

## About us

### How did it all start in 1996

The network was originally called the Informal PROBUS Network but was changed to the International PROBUS Network after PROBUS members joined from more countries.

Wilf Beer of the Woy Woy PROBUS Club Inc. Australia had the initial idea to form a series of Chat Groups to give Global PROBUS members the opportunity of meeting together on the internet to discuss PROBUS TOPICS among themselves - excluding political and religious topics.

So a new kind of PROBUS Fellowship was formed in 1996 on the Net with IPN A1. with 13 members from Australia, Canada, New Zealand.

Several experimental network solutions were tried initially but as membership increased more groups were formed and in 2000 there were 166 members in 5 groups for management.

When Topical Probe, the network option in MSN closed, a private Facebook group was set up but has now been withdrawn in light of the privacy problems of Facebook, such as unwanted attention

Today 2018 we have two groups, IPNCAN and IPNUK with 2 group coordinators and a Senior/ Membership Coordinator.

**TAKE  
THE  
OPPORTUNITY**

**TO JOIN US**

**Learn something new**

**and be stimulated**

**in**

**your leisure time**

**with**

**new Probus Friends**

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**INTERNATIONAL  
PROBUS NETWORK**



**WORLDWIDE**

**PROBUS**

**FELLOWSHIP**

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# PROBUS International

## Mission Statement

To promote IPN PROBUS through effective, ongoing communications with all members and support with those who may enjoy travel around the world with local knowledge.

To have an IPN PROBUS member in every region and country where retired and semi-retired people seek to share their experiences with each other directed solely towards acquaintance, fellowship, and learning, free from the constraints of politics, religion, fundraising, and competition.



So many ways to communicate but International PROBUS Network is the best

## Vision Statement

As we look to the future we will continue the fun & friendship that our members have enjoyed for over twenty years networking around the world, increase the membership and to be a Global leader in the PROBUS Networking Community.

By joining our PROBUS Networking group you will support the growth of PROBUS worldwide and enhance the image of PROBUS as the leader in fellowship for retirees and semi retired members and continue the learning experience as we create links among members worldwide

To become a member you must be a Probus member of a club.



Reach out to other PROBUS members around the PROBUS World

## My Story (UK coordinator)

Joining and assisting in the formation of a new PROBUS club in my early days of retirement it was like starting a new adventure in my community but then looking outward found this PROBUS organisation called Informal PROBUS Network with members in countries in the northern and southern hemisphere

Well, that was the start of my international travel around the world without leaving home and enjoying the fun and friendship of like minded PROBUS people, some who came to my door through our Global PROBUS links, but many through the world of the internet with whom I have developed deep friendship. Through PROBUS IPN, I would like to extend this opportunity to all our PROBUS membership worldwide



Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, United Kingdom where would you like to visit on the net?

### Purpose of IPN in Probus

- Provide Fellowship, Friendship and Fun for men and women in their retirement and semi retirement years
- Stimulate thought, interest and participation at a time of life when it is easy to become complacent

### Network Suggestions

- Share activities with other probus members
- Debate interesting topics
- Participate and enjoy the diversity
- Encourage laughter the best tonic for the day

### What is the International Probus Network

- a volunteer-based, non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian fellowship organization
- No cost involvement just your participation and time
- Encouraging healthy minds to remain active in their later years

Website address - <https://www.probus.org>