



## PROBUS CLUB OF GREENWAY INC.

### FELLOWSHIP FRIENDSHIP & FUN

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**If for any reason you are unable to attend the meeting, please call or text Annette 0408 926 128 (then you are an apology rather than an absence.)**

### PRESIDENT'S FEBRUARY MESSAGE

**Hi everyone,**

Are you looking forward to attending our first meeting at Tuggeranong's Southern Cross Club (TSCC)? Our meeting time, date and agenda are unchanged, only the venue has changed. Sandra A & TSCC have been working toward a smooth and painless transition for us. Of course, sometimes the best laid plans go awry, so I'm asking that any concerns you have about the move to TSCC, be raised with Sandra A, or a committee member.

A few months ago, we gave photos of ourselves as baby/youths to Annette H. It is time for all of us to see the submitted photos. We're bound to have lots of fun trying to match each photo to its owner. In case it has crossed your mind, only one or two committee members have actually seen the photos, so attempted bribes of chocolate frogs for clues or answers, will not actually help you (but they might still be accepted). Also, most of us have no insights that you don't already have. I'm looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday at TSCC.

*Welcome Warwick Finch*

**Noela**

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### NEWS FROM THE JANUARY MEETING

With Warwick joining us, we now number 72. (55 women & 17 males) The meeting was attended by 48 members, there were 8 apologies and we welcomed visitor, Galina Bree.

**NEXT TUESDAY'S February meeting will be at Southern Cross Club Tuggeranong 10.30am.** Just take the lift to the top.

**THE AGM IS IN MARCH** and the following members have accepted nomination: **President:** Sandra A; **Treasurer:** Pam McP assisted by Gail L; **Delegate & Secretary:** Tom A; **Minutes Secretary:** Linda T; **Membership/Attendance Officer:** Annette H assisted by Catherine E; **Welfare Officer:** Sandra B; **Newsletter Editor:** Maria P; **Vice-President:** Chris B; **Speaker Seeker:** Sue W; **Webmaster:** Russell D.



**MEMBERSHIP FEES OF \$36 DUE BY END OF MARCH PLEASE**

(If paying by cash, put *correct money in a named envelope*. (Pam has envelopes.)

Please note the **CHANGE TO THE ACCOUNT NAME** below:

**Combined** Probus Club of Greenway Inc. BSB 062914 ACCOUNT 10634121

**WE SANG HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MEMBERS WHO HAD DECEMBER/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!**

**WELFARE**

### THE THURSDAY WALKING GROUP

**3rd Thursday of each month. (19<sup>th</sup>)** Meet at The Coffee Club South Point, promptly **9.25 for 9.30am**. We walk to a café, have refreshment and chat then return. (No Co-ordinator.) If nobody turns up, why not have a pleasant walk in nature anyway?

### GREENWAY SUNDAY DINING GROUP

**First Sunday of each month (except January & September.)** Members meet at various venues for lunch. There are usually about 20 of us and you'll be welcomed. Why not come along and give it a try and then decide if you want to join? **Contact Sandra B on 0429 133 363**

### GREENWAY REGULAR MOVIES GROUP

Want to go to the movies but reluctant to go by yourself? Why not join our regular movie group? Just give your name to **committee** and you'll be in the loop for the regular outings also to have coffee or lunch after. This is likely to be alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays on a fortnightly basis if there is a movie that members wish to see.

**\*\*FRIDAY 13 MARCH TOUR OF AFP MUSEUM, THEN LUNCH SOMEWHERE.** (By request of the AFP, 12 members only.) If popular, we'll arrange another opportunity.

**\*\*TUESDAY 14 APRIL PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (Fully booked)**

**\*\*18 APRIL 2026 BUNDANOON HIGHLAND GATHERING (1 motel room left.)**

**\*\* 19 JULY 2026 XMAS IN JULY CRUISE: (Lots of members have registered and we can still take more bookings.)** 19/7 to 29/7/26. Balcony room \$3,208 per cabin; Obstructed window ocean view \$2,608 per cabin; Interior room \$2,346 per cabin. Final payment by 1st March to CRUISE AWAY.  
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**\*\* FRI 4 SEPTEMBER SPORTS DAY** Belconnen Bowling Club. More later.

**\*\*THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER THE FRIENDSHIP/50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCH** Yowani Golf Club.

To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Probus in Australia, Australia Post will produce a specially commissioned commemorative envelope this month designed by Tom Anderson's daughter Sally. (Watch this space for souvenir hats & umbrellas etc.)

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**OUR JANUARY ENTERTAINMENT was Keith Potger from 'The Seekers.'** When it was announced at the Xmas party that Keith would be entertaining us, there was applause. What a great start to 2026!

Keith let us know that his Dutch surname is pronounced Pot ger, that he grew up in Ceylon and that this was his third Probus engagement. He is aware that it is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, because Probus was just starting up in the UK 50 years ago in 1976 when The Seekers arrived there and burst into public awareness with hit songs written by Dusty Springfield's brother!

Keith had originally formed a group with school mates and their band went through many changes. At first it was four guys, but when Ken Ray with his high voice married and dropped out, he was replaced by Judith Durham who was becoming known in trad jazz circles. Athol the drummer was working a day job at J Walter Thompson the advertising agency in Melbourne, when one day Judith Durham applied for a position there and the rest is history. He invited her to rehearsal and according to Keith, "*It was like magic*" the way they just 'fell together.' The sound combination was there from the start. It was then a toss-up whether the name for the group would be The Searchers or The Seekers. They tossed a coin and that's how the band got its name.



At a state memorial in Melbourne after Judith died of a lung disease in 2022 at 79 years, she was farewelled with the playing of "Carry Me" which had been sitting in an archive for years and was just about to be released. Keith said hearing that song at her memorial was VERY emotional and his concerts now always include it.