



PROBUS SOUTH PACIFIC LIMITED

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Dear Club President and Secretary,

This letter updates disaffiliated clubs with the position of Probus in New Zealand. Our records indicate that your Club has disaffiliated from Probus South Pacific Limited and we are contacting you in the spirit of Probus goodwill.

Currently, we have two major groups of clubs in New Zealand; those affiliated with PSPL and those which have become affiliated with FNZ. There is also further group, "Rebus", which is offering an alternative to both PSPL or FNZ.

As you know, shortly after the High Court decision last year, we wrote to all disaffiliated clubs inviting them to consider rejoining PSPL and I am pleased to advise that the offer was accepted by a number of clubs.

However, despite the High Court decision about the use of the Probus name, it is clear from various communications that there are some clubs that are no longer affiliated to PSPL which continue to use the Probus name.

We understand that many clubs have been misinformed and are of the belief that continued use of the Probus name is permissible. This is not so, as any club or organisation that is not affiliated with PSPL does not have the right to use the Probus name, regardless of whether or not the club is incorporated. We are also aware that some disaffiliated clubs are referring to themselves as 'formerly Probus', and this is also not permissible.

PSPL now stipulates that all Clubs which are no longer affiliated to PSPL must cease using the name Probus and the Probus regalia immediately. However, should your Club wish to be recognized as a "Probus Club" and receive PSPL support and benefits then we would be pleased to welcome you back into the Probus Community.

If your Club has complied with the High Court decision and is no longer using the name Probus in any manner, we thank you.

Probus is about Community and it has always been and it continues to be PSPL's goal to serve all Probus Club members in the South Pacific region. We understand that many clubs have new Management Committees who may not have current information about PSPL and I therefore take this opportunity to include a letter from our Chief Executive Officer, Silvana

Martignago, sent to all Probus Clubs earlier this year addressing her commitment to the Probus Community. Also, included is a recent letter about our plans to grow our Community together.

You are also invited to review PSPL's latest Annual Report which can be viewed at the Probus South Pacific website. Previous Annual Reports are also available at this link. http://www.probusouthpacific.org/pages/about_pspl_annual_report.

I am confident that these letters together with the information contained in the PSPL Annual Report will clarify many of the concerns and misconceptions you may have about us.

PSPL's genuine hope is that even more Clubs will return to PSPL after reading this letter, and appreciating that only those Clubs affiliated to PSPL are able to use the Probus name and call themselves a Probus Club.

Could I suggest that you share this letter with your fellow Club members. Should you require clarification of our invitation to rejoin PSPL, I invite you to contact Silvana either by email at silvanam@probussouthpacific.org or telephone on 0800 1477 6287.

Yours faithfully,



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Chairman 2015-2017

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