



Ellenbrook Combined Probus Club

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In "The Chair"

Greetings and Salutations to all Members.

A few of your committee represented our club at the PAWA AGM which had a particularly good representation with some clubs attending from as far away as Geraldton and Vasse. Lately, I have had a few of the newer members ask me "where did Probus come from".

For the newer members, and to refresh some of the more senior members the following may be of benefit:

A Brief History of Probus

Probus has its origins in the UK with the development of two social clubs established in Rotary. The Campus club was formed in 1965 by the Rotary Club of Welwyn Garden City, with Fred Carnhill the driving force. The second, with Harold Blanchard as the catalyst, was formed by the Rotary Club of Caterham in 1966 and was named the Probus Club "Pro" in professional and the "bus" in business. Both were formed to meet a need for mental stimulation and companionship for retired business and professional men.

The first club in the South Pacific was the Probus Club of Kapiti Coast, New Zealand, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Paraparaumu in 1974. The first Club in Australia was the Probus Club of Hunters Hill, NSW, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hunters Hill in 1976 with the help of the Rotary Club of Dumbarton, Scotland. In 2007 the first Probus Club was formed in the Philippines (District 3820), sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lucena. Probus was male, female, and mixed gender clubs, and is now in 23 countries.

From its early beginnings as the Probus information center, the growth and strength of the Probus organization in our region is a testament to the Rotary Districts, Rotary Clubs, the Probus South Pacific Limited (PSPL) board of directors and the secretariat, along with many thousands of volunteers who have taken an active role in the management of each of their clubs.

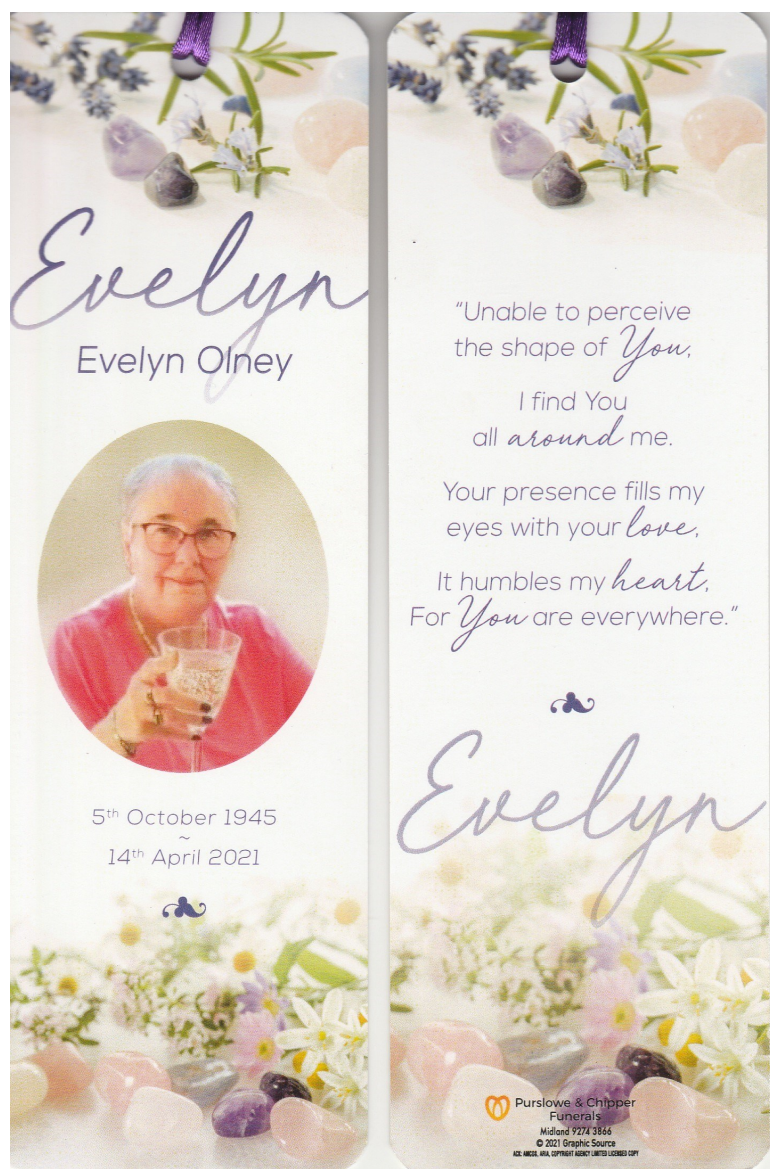
Probus is proud to be recognized as a "community service activity of Rotary Clubs" in the South Pacific region.

John

Spread the word about



Vale Evelyn Olney



I have been overwhelmed with the condolences and support I have received following Evelyn's untimely passing.

This support has highlighted what a strong united family the Ellenbrook Combined Probus Club is to its present and past members.

Sincere thanks to so many.

Warm Regards

Peter Olney

CARING — Carol

Please phone Carol if you are aware of any member who is not well

Many of you will have heard that Ed Reed is very ill. All of our members together with many Clubs throughout WA wish him well in his struggle.

Carol continues to keep in touch with members with phone calls and sending cards from the club.

Carol gives a more detailed information about individual members problems to the Management Committee

WALK—13th May 2021



Don't let weeds grow around your dreams!!!

From the Secretary's Desk - Diane

Meeting Dates for remainder 2021-2021

General Meeting Dates	Committee Meeting Dates
June 14th	June 21st
July 5th	July 19th
August 2nd	August 16th
September 6th	September 20st
October 4th	October 18th
November 1st	November 15th
December 6th	Nil

Please add these dates to you diary and if you cant attend let the Secretary know so an apology can be registered. **Note: June meeting is a week later than regular date**

LIAISON - John Gale

14th June Meeting:

Kallaroo Probus Club – Barry and Heather Graham will join our meeting as guests (New name for Sorento Club)

Kingsley Probus Club - Tom Dowling will also join our meeting on the above date.

Bedford Probus Club – John has been in touch with Bedford to enquire as to whether a couple of their members would like to join our July meeting.

We welcome visitors from other Clubs, however when members wish to bring guests or potential new members please advise the Secretary in advance as we have to be careful relating to the City of Swan COVID restrictions still apply to the numbers allowed in the meeting room. .. Currently 67.

We look forward for members to volunteer for Meet and Greet duties at our meetings. See John.

The Management Committee discussed the seating of guests at our meetings. It was agreed that our guests should be allocated a buddy for the morning, so that they can sit in the mix of members instead of in the front row which isolated them somewhat. It was agreed that the buddy can then take them for morning tea before the Members. It was decided that two seats per guest should be allocated before the meeting starts and that the buddy can sit with them.

Life's Instruction !!!!!

Check for toilet paper **before** sitting down.

Bus Trip Lake Navarino—19th May 2021



Remember that the shortest way to get anywhere is to
have good company with you.

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It was hard to fit you all in ~ was it the lovely lunch we had!!!

This outing captured a snapshot of a number of towns that feature on the WA Map and were well worth visiting. I have made a few notes of key points using Google to prompt me relating to the facts in the history of the places we visited., even the Bus coach driver hinted at us doing a test later in the journey.

The Pinjarra Massacre took place in Pinjarra, about 52 miles (83 kilometers) south of Perth, Western Australia, in 1834. The conflict pitted European colonists against a group of Australian Aboriginal people.

Indigenous Australian peoples lived in Australia for at least 40,000 years before Europeans arrived in Western Australia in the early 1800s. James Stirling helped to found Western Australia as Australia's first non-convict colony. He arrived in 1829 and was the colony's first governor. Perth was developed soon after. There were then many conflicts between Europeans and Aboriginal peoples because the Europeans wanted the land that Aboriginal peoples lived on.

To maintain a good relationship with the Indigenous Australian people, Stirling gave them some flour every day. At one point this amount was reduced, so the Aboriginal people raided a flour mill in South Perth on April 24, 1834. As punishment for the raid, some of the Aboriginal people were captured and tortured. On July 16 the Aboriginal people then killed a colonist, Hugh Nesbitt, and wounded a second. Stirling wanted to make an example of the tribe and punish them for the murder of Nesbitt. He also wanted to survey the land for further settlements.

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In October Stirling gathered 24 men and set out for the area around what is now Pinjarra. After a few days' travel they came upon an Aboriginal camp on the Murray River. There were about 70 to 80 men, women, and children at the site. On the morning of October 28 the colonists approached the Aboriginal people, and the attack began. The exact number of Aboriginal people who were killed is not known—sources say anywhere from 13 to 30 were murdered. (*we were told many more*) Since some of the Aboriginal people had spears and tried to defend themselves, it has sometimes been called a battle rather than a massacre.

We stopped at Edenvale Homestead for morning tea

The historic homestead of Edenvale in Pinjarra offers an enlightening glimpse into the life of the former Premier of Western Australia, Sir Ross McLarty. This influential Western Australian politician lived in the homestead throughout his childhood and for much of his political life.

The homestead was initially built by McLarty's father, Edward in 1888. He too had a strong political career, which began six years after moving into the home. Wander around the 17 rooms of the Victorian style house that is considered typical of its era. Examine the quality craftsmanship of its builder and explore the remaining outbuildings surrounding the homestead.

Edenvale is now home to the Edenvale Heritage Tea Rooms, the Roger May Machinery Museum, Pinjarra Patchworkers and Quilters, Murray Districts Arts and Crafts, Murray District Historical Society. Enjoy a snack or lunch in the tearooms before examining the local works on display in the art gallery.

The picturesque town of Pinjarra is home to many unique historic sites, including the only heritage rose garden in the southwest. Pinjarra is just over an hour's drive south of Perth

We travelled on through Waroona up the Hill (Darling Range) to Lake Navarino—(Waroona Dam)

Waroona is a town located in the Peel region of Western Australia along the South Western Highway, between Pinjarra and Harvey. The town is the seat of the Shire of Waroona. At the 2016 census, Waroona had a population of 2,934. The town was originally known as **Drakesbrook**, and was first settled by John Fouracre in 1891. A railway station on the Pinjarra to Picton Junction railway line with the name "Drake's Brook", named after William Henry Drake, an Assistant Commissioner General and original landholder in the area (1847), opened in September 1893 and the town was surveyed and gazetted by March 1895. The surveyor-general of the day recommended the name change from Drake's Brook to Drakesbrook as "it is more euphonious and would look better on the plan". The change was made official in October 1896, and in the same year a post office was opened.

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The first Waroona Dam, now the Drakesbrook Dam, was built in 1931–32 under the guidance of the Waroona Irrigation District by unemployed people on work programmes during the Great Depression. The completion of the dam, together with drainage and irrigation works, were the start of a period of considerable development in Waroona. The present Waroona Dam, further up in the hills, was officially opened in 1966.

We visited Yarloop and saw from the bus windows what is left of the town and the vacant lots and some rusted remnants.

Yarloop is a town in the South West of Western Australia along the South Western Highway, between Waroona and Harvey. At the 2016 census, Yarloop had a population of 395. On 7 January 2016 a bushfire destroyed most of the town. The Waroona bushfire, 100 km south of Perth, burnt 69,000 ha, destroyed more than 160 homes and caused two fatalities in **Yarloop** in January **2016**. ... Destructive ember showers occurred on two consecutive evenings: at Waroona on 6 January, and then **Yarloop** on 7 January. The **Yarloop** ember storm destroyed the town.

We travelled back to Ellenbrook arriving safely home at 4 pm --- thank you Outings for organising this very informative day trip.

If you work for an organisation that makes decisions by committee, make darn sure you're on the committee.

WALKERS—Edna and Rhoda

ELLENBROOK PROBUS WALKING GROUP JUNE 2021

OUR NEXT WALK WILL BE NEAR THE RIVER IN THE GUILDFORD/BASSENDAN AREA

DATE-----THURSDAY THE 17TH JUNE 2021

MEETING PLACE-----WE WILL MEET AT WOODLAKE SHOPPING CENTRE NEAR LIQUOR BARONS AND WILL CAR POOL TO THE START OF THE WALK. PLEASE BE AT THE MEETING PLACE AND READY TO LEAVE BY 8.30AM.

REQUIREMENTS FOR WALK-----STURDY SHOES---WATER---AND THERMOS FOR TEA/COFFEE.

THIS SHOULD BE A LOVELY WALK CLOSE TO THE RIVER, AND WE WOULD WELCOME ANY NEW MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME ALONG. HOPEFULLY THE WEATHER WILL BE KIND TO US.

THANKS GO TO EDNA WHO HAS BEEN DOING ALL THE ORGANIZING FOR SEVERAL MONTHS NOW.
RHODA IS STILL UNABLE TO DO A LONG WALK BUT WILL COME ALONG TO ENJOY YOUR COMPANY

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL EDNA ON 0400 085 595



MEMBERSHIP - Jilly / Edna

We have 88 members at present. **There were 43 in attendance at the General Meeting, 24 apologies and 13 non-apologies.** There was one guest (Jeanette Ellson from Noranda) and one visitor (Andrew Graham)

Some of the non-apologies are permanent apologies or non-active due to ill health etc

We appear to have a few members that have not renewed their membership this year. And the Secretary is updating the Membership Register in consultation with the Treasurer.

It is important that that every member, Committee or not **MUST LOG THEIR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS FOR INSURANCE AND EMERGENCY PURPOSES.** The Meet and Greet at the door will prompt you on this matter when you arrive for the meeting. This login will also form the "COVID registration".

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Treasurer—Hilton

The Bendigo Card A/c is	\$ 9296.85
Savings Account	\$.3,201.60
Total in Banks	\$12498.45
Petty Cash	\$.100.00
Less Provision for Excursions	\$.5214.00
Funds Available to the Club (3May2021)	\$ 7348,00

From the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

New Club Banner

The Committee agreed to purchase of a new Club banner. It was agreed that the TEAR drop style was appropriate for meeting days and outdoor excursions. The Committee is seeking a design. The standard size is per the below image



Members are encouraged to speak to any Committee members as to what should go on the banner. Ie "Perfect Design" The Committee seeks to have the new banner purchased as soon as possible . Please sketch up your sample by the July Meeting.

Meeting Start Time

Discussion was held at the Committees meeting of the start time for our meetings.. Our meetings are tight and social interaction is limited. The Committee received the suggestion of bringing forward our start time to 9:30 and therefore seek comments from members as to the general views on this suggestion. Your comments would be appreciated. Pass to any Committee member please.

Theatre Group

Discussion was held at the last Committee meeting relating to the Formation of a Theatre Group.

The intention was that such a Group be formed under the umbrella of the Club similar to the Walking Group ie under a Coordinator.

The Committee seeks support for such suggestion. Please raise your views with any Committee Member.

Guest Speakers Vivien

June 14th David MacDonald, President of the WA Police Historical Society

We will be having David MacDonald from the WA Police Historical Society and will be giving a talk on the start of the Police Force from 1853 to the present day.

ONE DAY I WILL START
BEHAVING MYSELF...



BUT NOT TODAY!
(TOMORROW'S NOT
LOOKING GOOD EITHER.)

**Single people use
half of their beds
for Remotes,
Phones, Pillows
and Snacks**

REMEMBER WHEN
LIFE WAS DECIDED



OUTINGS Jenny

24th June Thursday	The Swans for Birthday Lunch 10481 West Swan Road, Henley Brook	Price for 2 course lunch is \$38.50 for Non-Members and \$30.00 for Members.
19th August—Thursday	House of Honey Morning Tea 867 Great Northern Highway (Corner of River Road) Hearne Hill, WA 6056 —	Morning Tea at 10am. Pay on day
26th July - Monday	YANCHEP NATIONAL PARK Club 55 No 58 trip “ CHRISTMAS IN JULY	Cost for the full day trip is \$64.00 p/p. A deposit of \$30.00 will be required by 14th of June meeting with the balance re- quired by the 5 th July General Meeting. Yanchep/ Two Rocks Probus will join us for lunch
30th August—3rd September	KALGOORLIE TRIP Full—23 members booked and paid de- posit	We have the numbers now for the Kalgoorlie trip . Those go- ing will need to pay the bal- ance by 15 July.

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