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DENMARK RIVER PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone,
Hope you are enjoying all the rain we have had In the last few weeks. It Is definitely winter as the temperture plumets. Exmouth sounds like a great place to be this time of the year.
Regards,
Trish.

NEXT MEETING

5th July 2023

10.00 at the Denmark Country Club.

Guest Speaker: Catherine Spaggiari "Geology of the SW WA and it's relationship the formation of critical mineral deposits."

Lunch: Boston Brewery

BIRTHDAYS

Helena Wragg	Thursday 22nd June
Fran Pederick	Friday 23 rd June
Barry Barton	Thursday 29th June
Windy Lind	Thursday 29th June
Neville Thorn	Thursday 29 th June
Kevin Stone	Friday 30th June
Anne Peterson	Monday 17 th July
Tracy Barton	Thursday 20 th July



MEMBERSHIP

There are 15 people on the waiting list

Name Badges - Please remember to **wear** your name badges so that everyone can get to know you.

Guest Speaker

My Time at The Beach - Bruce Grieve

Bruce talked about "The Beach" - Swanbourne beach where nudists go to swim. I thought it was purely a nudist beach, but that is not true, it is a "Free" beach - one where you can choose to swim attired or not.

Bruce is a former school teacher who later became a laboratory technician at the University of Western Australia. He lived close to Swanbourne beach. He knew that people swam there nude, but didn't think of going until he saw an article the local paper about a Best Bum competition held there. He decided that people who held such a contest were his kind of people, so he went and decided that he liked swimming there.



The first thing that Bruce noticed about the Swanbourne nudist beach was that people were talking to each other. At a normal beach groups of people sit under umbrellas some distance from each other, but they do not speak to each other. That was not the case at Swanbourne. The umbrellas were closer together and everyone was talking to each other. He liked the friendliness.

Bruce said nude bathing is not something new. Prior to the 16th century people always swam nude, men at one place and woman at another. It was not until later after bathing costumes became fashionable that men and women swam at the same places. So, whereas nude bathing occurred in the 1940's and 1950's it was not until the 1960's that it became more popular, and in its heyday, there would have been between 1-2,000 people at Swanbourne.

They had a lot of fun at the beach. Games of volleyball were often played, and they organised Beach Olympics featuring a raft of novelty races including a 3-person-3-legged race; and, of course, a Best Bum competition. The Best Bum comp was held with the competitors standing behind a screen with only their bums visible below it.

Once a guy turned up carrying a bag. It was apparent to all that he had a movie camera hidden inside the bag as there was a slit at the end of the bag. After a while Bruce went and sat down beside the guy and asked him to leave. He asked what he meant, and Bruce said "c'mon, everyone knows you have a camera hidden in that bag. Why don't you leave, you have enough footage already." The guy became obstinate demanding to know who was going to make him leave, Bruce and what army? Bruce had primed some of his friends to wave back to him if he pointed at them. So Bruce said, "You see those guys over there ..." and they all waved. When Bruce turned around, the guy was gone.

Lots of famous people turned up there on occasion. Ernie Dingo being one of them. During the America's Cup races people watched the races from the Swanbourne beach. I asked if Bruce was there when the Morris dancers visited. He was. One of the members of the Free Settler's Morris group was a frequent visitor to the Swanbourne beach and she organised for the whole side to go and dance there. She also

taught them how to do a Morris dance. Although I was a member of the Free Settler's Morris team, I wasn't there that day but my husband was.

Joyce Edmonds

Vicki Lumia sent this for your amusement.

Subject: New bathroom legislation...

Could this be the main subject for Canberra's next Question Time? !!!

There are important questions to be answered about recent LGBT lavatory legislation and whether transgender people will be permitted to use a lavatory of the gender that they "identify" with or be required to use the lavatory of their biological gender.

If the latter, will public lavatories be required to have a Genital Inspection Station posted at the entrance to all public lavatories?

Who will have to pay these Pecker Checkers, the people using the lavatory, or the entity that owns the lavatory?

And how much money will a Pecker Checker be paid to check peckers?

Or, do we pay a Pecker Checker by the number of peckers checked?

How many peckers can a Pecker Checker check if a Pecker Checker could check peckers?

What has this country come to when the Department of Labour has to create a new job description of Politically Correct Lavatories Service Inspectors?

Their Motto Might Be???

"If you gotta pee - We gotta see!"

HAPPENINGS

The Dam

We had a wonderful experience at The Dam outing today. Whilst there they invited us to do some tastings, which we did in small



groups. Trevor took care of us, first of all we tried the Cannabis Botanical Distillery Sativa Vodka which I liked a lot. Then on to the Cannabis Botanicals Distillery Sativa Gin, and the third one was the shiraz flavoured gin (which I also liked), Cannabis Botanical Re-Gin. We had a couple of sips of it straight, then they added some of their Ginger beer. That was delicious. It is a fantastic venue, well worth a visit.

Thanks Vicki Lumia

Like Vicki, I enjoyed our visit to The Dam today, despite the torrential rain that poured down while we were there. Our group was so large that the tour of the distillery had to take place in 3 separate groups. It was explained to us how they go about distilling their whiskey. He also told us that a single malt whisky simply means that it is made from barley – something I



didn't know. However, they make it from Cannabis using different sized column distillers to make the different drinks. I also enjoyed lunch afterwards. *Joyce*



Those of us who joined Denmark Probus on their May walk gained a different perspective on our town as we searched the streets to solve a crossword puzzle compiled by Ken Smith. Who knows which business in town claims you are "Spoilt for Choice"?



SOCIAL GROUPS



WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

The wine appreciation group meets from 5-7pm on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Denmark Men's Shed, just past the Rivermouth Caravan Park on Inlet Drive.

For more information contact **Peter Lumia**.



Fran's Coffee Mornings

Meets at 10:00 am every 3rd Tuesday of the month at various venues.

Next: 18th July – Tea House Books
15th Aug - Kebab café
19th Sept – Mrs Jones



Kayaking

Kayaking is held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays (weather permitting) at **8:00** am - **in the water** - launching from the boat ramp at the Denmark Rivermouth Caravan Park. Coffee is enjoyed afterwards at the

Reminisce Café on site. For more information contact **Warrick Gates** or **Stuart Hoskins**.

FORTHCOMING EVENT

July 19th – 10 Pin Bowling

Ten-pin bowling has been confirmed for the 19th July. It will be at the OLD venue at 120 Stead Street, Albany meeting at 10:30 am. Please wear your own soft soled shoes. Two games for \$21.

Lunch: The Earl of Spencer at 12 Noon.

August 16 – Hicks Robotic Dairy

Hicks Road, Scotsdale. It is off Mt. Lindsay Road.

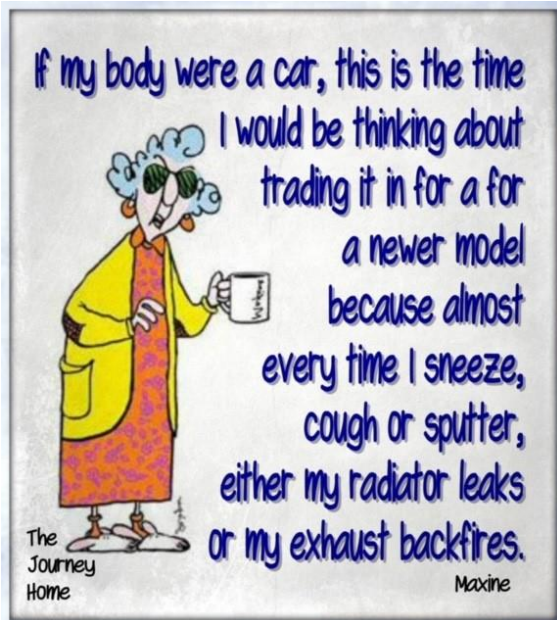
No entry fee. This is a working farm so please wear suitable shoes for wet conditions and dress appropriately.

Lunch: Ducketts Mill. Will advise menu closer to the time.

For further information please contact our secretary at secretary@denmarkriverprobus.org.au



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 "WE'RE ALREADY LATE... NOW MY MOM'LL HAFTA DRIVE EVEN FASTER!"



If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a for a newer model because almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires.

The Journey Home

Maxine



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"Now snore."

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