

Planning for your 2015 Management Committee should now be well underway. A power point presentation is available on the secured section of the Probus website – ***What Makes a Good Club?***

Message to your members - HAVE YOU CONSIDERED NOMINATING FOR A POSITION ON THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THE ONGOING VIABILITY OF YOUR CLUB?

PROBUS has created ways for you to achieve personal fulfilment in retirement, make new friendships and charter new horizons which will involve fellowship and fun. Why not simultaneously improve the quality of your life and contribute to improving the well-being and lifestyle of active retirees within your community.

As a member of your Probus Club Management Committee you would be embracing new and exciting challenges and have the opportunity to participate in a management role performed in an atmosphere of fellowship, friendship and fun.

Along with your new colleagues you would take on the responsibility for the management of club affairs including finance, membership and social activities. Together you will have a full understanding of the policies of the Probus organization which will assist in developing club policies and goals to ensure a sustainable future for the club.

COMMUNICATION

I would hope that your club members have been given a copy of the Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) Chairman Peter Carroll's letter dated 7th November, 2014. The intent of the letter is to address the misconceptions, queries or concerns being circulated by outside parties and to provide assurance of the integrity of PSPL.

PROBUS INFORMATION DAYS

Plans are underway for our district's 2015 information days. This day is most informative and beneficial for all office bearers and a great way to meet members of other Probus clubs to share ideas. Information Days are a wonderful way to get new ideas, to meet like-minded people, and to really re-charge your batteries. If your club is interested in being the host club, I would be delighted to hear from you ASAP (email as above or on 0417 223 539).

In the meantime Forbes Club is holding a Probus Friendship Day on 12 March 2015. Margaret and I look forward to being there!

WAITING LISTS

I would appreciate clubs notifying me if they have a waiting list of people wishing to join their club and the numbers. This can then be analysed and a strategy to address the placement of these potential members.

Please give some thought to the people who are on these waiting lists.....why should they miss out on enjoying the FUN, FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP that you all enjoy.....there are ways that this situation can be addressed so that they too can enjoy the benefits of being a Probus club member.

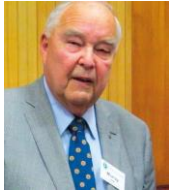
UPDATES FROM PSPL

PSPL are in the final stage of negotiating the renewal of the Probus Travel Insurance. Contact PSPL or visit the website - www.probusouthpacific.org

PSPL has set the annual capitation fees for 2015 – 2016. Annual forms have been posted to all Probus clubs. Accompanying the annual capitation forms will be each club's generic email address and login access code for the secured administration section of the PSPL website. If you are experiencing difficulties with your password please contact PSPL and they will arrange to alter the details to make it easier.

A **NEW** Membership Application form is available.

The document addresses issues related to privacy, photography and acceptance of the participation form as part of clubs Risk Management.
Contact PSPL or download the new form from the secured administration section of the Probus website - www.probusouthpacific.org



PSPL extends a warm welcome and return to Murray Jensen who has been appointed as the Probus representative member for New Zealand Districts 9940, 9970 and 9980 as a Member of the Company and Director.

LOCAL CLUB NEWS

Many Clubs have inducted new members these past few months. Here are two photographs I have either been sent (thanks Blayney!) or have snuck in and taken myself on a Club visit (thanks Wagga Koorungal Mens!).....I will welcome photographs of induction of new



Wagga Koorungal: President Bob and new Members Alan Barbour & Robert Stakenberg



Blayney: Liz Burdett, Kay Kearney, Lynne Cubbitt & Eve Brown in front

members, Club activities, or indeed any other Probus-relevant matters. JPEG is preferred via email please but I may be able to “play with” my computer and be able to use some other formats – mind you, I couldn’t use a computer until after I retired but it and I are on reasonable terms now. I’m even game enough to give you my computer poem – see below...hope it doesn’t upset the machine!

Ode to Henry’s Computer

My computer is a stupid thing,
I think that I should sell it.
It won’t do what I want it to,
Only what I tell it.

CLUBS CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Many of our District 9700 Clubs are celebrating their 30th birthdays around now or early next year. News and pics will be gratefully received and published...for birthdays other than 30 as well, in fact.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MEETINGS

I hear tell that Bathurst Club had a delightful Christmas Dinner at the Panthers Club in December. My wife, Margaret, and I had intended to look in at that one, but unfortunately, were waylaid at Charles Sturt University with the installation of a new Chancellor and shocking weather which caused many delays (including for the State Governor at CSU that day). However, all was not lost as we were able to join Blayney Club's President Graham Mendham and Secretary Eddie Le Poidevin at Eddie and Val De Poidevin's home en route



Blayney Probus Club President Graham, RDPC Henry & Margaret and Eddie (pic, Val)

Wagga to Bathurst before the weather closed in – we had a truly delightful lunch there with them and wonderful fellowship: you know, with “friendly folk” in “the Probus Club” as the Probus flyer says. Thank you Val, Eddie and Graham, you made us feel that we had known you all for years!



Wagga Ladies Club departed their usual venue for the last meeting of 2014 and had a lovely Christmas dinner at the local Riding for Disabled (RDA) facility, catered for by the RDA committee, which was a plus as the Probus Club was going to have a meal together somewhere anyway and having it at RDA it made a few dollars for that valuable community service. Among the several guests was well known pharmacist (he does locums now) and Probus member George Bruce. Incidentally, George was a registered pharmacist

before World War II, served in his professional capacity for the duration and still works tirelessly for Legacy. He's a jolly good speaker for meetings too!

I included May Bruce in my photo and standing behind the Bruces is Wagga Ladies President, Margaret Pereira.

What has your Club done recently that you would like me to publicise?

NEW PARTNERS FOR THE MEMBER BENEFITS SCHEME

Australian Probate Lawyers - leading Probate Company in Australia.

APL is offering Probus club members 10% discount on every document price.

W: www.australianprobatelawyers.com.au

Visit the Probus website for more partners providing offers and discounts to Probus club members.

PROBUS CHRISTMAS IN JULY 2015 – Norfolk Island

Contact Trade Travel TODAY – for a full itinerary and to reserve a place – sure to sell out quickly.

Australian and New Zealand artists – Johnny Young, Normie Rowe, Suzanne Prentice and John Rowles.

Tour includes return economy airfares, accommodation, afternoon tea with Author Colleen McCullough, four concerts, fish fry, convict tour, cyclorama ½ day tour and progressive dinner and additional options. Toll Free within Australia **1800 034 439**

Email: groups@tradetravel.com



ACTIVE RETIREESTM Magazine

Congratulations to Tony Martin – **THE WILD ONE** – who appears on the front cover of the December 2014/January 2015 issue of the magazine as part of the



Become a CELEBRITEA Competition.

Tony is a member of the Probus Club of Tollgates NSW

Here's an opportunity for the stylish fashion icons of your club

Please announce this **invitation** at your next Probus club meeting and include in your club newsletter for the information and interest of your Probus club members.

Active Retirees magazine is planning a fabulous fashion feature in the April/May 2015 issue and we're looking for Probus club members to participate!

1. Photo shoot

If you're interested in taking part in a *photo shoot* in Sydney in January next year, send through a photograph of yourself in your favourite outfit.

Active Retirees Editor, Jo-Anne

E: jo@mahlabmedia.com.au

or you can send it via post to:

Active Retirees Fashion Feature

369a Darling Street,

Balmain. NSW 2041

2. Fashion feature

Have you got an old photo of a you in a special outfit that has a story? We'd love to hear all about it.

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Please note that if you do send hard copies of your photographs; Mahlab Media will ensure that they are sent back to you shortly after.

Please continue to send through any club information re birthday celebrations and events. I am not only interested in the happenings around the District but I like to include events in my Newsletters for the interest of all Probians.

Best wishes to your Probus club members, enjoy your celebrations, relax and have a really FUN time.

Please share my newsletter with your members and include excerpts in your club newsletter for the information and interest of your probus club members.

Until next time....FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP....

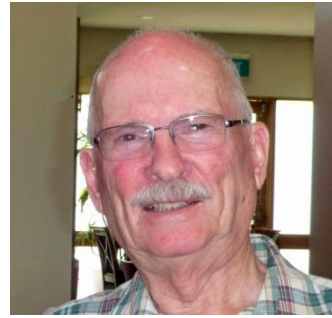
Best wishes for the Festive Season,

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And for those who celebrate the meaning of Christmas, a Happy and Holy Christmas to all!



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