



ROTARY DISTRICT 9700 PROBUS NEWSLETTER  
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*PROBUS – Tomorrow's Vision for Active Retirees*

Dear Probus friends,

Now is the time to start planning for Management Committee Nominations. The Probus Club Handbook has a sample nomination form, proxy form and an Annual General Meeting agenda.



#### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

**30<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Wagga Ladies Club**

**At the September meeting Wagga Ladies Probud Club celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> ("Pearl" of course) anniversary with a delightful morning tea and all the balloons and trimmings. Nonagenarian Charter Member, Ruth Gissing, cut the birthday cake while the two other Charter Members, Betty Laing and Margaret Gardiner, together with the rest of the members, looked on.**



## **Call for Club Birthday and other Information, Notes and News; Blayney gets a Mention**

I note from their great Bulletin/Newsletter that the Bathurst Club has an excellent “Traditional Christmas Luncheon” at the Panthers Upstairs Function Room coming up on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in lieu of the normal Probus meeting. I also read that they had an interesting “do” back in 1999” when the club was 15 years old which they are for 2014 calling their “half-life” ...neat eh? Well, they were 30 earlier this year weren’t they?

I have also had a kind invitation from Secretary Judy Crowe of Narrandera Combined Probus Club to attend their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday function on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015 – which I might add I have accepted with pleasure. Thanks Narrandera – Margaret and I look forward to being with you for that celebration.

From the *Directory of Probus Clubs 2014 – 2015*, as your Rotary District Probus Chair (RDPC) the writer can readily pick out the charter dates of the Probus Clubs in District 9700. However, regrettably, so far this Probus year, only a few of the Clubs have forwarded him copies of their Club Newsletters so he does not have access to the interesting information, photographs and/or reports of club activities to share with and stimulate the Probus Clubs in the District. Fortunately, the good old country grape vine works to a limited extent but the district does stretch from Henty to Hillston, Peak Hill, Manildra, Molong, across Orange, Bathurst and Blayney, Boorowa, Cootamundra to Wagga Wagga and many towns in between. This diverse region does not necessarily have common economic or community ties except the ideals of Probus which can indeed showcase the many activities and fun, even invigorating times of “us active retirees”!

And quite a few of the towns where we have Probus Clubs are relatively isolated so they do not necessarily have regular contact with Probus members from Clubs which may only be a hundred kilometres or so away. Actually, I had a windfall during late August. While on the Sydney-Cairns leg of a flight to visit family in the far north, my wife and I accidentally discovered some members of a group from Blayney Club who were flying up on a Probus trip to FNQ. Now Blayney is 300 kilometres from our home in Wagga and we don’t actually drive through that town very often and it was wonderful to have time to speak with the few members we had time to meet at the tail end of a long-haul flight. Serendipity. Serendipity plus!

### **A Special Call to all Probus Clubs in District 9700.**

**As your RDPC, I want to spread the good news about the wonderful and fulfilling things Probus can and does do for active retirees. It would also be great to be able act as a regular conduit between our District Probus Clubs and each other and with Probus South Pacific and with Rotary District 9700. To better enable me do these worthwhile things, I really will value copies of your monthly “Newsletters”, photographs, and/or items of general interest to our colleagues. Please.**

Email is excellent, at [henrygardiner@bigpond.com](mailto:henrygardiner@bigpond.com) ; or at Box 692 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650; or phone 0417 223 539; or 02 6922 3539.

**Above all, please remember the Active Retirees Magazine, the Probus website and facebook too**

2015 PROBUS INFORMATION DAYS

Our district is planning the Probus Information Days for next year; if your club wishes to act as host I would be delighted to hear from you and start making these arrangements. On looking at the towns in District 9700 which do not have a Probus Club, I see that although there was once a Club there, Young has not had a Probus presence for a while now. The town is growing, is a very active and large community and is within 100m kilometres of, say, Cootamundra, Temora, Grenfell, Cowra, Blayney, Boorowa and, say, Forbes. And within reasonable travelling distance of quite a few others which do have Probus Clubs.

The day's session is aimed at giving you the information needed to lead the hopefully new club and the participating, existing Probus Clubs through a successful year. It will provide officers with valuable information relating to Probus matters, constitutions, incorporation, membership, insurance, meeting procedures, group discussions, official publications and literature and the relationship between Rotary and Probus. It will leave all participants better informed on Probus matters and will provide an opportunity to ask questions and mix and network with many other club officials.

PSPL ANNUAL REPORT – available on the secured administration section of the Probus website for your interest and information.

CLUB NEWSLETTERS

Please include the following topics regularly in your club newsletter/bulletin;

- Probus National Photographic Competition \*\*\*\*\*one of our Clubs may well have scored a mention in this one lately and they haven't spread the good news!
- Probus Travel Insurance
- Paul Henningham Literary Excellence Award
- Probus Retreats

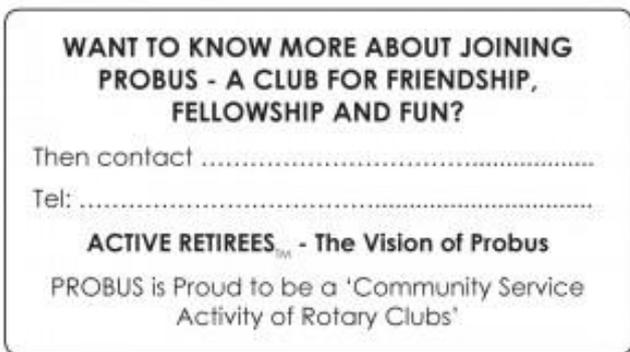
MEDICAL CARDS

New wallet sized complimentary medical cards are available from PSPL.

CLUB ACCOUNTS

Sample Club accounts notes for financial management are available from PSPL on request along with a sample template for P & L.

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTIONAL TOOL



Complimentary stickers are available on request from PSPL (10 labels per sheet)

These stickers can be used on the front cover of Active Retirees magazine

Stickers can be attached to spare copies of the magazines and 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.

## MEMBERSHIP

If your club is experiencing membership decline there are ways to address this problem to ensure the future of your club.

Let's not say we have a membership problem, but say we have a membership challenge and the plan of action that will be different, effective and fun for everyone

## WAITING LISTS

Whilst waiting list are less than ideal if your club has a waiting list please refer this matter to your RDPC to allow us to investigate the need in the community to establish a new Probus club to meet these needs.

**Please contact me for assistance in any of these matters:**

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Following the huge success of the 2014 event PSPL are delighted to announce

### 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 Roles 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 645 103 Email: [groups@tradetravel.com](mailto:groups@tradetravel.com)



## ACTIVE RETIREES MAGAZINE

Please send in your club photographs and articles showcasing the many activities and fun times being enjoyed and experienced by your Probus club members along with details of upcoming events for inclusion in Active Retirees magazine, Probus website club news and Facebook.

Email to Editor Jo-Anne Hui E: [jo@mahlabmedia.com.au](mailto:jo@mahlabmedia.com.au) or post to:

Around The Traps - 369a Darling Street, Balmain NSW 2041

A PROBUS STAR – thanks to Nerada Tea we will have a **Probus Star** on the front cover of the December/January issue of Active Retirees magazine – *keep watching!*

Congratulations to **Grenfell Probus Club's Ruth McKeller** who received a Highly Commended Award for her entry in the Probus National Photographic Competition.

Keep sending in your photographs to be in the chance to win!



# WIN a NZ Coach Holiday for two valued at \$5598\*

**One lucky Probus club member will win a Grand Pacific Tours nine-day Northern Spectacular New Zealand Tour for two people.**

Grand Pacific Tours have been a national sponsor of Probus Centre South Pacific Limited for more than 11 years and are pleased to present exclusive offers to Probus members and their friends on a choice of more than 190 guaranteed departures. Thousands of Probian have travelled with Grand Pacific Tours over the 11 years and to celebrate GPT are giving readers the chance to WIN.

To be in the running, just tell us in 30 words or less: **Why you would like to see the North Island of New Zealand on a luxury coach holiday?**

**Entry details included in Active retirees magazine and Probus website**



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[DETAILS IN ACTIVE RETIREES MAGAZINE AND ON THE PROBUS WEBSITE](#)

### PROBUS MEMBERSHIP LIST AND PROBUS MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Please feel free to contact the Secretariat office to have you clubs membership list updated and any outstanding membership cards followed up.

Privacy is paramount in the management of the Probus Membership Database and the issuing of Probus Membership Cards; remember the cards will bear the Probus logo, the name of your club, members name and an individual member number. No other personal details will be recorded on the card and no other organisation can access this information. Membership number embossed on the card will be required when accessing the Probus Travel Insurance and partner offers through the internet or point of sales where you see this sign

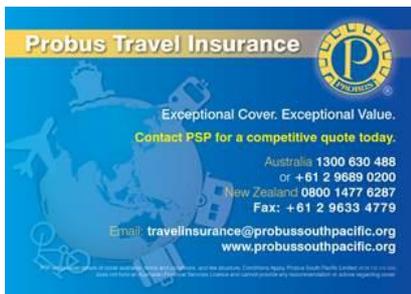
### PROBUS MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS SCHEME



See Active Retirees magazine and visit the Probus website for details of our partners and offers.

See our newest partner: <http://www.bitsofaustralia.com.au/>

### PROBUS TRAVEL INSURANCE



Inform your Probus club members of this service available not only for a Probus club trip but for private travel as well.



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## LET'S PROMOTE PROBUS



### 6 Reasons to Join Probus

- Enjoy the fellowship of like-minded people
- Take advantage of exclusive deals
- Explore Austral, New Zealand and overseas
- Save on travel insurance tailored to you
- Stay in the loop
- Develop new interests and stay active

## PROBUS TRADEMARKS

Please report any unauthorised use of the Probus name and Probus emblem Trademarks or Probus directory misuse. Toll Free 1300 630 488 or +61 2 9689 0200

Email: [admin@probussouthpacific.org](mailto:admin@probussouthpacific.org) – noting 'Illegal Use Probus Trademarks/Directory' in subject line.

## THE ROTARY CONNECTION

Please be aware that the initial formation of your Probus Club is a direct result of the sponsorship by your local Rotary Club. I encourage you to refresh or even rekindle this relationship by fostering this special link by inviting Rotarians to share in your special events and at the very least, communicate your activities on a regular basis.

It's a great reminder to Rotary that their Community Service Activity for seniors in the community lives on in Probus.

Visit the Probus website – [www.probussouthpacific.org](http://www.probussouthpacific.org)



<https://www.facebook.com/ProbusSouthPacific>

Kind regards for continued Probus goodwill and harmony,



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