

What Is Probus And Who Can Join?

- Probus is a worldwide organisation that originated in the U.K. in 1965. The first Probus Club in Australia was formed in 1976.
- Although they are sponsored by Rotary Clubs, Probus Clubs are simple in structure and free from the constraints and obligations of service clubs.
- Probus Clubs provide active, retired or semi-retired people with regular opportunities to keep their minds active, to expand their interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.
- Probus Clubs are non-political, non-sectarian and non-fundraising.
- Membership is by application and is open to anyone of good character.
- Many of the Probus Clubs in Australia are open to both men and women, but some are for men only and some are for women only.

How Do Probus Clubs Operate?

- While each Probus Club is self-governing, the constitution under which the clubs function must meet the requirements of Probus South Pacific Ltd, the governing body for all Probus clubs in Australia and New Zealand. Clubs failing to meet these requirements risk losing their Probus accreditation.
- The members of Probus Clubs normally get together twice a month. The first gathering is usually a meeting, with club business taking up part of the time and (after a morning tea break) the remaining time is devoted to a guest speaker or some other activity of interest. The second gathering, a week or two later, is an outing of some sort, when members and guests visit places of interest and then, quite often share a meal together.
- From time to time, groups such as the Probus Association of Western Australia organise activities aimed at involving the members of all Probus Clubs in Western Australia.

What About The Probus Club Of Byford And Districts Inc.?

- The club was formed in 2008 and is open to women and men. Club meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of every month except Jan between 10 am and 12 noon at the Byford Community Hall, South Western Highway, Byford. Visitors are welcome. Outings usually take place on the third Wednesday of the month.
- Membership is open to all active, retired or semi-retired people in the district and surrounding area who are of good character.
- A management committee is responsible for ensuring the club runs smoothly and club meetings and outings meet the required standard as well as the expectations of members. Members are kept informed of club activities via information presented at meetings, a regular newsletter as well as postings on the club's Facebook page on the Internet:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Probus-Club-of-Byford-and-Districts/330430146973938>

***How Does One Become A Member
Of The Probus Club Of Byford and
Districts And How Much Does It
Cost?***

Applications for membership must be proposed and seconded by active members of the club and must be on the appropriate Application for Membership form. The form may be obtained from and lodged with any of the officers listed overleaf. A copy of the Constitution will be provided with the application form.

Those joining the club pay a portion of the annual membership fee (between \$9 and \$35) which covers the period from the joining date until club membership renewals are due. This payment is not required until after the Application for Membership has been approved.

Members pay an annual membership fee of \$35. This is usually due in March.

Morning tea is provided at monthly meetings at a cost of \$3. The cost of each outing varies depending on the activity and transport arrangements, but is kept as low as possible.

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