



## Benefits of volunteering as a Committee Member

Being a committee member is an excellent opportunity for you to demonstrate your people and management skills as well contributing your perspective to the club. The benefits of volunteering for the Management Committee of your Probus Club include:

### Being a part of the decision-making process

Being a member of a committee will give you the opportunity to be a part of the decision-making process of the club. Committee members who take the time to understand the issues, and who are prepared to make considered contributions to debate can have a significant impact within the decision-

making process of the club. Making a personal contribution of this kind can be extremely satisfying. It will also provide an opportunity for you to give back to the community by making a difference in committee involvement.

### Building networks

Joining a committee helps you build stronger relationships with other club members. One of the reasons people join Probus is to expand their personal networks and by participating on the club management committee you will get to know the other members better. As you build up your networks, you'll get to know more people in the club and your sense of being a part of the club will grow.

### Building your knowledge of the club and Probus

By being involved in the committee of your club, you'll learn something more about the club from every meeting. Probus is fairly extensive and has layers – club, state and national. Every bit of information you gather from committee work (such as through agenda papers and discussions at meetings) will help to increase your understanding of how it works. You'll also be in the position to know what's happening before everyone else!

### Building your confidence

If you've not previously been involved in committee work, and are not confident about speaking out in meetings, you'll have the opportunity to build your confidence through increasing your contribution to discussion in small increments. As you get to know the President and other members of the management Committee, and become familiar with the Committee's work, making a contribution will become easier. Through active participation on a committee, you will have the opportunity to demonstrate your leadership capabilities.

### Hearing other perspectives

Probus Club members have diverse opinions on the issues which confront their club, and it is instructive and potentially mind-broadening to hear and relate to this wide range of views. Committee participation can lead to uncovering business insights you can utilize in your personal and professional development.

### Leadership opportunities

Being on the committee provides you with a chance for people to see you in action – show people how great you are. As a committee member you'll be in a position to contribute to the growth and future success of the club. If your committee has a good chairperson, and effective members, you'll gain insight which will help you to be a better committee member and a more effective Probus Club member.