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USE OF PROBUS NAME. Clubs around the country continue to receive assurances from Fellowship that it is in order to continue using the Probus name. Yet, they are polling Clubs for suggestions for a new name – just in case their efforts to obtain a legal solution fail.

Fellowship News Update 20 August stated that they had **not** misinformed Clubs that continuing use was OK because of a **verbal assurance given by a PSPL Director**. It also went on to say that the CEO of PSPL had stated that continuance was permissible until told to stop. **Well, Clubs have now been told to stop!** (See PSPL's explicit earlier letter to non-affiliated NZ Clubs dated 10th August 2016).

These conflicting and confusing circumstances gave rise to a member of one Club, who after hearing of further assurances on the use of the name at Fellowship's AGM in Christchurch, decided to seek clarification of the position directly from PSPL.

This Probian tells us that in a reply dated 6 September from the CEO of PSPL, Silvana Martignago advises that there is **no substance to that statement** and PSPL will enforce its rights including taking legal action to protect the Probus name, should Clubs not affiliated to PSPL, fail to stop using the Probus name by **31 October 2016 – or earlier**. *(We been given the opportunity to view this correspondence and can confirm its authenticity)*

You will therefore see that the claims by Fellowship were **without foundation** and PSPL now makes their position abundantly clear.

Letters from AJ Park, Solicitors for PSPL, are apparently being received up and down the country – according to the latest communication from Fellowship to its Clubs.

Each and every Club must now make up its own mind whether to ignore PSPL's very clear message and **whether Clubs can in future, safely rely upon anything they are being told by Fellowship**.

REBUS by contrast, has none of these issues and if you haven't visited our website for a while, please do so. (www.rebus.nz) Everything is there, ***Our Name (trademarked), Constitution and By-laws, Club Constitution, Public Liability, Fit to Travel insurance and Regalia etc.*** Clubs who affiliate with **REBUS** can add two further Fs to the line-up of **Fun Fellowship and Friendship** - we're **FUSS FREE!!** *Call us if we can help.*

Best regards,

THE TEAM AT REBUS.