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*Come fill the Cup, and in the Fires of Spring  
The Winter Garment of Repentance fling:  
The bird of Time has but a little way  
To fly - and Lo! the Bird is on the Wing.*

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*Norman Hughes.*

# INTRODUCTION

From a healthy beginning, The Probus Club of Sydney has continued to foster the primary objective of the organisation ‘to advance intellectual, cultural and social interests and fellowship among the members.’

A succession of diligent Club Secretaries has meticulously maintained files of correspondence and other records thereby facilitating research and presentation of detail in the records of the origin of this Club. In that regard, I must commend Norman Hughes for his dedication to the preparation of this History.

The first Probus Club formed in New South Wales was Hunters Hill on 3 February 1976 and by the close of 1981 forty-seven clubs existed in the State. A further twenty-two were formed in 1982, including The Probus Club of Sydney which was the forty-ninth club created in New South Wales. Probus was on the move and now, as we approach the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, there are in excess of five hundred and thirty Clubs in this State. Such is the impact and importance of The Probus movement.

I am confident that the level of interest and involvement of our members, their wives and friends in the social, cultural and intellectual aspect of Club activities will be maintained through many years ahead. I also trust that this publication will be of interest to all members, old and new.

Finally, mention must be made of the following Sydney Rotarians who were instrumental in the founding of our Club: Tom Cappie-Wood; Cliff Johnstone; David Kellaway and one of our current Foundation Members, Ken Sutherland. It was the initiative of these men in 1981/82 that has resulted in the pleasure and fellowship which we, as subsequent members, have derived from The Probus Club of Sydney.

*Laurie Kotze*

President 1999 - 2000

# 1

## ORIGINS

The initial decision to form the Probus Club of Sydney is recorded in a Rotary Club of Sydney document dated 16 November 1981 from the sitting Rotary Club of Sydney President David Kellaway addressed to Ken Sutherland and other interested persons.

It is proposed that:

- this Probus Club of Sydney will meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 10 am to 12 noon in the Sportsmens' Annexe (lower ground floor) of Tattersalls' Club after the first ordinary meeting on 16 March 1981 of Rotary Club of Sydney,
- it be limited initially to 100 members. The Constitution will provide for "associate" members above this number, who, when they reach about 40, at the discretion of the Club's Management Committee will automatically become another Probus Club, and
- the annual subscription be \$20.00 for ordinary members but that the subscription for founding members in the first year be \$10.00.

The sponsorship as being traditional, is by Rotary in all cases and designed to provide an opportunity for retired and semi-retired professional and business people to meet, hear selected speakers and visit places of interest in New South Wales mainly.

The Sutherland letter indicated that, at the time, 68 Probus Clubs had been established in Australia and New Zealand. The Tattersall Club Committee was invited to nominate some of their retired members to participate in the inauguration.

At that time in 1981 a meeting was arranged for 16 February 1982 by the Rotary Club of Sydney Board to form the Probus Club of Sydney, the work to be handled by their Community Services Committee.

Invitations to attend were extended to 'the retired members who volunteered to participate in the formation.'

A copy of the Kellaway letter in its entirety completes this section of the record.

A copy of the Cliff Johnstone letter dated 5 October 1981 to Rotarian Tom Cappie-Wood, Chairman of Community Services Committee recommending the formation of THE PROBUS CLUB OF SYDNEY is included and contains the necessary budgetary information to obtain the approval of the Rotary Board.

The 21 January 1982 document was directed from Rotary Club of Sydney Community Services Committee Chairman Tom Cappie-Wood to a number of Rotarians as founding members of the forthcoming Probus Club of Sydney advising them of a meeting to be held on 23 February 1982.

This meeting date superseded the previously mentioned meeting considered for the 16 February 1982 and changed the venue to the Sydney Club at 9 Rowe Street Sydney NSW.

The document requested and encouraged these Rotarians to nominate suitable semi-retired and retired members to join the emerging club.

A copy of this document, listing the invitees is also recorded in this section.

## **BULLETIN WISDOM**

*It would be a great world if senior citizens were valued as highly as antique furniture.*



27/4 Mitchell Road,  
Darling Point N.S.W. 2027  
(Tel. 32-3084)

5th. October 1981

Rotarian Tom Cappie-Wood,  
Chairman, Community Service Committee,  
Rotary Club of Sydney.

Dear Tom,

PROBUS CLUB OF SYDNEY

I recommend that the Rotary Club of Sydney takes steps to form the PROBUS CLUB OF SYDNEY in February 1982 and that the Community Service Committee be responsible for all arrangements concerning its formation.

Membership. I suggest that membership comprise, initially :

- about 20 retired members of the Rotary Club of Sydney as founding members.
- retired and semi-retired men nominated by members of the Rotary Club of Sydney.
- retired and semi-retired members of Tattersalls Club nominated by the Committee of Tattersalls Club.

and that the membership subscription be \$12 per annum.

Meetings. It will be necessary for us to negotiate with Tattersalls Club for suitable accommodation to be made available to enable the Probud Club to meet from 10am to 12 noon on the second Tuesday of each month, preferably at no cost to the Probud Club. (All existing Probud Clubs meet at various Clubs on this basis although several add a small amount to their payment for coffee "for rental". These pay \$1 or \$1.50 for coffee provided at meetings.)

Meetings on Tuesdays, from 10 to 12noon, will enable the Rotary founding members to still attend their regular Rotary meeting.

Formation plans. The attached draft letter directed to retired members of the Rotary Club of Sydney covers, in detail, the steps, I believe, we should take to establish the Club.

We should also arrange for announcements to appear in our Club Bulletin late November, December and early January.

To ensure that the project is seen by all members of our as a Club project (as distinct from a Community Service Committee only project) the invitation to retired members to become founding members and the circular, to all members inviting them to nominate potential members, should go out over David Kellaway's signature as President.

It will be necessary for the following to be prepared:

- letter to retired members of the Rotary Club of Sydney
- circular to all members of the Club inviting them to nominate potential members
- letter to Tattersalls Club confirming all meeting arrangements and inviting them to nominate the retired members they would like to attend on 16th. March
- letter to potential members nominated by Rotarians
- meeting agenda, meeting attendance forms and a Constitution
- 3 announcements for the Club Bulletin.

I am prepared to draft these and have them ready at the appropriate time.

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Board approval. We will need Board approval for:

- the project to be regarded as a Club Project to ensure that it is supported by all members of the Club.
- the expenditure involved. This is estimated to total about \$200 as follows:

20 Agendas	\$ 1.50
10 Attendance record sheets	\$ 1.00
150 Constitutions (3 sheets)	\$ 18.00
150 Membership application forms	\$ 6.00
60 Circulars to retired Rotarians (2 P)	\$ 6.00
380 Circulars to all Club members (2 P)	\$ 24.00
200 Invitations to potential members (2 P)	\$ 15.00
100 Probus Information Centre Newsletter for hand out at meetings	\$ 13.00
100 Probus Club of Sydney letterheads	\$ 20.00
	<u>\$105.10</u>
Sales tax 17½%	<u>18.40</u>
	<u>\$123.50</u>

Stamps and envelopes for letters to potential members	<u>62.00</u>
	<u>\$185.50</u>

These costs are based on "Printers Devil" Instant Print prices and would cost less if done by our own office.

The cost of a President's Collar (from Rotary Supplies) is \$65 (plus bar \$3.50) if our Club chose to present this to the new Club as is being done by some Rotary Clubs.

- approval for the Clubs administrative staff to type the originals of all letters and circulars and help with the addressing of envelopes (to potential members), mailing of these and distribution of circulars.
- for a letter to be prepared for Sir Roden Cutler seeking his agreement to be Patron of the Probus Club.

If the Community Service Committee agrees with this recommendation, I suggest that it be submitted to the Board as soon as possible to enable us to commence the ball rolling in November.

Yours in Rotary

  
(Cliff Johnstone)

As you will observe, I am my own worst typist.



## Rotary Club of Sydney

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Vice-Presidents: D. W. Grosvenor  
N. E. M. Winckle  
Hon. Secretary: W. S. Pascoe  
Hon. Treasurer: H. M. Hick  
Executive Secretary: Mrs. Joan Pryor

6th Floor, Wynyard House, 291 George St., Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, 2000 — Telephone. 29-2300, 29-2356

16th November, 1981.

Rotarian: E.N. Johnson

Dear *Jed*,

### THE PROBUS CLUB OF SYDNEY

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- the annual subscription be \$20 for ordinary members but that the subscription for founding members, in the first year, be \$10.

You are aware, no doubt, that Probus Clubs have been sponsored, in all cases, by Rotary. They are designed to provide fellowship for those retired and semi-retired professional and business men and retired executives of government and other organisations who appreciate and value, in their retirement, opportunities to meet others of a similar level of interest, hear addresses by guest speakers and visit places and organisations of specific appeal.

In Australia and New Zealand, 68 of these have been established and, currently, about 60 Rotary Clubs are planning to form Clubs this Rotary Year. The first one was established at Kapiti Coast (Paraparaumu), New Zealand in 1974 and the second at Hunters Hill (Sydney) in 1976.

The very first Probus Club was formed in Great Britain in 1965, at Welwyn Garden City, under Rotary sponsorship. The Rotary Clubs of Great Britain and Ireland have established over 700. There are now Probus Clubs in Switzerland, West Germany, Belgium, Malta, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and, more recently, in U.S.A. and Canada.

Members of existing Clubs, both here and overseas, are enthusiastic about Club activities and the way in which membership is enriching their lives. All of the Clubs are growing in size as former executives, business and professional men, invited to join, recognise the value of participation and observe the enthusiasm of existing members.

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It is widely accepted practice for Rotarians, seeking to establish new community service organisations, to join these organisations and remain members during their formative year or years.

Quite a number of active Rotarians are participating, at present, in this way in various Probus Clubs. These include the Presidents of the Probus Clubs of Lindfield (Lance Chessell of Sydney Club), Tamworth City (P.D.G. Bruce McLachlan), Buderim, Qld. (Bob Martin), Cronulla (Dick Kahn), The Entrance (Frank Carr), Bondi Junction (Mick Carew), Wollongong (Herb Patterson), Bowen, Qld. (Rob Bull) and the Secretaries of Milton/Ulladulla, Brisbane Western Suburbs, Drumoyne and Nambour, Qld. (P.D.G. Rod Voller). A Past President of Rotary International, Clem Renouf, is a foundation member of the Nambour Probus Club. As well as Lance Chessell, Rotary Club of Sydney members Andy Freeman, David Fischer, Jim Hay, Rob Richard and Lance Robinson are Probus members. All still cherish their Rotary membership.

Because of its importance, as a total Club Community Service Project, I appeal to a number of our retired members to become founding members of the Probus Club of Sydney, continuing this membership for about 12 months and for some to participate in a steering committee to be formed shortly.

To found the Probus Club, the retired members who volunteer to participate are asked to attend a meeting at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 15th February, 1982, in the Sportsmen's Annex (Lower Ground Floor) at Tattersalls Club. A short address, at this meeting, will be given by Cliff Johnstone who has been involved with the development of Probus, in this region, from its early beginnings and is now the Hon. Executive Secretary of the Probus Information Centre - South Pacific Committee.

Following several preliminary announcements in our Club Bulletin, an invitation will be extended, on 12th January, 1982, for members of our Club to nominate potential members. Those nominated will be invited to the first regular meeting of the Probus Club of Sydney at 10.00 a.m. on 16th March, 1982. A further short address on Probus, directed to these potential members, will be given.

Because of the co-operation of Tattersalls Club in making available meeting facilities, free of charge, an invitation has been extended to the Committee of Tattersalls Club to nominate some of their retired members to attend the meeting on 16th March as potential members of the Probus Club.

Would you please advise if you are willing to participate.

Yours in Rotary,



David Kellaway,  
PRESIDENT.

R.S.V.P. by 22nd December.



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6th Floor, Wynyard House, 291 George St., Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, 2000 — Telephone. 29-2300, 29-2399

16th November, 1981.

Rotarian: K.S. Sutherland

Dear

*Ken,*

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6th Floor, Wynyard House, 291 George St., Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, 2000 — Telephone. 29-2300, 29-2356

21st January, 1982

Dear Ken,

## PROBUS CLUB OF SYDNEY

Thank you for agreeing to become one of the founding members of the Probus Club of Sydney. Your acceptance together with a number of other members, of our invitation, now guarantees that the Club will be established with a very satisfactory base. I am sure you will find membership both enjoyable and satisfying.

The meeting at which the Probus Club of Sydney will be founded will be held on Tuesday 23rd February (instead of 16th February) at THE SYDNEY CLUB, 9 Rowe Street, Sydney at 10 a.m. It is anticipated that this meeting will finish at or before 12 noon. We would appreciate you being able to attend.

I also appeal to you to let us have, as early as possible, the names of retired or semi-retired men whom you would like to become members also, and to actively encourage other Rotarians to do likewise.

We would like to emphasise that there is no need to approach the retired or semi-retired men concerned as, from experience, the letter of invitation we will send to them will explain adequately what Probus is all about. There is no need for them to have been Rotarians. More than 85% of existing members have never been members of any service organisation.

We look forward to seeing you on 23rd February.

Yours in Rotary

Tom Cappie-Wood,  
Chairman,  
Community Service Committee.

### Copies to Rotarians:-

Ron Berriman  
Alan Charity  
Lance Chessell  
David Fischer  
Andy Freeman  
Kevin Gray  
Cliff Johnstone  
Sir Theo Kelly  
John Lewis  
Stan Masters  
Cliff Miller  
Mervyn Norrie

Leo Rawson  
Angus Richmond  
Lance Robinson  
Alan Rogers  
Ian Spencer

Eric Solomon  
Doug Stewart  
Ken Sutherland  
Jack Watson  
Ted Johnson

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# OBJECTIVES

The Probus abbreviation for professional and business people nominates a fitting club for members designed to fill a gap at an important stage of their lives. It provides an association for both men and women having common interests and by way of a high standard of guest speakers and an active social events calendar enables further interests in current affairs and the opportunity to visit organisations, public and private that constitute the workings of our city of Sydney and the State of New South Wales.

The intent is towards an autonomous involvement that provides opportunities for convivial relationships and the exercise of common interests for an age-group of people transferring from a fully occupied existence to the more relaxing stage of exercising interests limited during those earlier years. Our club is unique in the sense that most, if not all members, are obliged to make the effort to travel to the city and its strength is illustrated by the high percentage of attendance at its regular meetings each month.

The objectives of Probus are well presented in two documents; the format is reproduced to complete this section of the record.

The documents are:

The Probus Centre - South Pacific Leaflet.

Standard Probus document produced by Rotary International.

## BULLETIN WISDOM

*Noah was the Accountants' first patron saint. He floated a limited joint stock company when the rest of the world was in liquidation.*



To stimulate thought, interest and  
participation in activities at a time of life  
when horizons are narrowing and  
opportunities to make new friends limited.

**PROBUS**  
FOR  
RETIRED  
PROFESSIONAL  
AND  
BUSINESS PERSONS  
FORMER EXECUTIVES  
AND OTHERS  
WITH A LIKE  
BACKGROUND

THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROBUS IS  
ONE OF THE MANY COMMUNITY  
SERVICE ACTIVITIES OF ROTARY  
CLUBS.





## PROBUS

**PROBUS** is an association of retired and semi-retired people who join together in autonomous Clubs in many countries. In the South Pacific region, there are some Men's Probus Clubs, Ladies' Probus Clubs and combined Probus clubs.

The word **PROBUS** is an abbreviation of the words **PRO**-fessional and **BUS**iness but membership is not restricted to these two groups. It embraces also former executives of government and other organisations and, in fact, anyone who has had some measure of responsibility or achievement in any field of worthy endeavour.

The basic purpose of a Probus Club is to provide regular gatherings of people who, in retirement, appreciate and value opportunities to meet others of a similar level of interest.

The emphasis is on the Clubs:

- o Being simple in structure, and free from the constraints and obligations of service clubs.
- o Involving members in minimum cost.
- o Being directed, primarily, to providing the opportunity for development of acquaintance.
- o Seeking members who are compatible with one another.

Their activities, normally, fall into two parts:

- o A meeting on a set day each month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon comprising about 30 minutes business, 30 minutes coffee break and 60 minutes to hear a guest speaker and for discussion.
- o Visits (between meetings) to places and organisations of particular interest to members and occasional social and sports activities.

Arising out of their membership and activities there is self-generating goodwill, a sense of belonging, a diverse background of interests, fellow feeling and cordiality evident within the Clubs insuring for Probus a highly successful future as a firmly established part of the community.

To preserve the integrity and reputation of these autonomous Clubs, they are required to adhere to the suggested basis for serving the needs of members in the countries in which the Probus movement is now flourishing.

Some important features:

- o The Clubs are non-political and non-secretarian.
- o They are non profit and non fund raising.
- o All clubs are sponsored by Rotary, but, on formation, are autonomous. There is no central governing body but Rotary maintains contact and an understandable continuing interest in their progress.
- o Probus members may be active members of any other club or organisation and most are.
- o Membership fees are unlikely to exceed \$15 per year, with a charge for coffee at meetings. 'P' lapel badges and name badges for meetings and functions are supplied by the Club.
- o Members' guests are invited to participate in some visits and in special functions.
- o Meeting venues are generally free of cost to Probus.

The clubs spring from two main roots: the 'Campus' Club founded by the Rotary Club of Welwyn Garden City and 'Probus' Club founded by the Rotary Club of Caterham in England in 1965 and 1966 respectively. Since then they have spread to many countries.

They continue to be established at a rapid rate as former professional and business men and executives and former professional and business women, women executives and others invited to join, recognise the value of participation and observe the enthusiasm of existing members and the way in which Probus is enriching their lives.

The first Probus Club in the South Pacific area was formed at Kapiti Coast, New Zealand in 1974 and the first in Australia at Hunters Hill, N.S.W., in 1976.

The First Ladies Probus Club, in the South Pacific region was formed at St. Helliers in New Zealand in July, 1982 and the first in Australia, at Bateau Bay, N.S.W., in October of the same year.

There are Men's and Ladies' Probus Clubs in all states of Australia and in both islands of New Zealand.

The Probus Centre -- South Pacific Inc., a recognised Rotary activity, is supported by Rotary and with Probus club donations, encourages and advises on the formation of Clubs, maintains up-to-date directories of Probus Clubs, distributes lapel badges and other regalia, as may be found necessary, publishes "Probus News" at regular intervals and provides an information service on the activities of Probus.

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## INAUGURAL MEETING

The Rotary Club of Sydney arranged and held the Inaugural Meeting of the Probus Club of Sydney on Tuesday 23 February 1982 at the Sydney Club, 9 Rowe Street Sydney.

The Rotarians at that meeting were:

David Kellaway	Club President
Tom Cappie-Wood	Community Services Committee

Prospective Founder Members

Ron Berryman  
Alan Charity  
Lance Chessell  
Bill Engel  
Andy Freeman  
Kevin Gray  
Jim Griffin  
Cliff Johnstone  
Ted Johnson  
Theo Kelly  
Kell Kellaway  
John Lewis  
Stan Masters  
Cliff Miller  
Merv Norrie  
Leo Rawson  
Eric Solomon  
Ian Spencer  
Doug Stewart  
Ken Sutherland  
Jack Davis  
Bill Holmes  
John Painter

President of the Probus Club of Rose Bay  
Chair Probus Development District 975  
Probus Club-Bury St.Edmunds UK

A welcome was given by Rotary Club of Sydney President David Kellaway followed by an overview of Probus history by Cliff Johnstone.

It was unanimously resolved to form the Probus Club of Sydney and accept

applications from the present founding members.

A proposed Constitution was adopted and inaugural office bearers were elected, together with a steering committee.

President	Ted Johnson
Honorary Secretary	Jack Watson
Honorary Treasurer	Ian Spencer
Steering Committee	Ron Berriman
	Alan Charity
	Lance Chessell
	Jim Griffin
	Stan Masters
	Merv Norrie

This meeting adopted the Sydney Club as the meeting place and that meetings be held on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 am to 12 noon. President David Kellaway invested founding members with lapel badges.

Functions were allocated by the steering committee as follows:

Guest Speakers	Stan Masters
Visits and Entertainment	Jim Griffin
Membership	Mervyn Norrie
Club Bulletins and Publicity	Alan Charity
Probus Liaison	Lance Chessell
Community Services	Ron Berryman

This inaugural meeting and the two following meetings are of special significance. The Probus Information Centre South Pacific Newsletter at that time recorded the Rotary Club of Sydney sponsorship of the Probus Club of Sydney.

Furthermore it is noted that minutes of the meetings were recorded in hand writing, clearly understandable and this method of presentation continued until 1991.

## BULLETIN WISDOM

*Note for golfers seen on car rear bumper – if you think my driving is bad  
you should see my putting*

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# SECOND AND THIRD ESTABLISHMENT MEETINGS

## SECOND MEETING

**TUESDAY 16 MARCH 1982**

Club President Ted Johnson conducted this meeting with 15 members present and Rotarian Cliff Johnstone advised that in addition to the 24 founding Rotarians 57 acceptances had been received. The first person to be inducted into the new Probus Club was Ted Mead and he received his induction and membership lapel badge from President Ted Johnson.

The first guest speaker, Rotarian Cliff Rees addressed the club on *Safety Awareness*.

By now the various activities of the new Club were beginning to take place with early sound management setting the standards for the future success that we now experience.

The several functions of the Club were already beginning to be exercised and it augured well for the ensuing years.

## THIRD MEETING

**TUESDAY 30 MARCH 1982**

The third meeting saw the consolidation of the Club already occurring and the venue eminently suitable being in the heart of the city centre attracting members from all surrounding suburbs.

Eighty-nine members, intending members and well wishers signed the attendance records.

The general meeting was preceded by a steering committee meeting as is today's custom and the anticipated membership was reported by the steering committee as 109 members, being 85 persons in addition to the 24 founding members.

The guest speaker John Painter from the Probus Club of Bury St Edmunds (UK) entertained the members with his experiences of Probus Clubs in England.

Other speakers were Cliff Johnstone, Hon. Executive Secretary of the Probus Information Centre – South Pacific, and Geoffrey Wallace on Probus in Rose Bay.

Completing this Part is an undated Initial Membership List which appears to be related to this meeting with a total of 87 members which includes 26 Sydney Rotarians and 10 Sydney Club members and David Kellaway's letter of thanks dated 23 February 1982.

A copy of the November 1999 Membership Directory is also reproduced.

## INITIAL MEMBERSHIP LIST

Mr Roland Aarons  
 Mr Mac Ashcroft  
 Mr Jack Barrett  
 Mr Vernon Baynes  
 Mr Stan Beeman  
 Mr Jack Bennett  
 Mr Ron Berriman  
 Mr Alf Boyle  
 Mr Len Burrell  
 Mr William Butler  
 Mr Alan Charity  
 Mr Lance Chessell  
 Mr Allan Cocks  
 Mr Cliff Condie  
 Mr Peter Cook  
 Mr Roy Dawson  
 Mr Hilton Dengate  
 Mr Ken Downs  
 Mr Harley Engel  
 Mr Bill Engel  
 Mr Ken Errington  
 Mr Tal Evans  
 Mr David Fischer  
 Mr Andy Freeman  
 Mr Alex Glancy  
 Mr Sydney Goodman  
 Mr Chester Gray  
 Mr Kevin Gray  
 Mr Jim Griffin

Mr George Hodgson  
 Mr Bill Holgate  
 Mr Frank Hughes  
 Mr Dick Humbley  
 Mr Frank Jensen  
 Mr Cliff Johnstone  
 Mr Ted Johnson  
 Mr Harry Judson  
 Mr Stig Juul  
 Mr Kell Kellaway  
 Mr Sir Theo Kelly  
 Mr Jack Latta  
 Mr John Lewis  
 Mr Bruce Marr  
 Mr Stan Masters  
 Mr Mac Macdonald  
 Mr Frank McGraw  
 Mr Andrew McLelland  
 Mr Ted (D E) Mead  
 Mr Ted (E V) Mead  
 Mr Gordon Meckiff  
 Dr Ted Meyers  
 Mr Cliff Miller  
 Mr Gerry Monk  
 Mr Ray Morris  
 Mr Harold Murphy  
 Mr Clive Nicholson  
 Mr Mervyn Norrie

Mr Rupert Pickerell  
Mr Frank Pogson  
Mr Geof Posson  
Mr Douglas Preater  
Mr Leo Rawson  
Mr Angus Richmond  
Mr Lance Robinson  
Mr Jack Roseby  
Mr Wally Russell  
Mr Harry Shaw  
Mr William Smart  
Mr Eric Solomon  
Mr Ian Spencer  
Mr Bill Stafford-Gaffney  
Mr Basil Staniland

Mr Doug Stewart  
Mr Ken Sutherland  
Mr Noel Tayler  
Mr John Tonkin  
Mr Jack Turnbull  
Mr Geoffrey Wallis  
Mr George Weidenhofer  
Mr Jack Watson  
Mr Merv Watson  
Mr Guthrie Wilson  
Mr John Wilson  
Mr Stan Wise  
Mr Bob Wood  
Mr Neville Wright

## LIST OF MEMBERS NOVEMBER 1999

Mr Ron Adair  
Mr Harry Alce  
Mr Keith Anderson  
Mr David Angus  
Mr David Bamett  
Mr Ross Berglund  
Mr Ted Bell  
Mr Frank Bird  
Mr Gordon Blackburn  
Dr John Boger  
Mr Ray Boswell  
Dr Bill Bradfield  
Mr Colin Bull  
Mr Gregory Bunbury  
Mr Bruce Burchfield  
Mr George Burrell  
Mr Jack Cade  
Mr Alan Cadell  
Mr Grahame Cannon  
Dr Ivor Charlesworth  
Mr John Chatterton  
Mr John Chiswell  
Mr Cliff Condie  
Mr Peter Cook  
Mr Eric Cooper

Mr Bob Cooper  
Mr Hilton Coops  
Mr Les Comell  
Mr Ron Cotton  
Mr David Cowper  
Mr Stan Davis  
Mr Ted Dellit  
Mr Hilton Dengate  
Mr Clyde Dickens  
Sir Harold Dickinson  
Lt. Col Cliff Dodds (Rtd)  
Mr Ray Dodds  
Mr Bryce Downes  
Mr Ken Downs  
Mr Peter Druce  
Mr Jim Edgerton  
Mr Ken Everett  
Mr Mike Falconer-Flint  
Mr Jim Ferguson  
Mr Walter Fielder-Gill  
Mr Jack Fitzgerald  
Mr Harry Gerrard  
Mr Ron Gibson  
Mr Alex Glancy  
Mr Peter Goodman

Mr Hugh Gore  
 Mr Kevin Gray  
 Mr Ron Gray  
 Mr Reg Green  
 Mr Keith Harris  
 Mr John Henderson  
 Mr Alex Hodge  
 Mr George Hodgson  
 Mr Jack Holliday  
 Mr Gordon Hughes  
 Mr Norman Hughes  
 Mr Dick Humbley  
 Mr Douglas Inkson  
 Mr David James  
 Mr Frank Jensen  
 Mr John Jeremy  
 Mr Ted Johnson  
 Mr Dan Kelly  
 Mr Stan Kelly  
 Mr Warwick Kent  
 Mr Murray Kerle  
 Mr Nick Klamus  
 Mr Don Knudsen  
 Mr Laurie Kotze  
 Mr Alex Lange  
 Mr Max Lay  
 Mr Harry Levy  
 Mr Barrie Lindsay  
 Mr Clifton Love  
 Rear Adm Fred Lynam (Rtd)  
 Maj-Gen Ken Mackay (Rtd)  
 Mr Kenneth McKechnie  
 Mr Dehek MacLean  
 Mr George Magee  
 Mr Ian Matheson  
 Mr Jim Mitchell  
 Mr Terry Morris  
 Mr Syd Moulds  
 Mr Brian Northam  
 Mr John Oliver  
 Mr Jack Oliver  
 Mr Bob Pentelow  
 Mr John Plummer  
 Mr Frank Pogson  
 Mr Geof Pogson

Mr John Rice  
 Mr Alex Rigby  
 Mr Rob Robson  
 Mr Alex Rudling  
 Mr Wally Russell  
 Mr Bill Rutherford  
 Mr Tony Saunders  
 Mr Roy Shirvington  
 Mr John Silversmith  
 Mr William Smart  
 Mr Cedric Smith  
 Mr Len Spencer  
 Mr Mick Spire  
 Mr Dick Stenlake  
 Mr Ken Stevenson  
 Mr Ken Sutherland  
 Mr Peter Swan  
 Rear Adm Ross Swan (Rtd)  
 Mr Erie Tait  
 Mr Noel Taylor  
 Mr Jack Theyer  
 Mr Maurice Thompson  
 Mr Jos Trimmer  
 Mr Ken Trott  
 Mr Jack Turnbull  
 Mr John Twycross  
 Mr Alastair Urquhart  
 Mr Cyril Vahtrick  
 Mr Howard Walker  
 Mr Jack Watson  
 Mr Bryce Wauchope  
 Mr Geoffrey White  
 Mr John Wickham  
 Mr Ray Wiltshire  
 Mr John Wilson  
 Mr George Wilson  
 Mr Bob Wood  
 Mr Ken Wright





## Rotary Club of Sydney

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N. E. M. Winckle  
Hon. Secretary: W. S. Pascoe  
Hon. Treasurer: H. M. Hick  
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### PROBUS CLUB OF SYDNEY

I would like to thank you for your interest in the formation of the  
PROBUS CLUB OF SYDNEY.

The format of the meeting this morning will be:

- 10.15 a.m. - 10.50 - Address covering the history of Probus and its  
aims, objects and activities. Questions about  
Probus.
- 10.50 - 11.10 - Coffee break.
- 11.10 - 12 noon - Meeting to form the Probus Club of Sydney.

The agenda of this meeting, commencing at 11.10, will be:

1. Receipt of applications from founding members
2. Resolution to form the Probus Club of Sydney
3. Resolution to accept all applications from founding members
4. Adoption of the Constitution (Copies having been circulated  
before the commencement of the meeting)
5. Election of a ~~Steering~~ Committee
6. Motion to authorise the Steering Committee to appoint the first  
officers of the Club.
7. Decision on venue for meetings
8. Decision on meeting dates and times
9. Fixing of the annual subscription (to cover running expenses  
including the provision of "P" lapel badges, production and  
mailing of Club Bulletins, printing of letterheads,  
entertainment of guest speakers, provision of copies of the  
Probus Information Centre - South Pacific Newsletters.)  
This is recommended at \$10 for founding members for the  
first year and \$20 for all other members.
10. Fixing of the charge for coffee paid by members present at  
meetings
11. Arrangements for the Steering Committee to meet after this  
meeting and again one hour before the first regular meeting  
of the Club.
12. General business and questions.

Yours truly,

*David Kellaway*  
David Kellaway,  
PRESIDENT.

23rd February, 1982.

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**THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

The Constitution of the Probus Club of Sydney was adopted at the first meeting which was held on 23 February 1982 following distribution to members, an explanation and discussion.

The aims and objectives of membership, management and general items were clearly expressed and effective for the many years to follow.

The Probus Centre South Pacific Inc. in 1996 required as a condition of accreditation the adoption of the Standard Conditions of Probus Clubs accredited by the Probus Centre – South Pacific Inc. together with By-Laws based on those recommended by the Probus Centre.

The Probus Club of Sydney carefully examined these documents recommended by the Probus Centre and ‘made amendments to the By-Laws considered appropriate to the requirements of the Probus Club of Sydney.’

This resulted in the revised Constitution and set of amended By-Laws being approved at the 2 April 1996 meeting of Sydney Probus.

The Constitution was entitled:

*Standard Constitution of Probus Clubs Accredited by the Probus Centre – South Pacific Inc. Constitution of the Probus Club of Sydney.*

This Part is completed with copies of the Constitutions, By-Laws and Notice of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 2 April 1996, and a copy of the April 1982 statement related to *Functions of Management Committee Members* which appears to be substantially applicable currently.

**PROBUS WISDOM**

*When young I played with agility  
Then I grew up and prized stability  
As years went by I sought tranquillity  
Now I simply want ability  
To win the fight against senility*

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF SYDNEY**

(Adopted 23 February 1982 and amended 5 July 1983, 2 July 1985 and 5 May 1987)

### **TITLE**

The Club shall be called. “The Probus Club of Sydney”.

### **TERRITORIAL LIMITS**

Membership will be, primarily, for residents of the Sydney Metropolitan Area.

### **AIMS AND OBJECTS**

(a) The purpose of a Probus Club is to provide regular meetings for retired professional and business men and executives who appreciate and value, in their retirement, increased social contacts and opportunities to meet others in similar circumstances and of a similar level of interest; to hold discussions and hear addresses on topical subjects at intervals as agreed by the members; also to arrange visits by members to places and organisations of interest.

(b) No competition is envisaged with other organisations.

(c) The Club shall be non-political and non-sectarian.

(d) The Club shall not be or be seen to be a fund raising organisation.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

(a) Membership shall be open to professional and business men and executives resident in the area shown above who have fully, or partially, retired from their normal profession or business or executive appointment.

(b) Application for membership must be sponsored by two members and approved by the Committee.

(c) Members leaving the Sydney Metropolitan Area may retain their membership.

(d) Residents of areas outside the territorial limits specified above will be welcome as members in the expectation that they will consider joining a Probus Club in their own area should one be formed.

(e) The Club may elect honorary members on the recommendation of the Management Committee of the Club.

### **MANAGEMENT**

(a) The Club shall be managed by a Committee comprising a President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and members responsible for Visits and Entertainment, Guest Speakers, Membership, Club Bulletins, Probus Liaison and Community Service. The immediate Past President shall automatically become an ex-officio Committee member for one year following his retirement from office.

(b) A new President shall be elected each year. The Foundation President may serve for two terms in succession if the Club has been formed less than eight months before the first Annual General Meeting as set down under MEETINGS below.

(c) At each Annual General Meeting nominations shall be called for by the presiding officer for candidates for the ten elected positions on the Committee for the ensuing year. These positions shall be filled by ballot if necessary.

- (d) In Committee, five members shall form a quorum and, where there is an equal division of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- (e) The Committee shall have power to co-opt in order to fill vacancies which may arise.
- (f) The Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees to deal with specific matters.

## **MEETINGS**

- (a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held on the last meeting day in April of each year at such a place and time as may be determined by the Committee and at least two weeks' notice of such meeting shall be given.
- (b) The Honorary Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting at the request, in writing, of not less than five members and shall give at least two weeks' notice of such meeting with full particulars of the purpose for which it has been called.
- (c) The quorum at General Meetings shall be 25 per cent of the total Club membership.
- (d) Voting at General Meetings shall be by show of hands, or by ballot if considered necessary.
- (e) The Chairman shall have a second or casting vote where there is an equal division of votes.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Any notice of motion must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary, in writing, at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the motion is to be put.

## **ACCOUNTS**

An Abstract of Income and Expenditure for the twelve months to the end of March in each year shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting after being audited by two members appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting.

The Treasurer shall deposit all funds of the Club in a bank to be named by the Committee.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The subscriptions payable by members shall be fixed at the Foundation Meeting, and thereafter at Annual General Meetings.

## **AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting, a quorum of 25 per cent of members being present, by a two thirds vote of all members present, provided that two weeks Notice of Motion be given.

## **CO-OPERATION WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF SYDNEY**

It will be the policy of the Club, if requested, to aid the Rotary Club of Sydney in Community Service Projects, from time to time, subject to such projects being feasible and appropriate for Probus Club involvement.

## **DISPOSAL OF ASSETS - WINDING UP**

On a winding up the funds of the Club shall not be distributed to members but shall be distributed to a charitable organization which prohibits distribution of its funds to members.



**STANDARD CONSTITUTION OF PROBUS CLUBS ACCREDITED BY THE  
PROBUS CENTRE - SOUTH PACIFIC INC.**

**CONSTITUTION OF THE  
PROBUS CLUB OF SYDNEY**

**PREAMBLE**

The PROBUS name and emblem are registered under the Australian and New Zealand Trade Marks Acts. They may be used only by Probud clubs, Probud Associations and other bodies accredited by the Probud Centre - South Pacific Incorporated and they may not be used for any commercial purpose without the written approval of the Probud Centre - South Pacific Incorporated. To hold accreditation a Probud club must have been sponsored by a Rotary club and must adopt and comply with this Constitution.

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of this club shall be the Probud Club of Sydney

**ARTICLE II AIMS AND OBJECTS**

- (a) The purpose of this club shall be to advance intellectual and cultural interests among adult persons who have retired or are semi-retired from their former occupations.
- (b) It will hold regular meetings and arrange activities to provide opportunities for fellowship, the development of acquaintance and social interaction.
- (c) It shall strive to be seen as a worthwhile organisation by the local community.
- (d) It shall be non-political and non-sectarian.
- (e) It shall not be, or be seen to be, a fund-raising body. The club by a majority decision of its members may engage in corporate projects for social benefit provided that any such activity shall not involve the raising of funds and provided that individual participation in any such project shall be entirely voluntary.

**ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

- (a) Membership of this club shall be open to retired and semi-retired professional and business people and others who have held positions of responsibility in any worthy vocation and who appreciate and value opportunities for social contact with others in similar circumstances.
- (b) Applicants for membership, with the exception of the foundation members, must be sponsored by two members of the club and approved by the Management Committee.
- (c) No person shall be denied membership of the club for reasons of race, religion or political persuasion.

**ARTICLE IV MANAGEMENT**

- (a) The club shall be managed by a Management Committee comprising a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer and committee members as provided in the by-laws.
- (b) Officers and committee members shall be elected annually in accordance with the by-laws. The term of office of the president shall be one year and the retiring president shall not be eligible for re-election to a second consecutive term. The foundation president may serve two successive terms if the club has been formed less than nine months before the first Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The club shall keep a register of members in which shall be recorded their names, addresses and telephone numbers and such other information as the club shall require.

#### **ARTICLE V MEETINGS**

- (a) The general meetings and the annual general meeting of the club shall be held as provided in the by-laws
- (b) An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held before March 31 of each year.

#### **ARTICLE VI ANNUAL RETURNS**

On formation and thereafter in April of each year, the club shall provide the information required by the Probus Centre - South Pacific Incorporated concerning membership, meeting arrangements and officers for the ensuing year for publication in the annual Directory of Probus Clubs.

#### **ARTICLE VII SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Members of the club shall pay an annual subscription as provided in the by-laws.

#### **ARTICLE VIII NON-PROFITABILITY**

The income and property of the club howsoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the club and no portion thereof shall be paid to or transferred directly or indirectly to the members of the club provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer or member of the club for any services actually rendered to the club.

#### **ARTICLE IX WINDING UP**

On winding up, the funds of the club shall not be distributed to members but shall be donated to a charitable organisation which prohibits distribution of its funds to members.

#### **ARTICLE X BY-LAWS**

The club shall adopt by-laws not inconsistent with this constitution, embodying additional provisions for the management of this club. Such by-laws may be amended from time to time as provided therein.

#### **ARTICLE XI INCORPORATION**

The club, by resolution of its members, may become an incorporated body under the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act of this country, state or territory provided that all the provisions of this Constitution are embodied in the rules adopted for incorporation.

#### **ARTICLE XII AMENDMENT**

- (a) Except as provided in this Article (b), this Constitution may be amended only by the Probus Centre - South Pacific Incorporated.
- (b) Article I (Name) of this constitution may be amended at any general meeting of this club, a quorum being present, by the affirmative vote of a majority of members present and voting provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been published to all members at least fourteen days before such meeting.



## BY-LAWS OF THE

### PROBUS CLUB OF SYDNEY

#### ARTICLE I TERRITORY

Membership of the Probuc Club of Sydney shall be primarily for males resident in the Sydney Metropolitan Area.

#### ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

(a) Honorary members may be elected at the discretion of and on such terms as may be decided upon by a majority of members at an ordinary meeting. Honorary members shall not be required to pay membership subscriptions, shall not be eligible to hold office and shall not be entitled to vote but shall enjoy all other privileges of membership.

(b) Life Membership may be conferred upon a member who has rendered outstanding service to the club. Nominations shall be made in writing to the Management Committee for its approval or otherwise and its recommendation to the members. Persons elected to Life Membership shall not be required to pay annual subscriptions but shall be entitled to all benefits and privileges of membership. There shall be not more than five life members at any one time.

(c) Members who are unable to attend scheduled meetings regularly but wish to retain their links with the club may elect to transfer to the inactive list. Inactive members will continue to receive copies of The Bulletin and may attend scheduled meetings occasionally. They will be required to pay membership subscriptions but shall not be eligible to vote or hold office.

#### ARTICLE III MANAGEMENT

(a) The club shall be managed by a Management Committee, hereinafter called "the committee" comprising a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and not more than five committee members, to be responsible for program (guest speakers), visits and entertainment, membership, club bulletin and such other activities as may be decided from time to time by the club. The immediate past president shall be a member, ex-officio, of the committee.

(b) The term of office of the president shall be one year. Other officers may serve for not more than three successive years in any one office, unless otherwise approved by members in general meeting.

(c) A casual vacancy on the committee shall be filled by action of the committee.

#### ARTICLE IV ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(a) As required by the Constitution, the election of officers shall be held before the end of March in each year.

(b) Notice of the election of officers shall be given at a general meeting of the club at least fourteen days before the election.

(c) At each Annual General Meeting nominations shall be called for by the presiding officer for candidates for the elected positions on the committee for the ensuing year.

(d) A returning officer and a scrutineer, neither of whom are candidates for election, shall be appointed by the presiding officer before the election begins.

(e) Voting shall be by show of hands unless otherwise considered appropriate by the chairman. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes of members present and voting in the election for each office or committee position shall be declared elected.

(f) If any number of candidates receive an equal number of votes, the matter shall be decided by lot.

#### ARTICLE V FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year of the club shall begin on 1 January and end on 31 December.

#### **ARTICLE VI MEETINGS**

- (a) General meetings of the club shall be held monthly, except January, at such time and place as the members decide.
- (b) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of March each year, at which the annual report and annual accounts will be received and an auditor or auditors shall be appointed.
- (c) Meetings of the committee shall be held monthly or as otherwise determined by the committee.
- (d) A quorum at a general meeting shall be twenty five percent of the membership excluding honorary members.
- (e) A quorum at meetings of the committee shall be a majority of the members thereof.
- (f) An extraordinary general meeting shall be called by the committee on the request in writing of not less than twenty percent of the total membership, excluding honorary members. Notice of such meeting shall be given to members at least fourteen days before the extraordinary general meeting is to be held with a statement setting out the purposes for which the meeting has been called and any motions submitted.
- (g) Voting at a general meeting shall be by show of hands, or by ballot if required by a majority of members.
- (h) Where there is an equal division of votes at a committee meeting or a general meeting, the chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.
- (i) The president or, in his absence or inability to do so, the vice president shall preside at all meetings. In the absence of both the president and vice president, the members present shall elect a chairman of the meeting.
- (j) Any Notice of Motion must be submitted in writing to the secretary and must be read to members at the meeting prior to the meeting at which the motion is to be formally proposed.
- (k) As required by the Constitution, this club is non-political and non-sectarian. It shall not endorse any candidate for public office and shall not take corporate action at any meeting with the intention of influencing the policies or decisions of governments; however the merits of any public question may be a subject of fair and intelligent study or discussion at a club meeting for the information of members.

#### **ARTICLE VII ACCOUNTS**

- (a) An income and expenditure account (and balance sheet if appropriate) for the twelve months to the end of December in each year shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting after being audited by a person or persons appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting.
- (b) The treasurer shall deposit all funds of the club in a bank, building society or other financial institution decided upon by the committee. Signatories shall be the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, immediate past-president and the committee member responsible for visits and entertainment, with any two to operate the accounts.

#### **ARTICLE VIII SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- (a) The entrance fee payable by new members and annual subscription payable by members shall be as determined from time to time by the members.
- (b) The committee may terminate the membership of any member who has not paid the prescribed subscription within three months of the Annual General Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE IX AMENDMENT**

Any clause in these by-laws may be amended by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting at a general meeting, a quorum being present and Notice of Motion as provided by Article VI (j) of these by-laws having been given.

#### **ARTICLE X CO-OPERATION WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF SYDNEY**

It will be the policy of the club if requested, to aid the Rotary Club of Sydney in Community Service Projects from time to time, subject to such projects being feasible and appropriate for Probus Club involvement.





## THE PROBUS CLUB OF SYDNEY

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with the constitution notice is hereby given of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE PROBUS CLUB OF SYDNEY to be held on Tuesday 2nd April 1996 at 10.00 a.m. at The Sydney Club, 3rd. Floor, 9 Rowe Street Sydney.

### ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. At that meeting nominations will be called for the following elected positions on the Club Committee for 1996/7 all of which will be declared vacant :- President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Committee Members responsible for Guest Speakers, Membership, Visits and Entertainment, Bulletin and Club Services. Members will also be required, as stated in the Constitution, to appoint two members to act as Auditors.

### SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and, if though fit, pass the following resolution, by a two thirds vote of all members present:

2. To repeal the existing Constitution of The Probus Club of Sydney and adopt in substitution thereof the Standard Constitution of Probus Clubs Accredited by the Probus Centre - South Pacific Incorporated, which is circulated with this Notice, as the Constitution of the Probus Club of Sydney and to adopt as the By-Laws of the Probus Club of Sydney the By-Laws of the Probus Club of Sydney, which are circulated with this Notice.

(SEE NOTE 1)

### BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE

5 March 1996

John M Henderson  
Hon. Secretary

### NOTES

1. The Probus Centre - South Pacific Inc. has required, as a condition of accreditation, the adoption of the Standard Constitution of Probus Clubs Accredited by the Probus Centre - South Pacific Inc. It has also presented to accredited clubs Recommended By-Laws for variation as appropriate and adoption.

Your Committee has carefully examined the Recommended By-Laws and made amendments to the those By-Laws considered to be appropriate to the requirements of The Probus Club of Sydney. The Constitution of the Probus Club of Sydney and the By-Laws of the Probus Club of Sydney, which complement the Standard Constitution, are accordingly submitted for consideration and, if thought fit, adoption.

## **FUNCTIONS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

- Arrange for guest speakers.
- Hosting of guest speakers at meetings.
- Arrange for formal introduction and vote of thanks.

### **VISITS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

- Arrangement of visits to interesting places and organisations and attention to details relating thereto.
- Arrangement of luncheons and other functions.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

- Maintenance of membership records and compilation of a membership list from time to time.
- Maintenance of attendance records.
- Mailing of Club Bulletins to members unable to attend any meeting.

### **CLUB BULLETINS AND PUBLICITY**

- Preparation and Production of the Club's monthly bulletin.
- Arrangement of press attendance, as may be appropriate, to report special addresses.

### **PROBUS LIAISON**

- Seek opportunities to co-operate with other Probus Clubs.
- Assist Rotary, when requested, in establishing other Probus Clubs.
- Endeavour to facilitate liaison with United Kingdom and other overseas Clubs.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- Arrangement of assistance, when requested, to charities and other organisations on a non-fund-raising basis.
- Co-operation with the Rotary Club of Sydney on Community Service projects as provided for in the Constitution.

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# MEMBERSHIP LISTS AND ATTENDANCE

Membership lists commenced being compiled from the second meeting held on Tuesday 16 March 1982 and were regularly re-issued approximately every two years (i.e. between 1982 and 1997).

The numbers increased rapidly from the first meeting to reach 87 at the second meeting the following month and has continued to climb over the years. In 1982 the accommodation facility required that membership be held at 120 and in 1997 the membership numbers were a maximum of 130.

Obviously within each year variations in membership numbers were influenced by members being inducted, resigning, retiring or becoming deceased.

Attendance figures have not been regularly recorded in the minutes over the years but it is suffice to say and creditable that a high percentage of attendance has always been maintained since formation indicating an active and enthusiastic club.

The initial membership list and the membership directory 1999 appear at the close of Part 4.

## BULLETIN WISDOM

*Having attempted to design the Australian flag – out of fifty designs I humbly state that some were great – but none were as good as our present Australian flag — an architect.*

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**BULLETINS**

Bulletins were introduced at the formation of the Club with the first Bulletin being written and distributed to members following the third meeting held on 30 March 1982 (there were two meetings in that month).

Bulletin No.1 included a list of the initial office bearers, a commitment to prepare a list of all members and it can be considered as the basis for the high quality and consistency of future bulletins which continues to be maintained.

Alan Charity and Rotarian Tom Cappie-Wood were associated with this first issue which was tabled by Alan Charity at that meeting.

The standard of Bulletin production has not only been consistently high throughout the years but the Bulletin was and is a means of keeping members informed of the various activities of the Club. Bulletins include Club business, member matters, forthcoming guest speakers, luncheons, away from the Club excursions in Sydney and New South Wales and group visits to live entertainment.

Appraisal of Bulletins in retrospect provides many concise summaries of guest speaker subjects and furthermore the custom began in early Bulletins of editors offering a closing comment related to amusing current events.

Thus the writer can be forgiven perhaps for including some of this humour during the recording of the Club's past.

A copy of Bulletin No.1 completes this part.

**BULLETIN WISDOM**

*I don't like cleaning windows much. I found the easiest way is to throw a bucket of water at them and then polish them with our pomeranian. The dog used to yelp a bit but it really was a good idea as by this simple procedure I polished the windows and cleaned the dog at the same time.*

## PROBUS CLUB OF SYDNEY

PRESIDENT

TED JOHNSON

SECRETARY

JACK WATSON

### BULLETIN No. 1

Meeting No. 3: Tuesday, 30/3/82 at The Sydney Club, at 10 a.m.

WELCOME: President Ted Johnson.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Dr. Len King - Vice-President, Probus Club of Rose Bay.  
John Painter - Probus Club of Bury St. Edmunds, U.K.

Also in attendance - Cliff Johnstone, Hon. Executive Secretary Probus Information Centre, South Pacific Area.

VOTE OF THANKS: Jim Griffin.

OTHER BUSINESS: Receiving and recording formal applications to join the Club.

(A coffe break will be taken during the proceedings.)

The Club is already "up and running", having been formed on 23 February and a (brief) Constitution adopted. A bank account has been opened, and there has already been one "trial run" meeting on 16 March. After today's meeting we shall get together regularly on the first Tuesday each month. As there is no notice of meeting, note your diary - NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 4 MAY 10TH.

The Sydney Club (9 Rowe St) is a convenient meeting place and makes no rental charge for our meetings. However we are asked to defray the cost of coffee and biscuits - \$1 each. An attendance register (in the form passed around) is necessary for The Sydney Club to comply with licensing laws.

Initial office bearers have been elected by the foundation members (we hope incoming new members will quickly replace us) and your slate of officers is:

PRESIDENT - E. N. (TED) JOHNSON	977 5863
SECRETARY - J. H. (JACK) WATSON	398 1330
TREASURER - I. J. (IAN) SPENCER	48 3476
COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY SERVICE - R. W. (RON) BERRIMAN	44 3495
CLUB BULLETINS - A. R. (ALAN) CHARITY	328 1641
PROBUS LIAISON - L. A. (LANCE) CHESSELL	498 8875
VISITS/ENTERTAINMENT - J. B. (JIM) GRIFFIN	427 1161
GUEST SPEAKERS - S. R. (STAN) MASTERS	94 5203
MEMBERSHIP - E. W. M. (MERVYN) NORRIE	949 3263

A list of all members will be prepared for next Bulletin.

Committeemen responsible for guest speakers and visits have arrangements made for:

4 May Speaker Brian Chaseling, Bank of N.S.W. "The Australian Scene".  
1 June Speaker Sir David Griffin, "The Gove Story".  
20 May Visit to Sydney Morning Herald plant.  
17/24 June Visit to Australian Atomic Energy Commission, Lucas Heights.

Any member unable to attend a Probus meeting will receive a Bulletin by post - there will be a bulletin for each meeting.

That's all for this time. Remember - we aim to be a happy group, with some serious moments, and founding members one and all extend a hearty welcome to those proposing to join.

Your Bulletin Editor.

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## GUEST SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

The Steering Committee at the 1982 inaugural meeting began the institution of having regular guest speakers at each monthly meeting and major functions in accordance with Probus practice. The responsibility at that time was delegated to Stan Masters.

At that first meeting Cliff Johnstone spoke at length on the history of the Probus organisation.

The second meeting saw the planning for speakers in progress and the following arrangements from that meeting are listed.

16 March 1982 – Rotarian Cliff Rees on *Safety Awareness*

30 March 1982 – Dr Len King, Vice President Rose Bay Probus and John Painter of Probus Club of Bury-St.Edmunds UK

4 May 1982 – Brian Chaseling, Bank of New South Wales on *The Australian Scene*.

1 June 1982 – Sir David Griffin on *The Cove Story*.

6 July 1982 – Irene Jurgens, Crime and Prevention Section CIB, alternative Ron Gray who actually gave the talk on *Taxation*.

3 July 1982 – Lyn Knight, Rotary District Governor.

Guest speaking thus became a regular feature of each meeting in true Probus style. The high standard adopted at these early meetings has been continued to the present day and every credit goes to the various committee members delegated to this task.

Subjects were diverse and always informative and whilst there are too many to record, some are listed.

Australian Energy problems.

The Falkland Islands.

Does Australia need an Aircraft Carrier?

The Wool Industry.

Fiscal Consequences of the Ageing Population.

The America's Cup.

Architectural Mistakes.

Cricket Then and Now.

Vexillology.

High Levels of Wellness.

The Nuclear Industry.

Retailing in Australia.

Development of Aviation.

Royal Agricultural Society.

Royal Life Saving Society.

Flynn of the Inland.

National Parks and Wildlife.

Very Fast Train.

Accountability.

NSW Cotton Foundation.

Mystery Speakers.

Foreign Investment.

Universities and The Community.

Superannuation.

Environmental Law.

Retailing in Australia.

Transplantation Surgery.

Rugby Camaraderie.

Choosing a Retirement Village.

EEC and NATO.

Discreet Top Secret Foreign  
Appointment.

POW Days in Changi.

Bones Boats and Boredom.

Due to the high quality of guest speaking the writer feels it would not be proper to name only some individual speakers.

## BULLETIN WISDOM

*Deep-sea diver on the ocean floor received a message: "Come on up the boat is sinking".*

*There was a young sailor named Bates  
Who danced the fandango on skates  
But a fall on his cutlass  
Rendered him nutless  
And practically useless on dates*

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**SECRETARIAT AND COMMITTEES**

The management structure follows the lines traditionally set down in the Probus Constitution with a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer and Committee elected annually and having a five member quorum.

All are working members and each committeeman carries out a delegated function, each being substantially related to Management, Membership, Guest Speakers, Topical Visits and Entertainment, Club Bulletins and Publicity, Probus Liaison, Community Services and Welfare.

Details of the functions are on page 34.

These executives give their time and energy unstintingly and the smooth running of Sydney Probus is reflected in the documents used to complete this historical record.

Consistently good attendance over the years is shown both at regular meetings and in the support of the various functions.

**BULLETIN WISDOM**

*Any member unable to attend Probus meetings will receive a bullet by post – correction, a Bulletin.*



# 10

## FUNCTION REVIEW

Visits and entertainment form effective and important parts of Sydney Probus activity and over the years social programmes have consistently been well considered and arranged not only to suit members but also wives, partners and friends.

The following examples typify the range of interesting functions, many of which have been well enough supported to warrant repetition over the years.

Two regular luncheons come high on the list and are held each year usually at the Sydney Club where our Probus Club meetings occur.

The first Christmas luncheon was arranged for the 15 December 1983, the year following inauguration when '73 members and their wives had a very happy time in our club rooms at the Sydney Club.' It was considered to be 'great fun' and a person by the name of Rabbie Burns prominently featured in the recollections.

July 1995 saw the introduction of Christmas in July and/or Mid-Winter Luncheons again generally held at the Sydney Club. The speaker was Dr Peter Morris and the subject was *One Australia Campaign*. The Christmas in July speaker was David Cummins, reported as an outstanding humourist, These functions have continually been popular, well attended and attract a large number of members and visitors.

Outing visits, many of which have been repeated over the years, prove to be continually well attended and a number of these venues are listed as follows:-

Cockatoo Island Dockyard (originally in 1982) and various historical sites around Sydney including The Supreme Court and State Parliament House.

Lucas Heights atomic research centre.

Visits to drama and opera theatres prove popular. Examples are Sydney Opera House (lunch at the Bennelong Restaurant), Theatre Royal, Ensemble and others.

Frequent trips on Sydney Harbour and New South Wales waterways.

Qantas simulator inspections.

The Sydney University Agricultural Farm at Camden.

Sydney Maritime Museum, Birkenhead Point.

Day journeys to Port Hacking, Windsor, the Hawkesbury district and Hunter Valley.

The Art Gallery of New South Wales, Fort Denison and the ever popular Rocks area, West Circular Quay.

Blue Mountains and Bowral offered great scenery, botanical gardens. Flower festivals such as Bowral tulips and Arthur Boyd's establishment at Bundanoon were all worth the visits.

Some two-three day coach tours to country areas such as Mudgee and Gulgong in 1989, Yerranderie in 1996, Nowra in 1995 have been attempted with some success.

Tours of the Sydney cricket and football grounds and the Homebush Olympic Centre (under construction) including rowing facilities at Penrith were well attended.

The care with the selection and organisation of these social events is a tribute to those undertaking this task over the years. They form an important part of our Probus Club activities bringing members, wives, partners and friends together.

## BULLETIN WISDOM

*Stress is the result of the confusion created when ones mind overrides the body's basic desire to choke the living daylights out of some idiot who desperately deserves it.*

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## LIST OF PRESIDENTS

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>ELECTED</b>
Ted Johnson	1982
Harold Murphy	1982
Jack Watson	1984
Gordon Meckiff	1985
Ted Brown	1986
Jack Turnbull	1987
Alex Mitchell	1988
Ian Matheson	1989
Jim Somerville	1990
Eric Tate	1991
Mick Spire	1992
Ted Bell	1993
Peter Druce	1994
Ray Wiltshire	1995
Rob Robson	1996
George Magee	1997
David James	1998
Laurie Kotze	1999

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### LIFE MEMBERS

The first Life Membership was conferred by President Rob Robson upon Peter Druce at the May 1996 Probus meeting in front of the eighty members present.

Peter was first elected to the committee in 1987. He was responsible for membership and was a member of the Management Committee for many years.

In 1988 he was elected to the Visits and Entertainment section until 1993 when he was made Vice President and then President in 1994. During this time he relieved in Visits and Entertainment but further assumed that role in 1995. Peter and wife Joan have been continuing supporters of Sydney Probus and Peter's Life Membership was confirmed at the May 1996 General Meeting with 'sustained acclamation.'

### BULLETIN WISDOM

*O God we know you are divine  
You change the water into wine  
Have mercy on this bunch of men  
As they change it back again.*

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## REFERENCES

The Probus Club of Sydney:	Minutes
	Bulletins
	Accounts
	Constitution
	By-Laws
	Membership Lists
	Sundry Letters and Documents

## BULLETIN WISDOM

*Money cannot buy happiness but it can buy the kind of misery you enjoy.  
Age does not diminish the extreme disappointment of having a scoop of  
ice cream fall from the cone.*



