



ROTARY DISTRICT 9700 PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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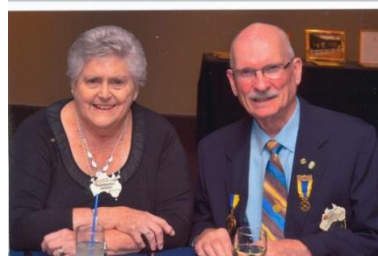
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PROBUS – Tomorrow's Vision for Active Retirees

Dear Probus Friends in Rotary District 9700,

In June I was delighted to accept DG David Kennedy's invitation to be the D9700 **Rotary District Probus Chairman (RDPC)**. Although I am not as yet a Probian I have been a Rotarian for over 40 years, am Past President of Goulburn (mid 1970s) and Wagga Wagga Koorringal (early 1990s) Clubs and was District Governor of District 9700 in 1995-1996. Subsequent national and international committees chaired included South West Pacific World Community Service, and the Rotary United Nations working committee; was Secretary of the Australian Zone International Rotary Institute in 2003; was the National RI representative on such committees as the National Youth Science Forum, and was a member of the Rotary Council on Legislation in Chicago. My wife, Margaret, is a long-term member of Wagga Ladies Probus Club and has served as Club President twice in the past 30 years. She is also Past District Chairman of Inner Wheel (1990-1991) District A54, which covers the south western half of Rotary District 9700 and extends further south into Victoria. Margaret's late father was a distinguished Charter and later, Honorary Member of North Illawarra Probus Club.



What does the RDPC do for Probus apart from act as the link between the original sponsoring Rotary Clubs and the respective Probus Clubs? In a nutshell, the RDPC's main role is to investigate the need for new Probus Clubs when and where appropriate, to engage Rotary Clubs in sponsoring the formation of new Probus Clubs, and to ensure the health, future and wellbeing of existing Probus Clubs through continuous support to Probus in the Rotary District. Our Probus Clubs are in the rather large geographic district from Griffith to Hillston in the south west, up to Parkes and Peak Hill in the west, and across to Molong, down through Orange and Bathurst to almost the Hume Highway, down to Wagga Wagga via Cootamundra, and so on as far as Henty-Culcairn in the south and all the Probus Clubs within these parts of the State.

My contact details are at the foot of this *Newsletter*. As the District covers a number of relatively distinct socio-economic regions, I welcome copies of all of the Probus Club *Newsletters* so that I can be kept aware of the wonderful things the Clubs are doing, by email is fine – as far as possible I will work with Clubs to help achieve their goals and will circulate the good news stories in my regular *Newsletters*. In the meantime, this week I attended a superb “Christmas in July Dinner” run by President Margaret Pereira and Wagga Ladies Club (one of the eight Probus Clubs in Wagga Wagga). Similarly, in late June I was a welcome guest of President Val Samuelson and members at Wagga Wagga Sunset Probus Club and heard/saw an excellent presentation by three of the members on their recent Antarctic trip.

As your Rotary District 9700 Probus Chairman I encourage you to continue to enjoy your retirement through the fun, friendship and fellowship that Probus membership offers. But please let others know about it. Probus is too good not to share!

RDPC CLASS OF 2014-2015 AT TRAINING



RDPC’s across Australia and New Zealand joined together in Parramatta in June for their annual training. As we saw above, these are the Probus ground troops working in each district. As a “newbie” I enjoyed meeting and networking with the other District leaders and with the truly excellent and committed Probus South Pacific Ltd (PSPL) staff and directors.

I encourage all Probus club members to consider nominating for a position as a Member and Director of PSPL for Term 2015-2018 or to nominate for a position on the 2015 PSPL Nominating Selection Committee. Details can be found on the Probus website and are included in Active Retirees Magazine – *issue August/September*. Positions are available from NSW/ACT, VICTORIA/TASMANIA and SOUTH AUSTRALIA/NORTHERN TERRITORY.

I encourage you to share the contents of this Newsletter at your next club meeting and for inclusion in your club newsletter for the information and interest of your Probus club members.

If I can assist in any way with your club or for attendance at club special events and anniversaries please don’t hesitate to contact me and I will endeavour to arrange a club visit.

NOTES, NEWS AND INFORMATION

PSPL DIRECTORS FOR TERM 2014-2017

We welcome and congratulate the successful nominees:

NSW/ACT - Eric Penfold - Probus Club of Taree Inc.

WA - Winston Marsh - Combined Probus Club of Attadale Inc.

New Zealand – TBC

Rotarians Ian Scott (Australia) and Jennie Herring (New Zealand) have been appointed by the Rotary Council of Governors to serve on the PSPL Board for 2014 - 2015.

ANNUAL DIRECTORY OF PROBUS CLUBS 2014- 2015 – were posted to all clubs in July.

PROBUS ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014 – will be available on the Secured Administration Section of the Probus website when published.

PROBUS NATIONAL INSURANCE 2014-2015

The Public Liability Certificate of Currency and Summary were sent to all clubs in July. Documentation may be downloaded from the Secured Administration Section of the Probus website.

CLUB PROPERTY

As with any club property purchased, the club has the responsibility as the owner or the property for the location where it is kept, instructions for use, its maintenance and insurance.

The Probus National Insurance policy does not cover any club property in the event of theft or damage or injury caused through misuse.

Examples of club property would include but is not limited to: desktop computer laptop, printer, projector, defibrillator, musical instruments, PA system, bbq etc.

For club property insurance contact Aon Risk Service for a quote – Alex on 1800 786 682 or E: alex.dimitrijevic@aon.com

PROBUS TRAVEL INSURANCE



The graphic is a blue rectangular advertisement for Probus Travel Insurance. At the top left, it says 'Probus Travel Insurance' in white text on a yellow background. To the right is the Probus logo, a circular emblem with a 'P' and 'PROBUS' text. Below the logo, the text reads: 'Exceptional Cover. Exceptional Value.' followed by 'Contact PSP for a competitive quote today.' in yellow. Contact information is listed: 'Australia 1300 630 488 or +61 2 9689 0200', 'New Zealand 0800 1477 6287', and 'Fax: +61 2 9633 4779'. At the bottom, it provides the email 'travelinsurance@probussouthpacific.org' and the website 'www.probussouthpacific.org'. The background features a globe and a person with a suitcase.

This essential service is especially designed for Probians and Probus Clubs. Inform your Probus Club members about Probus Travel Insurance – available not only for a Probus club trips but also for private travel as well. Those who have used it have found the rates and cover compare most favourably. And where members have the misfortune to claim, the service is excellent.

[PROBUS JINGLE](#) – available on Probus website – ideal for use at club functions, community radio and membership drives.

[COMMUNITY SERVICE PROBUS TELEVISION COMMERCIAL](#) – launched on NBN3 and hopefully coming to all community and commercial stations shortly across Australia!

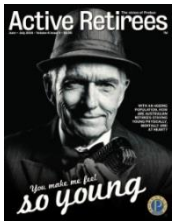
[SYDNEY PROBUS RENDEZVOUS](#)

Sadly, the 2K SYDNEY14 PROBUS RENDEZVOUS had to be cancelled due to insufficient support by registrants. Clubs are asked to complete and return the Rendezvous survey to assist PSPL to determine the future of the event.

[40TH ANNIVERSARY](#)

I hope you will join me in congratulating the Probus Club of Kapiti Coast, NZ, as it celebrates their 40th Anniversary on the 8th November, 2014!


[ACTIVE RETIREES™ MAGAZINE – ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION](#)



The flagship publication for the Probus organisation, "Active Retirees", is the only official publication for the Probus organisation in Australia and as such should be supported through your subscription levels and your contributions. The magazine has won both Australian and international awards and is a great tool for spreading the word about Probus in the community. It's also an interesting read.

The magazine has many varied and interesting articles, Member Profiles, crosswords, Tech News, Health, Club news and Q & A section to assist management committees in the administration of their clubs.

PLUS great competitions and great prizes to be won!

-  Are you the next star? Entries close 11th August, 2014
- Paul Henningham Literary Excellence Award
- National Photographic Competition – the theme is *Capture the Moment*

Clubs formed pre 1 April 2011 are asked to consider 60% membership level when subscribing. Clubs formed post 1 April 2011 are required to have an 80% membership level when subscribing.

I encourage all clubs to look at increasing their subscriptions to allow all members to have access to this publication as a means of developing succession planning and membership development in your club and to not miss out on reading this great publication.



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[LOCAL NEWS AND INFORMATION: hope to have lots, but need to have you tell me about it so that I can pass it on...Contact by email is fine and saves me re-typing](#)

I have discovered that some Clubs in District 9700 are not incorporated!

I would recommend that all Clubs review this matter and at least consider becoming incorporated. A MODEL NSW Incorporated Probus Club Constitution and MODEL Standing Resolutions are available from PSPL along with a discussion paper and Power Point Presentation on the topic.

Broadly, unless Club members were doing something illegal anyway, Public Liability policies, as held by PSPL for all Probus Clubs, only protects community organisations from legal problems initiated by non-member folk from the wider community, say, for example, if during the conducting of a Probus activity there is a problem with an outsider which results in a claim against the Club.

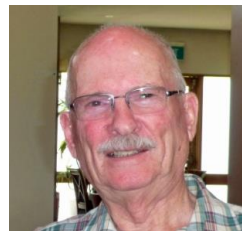
However, if a Club is incorporated and a legal claim for damage to property or injury to a third party (a non-club member) is made against it or an officer or authorised member undertaking work for the Club, the liability is limited to the funds of the club and not the individual club members.

In other words, provided that the Club member has not done anything illegal, incorporation protects members who are currently financial.

Until next Newsletter,

Best wishes for continued Probus goodwill and harmony.... hear from you soon!

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