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*GUEST SPEAKER—CHRISTINE HARRIS  
GHOST TOWNS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA*



Have you ever heard of “Bummers Creek”?

Probus members who attended the last meeting when the speaker was Christine Harris (Vice President of FHWA), have now.

Christine spoke to us about the *Family History of WA* project which is researching the Ghost Towns of Western Australia. The research looks at the origins and history of these places. How many of these towns are there in WA?

***‘As at 22 Oct 2025, there are 612 identified Ghost Towns plus 824 alternative names across 390 of those 612 identified towns’.***

As of November, 40 new communities to have been added to the list of captured records – ranging (alphabetically) from Barrow Island to Yule River and spread geographically all over our state.

Even without the assistance of technology and graphics, we were able to visit several of the small places through Christine’s knowledge and engaging presentation.

More information can now be found on the project's website, and I recommend you have a look. The information is quite extensive. Much more extensive than this sixth generation Western Australian actually knew!

<https://ghostswa.au>

*Robyn Cain*



## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Thank you everyone for supporting me during my 3rd year of being President.

I have enjoyed these years but it is now time to hand over to the next President after our AGM on Monday March 9th.

We need new ideas and new faces to continue our gradual progress to the 50 members goal! I am happy to report that due to improved publicity and advertising we have continued to attract a trickle of new members attending our meetings.

In this Club, our aim is to have an interesting speaker each month, and once again we have had a variety of topics and type of presentations each month which I will refer to in my President's speech at the AGM.

Whereas all positions on the Committee are nominally vacant, I must say a very big THANK YOU to all those members who have agreed to carry on with their positions for 2026, and also to those resigning their positions after several years of dedicated service to the club.

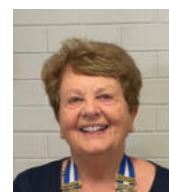
**We will need a new President, Secretary and Treasurer for 2026 and also an assistant for our Outings Officer and Secretary.**

So we are looking for new ideas for speakers, excursions, eating out and simply enjoying ourselves. This year we aim to offer shorter excursions (mainly by car pooling) and ones that are suitable for all walking abilities.

**REMEMBER** - you don't have to be a Committee member to suggest new ideas so please forward all your ideas to our present Committee members. Our committee meetings are scheduled to be at 12.00 noon prompt - after our morning tea. All members/non members welcome to join us!

Thank you

*Helen White*



### **TIMELINE FOR AGM—9TH MARCH**

|       |                                                            |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9.30  | Tea and coffee available                                   |
| 10.00 | AGM meeting—nominations for 2026 positions                 |
| 11.00 | Free chicken and salad lunch with Prosecco or orange juice |
| 12.00 | Committee meeting with new committee members               |
| 12.45 | End of proceedings                                         |

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

**For our monthly meetings, we suggest you aim to arrive at 9.30/9.45am for a cuppa. Our actual meeting will start at 10.00am sharp.**

### **Saturday, 28th February**

10.00am Morning Tea at The Hive, Darlington.

### **Monday, 9th March**

**AGM** - *all positions vacant.*

### **Saturday, 28th March**

10.00am Morning Tea at The Hive, Darlington.

### **Monday, 13th April**

Speaker: Professor Josh Lewis from ECU—Innovative approaches to healthy ageing (focusing on nutrition).

### **Saturday, 25th April**

10.00am Morning Tea at The Hive, Darlington.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—9th March 10.00am**

Nomination forms will be distributed and will also be emailed. If you would like to nominate but are unsure how, please contact Robyn. She will be able to help you.

All positions will be vacant so please consider if you would like to be part of the committee. The work is not onerous but without members willing to help, our Club would not exist.

## **MORNING TEA ROSTER—AGM**

**This special morning tea will be provided by our Club.**

**However, we ask that you put your name down to provide a plate for our meetings in April and May.**



## **MEMBERSHIP DETAILS**

It is important for us to keep correct details of all members. If there have been any changes to your address, phone number/s, email address or emergency contact, please let me know.

**Pat Moxon**  
**Membership Officer**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO  
WEAR YOUR BADGE TO ALL  
MEETINGS AND OUTINGS.**



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