

# Citywest Probus Group Meeting

24/8/2021

## *Notes*

At the Cluster Zoom Meeting on Tuesday 24th August, there was a gratifying attendance of 18 members. Many innovative ideas were shared about how clubs are maintaining interest and support for members during the Covid 19 lockdown. Here is a summary.

\*Some Clubs are conducting their Committee and General meetings by Zoom with satisfying attendances. During what is usually morning tea time, members could be divided into groups for chat or discussions.

\*Possibility of having guest or member speakers at meetings was mentioned but it would be necessary to ensure that sufficient members would attend. TED talks were suggested as an alternative for some meetings. They cover a range of topics and interests.

\*Some clubs have a catch up with a cup of tea or coffee one day every week by Zoom. These can be mixed groups or separate gender groups.

\*Themed dinner parties. A week ahead people decide to prepare a meal for the following week and then to have a virtual dinner party, exchanging recipes e.g. French, BBQ, vegetarian, burgers. The idea is just for fun not gourmet cooking.

\*In many clubs, members have been keeping in touch by phone, checking on welfare and if they have any needs. Especially members who have joined recently should be remembered for this contact.

\*Members should especially be warned of scammers who are very active at the moment via telephone, emails and Facebook. Mention was made of a small book produced by police that has useful information about this.

\*Most clubs keep all their records electronically and some keep hard copies also. If electronic, offline backups should be taken at regular intervals. Many expressed the advantages of using Cloud storage to allow sharing of records. Mention was made about avoiding complex record keeping methods which make things difficult for office bearers who come later. Records should be in the simplest form and yet cover the required information. Office bearers should have the freedom to bring their own individuality to their roles within the guidelines as set by the Club Constitution, PSPL issued Handbook and the Dept of Fair Trading Incorporations Legislation.