

COMBINED PROBUS CLUB OF MURRAY DISTRICT (WA) INC.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2006-2007

The eighth year of our club has now concluded and it gives me pleasure to deliver my report.

An outline has been prepared that can be viewed as a PowerPoint presentation.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S AIMS FOR THE YEAR 2006-2007:

To finalise the development of our web page.

To improve the quality of fellowship at our meetings.

To determine members' preference for Club outings; with particular reference to type, cost, frequency and method of travel.

We have I feel had a successful year and achieved our objectives.

PROBUS SPIRIT

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Visit Subiaco Club.

Caravan weekend at Collie.

Attendance at Probus Information Day

President and partner's luncheon.

Mandurah Ladies luncheon

Mill Point Ladies luncheon.

Mandurah Estuary Ladies 20th birthday luncheon

The Coterie at Rockingham.

The Probus Rendezvous in Tasmania

The formation of the new Mandurah Combined Club.

We have been visited by Subiaco, Cockburn, Combined Club East Fremantle, Safety Bay Club clubs

These activities and visits have broadened our Club's understanding of Probus and and have embraced the organisation's objectives of Friendship, Fellowship and Fun.

SOUTH WEST GET TOGETHER

What a fantastic function so ably led by our chair person and past president Lorraine Hume. This was attended by nearly 200 Probians who were given show bags on entry and morning tea. Attendees took part in golf chipping and various fair ground games, during which time we were entertained by The Silver Threads Salvation Army Band, followed by a tasty lunch and wine tasting.

Many thanks to Lorraine and her committee and helpers that included Robin Hume, Fran Snabel, Colin and Prue Kerr, Val Green, Jan Bishop, David Smeeton, George Ford, Patti Wittmer and any others I have not mentioned.

An excellent job, well done, Thank you all.

SPEAKERS:

Our speakers have presented an interesting range of subjects:-

Judith Jones from Mandurah Antique and Collectables.

Tammy Mitchell and Gerry Zoetellies from Main Roads speaking on the Perth-Bunbury Highway.

Peter Harries - My Life.

John Brennan - Water Efficiency and Desalination in WA.

Neil Bennett - Riding for the Disabled.

Rev.Lesley de Grussa-Macaulay – Peeling Away the Mask.

Geoff Calkin and Gary Burn – Australian Custom Service- The Australian Hotline.

Barry Downes, Freedom Travel – WA and Beyond.

Lisa Gardiner, Murray Shire – Development of a Sense of Community in the Shire.

Eric Mcrum, OAM –Cape Range National Park.

OUTINGS

Rural Press Tour

Christmas July held at The Clansman Restaurant

Visit to the Royal Mint, Whistlers Chocolate Factory, Carousel and Jadrin Wines.

Bowls Fun Day at South Yunderup Rec Centre.

Visit to the Swan Brewery and Sampson House.

South West Get Together.

Christmas Dinner/Dance.

Australia Day BBQ.

Tour Lake Clifton, Myalup and Waroona.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The club is in a sound financial position as the treasurer's statement will show and it is the view of the committee that the annual subscription of Sixteen dollars per member does not need to be increased in the year 2007-2008.

Our term deposit at the Bendigo Bank has increased by a further \$500 deposit and with accrued interest now stands at \$2705.83.

This amount is a self-assurance policy against the possible loss or damage of the clubs equipment or memorabilia.

A comprehensive report will be delivered by Lloyd.

MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE:

Our ten general meetings have averaged 55.8 persons at each.

Fourteen new members have been inducted this year and twenty two have resigned.

Four of our members have joined the new Combined Mandurah Club as they lived In Mandurah, others have moved from the area, whilst a number resigned as they felt they were not able to comply with the 50% attendance rule.

There has been some confusion regarding the interpretation of this rule therefore assistance was sought from Probus South Pacific resulting in the decision to take a vote at the AGM to add the following to our club by-laws:-

If a previous notice of absence from meetings has been given or sought and accepted by the management committee those meetings are not considered in the 50% requirement of member's attendance.

Forty-six visitors attended our meetings during the year.

My sincere thanks to the management committee; Shirley Boyd - Secretary, Lloyd Bevis-Treasurer, Tom Hoffman-Assets and Historian, Penny Hoffman-Newsletter, Neil Fitch-Programs, Elizabeth Ford- Activities, Elaine Aylmore-Membership and Welfare, Lorraine Hume- past president and Sandy Bartle-vice president, for their help and support.

Thank you also to May Holgate for organising the raffles, Brian Sydney-Smith our auditor, those who offered a vote of thanks to our speakers, members who acted as host and hostess, members of the sub-committee who organised the Christmas function, David Smeeton for the December newsletter and all those who have contributed to the successful running of the club.

We must not forget our very successful South Get Together organised by Lorraine Hume and her excellent committee.

Most importantly, thanks to you all for your attendance and support.

Congratulations and best wishes to the incoming President Sandy Bartle and her committee. Thanks to Tom Hoffman who has done a brilliant job with our web page he will continue to be our archivist, and has offered to help with computer matters, also Brian Sydney-Smith our auditor.

Thank you and best wishes for the coming year.
Daryl Makin. Out going President 2007