



ROTARY DISTRICT PROBUS NEWSLETTER

From the Rotary District Probus Chairman
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Rotary
District 9810 



Dear Probus friends,

This Newsletter is intended to provide information not only to your committee but to all Probus Members. It is a simple matter to forward this to all members having email addresses. Mention has been made by a number of Probians that they are unaware that their Club receives this Newsletter.

Previous Communications

- ❖ All previous Community news are on the PSPL website under the Administration section which you can access by using the number on your Probus card as a username and password. (Secretaries have a club password and if lost please contact Sydney for a new one).
- ❖ PSPL financial results
- ❖ PSPL news with emphasis on mental health
- ❖ PSPL press release advising of the PSPL Board AGM and director appointments
- ❖ District Newsletter – published monthly by your RDPC.

Probus e-News

I have been advised that the link enabling members to subscribe to the free edition of e-News has been relocated from the PSPL masthead to within the Active Retirees tab. Access may also be gained by the following link <https://www.probusouthpacific.org/forms/display/newsletter-signup>

Appeal for volunteers

A major exhibition is planned at Docklands for the aged on 22nd and 23rd November this year, and it is planned to have a Probus booth exhibiting Probus to the general public. This will take considerable resources, particularly the manpower needed and I am requesting those who can offer two to three hours of their time to assist. Any travel or entry costs involved with those volunteers will be reimbursed so all that is asked is your time. Please advise if you are able to assist and further details will be sent as information becomes available.

Scam Warning

Very recently, most of the management committee of Syndal Combined received an email signed with the President's signature requesting money be provided but with differing reasons. Unfortunately, one person fell victim to the scammer for several thousand dollars. It appears that the information used in supporting the scam was derived from the Club newsletter. Email addresses and names are easily gained but anyone receiving messages that appear unusual should either clarify the message verbally from the named sender, or otherwise delete it.

New Club

I previously advised that the latest club to be opened within the District called Ringwood Lake Probus Club who had their Interest Meeting on 15th July has achieved 37 foundation members. That is a good start and hopefully that number may be doubled within the next twelve months.

Information Day – 2020

Initial planning is underway for an Information Day to be held in Doncaster on 3rd July 2020. We are also investigating the possibility of another day, the same week in locations not previously adopted in order that the venue may be closer to clubs who previously have not participated. Assistance is sought from Clubs willing to assist. Those who assist will be required to collect funds, record attendance and provide

a morning tea and a snack lunch. The day is designed to result in a small surplus to the organising club who are able to retain the proceeds.

The secret behind a successful Probus club is very simple – *keep your members interested and engaged!*

If members are enjoying their Probus experience they will continue to renew their membership year after year and spread the word to their family and friends.

Here are 6 Steps to help your club thrive through organising club social activities:

1. *Survey your members* – it is the members who participate; so, who better to ask - ‘*what activities would you like within the club?*’.
2. *Invite members to join a “Social Committee”*. Whilst your club may already have a Tours Officer and/ or an Activities and Outings Officer, any assistance they can receive from members will only benefit everyone involved.
3. *Keep costs down* – Remember to cater for all financial circumstances of your members; this will increase participation.
4. *Do something new – something different* – Be creative and organise something your club has never done before; ‘shake it up’!
5. *Aim to have at least four activities per month*– Organising interesting activities outside of your club meeting days is important. Not all members will be able to attend the activities on a regular basis but aim for at least 20% of your members to attend each activity and grow that number.
6. *Participation* – Encourage your members to attend and invite neighbouring clubs to join in where possible.

Here are some suggestions for your Probus club to consider for weekly, fortnightly or monthly activities;

Afternoon Tea Group	Computer Group	Monopoly Board Game
Walk and Talk Group	Craft Group	Group
Bridge Group	Croquet Group	Model Train Group
Tennis Group	Dinner Group	Poker Group
Theatre Group	Darts Group	Scrap Booking Group
Bingo Group	Folk Dancing Group	Baking Group
Book Club	Lawn Bowls Group	Sister Club Friendships
Camera Photography Group	Meditation Group	Wine & Cheese Group
Chess Group	Lunch Group	Yoga Group
Coin Collectors Group	Kayaking Group	

BIRTHDAYS



Congratulations to all those Clubs listed below who are celebrating birthdays during this month of September. The date shown in brackets is the day of the month your Club was accredited and the number in bold text is a special birthday number. Note that there are three special birthdays this month.

Bayside Combined (5th - **25 years**), Blackburn Lake Ladies (3rd – 27 years) Burwood Combined (5th – 18 years), Donview Heights Combined (18th – 28 years), Monbulk Combined (16th – 23 years), Noble Park Combined (11th – **35 years**), Oakleigh Ladies (11th – **30 years**), Templestowe Central Combined (21st – 22 years)

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