

# Mundaring Probus Club

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## Wonder where the hogget went?

Rob Bertram explained that due to processing and transport costs hogget and mutton is nearly as expensive as prime lamb. So we all go for the good stuff. Small food retailers including butchers and bakers and green-grocers have had to reinvent themselves due to competition with the supermarket giants. The result is an emphasis on quality, personal service, a wide range of value-added products, especially including dishes ready to put straight into the oven. Rob Bertram grew up in Swan View and is the owner of Steaks 'N Stuff in the Swan View shopping centre off Morrison Road. Rob has a deep knowledge of his trade and established great rapport with his audience, few of who appear to be vegetarians.

### 2014-5 Subscriptions due

Please bring \$15 per person annual subscription, (preferably in a separate envelope with your name on the cover). We need to have all subs in by April 30.

### Coming events

March 10: AGM. Elect a new set of officers and be entertained by the Gladtones, while enjoying champagne and chicken.

April 14: Mary-Helen and Frank Smith on their time in Iran

April tba: President's Sundowner at the home of Tony and Sue Harding, Swan View.

May 12: Tony Harding readings from his newly published book of poetry *Sculduggery*. Tony has been a closet poet for years and until he joined Probus very few poems had seen the light of day. Now Tony has compiled these and quite a lot more into a book and will read just some of these "Stories in Verse," and explain how they came about. Most are based on true events, some take you into the shadowy world of a young British Bobby in the '60's, there's a bit of fiction, a bit of nonsense and you may go to Africa, Mongolia, Siberia, California and, of course, Australia. Without the encouragement of Probus none of it would have happened

May: Outing to Tivoli theatre, Applecross including lunch, bus ride and the variety show. Details at March meeting.

**Saturday Coffee Mornings - Last Saturday of every month 10.00am at The Brook Garden Restaurant, Seaborne Street, Parkerville. Next meetings 25th February and 25th March.**

Probus South Pacific capitation fee has been raised to \$10/head. What do they do for the money?

The secretariate provides members and clubs with administrative and advocacy services and also provides the following benefits to members;

- Flagstaff Probus Publication
- Active Retirees magazine
- Probus Member Benefit Scheme
- Probus Travel Insurance
- Annual Rendezvous
- Probus Getaways
- Probus Cruise Club
- Comprehensive Insurance: \$20M Public Liability Personal Injury, up to \$5,000 Club Money Cover & \$10M Association Liability

### Outgoing Committee

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**Please remember to wear your badge at all meetings**



**The Gladtones: Sid Pearce (99), Audrey Newby (89), Ossy Schokman (76), Heather Schokman (73), Jan Keegan (74), Celine Chaperon (65), Rene Chaperon (71), and Geoff Keegan (74).**

## The Gladtones: show still goes on after 29 years

The Gladtones have been entertaining audiences of Perth seniors since 1985.

It all started in 1981 when Len Pember was asked by his daughter to arrange light musical entertainment for residents of a Midland nursing home. This became a regular event and the Gladtones Concert Party was formed in 1985, initially for residents of nursing homes and hospitals, but more recently to a wider audience.

Keyboard player Geoff Keegan says the group was named for the Christian names of most of the group members.

The Gladtones had the support of the then Mayor of Bayswater City, John D'Orazio who was a friend of Len Pember. With his help they applied for a Lotteries Commission grant for a bus. The bus is owned and maintained by Bayswater City and lent to the Gladtones free of charge whenever they need it for a concert, although they provide their own driver.

The Gladtones now play around 50 concerts a year providing entertainment at metropolitan retirement village complexes, senior and Pensioner clubs, Probus organizations, aged care facilities and hospitals.

“At one time we doing two or three concerts a week,” said Geoff, “But we wanted to have a life. So it is now down to one a week.”

As time has passed membership has changed. Len continued entertaining until he passed away in 2005 in his 91st year but the show went on. New members joined but most have been entertaining for at least ten years.

None of the group have professional acting or singing training although Geoff played in a dance band for 25 years.

“I gave that up when I began to lose my sight. But I needed something to do so I joined the Gladtones.

“Perhaps we should consider changing our name to the disabled! We almost all have some disability. Two of us are partly deaf. I am nearly blind and others have had hip and knee replacements. Only one is fit and healthy,” he said.

Members come from all over the place. Two come from England, a couple from Malaysia and two were born in Mauritius.

“Jan and I are the only true-blue Aussies.”

The Gladtones is a not-for-profit organization. Surplus income from performances, after expenses, is donated to Australian natural disaster appeals and to a variety of registered charities.

### Book café at the Hub

Tues 18th Feb 9am to 11 am. Gold coin donation all money raised to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund for fire affected residents

### Mundaring Men's shed

Thursday 6th March at the HUB. Guest speaker will be Eric McCrum talking about WA unique fauna and flora. It is a free event and afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion.