

A brief introduction to the
PROBUS CLUB OF MARION



Probus is an association of retired and semi-retired people who join together in clubs, the basic purpose of which is to provide regular opportunities for them to keep their minds active, expand their interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

Probus Clubs are a non-political and non-sectarian. They are “not for profit” organizations and have no fund raising activities. The emphasis is on clubs being free from the constraints and obligations of service clubs and on allowing members to participate at minimum personal cost.

Membership is open to retired and semi-retired professional and business people who have held positions of responsibility in any worth vocation and who appreciate and value opportunities for social contact with others in similar circumstances.

Our Club is one of over 1800 in Australia and meets at the Club Marion on the first Month of each month*.

*Unless the first Monday falls on a public holiday, in which case the meeting is held on the second Monday of the month

The Marion Club is essentially a “men only” club but special meetings are open to wives and partners who are also able to take part in many of our social activities. Club membership is limited to 100 and, if required, we maintain a list of 10 for those waiting to join.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Club is managed by a committee comprising:

President – one year term of office only

Vice President - one year term of office only

Past President – (ex-officio member)

Secretary

Treasurer

Activities Organizer

Guest Speaker Officer

Membership Officer

Care Officer

Special Ladies Convenor

Publications Officer

Catering Officer

Usually 3 year terms

All are appointed at the Annual General Meeting held in March. The committee usually meets at the Club Marion on the Friday 10 days before each General Meeting.

All of the above report regularly at the General Meeting.

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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Activities Organizer: Is responsible for organising the Clubs many and varied social activities, many of which can include member's wives & partners.

Guest Speakers Organizer: Arranges for the speakers who make presentations at the General Meetings on a wide variety of topics.

Membership Officer: The most visible role is handing out and recovery of name tags at each meeting. Also maintains membership, attendance and waiting lists.

Care Officer: Maintains regular contact with members who are on the sick list and reports to the General Meeting (with the permission of the member and within the limits of privacy provisions).

Special Ladies Convenor: The Club maintains regular contact with those wives and partners of deceased members who wish to be kept informed of and participate in club activities. Reports on their general well-being are given at General Meeting (within the limits of privacy provisions). The Convenor is assisted by a group of volunteer members.

Publication Officer: Is responsible for all aspects of our monthly newsletter which includes formal reporting of all General Meetings.

Catering Officer: Is our link with Club Marion in ensuring our meeting room is set up prior to each meeting and in organising our morning tea break.

Caravan Group Organizer: The Club usually conducts two week-long Get-A-Ways each year for members with caravans and those who prefer to stay in cabins

Walking Group Organizer: Rosters members to lead a group that meets at 9AM on the Monday of each week on a semi-social basis for a ½ to ¾ hour walk followed by morning tea at a local café (* Tuesdays when the Monday is a meeting or public holiday).

Tour Organizer: Responsible for all aspects of our annual 5 to 7 day tour which usually travels to interstate destinations.

Records Officer: Maintains official data of the club's permanent records and lists on a computer database.

MEETINGS

Marion Probus Club meets at 10:00AM at the Club Marion. The meetings comprise receiving reports and updates from appropriate Committee members and officers followed by a coffee break and the opportunity to socialise with fellow members. At 11:00AM the meeting is reconvened to hear the invited speaker of the day.

The Club Newsletter contains the minutes of the previous meeting, advice on coming social activities and all other matters relevant to the club.

JOINING

Visitors wishing to experience what the Club has to offer are welcome to attend 3 meetings as a Visitor. Those wishing to join must then submit an application supported by two existing members. Once approved by the Committee, they will be inducted as full members of the Club.

We hope the brief outline of our Club and its operation and activities will be of assistance. Any of our members would be pleased to answer any further questions you may have or refer to our website at <http://communitywebs.org/probusmarion/>. For specific membership enquiries, please contact our Membership Officer.

Further information about the wider Probus family is available at <http://www.probussouthpacific.org/>