



Bulletin

Kallaroo Probus Club Inc.

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GENERAL MEETING

Friday 17 April 2026 at St Ives, Dampier Avenue, Kallaroo 9.30am for 10.00am.
Club President – Robin Briggs

If you are unwell, please do not come to Probus.



I have agreed to come out of retirement to take up the Bulletin for 2026/2027. We may still be travelling where and when we can, so some issues may require some assistance from "volunteers".

Member News

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Birthdays and Anniversaries cover the period between the April and May meeting.

8 May – Hazel Smith

Jeannette Campbell - 10 May

Welfare

Please contact Linda Malinowski on 0400 229 860 if you are unwell or you are aware of any members who are unwell.

Membership

Please ensure that you have signed in at the door with our membership officer, Tricia Jackson.

There are still a few outstanding membership fees to be paid. We need to pay PSPL and PAWA, so please pay your 2026/2027 membership fees to the treasurer at the April meeting. Unfortunately, due to increases from PSPL and PAWA, the committee has had to increase the annual membership fees by \$5 to \$40.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

Committee 2026/2027

At the AGM in March, the following members were elected to the committee for 2026/27:

- President – Robin Briggs
- Vice President – Brian Clausen
- Treasurer – Isobel Lockyer
- Secretary – Jeannette Campbell
- Guest Speakers – Iain Cooper
- Outings – Brian Clausen and Barry Graham
- Liaison – Tricia Jackson
- Newsletter – Iain Cooper
- Hospitality – Linda Malinowski
- Welfare – Linda Malinowski
- Membership – Tricia Jackson
- Limelight – Brian Clausen

Congratulations to all members of committee, both those newly elected and those who have served before. The committee performs a very important role in the life of the club.

Assistance is always welcome, particularly in selecting outings and their organisation, as well as suggestions for guest speakers.

Hospitality

We need volunteers to supply snacks ongoing for our meetings and thereby ensure that our morning tea remains a time when we enjoy socialising with our Probus friends. The morning tea roster is available at the rear of the room. Please consider adding your name.

Today's Guest Speaker

Anne Chapple has had a life-long fascination with history and heritage and enhanced this with an incorporation of history studies in her Bachelor of Education degree. In her working life, she has worked for, amongst others, the Education Department of Western Australia, Museums Australia WA and the State Library of Western Australia Foundation, as well as being involved in various short term projects with heritage organisations such as the Bunbury Timber Jetty Association, the Collie Historical Society and the Yarloop Workshops Committee.

Voluntarily, Anne has a strong involvement with historic ANZAC Cottage in Mt Hawthorn and has won several awards for her writing on the history of the Cottage, as well as undertaking many presentations on this topic at conferences and historical groups.

The Zoo Presents: Club President Robin Briggs

I was born in Beccles, Norfolk, England in July 1949. Our family migrated to Australia as £10 Poms arriving in Fremantle in September 1953. My meaningful working life began at the tender age of 19, establishing the design office in Dillingham Shipyards on the shores of the Swan River in North Fremantle, where I was involved in the design, outfitting and commissioning of workboats, tugs, prawn trawlers, landing barges, dredges and passenger ferries. Given that I am not a good seafarer and easily get seasick it is surprising that I enjoyed my time there so much.

Other notable employers included the Shipbuilding Division of the Dept. of Transport, the Orbital Engine Company and Plasco Pty Ltd where after 21 years' service I retired at the age of 75.



I was widowed a few months later when my wife, who was a keen and gifted hand quilter and hand craft maker, finally lost her 6½ year battle with cancer. We had been together for 42 years. We have a daughter and we have been blessed with 3 lovely granddaughters who take delight in manipulating me.

I have a keen, and active, involvement in Archery in WA (which is probably fitting given that my first name is Robin) and have held many positions within my club, Whiteman Park Archers. My hobbies are anything manual with a bias towards woodwork and furniture building.

I hope to find the time to do more travelling in the near future although like so many retired people I seem to be busier now than I was when working full time.

I look forward to serving you all in my newly elected position of President of the Kallaroo Probus Club.

Forthcoming Distractions

Outings

Thursday 14th April - A number of our members will attend PAWA's BUILDING BETTER CLUBS WORKSHOPS, which offers WA Probus Clubs a unique opportunity to strengthen their committees, enhance club operations, and ensure long-term sustainability. These workshops are specifically designed to provide members with practical tools, knowledge, and strategies that directly benefit the management and growth of their clubs.

Guest Speakers

May – Sandra Finnerty is a Senior Therapy Consultant, and has been a guest speaker at many seniors' organisations over the last 9 years such as CWA, Men sheds, Probus etc. Sandra will talk about Niagara Therapy, an Australian owned registered medical company that has been around since 1949. Specialising in Seniors Health they have been helping retirees with many age-related health issues for over 77 years.

The medical therapy is drug free and is listed as Class11a Medical Devices by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). Her talk is about how the Circulation and Lymphatic systems work, how they are affected by the ageing process, the critical importance of sleep and some useful tips for reducing the risk of dementia. She will provide some useful positive tips and also explain the science behind Niagara Therapy and how it can help many age-related health issues.

The talk does not include product or pricing – Sandra will ask lots of questions and give chocolates or sweeties for correct answers.

Limelight

We will attend "Accidental Death of an Anarchist" on May 7. - A satirical comedy where an irrepressible fraudster known only as the Maniac is brought into Police Headquarters just as the officers are preparing for a judicial review of the recent 'accidental' death of a suspect in custody.

Outwitting his captors, the Maniac dupes them into performing a farcical recreation of the incident, exposing the absurd institutional corruption and abuses of power within Government and the Judiciary and the terrifying idiocy at the heart of the system.

All tickets are \$23 to cover the booking fee. Please see Brian if you want to attend. Dinner before the show will be at "Eight Slices" or the Chinese at Wanneroo at 6pm.

Please register your interest for outings and Limelight on the lists at the back of the hall.

Points to Ponder - Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was called 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'....and thus the word *GOLF* entered into the English language.

It is with great sadness that I repeat the inclusion of the cartoon below. Sadly, it continues to have more and more relevance as the years have gone by.



"Those who don't study history are doomed to repeat it.
Yet those who *do* study history are doomed to stand by
helplessly while everyone else repeats it."

Oh yes, 75% of you tried to lick your elbow. Which only serves to prove that while growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional. Most importantly, laughing at yourself is therapeutic.

And finally, if you see me talking to myself, I am more than likely busy with a staff meeting.

COFFEE CLUB - **1st Wednesday of the Month** - Café 28, Joondalup Golf Club
Wed 6 May 2023 at 10.00am - A great way to start the week/month in the
beautiful grounds of the Golf Club

LUNCH - Please join us for lunch at the Currambine Tavern after today's
meeting

Next Committee meeting - Tuesday May 5 at 10am at St Ives

Next General meeting - **Friday 15 May**, 9.30am for 10.00am start at St Ives

If there is anything that you would like included in The Bulletin, please email me
at kallarooprobusclub@gmail.com