

## MEMBERSHIP FORUM

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**Q** – Should a club provide medical cards for members and should these cards be held by the club or tour leader in the case of an emergency.

**A** - Probus Centre recognizes the need for immediate medical attention in an emergency.

Medical cards could assist ambulance and medical officers in these circumstances as long as the information was accurate and up to date.

Medical cards **MUST** remain the responsibility of individuals, not the Probus club or the tour leader.

Our insurers would not defend a claim of negligence if medical cards were not made available in an emergency if held by the club or tour leader.

**Q** – Can a club obtain sponsorship for the printing of the monthly newsletter or bulletin and what is expected in return?

**A** – A club can source a sponsor to cover the printing costs of the monthly newsletter or bulletin from any reputable company, retail outlet or local member.

In return the club would include a footnote acknowledging the 'generous assistance provided by XYZ in the printing of the club newsletter'. The club is not endorsing the company, product or political party.

**Q** – Can a club purchase additional copies of the 2008 Probus Club Hand Book?

**A** – Yes, these are available by contacting PCSP (\$5.00 includes postage/handling) – the hand book is also on the web site.  
([www.probus.com.au](http://www.probus.com.au))

**Q** – What is the role of the immediate past president?

**A** – The immediate past president is recognized as Ex-Officio in recognition or virtue of his/her past service as club/association president. This is not an elected position but an appointment for support and advice. By-laws may indicate the voting powers; i.e. 'with or without voting rights'. The officer does not have any greater power or authority on the committee. Incorporated clubs should ensure the ex-officio's voting rights meet with the model rules in their particular state/territory.

**Q** – What is the period of time a member or guest is covered by the personal injury insurance when attending or participating in a Probus club recognized activity?

**A** – Members and guests attending or participating in recognized Probus activities are covered under the policy from the time they leave their front door until the time they return home. The member or guest may enjoy fellowship over lunch, call into the local shops for milk and bread, may collect the grand children from school – in essence they must return home in a reasonable time frame to be afforded the cover.

**Q** – What is meant by an ‘officially recognized Probus activity’?

**A** – To ensure cover of Probus insurance, clubs are required to record in their Minutes all recognised and club approved Probus activities. Independent activities will not be covered by the Probus insurance.

In addition; only recognized club tours are eligible to apply for Probus travel insurance. \* see *summary and advertisement on page ?*

**Q** – Does Probus insurance cover members and guests when car pooling to participate a ‘recognised Probus activity’?

**A** – Members and guests should ensure the vehicle is registered and insured, the driver licensed and capable and not under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The drivers 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance would cover the passengers.

Probus insurance would cover members and guests for personal injury. \*see *insurance summary*