

# PROBUS GLOBAL

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# HISTORY

- UNITED KINGDOM 1965/1966
  - Rotary Offshoot
  - Professional Business
- NEW ZEALAND 1974
- AUSTRALIA 1976
- CANADA 1987 Founded by John R Morris



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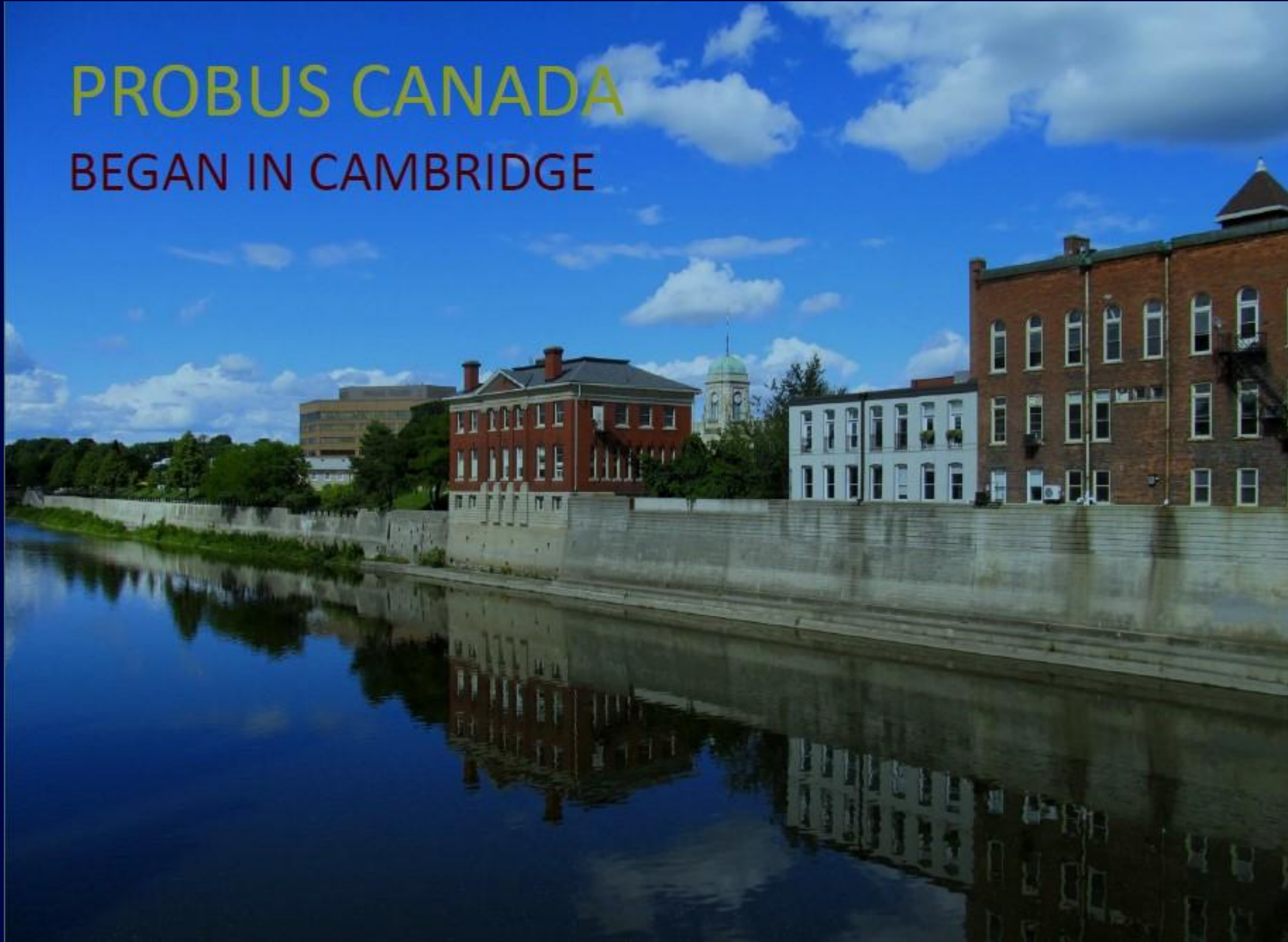
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# PROBUS CANADA BEGAN IN CAMBRIDGE

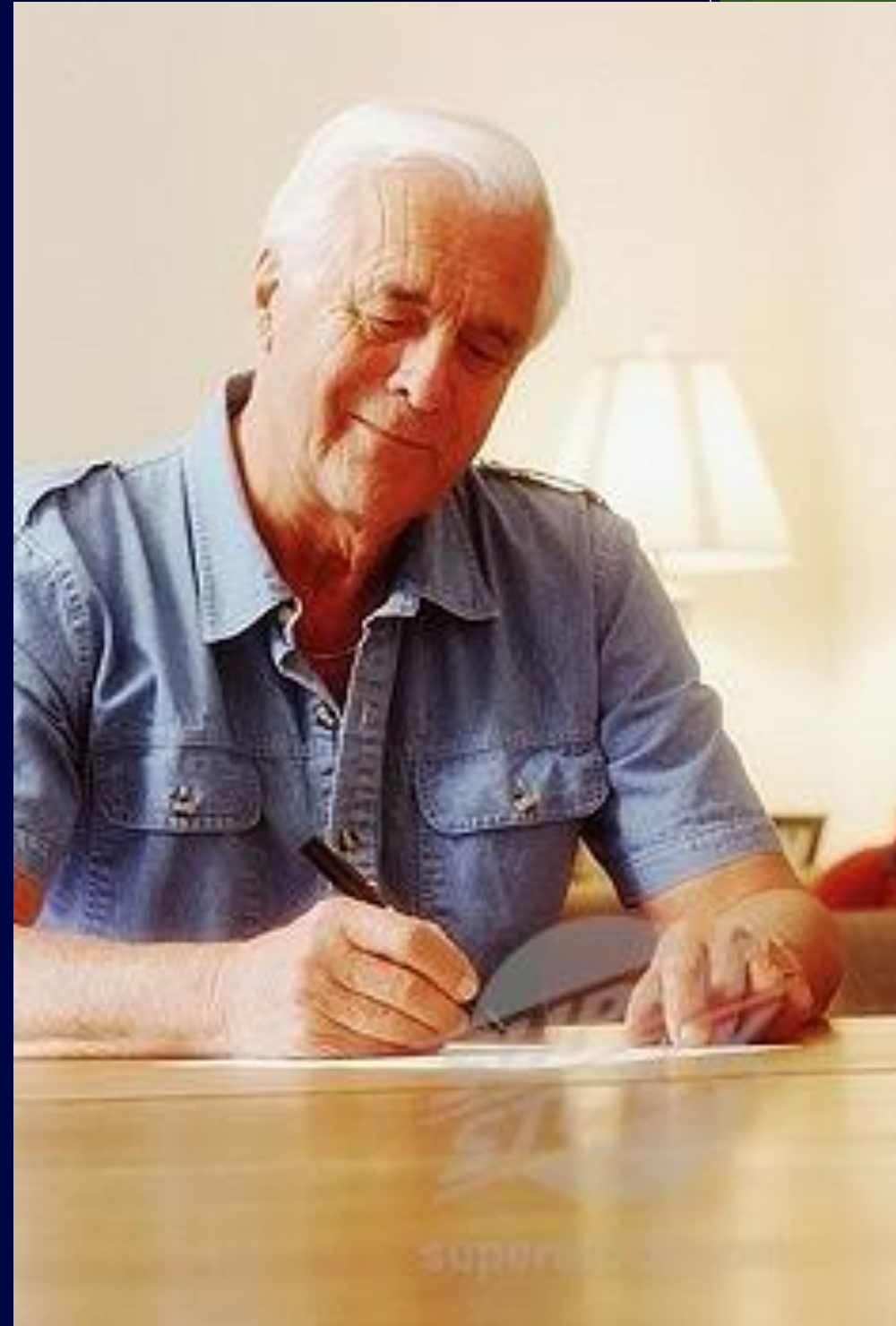


# IPN HISTORY

- ❑ Started as the Informal Probus Network in 1996 by
- ❑ Wilf Beer - Woy Woy Probus Club Inc. Australia as
- ❑ A Chat group with 13 members from Australia, Canada and New Zealand.
- ❑ 5 groups formed in 2000 with 166 members. Specialist groups added - Topical Probe in MSN later Facebook, Ladies Section, Photography in Flickr. The name changed to International Probus Network (IPN) 2007.

# Our Mission

- 2018 REBOOT
- Growth Challenge



It is a Global Community

Where PROBUS Members can join to:

- ☐ Make new friends
- ☐ Share your passions
- ☐ Travel
- ☐ Learn
- ☐ Grow

**What is  
PROBUS  
Global?**



# 2018/2019 REBOOT

- ❑ Established Future/Management Team
- ❑ PROBUS Global BROCHURE
- ❑ NEWSLETTER
- ❑ LISTED ON PROBUS World Websites
- ❑ WEBSITE - [probusglobal.org](http://probusglobal.org)
- ❑ INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

# PROBUS GLOBAL -THE VISION

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

To have a PROBUS Global 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.



# STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

- Grow PROBUS NETWORK Globally
- Global Communications NETWORK for all PROBUS MEMBERS
- Support the sustainability of PROBUS Clubs throughout the world
- Contact source for global PROBUS travellers
- Promote and support the autonomy of PROBUS

# STRATEGIC PLAN ACTION PLAN

- Global Distribution of BROCHURE and NEWSLETTERS
- GLOBAL LINK for all PROBUS Regions
- GLOBAL PROBUS WEBSITE
- Global PROBUS Management Team



# 2019 MARKETING

- ❑ Website - [probusglobal.org](http://probusglobal.org)
- ❑ Probian to Probian Chat Rooms
- ❑ Circulation of Brochure & Newsletter
- ❑ Probus Global (Day-Week-Month)

# Estimated numbers as at July 2022

## PROBUS WORLDWIDE

	No. of clubs	No. of members
Australia	1,578	114,000
United Kingdom	1,264	51,000
Canada	250	38,000
New Zealand	148	14,000
Netherlands	431	13,000
Ireland	134	4,700
South Africa	79	4,000
20 other countries	616	61,300
Total	4,500	300,000



# PROBUS GLOBAL MEMBERS

January 2019 -35

January 2023- 1025

15 Countries

PG Membership Cost- NO COST

## Name

## Title

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President

Peter Jennings

Webmaster

Merv Richens

Management

Rob Neary

Management Team

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Management Team

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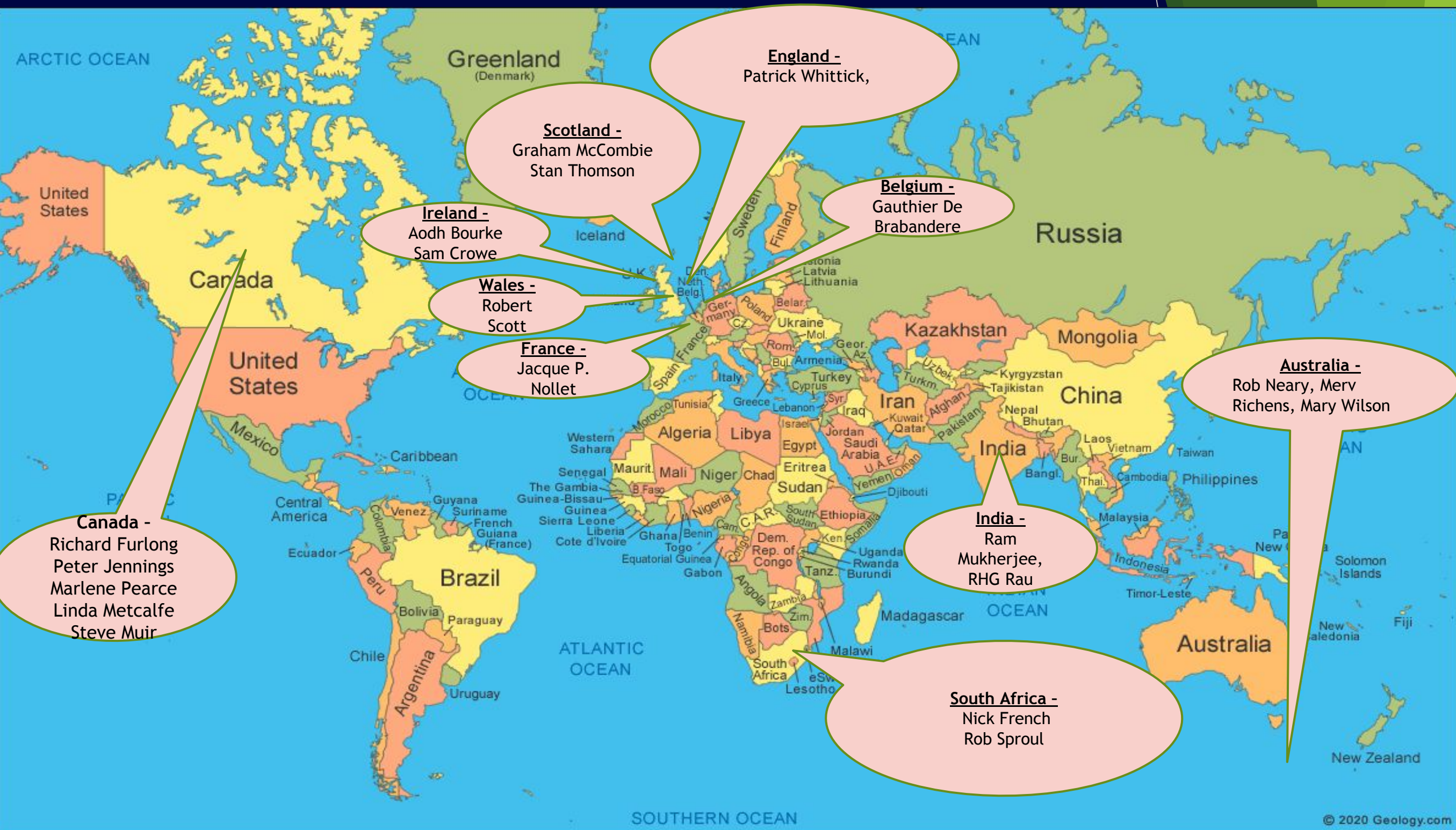
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# TEAM COODINATORS REGIONS



# THE TEAM

## Building PROBUS Global for the Future

Aodh Bourke	Northern Ireland
Sam Crowe	Ireland
Gauthier De Brabandere	Belgium
Nick French	South Africa
Richard Furlong	Canada
Linda Metcalfe	Canada
Ram Mukherjee	India
Steve Muir	Canada Zoom
Marlene Pearce	Canada
Dr. R.H.G Rau	India
Merv Richens	Australia
Robert Scott	Wales
Liz Smith	New Zealand
Rob Sproul	South Africa
Stan Thomson	Scotland
Patrick Whittick	United Kingdom
Mary Wilson	Australia

# PROBUS GLOBAL CLUB AMINISTRATOR

Primary Role to help keep PG website club directory CURRENT

How Do I Do This?

- Peter Jennings, our “techie” of the team and responsible for our website, has set up a program to forward an email to me when a club is searched on our website whether by a Probus member or anyone worldwide
- The person searching the club may have moved to a new location and wish to join a local club
- They may be travelling to another country and wish to visit a club there or even ask for their advice as to where to stay or places to see during their visit
- The email I receive shows the information our directory has for the club and when it was last updated - many as far back as 1970 and in 2019.



## Example of a club's information needing updating -

- Club: Bangor Ladies
  - Location: Bangor Co Down
  - Members: 48
  - Membership: LADIES
  - Meeting Place: Ballyholme Yacht Club
  - Meeting Time: Wed, 10.30am, 2nd & 4th
  - Map: <https://probusglobal.org/Clubs/map.php?id=GB-2082>
  - Contact: Mrs. Alison Guy. Tel: 028 9146 0839
  - Email:
  - Website:
  - Updated: 2019-11-15
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- When an email is provided, I will then contact the club and ask for their assistance to update our website directory
  - If no email is provided, I then do a Google search and hopefully find a way to contact the club

# PROBUS GLOBAL COORDINATOR

- Promote Probus
- Ensure members know the benefits of the PG website
- Communicate with all PG members in your region
- Distribute Newsletter
- Encourage members submit articles to the quarterly newsletter
- Encourage participation in PG virtual meetings
- Report actives to PG international Coordinator
- Distribute PG information to all PG members in region
- Communicate regional updates
- Maintain data base for all clubs and PG members in region
- Encourage regional PG member meetings
- Regular review meetings with other region coordinators

# NEW PROGRAMS

- ❑ Speakers Corner
- ❑ Travel coordinator
- ❑ Photos by members
- ❑ PG Awards
- ❑ PROBUS Day
- ❑ Quarterly Newsletter
- ❑ Updated chat rooms
- ❑ Quarterly General Meetings
- ❑ Mapping of club and PG member locations
- ❑ Twinning of Probus Clubs worldwide



**Find new speakers for your club by Zoom or in-person.**

**Tell us about the best speakers you have seen.**

**Our growing list of amazing entertaining and informative presenters.**



# Armchair Travel Coordinator

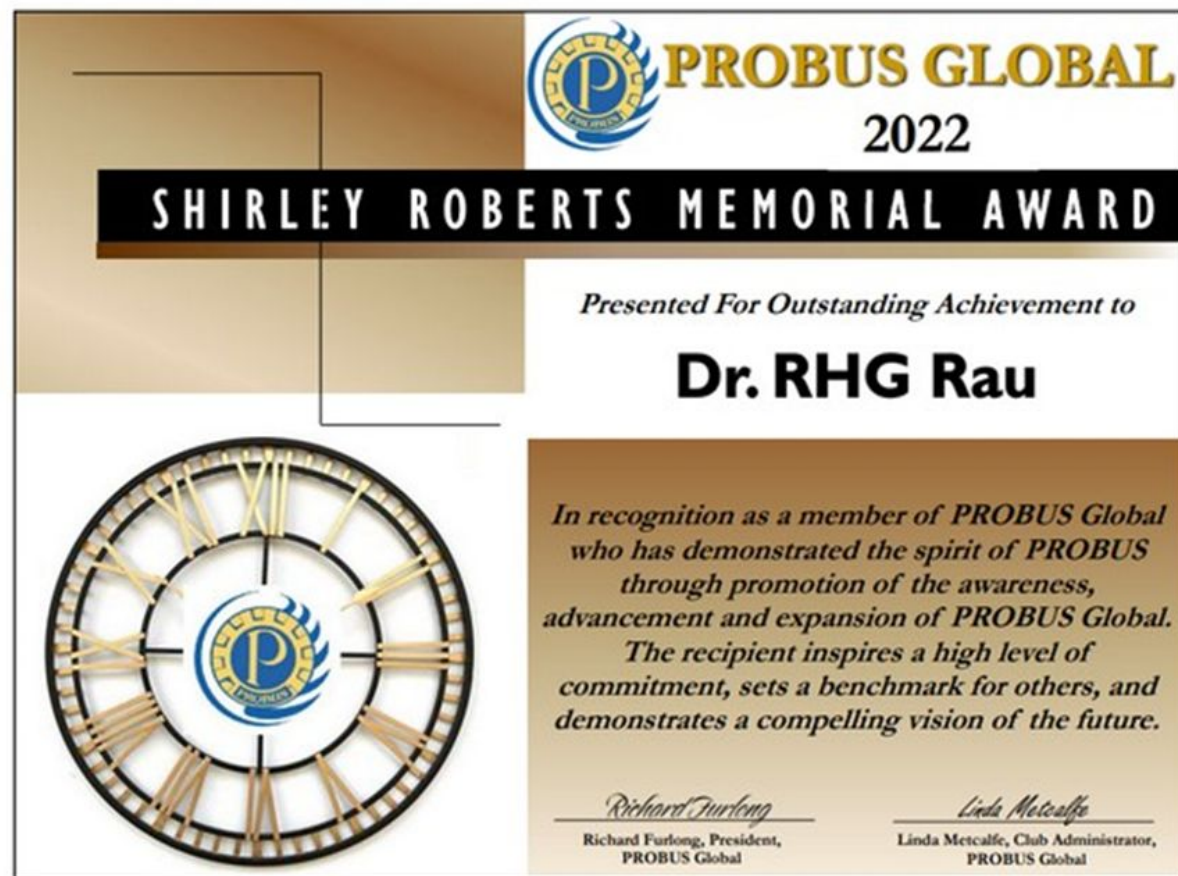


# Photos By Members





# Shirley Roberts Memorial Award



# PROBUS Global Newsletter





Join us in the Member Chatroom.  
Join us in the Video Chatroom.  
Join us in Groups.io.





## Meetings & Presentations

### Presentations Icon

PROBUS clubs have moved online. Request an invitation to attend meetings all over the world.

# Club Twinning

- ❑ Many Probus clubs have “twinned” with a club in another part of world.
- ❑ A New Zealand Probus Club of Kapiti Coast has twinned with the Port Dover Club in Ontario
- ❑ Newsletters are shared providing information about their country, club activities, group ideas, etc.
- ❑ More information is available in the PG December 2022 newsletter on our website.





## Club Locator

If you are looking for a PROBUS club anywhere, start here.

Before setting off, contact a local PROBUS Global member for more information or to meet on your trip.



# For Contact Information

PROBUS GLOBAL WEBSITE  
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