



## ROTARY DISTRICT \*\*\*\* PROBUS NEWSLETTER

From the Rotary District Probis Chairman

February 2015

ACTIVE RETIREES - *Tomorrow's Vision for PROBUS*



Dear Probis friends,

A Happy New Year to everyone and may 2015 be a great year for you all, both health wise and socially and may you experience lots of Fun, Fellowship and Friendship with all your Probis friends. This year will be a memorable year for Probis, being the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of the Probis concept started in the United Kingdom.

February 2016 will see the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Australia – join together in celebrating with the first club in Australia – Probis Club of Hunters Hill Incorporated.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with you all to ensure that things continue to operate smoothly in our District. Just a reminder about my role as the RDPC which is to investigate the need for new Probis clubs, to engage Rotary clubs in sponsoring the formation of new Probis clubs and to ensure the health, future and wellbeing of existing Probis clubs.

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Now we are into a new year, I remind all Probis Clubs of the importance of succession planning for Management Committee positions. Preparing for your Club's future welfare is an important responsibility and in the interests of keeping your Probis Club functioning smoothly, it is an opportune time to start thinking about filling positions if you haven't already done so. When there are processes in place to assist with succession planning, much of the stress in your Club can be minimised.

I have attached a paper on Succession planning for your club written by RDPC Winston Marsh which has some tips which can be helpful during this time whilst your club is seeking nominations for office bearers. Please let me know if your Club is experiencing difficulty and I will see what can be done to provide assistance within the limits of the time available.

### PROBUS INFORMATION DAYS

Planning for Information days is currently underway. The PSPL Probis Information Days provide a wealth of knowledge about administering a Probis Club and is also an opportunity to network with other Clubs. The breakout sessions or workshops are specific to Club Officer's roles and responsibilities which will be of great assistance to those adopting a role for the first time.

There are also presentations on Club constitutions, incorporation, membership development, risk management, privacy, insurance matters, meeting procedures, liaison with Probis South Pacific and how it may assist the club together with explaining the relationship between Rotary and Probis.

Attendees will find the day both rewarding and beneficial, particularly new office bearers. We need clubs willing to host these events; the club is responsible for selecting the venue, arranging the catering and collecting the registrations from attendees.

If any Clubs are interested, please contact me ASAP so we can select a convenient slot in the PSPL calendar. When things are in place, I urge Clubs to send at least one member of the Management Committee along – you won't be disappointed. Morning tea, a light lunch and afternoon tea are included in the registration, usually paid for by the attendee's Probus Club.

### ACTIVE RETIREES™ MAGAZINE

Does your Club have members who, for one reason or another, decided not to subscribe to the Probus flagship magazine, Active Retirees™? The beginning of a new year is an opportune time to display copies at your monthly meeting so they are able to see the improvements that have been initiated which may prompt them to change their mind.

Active Retirees™ magazine contains a range of great articles, competitions and club news so you can stay in touch with what is happening within the family of Probus.

Probus club members are encouraged to contribute articles and photographs and clubs are encouraged to utilise the magazine as a membership development tool for new members. Active Retirees™ magazine supports the image of Probus as an organisation which has status, dignity and respect.

### ACTIVE RETIREES™ MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION COMPETITION

PSPL are pleased to announce a **prize incentive** to all Probus clubs to increase their annual Active Retirees™ magazine subscription.

Probus clubs that increase their 2015 magazine subscription rate by 10% or maintain a 100% subscription rate to membership numbers will automatically go into the draw to win a prize for their club. *See full details on Probus website.*



### PAUL HENNINGHAM AWARD FOR LITERARY EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Joyce Suto from the Probus Club Mitcham Orchids for being selected as the winner of the prestigious Paul Henningham Literary Excellence Award.

### MEMBERSHIP PROMOTIONAL TOOL



**Complimentary stickers are available on request from PSPL (10 labels per sheet).** These stickers can be used to attach to the front cover of the Active Retirees™ magazine. Spare copies of the magazines can then be delivered to local libraries, council offices, real estate agencies, hairdressers, pharmacies, banks and doctors/dentist/ waiting rooms for wider promotion of Probus and awareness of local clubs; **a great membership tool.** Just add your club's contact details to the sticker.

### PROBUS CLUB SOFTWARE

PSPL are pleased to announce the signing of a new Probus Club Software Licence.

A bonus to the new product is the system compatibility with bar scanning of the Probus Club Membership Cards enabling automatic attendance recording. Existing software users may update their systems free of charge.

For more information please contact Probus Club Software

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### AN ANZAC TRIBUTE

In April 2015, The Ghan will make a special journey from Darwin to Adelaide. The Ghan's ANZAC tribute is a four day commemoration of the efforts of Australian servicemen and women in all major conflicts. A chance to reminisce with mates, make new friends, listen to guest speakers and performers. Learn of the historic links between The Ghan and the Australian Armed Forces. Enjoy the comforts of The Ghan from the privacy of your platinum or gold service cabin while the magnificent Australian outback glides past your window. Bask in the unrivalled splendour and culinary delights of the Queen Adelaide Restaurant and relax in the Outback Explorer Lounge. For more information and a full itinerary, contact Trade Travel.

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## YOUNG AT HEART



PSPL supports Young at Heart Seniors Film Festival. Two options for your club to consider.

### OPTION 1

The following information may be of interest to your Probus club members to attend the Young at Heart Seniors Film Festival

\*Ticket prices vary according to venue.

The only event of its kind, Young At Heart is a film festival dedicated entirely to seniors, their friends and relatives. The festival showcases a unique program of a mix of international premieres and classic films on the big screen, plus special events including red carpet screenings, guest Q&As, drinks receptions, live performances and talks.

To receive a free program guide in the post call Young at Heart on (02) 9550 2266, or visit [www.youngatheart.net.au](http://www.youngatheart.net.au).

### OPTION 2

The following information may be of interest to your Probus club members and could be something that the club could consider as a club activity.

PSPL invites clubs to host a FREE screening in March 2015 as a club activity. **REGISTER YOUR INTEREST**

Please register your interest to host a 2015 Young at Heart screening by contacting Young at Heart on (02) 9550 2266, or visit [www.youngatheart.net.au](http://www.youngatheart.net.au) (the earlier the better).

## PROBUS TRAVEL INSURANCE

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## MESSAGE FROM PSPL

### Annual Capitation Fees

Your club should have received the annual capitation forms in the post at the end of last year. These forms need to be returned to PSPL before the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2015 to ensure correct details for your club Secretary, President, Vice President and Treasurer are printed in the Annual Directory.

If you require a soft copy of the forms please email [admin@probussouthpacific.org](mailto:admin@probussouthpacific.org) or alternatively visit the secured administration section of the website to download. (If you are experiencing difficulties accessing this resourceful section of the Probus website please contact PSPL.

### How to access secured administration section of the PSPL website

Your club Secretary has been provided with Username and access password to access the secured administration section of the PSPL website - <http://www.probussouthpacific.org/auth/login> . If you are experiencing issues with accessing the website, please contact PSPL to re-confirm your access details.

Once you have successfully logged into the Secured Administration section of the PSPL website you can access soft copies of correspondence sent to clubs.

[http://www.probussouthpacific.org/pages/club\\_administration\\_psp\\_mailouts](http://www.probussouthpacific.org/pages/club_administration_psp_mailouts)

## NEWS SNIPPETS

**Forbes Probus Club is running a Probus Friendship day on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at the Forbes Services Memorial Club. Margaret and I look forward to meeting up with you there!** Information and Club invitations are going out around now. In the meantime Secretary Bruce Howard, 6851-4414, will be delighted to give further information or to pass you on to the Friendship Day Committee Secretary, Margaret Nelson.

Rotary District Conference at Cowra 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March. If you are a Rotarian who is going please wear both your Rotary and Probus badges .And spread to word about Probus!!!!

I've just had a look at the stats from the Clubs in District 9700 on members who take the *Active Retirees* journal...**too many members are missing out – there's a wealth of fascinating and useful material in this award winning magazine. If you don't get it you can't read it! Contact your Club's Probus Magazine Liaison Officer now.**

Please continue to send me your photos and news of your Club activities so that I can publicise your Club for you.

That's it for this edition. Please feel free to contact me should you need any assistance. It remains for me to wish your Probus Club all the best for 2015 and may your members have lots of fun, fellowship and friendship as they take part in Club activities this year and beyond. I look forward with anticipation to working with you all as the year progresses.

Regards,

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