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PROBUS CENTRE - SOUTH PACIFIC INC.

Dear Club President,

With over half your year gone I trust that you have had a successful first half of your term, now enjoy the festive period before really enjoying the balance of time as this will go in a rush.

For those that attended Perth 2009 Probus Rendezvous in September I am sure that you all would agree it was another successful gathering of Probians. Can I suggest that you and your club start planning to attend Rendezvous 2010 in Darwin at the end of August next year, this is a highlight in every Probus year that is often not mentioned to members, can I ask that you give this a special mention this year.

Perhaps you and your local clubs can consider hosting this event. We would love to have an enquiry from you, remember it takes two to three years in the planning and we give the successful Clubs two years prior approval. The host city for 2011 is Port Lincoln. Expressions of interest have been received from Palmerston North in New Zealand (2012), Canberra, Sydney (2013) and Brisbane, Hobart and Albury (2014).

At our board meeting in November the PCSP preliminary budget for 2010-2011 was tabled and this has required us to seriously review our annual administration and insurance capitation fees along with the PROBUS magazine subscription for the incoming year 2010-2011.

Over the last 2 years PCSP has been very fortunate to have had accumulated funds to carry us through the financial deficits of 2008-2009 and this current year. We thank past PCSP Boards for their foresight in maintaining appropriate reserves.

As previously reported, the Board has not increased the administration and insurance capitation fees for Australian clubs since 2004. During this same period we have increased money insurance covers, developed and strengthened the organisation by providing a very high level of service and we have continued to improve our products and resources for all Probus clubs and associations.

The fee structure for 2010-2011 effective 1st April 2010 is:

Administration	AUD\$2.00	per member (including Honorary and Life Members)
Comprehensive Insurance	AUD\$3.00	per member (including Honorary and Life Members)

Our flagship publication – **PROBUS** – *the magazine*, improves with every issue; good quality photographs, articles and many contributions from our members. This magazine serves us well and is also a main source of income for the organisation through our advertisers. The magazine is a quality publication and is also a great membership development tool. We are pleased to advise that the subscription rate will be maintained for the coming year at \$6.00 per annum.

I am sure you will agree that this is excellent value for money and I encourage your club to support the magazine by increasing your club subscription level in the coming year.

The Probus Centre is dedicated and committed to promoting Probus in your district, should you have a waiting list please make contact with your Rotary District Probus Chairman as they are the link between Probus and Rotary clubs in your area. You can find their contact details in your latest Directory of Probus Clubs 2009-2010. Your local RDPC can also help with ideas on how to increase your membership.

Premiums for our PCSP Optional Travel Insurance available for members use on official Probus club trips have also been revised. This is an excellent product for our members and we will continue to offer the PCSP Optional Travel Insurance for a further period provided members support this service.

Fees effective 1st January 2010:

Australia Domestic	AUD\$100.00
Worldwide (Including Norfolk Island)	AUD\$149.00

In conjunction with PCSP Optional Travel Insurance (*conditions apply)

Extended individual travel	AUD\$20.00
Excess waiver for Vehicle Hire	AUD\$20.00

Finally I take this opportunity to extend to all Probians best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year to be enjoyed with family and friends.



George Wyman
Chairman 2009-2010

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