

Citywest Probus Group

(District 9675 Cluster 10)

Notes from Meeting 30th Aug 2018

Special Topic: Guest Speakers

Attendees: Dick White (Probus District Chairman), Julia Oliver (Membership Development Manager, PSPL), Noel Jones (Coordinator), Dennis Bennett (Ashfield), Elaine Moore (Abbotsford Chiswick), Laurent Neuenschwander (Marrickville), Nancie Andrews (Strathfield Ladies), Sally Rogers (Leichardt), Margaret Dunn & Lorraine Bain (Balmain), D Peyton & Claude Bennie (Five Dock), Victoria Mitchell (Cabarita Breakfast Point)

The Meeting commenced at 10:00am and was attended by ten Club Representatives from eight of the 17 Clubs in District 9675. Additionally, Julia and Dick represented PSPL and the District while Noel chaired the Meeting.

- Introductions were occasioned around the table
- Some concerns were raised by established Clubs as to the intentions of PSPL establishing new Clubs in “their territory”. Julia was given the opportunity to respond.
- Julia could only stay until 11am so she presented the case based upon
 - Census statistics showing increasing residents of Probus “age” in nearby suburbs,
 - The Membership count is either remaining steady or falling in most established Clubs and
 - The rising Average Age of Members within many of our existing Clubs.

The intention of the Membership drive is not to damage existing Clubs, but to tap into the interests of those recently retired in growing areas. The importance of the need for Probus to be seen and recognised could not be over stressed. Discussion on the topic continued until tea/coffee break.

- We then considered the Special Topic of Guest Speakers. Some attending today were well equipped with lists of Speakers they would recommend. The lists varied in content and structure, so it was decided that each Representative would send a list of recommendations to the Coordinator who would subsequently compile a list from the recommendations and distribute to all Clubs in the Group.
- Next Meeting – Thursday 22nd November 2018 (Outings Coordinators)
- Representatives were thanked for attending.
- Meeting closed about midday.

Per: Noel Jones (Coordinator)