



## ROTARY DISTRICT 9700 PROBUS NEWSLETTER



From the Rotary District Probus Chairman

January 2016



### ACTIVE RETIREES – *Tomorrow's Vision for PROBUS*

Dear Probus Friends,

I trust that you enjoyed the festive season with your loved ones. We managed to see most of our immediate family for a change this year but they do live from only 500kms away to well over 3,000 from *Chez Gardiner* (senior) so it doesn't happen all that often! (in other words like most Probians we are fairly normal people)

As we approach the end of the Probus year, it is important that planning for your 2016 – 2017 management committee is underway.

Encouraging many members to nominate for a position on the management committee is vital to ensure the ongoing viability of your club. No management committee: no club. That's right. It happens more often than you would think. Try a deputy for each position. Or try a nominations committee to "head hunt" likely candidates. Make the out-going person a deputy for the year – or make an understudy to a/or even each committee member-elect for the next year as a way of succession planning

Members of your Probus Club Management committee officers will embrace new and exciting challenges and have the opportunity to participate in management roles performed in an atmosphere of friendship, fellowship and fun.

The 2015 *Probus Handbook* outlines roles and responsibilities of club officers – to encourage your members to nominate, a copy of the duties of officers should be made available to your members. Please download a copy of the handbook from the secured section of the website or contact PSPL for a copy.

If you need assistance in recruiting committee members please contact me as your RDPC to further discuss your options.

### **IDEA! MEMBER LIFE STORY BOOK**

Recently a Probus club advised PSPL that they have created a *member life story book*. The book is intended to bring members closer together, and to increase the friendship, fellowship and fun, by making a connection with a school, locality, sport, employment or event in their lives.

Each member provided one page on their life and a photo. The club then organised to print a copy for each member and found that some members have either attended the same school or worked for the same organisation during their lives but hadn't known. (This works better in the big towns but is never-the-less an excellent concept even where you thought that you knew everyone in town. In any case it certainly finds and promotes common interests.)

Perhaps your club may consider this as a club project to bring your members closer!

## **PROBUS INFORMATION DAYS**

Plans are well underway for our District's 2016 information and/or friendship days. The 9 Wagga Club executives are meeting over lunch on 8<sup>th</sup> February and I'm looking forward to being there too.



The Combined Cootamundra Clubs are holding a District 9700 Friendship Day in Coota on Thursday 31st March. The pic here is *The Captain's Walk* in Coota. Come on. You know that Bradman was born in Cootamundra and this walk is a wonderful attraction pretty close to the Friendship Day venue. If your Club hasn't registered for the Cootamundra meeting **give Secretary Joy Reynolds a call on 02 6942 7691 today**. I'm also trying to hold a Probus Information Day in Young to re-establish a Probus presence in that town again. "Watch this space" as they say. Such

days are most informative and beneficial for all office bearers and members and are a great way to meet other Probians to share ideas. A great program has been arranged. The venue is good. The participants are all wonderful people – come and meet them!

## **UPDATES FROM PSPL**

### **Annual Fee Structure 2016 – 2017**

Information on the annual fee structure for 2016 – 2017 was sent to clubs in December, 2015.

#### **The fee structure is as follows:**

The annual sub is \$12.25 per member and I encourage all to also get the \$10.00 per annual magazine subscription. Why not try *Active Retirees* in the comfort of your own home as it's even cheaper "on line", all 6 issues for \$8.00 = \$1.33 per issue.

Annual Capitation forms and payments are due by 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. If you require a copy of the forms please visit the website or contact PSPL.

If you have questions relating to the annual fee structure, please visit the Q & A secured administration section of the website. <http://www.probusouthpacific.org/pages/qanda>

### **Club Budgets for 2016-2017**

Management Committees are encouraged to prepare a budget each year to present at the club's Annual General Meeting for the acceptance and approval of the membership. Clubs should give consideration to the club's annual financial commitment and current financial position. The budget should include club annual membership fee, PSPL's capitation fee (insurance, administration and advocacy services) and annual Active Retirees magazine subscription. It would be timely to also review the club's one off membership joining fee.

Committees are encouraged to review the Probus Club Handbook for guidelines or contact PSPL for further advice to the budgeting process.

### **Probus Travel Insurance**



Renewal and extended offer - PSPL is pleased to advise that the Probus Travel Insurance contract was renewed for a further 12 months up to 30 November 2016. Probus club members have the choice of two exclusive plans which are only available through Probus.

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### **PROBUS 40<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION OUT-BACK TOUR in Australia – April, 2016**



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### **HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL BUT UNUSUAL VISIT TO GRIFFITH PROBUS CLUB**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December I was fortunate to be able to attend (on invitation as guest speaker, I might add) the monthly meeting of the Griffith Probus Mens Club. The meeting was unusual, to me anyway, in that after President Peter Little conducted the short business session, inducted two new members (see pic: Clive Kensett-Smith on RHS; Chester Johnstone next to President Peter – who has the Microphone) and we had a delightful morning tea, the special program consisted of a wonderful and poignant tribute to the late member Stuart McWilliam, who had passed away a few weeks previously. Although not quite a charter member, Stuart had been the very first guest speaker of the club way back in 1984 just before he joined. The tribute was a narrated photographic essay on Stuart's public life and also of his involvement in every aspect of the Club. A member of the prominent Hanwood based winery family, Stuart was a





community giant and “silent” benefactor and “behind the scenes” encourager and mentor of innumerable local people, families and organisations – and what’s more, he regarded himself as being most fortunate in being able to do these things, often anonymously, for what I will call, the public good. President Peter then raffled several splendid calendars based on the tribute and put together by the Club photographer, David Woodside.



After the raffle came an even more unusual bit: the members clamoured for David to then show the Club a program of a couple of short videos of the week before’s wheat harvest on the Woodside family property taken by a photographic drone flying along with and over the headers and associated equipment by day and also by night using the lights of the machines for illumination. This segued nicely into one of a night sky full of stars and assorted planets taken shortly before the harvest but “further out”. Then, of course, came the pre-arranged guest speaker with a talk on working in a North African third world country.

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

Speaking of “Fun, friendship and Fellowship”, during the Griffith “unusual meeting” with its excellent and diverse program right from the 9.30am start until closing at 12.30, except for the respectfully sombre bits in the superb and moving tribute to the recently departed member Stuart, the meeting literally bubbled along – look at the faces here! Well done Program Director Arthur West! Only rarely have I witnessed such a great event.



Best wishes to all for another excellent year,



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...pic taken by David Woodhouse of the Griffith Club at the December meeting. David took the great pics of the Griffith Orange Festival Probus sculptures featured in my November 2016 *Newsletter* and also the Griffith meeting’s pictures in this *Newsletter* issue. He is an active and committed Probus member! And a highly accomplished photographer.

....Does your club have a Club Photographer?

**PROBUS is PROUD to be a ‘Community Service Activity of Rotary Clubs.’**

Please see Appendix, below/over, for NEW **PARTNERS IN THE MEMBERS BENEFITS SCHEME**

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Probus members will need to order the Ambassador Card over the phone and provide their Probus member number to receive this discount.

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For more information on all Probus Member Benefits Scheme partner offers, please feel free to contact our office on 1300 630 488 or visit the website:

[http://www.probusouthpacific.org/pages/members\\_offers\\_member\\_benefits\\_scheme](http://www.probusouthpacific.org/pages/members_offers_member_benefits_scheme)

### **PROBUS LICENSEE**

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To set up software to assist your club with membership database and accounting please contact David Harding:

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#### **Blue Moose Productions**

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