



ROTARY DISTRICT 9700 PROBUS NEWSLETTER From the Rotary District Probus Chairman July 2015 ACTIVE RETIREES – *Tomorrow's Vision for PROBUS*



Dear Probus friends,

As your appointed Rotary Probus District Chairman for 2015-2016 I am looking forward to having the opportunity to continue visiting many clubs throughout the year, meeting as many of you as I can, and also to focus on forming some new clubs in the district.

I trust you are keeping warm over these winter months and enjoying your club's many activities and outings.

If your club has a waiting list, I would be delighted to hear from you – nobody should have to wait to have fun in retirement especially in Probus. Together let's extend the hand of friendship and ensure we have places in our Probus clubs for these retirees in our community. The same goes for those clubs with dropping membership.

PROBUS INFORMATION DAYS

I have commenced reviewing dates and locations for the 2016 Probus Information days. If your club is interested in assisting me in organising an information day by being the host club, please contact me. Information days will generally occur over the months of April, May and June, 2016 and are designed to provide information and guidelines to ensure good club management and also an opportunity to network with other club officers. Depending on the programs, there may be some funds available to assist. Note that a *Probus Information Day* is not quite the same as a *Probus Friendship Day* although a *Friendship Day* such as the one the two Forbes clubs ran a couple of months ago had a few elements of an *Information Day* in it – snippets of showing other clubs how best practice Probus clubs actually work, for example.

PROBUS TRAVEL INSURANCE

Did you know you can now get a Probus travel insurance quote online? Visit the PSPL website and obtain a quote today: <u>http://probussouthpacific.org/pages/travel_insurance_apply</u>

PSPL offers Probus club members and one guest access to two travel insurance plans; Probus Travel Insurance Plan A

Provides coverage for most pre-existing conditions and has a set access fee. http://probussouthpacific.org/pages/travel_insurance_about_pspl_travel_insurance_

Probus Travel Insurance Plan B

Provides coverage for some pre-existing conditions (for Covered persons up to the age of 75) with unlimited medical coverage in some areas. <u>http://probussouthpacific.org/pages/travel_insurance_about_pspl_travel_insurance</u>



SPLENDOURS OF SRI LANKA:

Our sponsor Trade Travel has put together a 14 day package for travel to Sri Lanka. If you would like to organise a trip for your Probus club members for a group or individual travel, please contact Trade Travel. T: Australia Toll Free 1800 645 103

E: groups@tradetravel.com

- See more at: <u>http://probussouthpacific.org/18771e13/Splendours_of_Sri_Lanka#sthash.TqbAEhRF.dpuf</u>

PSPL WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Have you seen photographs from your club on the Probus website? PSPL has been uploading your stories and photographs from your club activities and outings on the website. Visit the club news section - <u>www.probussouthpacific.org</u>

To submit articles or if you would just like to share photographs please email the PSPL office: <u>admin@probussouthpacific.org</u>



Are you on Facebook? PSPL have been receiving posts from Probus club members sharing their club activities, please support the page by asking your Probus club members to click **LIKE** and share your photographs.



SECURED ADMINISTRATION SECTION ON PSPL WEBSITE

The **Secured Administration Section** of the Probus website can be accessed by using your personalised club generic email address and login access code. This section provides your club officers with access to policy documents, forms and templates, Trademarks, club insurances, resources, Probus online shop, club sub-website information and guest speaker lists. Please contact PSPL to obtain your club's log in details or to change your password.

CLUB INSURANCE RENEWAL

The Probus National Insurance Program policies **have been renewed as at 1st of July, 2015**. These policies cover Public Liability, Personal Injury, Association Liability and Club Money Cover. The insurance summary and Certificate of Currency may be downloaded from the PSPL secured administration section of the website. <u>www.probussouthpacific.org</u> or email <u>admin@probussouthpacific.org</u> to request a printed copy.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION – Active Retirees – the official flagship publication for the Probus organisation in Australia

Clubs may increase their magazine subscription order at any time throughout the year. If your Probus club members prefer to receive a digital version of the magazine rather than a print copy, you can subscribe directly through the Probus website. An annual magazine subscription would make a great gift for your guest speaker.

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PROBUS MEMBER BENEFITS SCHEME

The Probus South Pacific Limited Member Benefits Scheme offers Probus club members exclusive discounts from a variety of participating businesses. All you need to do is present your Probus South Pacific Limited membership card at point of sales or quote your individual membership number for online purchases.

The attached flyer has a list of partners and offers currently available for circulation to your members. Membership Card enquiries should be addressed through your club secretary and via PSPL office; T: 1300 630 488 or Email: <u>general@probussouthpacific.org</u>

NEWS SNIPPETS

I've been delighted to receive so many of your monthly *Newsletters* during June and July. It's good to see the marvellous activities and read about the trips that are being planned and have recently been made. Mind you, it's now almost a year since we found ourselves on the same aircraft flying to Cairns with what looked like about half the Blayney Probus Club off on a Barrier Reef visit. 'Twas good to have a yarn with friends (and about to be new friends) in the aisle of a 767 at however many kilometres up in the air we were up over far north Queensland. And the best part of that experience was that Margaret and I made the contact and organised a visit to Blayney Club's 30th Anniversary Dinner early in 2015 that day right up over the clouds as we were preparing to land.



Some of the new members inducted at Blayney club's 30th

Narrandera Combined Probus Club is celebrating their 30th Anniversary at the local Ex-Servicemen's Club on 20th August next. Contact Secretary Judy Crowe on 02 6959 2660, <u>but be quick about it as the places are filling fast</u>. In fact, quite a few of the District Probus clubs are going to celebrate their 30th anniversaries over the next few months. Please let me know and email me a photograph or more, or something about your day so that I may share it across the District and if possible, join you that day.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROBUS IN AUSTRALIA 1976-2016

Please contact PSPL to register your club's 2016 celebration for inclusion in the 40th Probus Anniversary Celebration Calendar for 2016 E: <u>admin@probussouthpacific.org</u> T: 1300 630 488

The first club formed in Australia was the Probus Club of Hunters Hill in February 1974. The club will be celebrating this historic occasion with a luncheon on 16th February 2016 and an invitation has been extended to His Excellency the Governor, General David Hurley, AC, DSC (Retired) and Mrs Hurley.

How will your club celebrate 40 years of Probus in Australia? Will you ask your sponsoring Rotary Club to join your club in an activity? Will you let your sponsoring Rotary Club know that Probus is celebrating its 40th Year? Why don't you invite representatives of you sponsoring Rotary club to your club's next anniversary? (You might even have to remind that Rotary club that they did sponsor your Probus club way back whenever – Rotary club members do get older each year too just like Probus club members, you know, and the corporate club memory may not be up-to-date!!!)

Remember: if you would like to arrange for me to visit your club please do not hesitate to contact me. I'd certainly like to visit you. Even if it <u>is</u> a bit snowy in the south eastern end of the District as I write this Newsletter. Brrrrrrrrrr! Oh to be in Orange now that snow is there!

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING SOME OF MY RECENT VISITS TO DISTRICT PROBUS CLUBS





Wagga Wagga Kooringal Mens Probus



With over 130 very involved members, Temora Combined Probus Club is pro-active in recruitment

And then there was that Fabulous Forbes Probus Clubs' Very Successful Friendship Day – so glad we went!





These are photographs the writer took across the main meeting hall at Forbes... The distinguished gentleman on the right hand side is Secretary Bruce Howard of the Forbes Probus Club while the four smiling folk below side are some of the members of Hillston Probus Club who did a round trip of over 600kms





Probus is truly the social club of choice in retirement – be proud and enjoy!

....Will write again soon....don't forget to send in <u>your club's</u> news and pics!



Henry Gardiner District 9700 RDPC Probus is Proud to be a Community Service Activity of Rotary