



ROTARY DISTRICT 9700 PROBUS NEWSLETTER

From the Rotary District Probus Chairman

September 2015

ACTIVE RETIREES – *Tomorrow's Vision for PROBUS*



Dear Probus friends,



Is your club aware of the availability of complimentary promotional and resource material that may assist you in the administration and operations of your club as well as tools to support membership drives?

This newsletter outlines the various resources available to you and how to access the secured administration section of the Probus website.....**Well worth a look!**

SECURED ADMINISTRATION SECTION OF THE PROBUS WEBSITE – www.probussouthpacific.org

In this section you will find all the information; trademarks, insurance, policy documents, guidelines, templates, and resource material to help you run your club efficiently. This section also has an online shop for you to order your Probus material. All you will need is your generic email address for your club and your password, and you will have access to everything you need to run your club.

TRADEMARKS

Official colours for the trademarked Probus emblem are Blue PMS 286, Gold PMS 871 and Yellow PMS 129. The emblem must stand alone and not be embodied in other marks or adulterated.



PROBUS NATIONAL INSURANCE SCHEME....Insurance is a MUST HAVE!

Probus Insurance cover includes;

- \$20 Million Public Liability
- PSPL Insurance Reserve covers the excess component
- Association Liability
- Personal Injury
- Club Money

The Probus National Insurance Scheme does not cover property owned by a Probus Club, if you wish to enquire about covering your Probus Club's assets, please contact Alex Dimitrijevic at Aon Risk Services

T: 1800 786 682 E: alex.dimitrijevic@aon.com.au Cover is available for club property between \$2000 and \$5000

POLICY DOCUMENTS

- Probus Club Handbook Australia
- Risk Management Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Tours & Refund Policy
- Management Committee Positions

GUIDELINES

PSPL has information available regarding:

- Amalgamation....**If numbers are low this is worth considering**
- Winding up.... **This is worst case. Please call me first, Henry 0417 223 539 and I'll try to help.**
- Changed to Combined Club
- Going into Recess
- Incorporation (state based)
- Life Membership
- Honorary Members
- Inactive Members
- Fundraising
- Lucky Door Prizes

TEMPLATES

These templates are available in word documents for your club to change to suit your needs;

- Application for Membership
- Incident, injury, accident report
- Sample profit and loss
- Nomination form for Election of Office Bearers
- Appointment of Proxy
- Induction of Foundation Member
- Induction of Member
- Life Membership Certificate

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM THE PROBUS ONLINE SHOP

<http://probussouthpacific.org/products/display/>

PSPL offers a range of complimentary promotional material including:



Invitational Business Card

The card can be used for a membership drive; simply provide six cards to every club member and challenge them to invite six potential members to the next club meeting. Make the meeting a special event, invite an extra special guest speaker and provide a welcome and introduction to join Probus over a morning tea break with cakes and cookies.



6 Reasons to Join

This promotional flyer can be used to showcase the many benefits of joining Probus and can be used for membership drives.



A4 Poster

This promotional flyer can be personalised with your club details and can be used for membership drives.



A3 Poster

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DL Leaflets

This promotional flyer can be used to provide an overview of the structure of Probus and its history along with an insight into the reasons to join a Probus club.



Passport to Probus – for every Probus club member

The **Passport to Probus** has been designed as a reference tool to assist and guide each Probus club member in enjoying the full benefits of club membership by providing awareness on a wide range of unique products, services and benefits.



Travel Insurance leaflet

This DL flyer can be used to promote the availability of *exclusive* Probus Travel insurance as a Probus member benefit.



Magazine Stickers

These stickers can be used on official Probus publications - they can be attached to spare copies and delivered to local libraries, council offices, real estate agencies, hair dressers, barbers, pharmacies and waiting rooms for wider promotion of Probus.

Personalise by adding in your club's contact details to the sticker.



Medical Cards

These medical cards can be provided to club members as a service. The card must remain the responsibility of the individual club member to update and keep.



Probus emblem Balloons

There are two colours available in the Probus emblem balloons and are great for occasions such as celebrating club birthdays or special events. They can also be used to decorate Probus booths for awareness and membership drives.



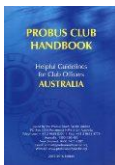
Soon to be released 40th anniversary emblem balloons.

PSPL also offers a range of promotional material at a cost including:



Active Retirees™ magazine - \$10 per subscription (6 issues per subscription)

Keep in the loop. The Probus flagship publication keep club members informed about the latest news related to policies and administration of the Probus organisation as well as advice on finance, technology, health and travel.



Probus Club Handbook - \$12 each

The 2015-2016 Probus Club Handbook is a guide to ensure best practice management. Its contents have been carefully compiled by senior officers of the Probus organisation.



Probus Story - \$6 each

The history of the Probus organisation by PDG Paul Henningham; 1974 - 2006



Secretary's Kit - \$20 each

The Secretary Kit is modelled from the content in the Probus Club Handbook with specific documents that will assist club secretaries.

President's
Each year PSPL



Satchel - \$10 each

provide a complimentary president kit to the newly elected president.

Additional satchels are available for other committee members.



Commemorative Scarf - \$25.00 plus postage

Celebrating 40 Years in Australia



Commemorative Tie - \$25.00 plus postage

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Commemorative Pens - \$7.00 plus postage

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Ideal as guest speaker or gift boxed pen.

PROBUS CLUB WEBSITE

You can create your own club's website within the Probus South Pacific Limited site.

On here, you'll be able to provide members with specific details about your individual Probus club such as club activities, guest speaker, social calendar, meeting minutes and club newsletters.

It's easy to set up and the power is then in your hands to amend and update your very own website.

Contact PSPL: admin@probussouthpacific.org for more details.

GUEST SPEAKER LIST

Guest speakers are a great addition to any meeting. Not only will you hear an inspiring tale, you'll also meet some very interesting and informative people. PSPL offers state based guest speakers listing for clubs use.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



PSPL has launched a new section on the secured administration section of the Probus website with a range of documents to assist clubs with membership development and community drives.

http://probussouthpacific.org/pages/club_administration_membership_development

ON-LINE DIRECTORY

PSPL have moved to an on-line version of the 2015-2016 Directory of Probus Clubs.

As a result the printed directory will only be available on request from those Probus clubs who do not have access to on-line information; a printed copy will be provided by mail, charges will apply for postage.

The on-line Directory of Probus Clubs is a cost effective and efficient method of providing up to date information to Probus clubs and Probus associations.

The directory is contained within the secured administration section of the Probus website which can only be accessed with a user name and password.

DISTRICT 9700 NEWS SNIPPETS

As I've moved around the Probus Clubs in the District I've seen and heard good reports of some wonderful ideas. I have also been to a number of Club Anniversaries celebrating 30 or more years. On the latter, yesterday (at the time of writing) I was a guest speaker at Wagga Ladies Club's 31st Anniversary. The pay-off for me there was a delightful morning tea. I guess that you know that moustachioed "gentlemen" like yours truly have a certain amount of trouble eating birthday sponge cakes which have lashings of good, country cream on them!!!

Charter members figuring out how to fit 31 candles on 3 cakes



One of the good ideas I've come across in the monthly *Newsletters* and/or *Bulletins* from our Probus Clubs is the regular scheduling of members to give extracts of their life stories – Bathurst Probus (M) is such a club and they also go outside their own club for such speakers. This month Wagga Koorungal Ladies Club was “kept glued to the screen” (their words) by **Club photographer** Rose Murphy's selection of photographs she has taken of Club activities, including Club trips over recent years. Does your Club have a Club photographer? If not, why not???? At yesterday's 31st birthday anniversary visit I found that at that Club every now and again two or three members give 3 minute talks on some aspect of their lives. On a not unrelated “activity” in recent months I've been present when the local newspaper and photographer has arrived and taken appropriate photographs and information...Blayney, Narrandera and Temora when I visited were good examples; this works better in the smaller towns than in the large, regional cities such as Griffith, Bathurst, Orange and Wagga Wagga because of the sheer volume of news “traffic” in the latter, but don't give up on them. Try giving the media outlets in your town or city short, sharp typed copy and labelled photographs as well as invitations in advance. Use your personal networks too. President Nancy of Cootamundra Ladies has recently received short written suggestions for activities they might take on to keep their members involved and interested. These suggestions did not have to be signed, which probably encouraged more members to have their say.

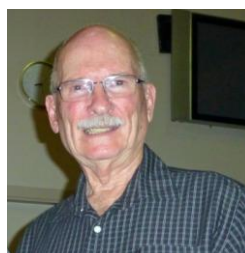
An excellent out-of-Probus-meeting activity I've recently come across in the District is the establishment of book clubs. In our larger towns and our cities most of the local libraries are more than happy to provide multiple copies of books and suggestions on how to set up and run book clubs. On a related issue, my own Wagga Koorungal Rotary Club members regularly bring in books they've read and place them on a table at the meetings for other members to borrow and read and if they wish, to pass the books on to their families. This doesn't cost anything, is very popular indeed, and in one case, actually stimulated a retired member who had left school at 14 in one of our more remote and isolated villages before coming to Wagga, to enrol at Charles Sturt Uni in a BA degree on an Adult Entry Scheme. And he graduated and graduated very well! I borrow a book or books from the “book table” most weeks myself (one of the things I learned last week from a book on codes and abbreviations is that the word, “**flak**” was coined in World War II by British pilots who could not pronounce “**Fliegerabwehrkanone**”, which meant, “aircraft defence cannon”. In the same book I found that with an early version WWII language translating machine the phrase, “out of sight out of mind” in English was translated to German as “absent idiot”.) I also found out that the @ symbol, which we call “at”, in Bulgarian is called, “little monkey”; in Finnish, “meow”; in Italian, “snail”; in Russian, “frog”, or “little ear”; and in Turkish, “ear”. I guess that I'd better stop there!

HAVE I VISITED YOUR PROBUS CLUB YET?

Remember, if you would like to arrange for me to visit your Probus club please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Community Service,
Rotary District Probus Chair

Henry Gardiner
September 2015



“Wear your Probus badge with pride”
PROBUS is PROUD to be A Community Service Activity of Rotary Clubs.