



Chairman's Message

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Chairman Bob Bensley
and IPC Chris Norwood



It is both an honor and a pleasure to be elected to serve Probus as Chairman of Probus Centre – South Pacific Inc. (PCSP) for 2008-2009. Board members elected George Wyman as Vice Chairman -

Chairman Elect 2009-2010, John Thorne AM as Honorary Treasurer and Bob Osborne as Honorary Secretary. Past Chairman Geoff McLennan OAM was co-opted to the Board to progress the Philippines Program.

I would like to record my congratulations to Past Chairman Chris Norwood for his guidance and leadership during the past year.

I also offer my thanks to retiring Treasurer Barry Thompson for his work over the past five years in bringing our accounting practices into the 21st century.

The Courtyard Marriott Hotel, Parramatta was the venue for the recent Rotary Probus Chairman Briefing Weekend where thirty districts were represented. Probus Centre have made a commitment to support and train the district chairmen in their role; establishing new Probus clubs, promoting Probus to the wider community and Rotary clubs and assisting Probus clubs through regular liaison whilst continuing to strengthen the relationship between our two organizations. Topics covered included; promotion, official publications and resource material, membership development, hosting of information days, accreditation, insurance, risk management and privacy.

Two areas of requests from Probus clubs has been **club property cover** and **travel insurance for independent Probus travelers**. Following lengthy negotiations we are very pleased to announce cover available in both these areas on request.

Club Property Cover – underwritten by QBE

Contact AON Risk Services – Toll Free 1800 786 682 – please ask for Alex Dimitrijevic or Adam Power \$1,000 - \$2,000 or \$5,000 cover.

**conditions apply*

Travel Insurance for Probus members traveling independently

Contact Trade Travel – Toll Free 1800645103

International or Domestic Insurance - 20% discount off brochure price.

Trade Travel package plus insurance – 25% discount off brochure price.

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QBE have also come onboard offering individual Probus members insurance in the area of home, motor, valuables, landlords building and CTP (NSW only) through a referral program via an on-line portal from Probus web site. www.probus.com.au This arrangement may provide the Probus organization with an income stream through a commission based arrangement.

We are delighted to announce that our corporate sponsors **Trade Travel** have re-signed a three year sponsorship and loyalty program.

I am looking forward to meeting up with many of you out there as opportunities such as Rendezvous in September present themselves and to lead the Board in making progress for this wonderful organization to bigger and better things.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bensley', with a stylized, cursive script.

Bob Bensley
Chairman 2008-2009