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DENMARK RIVER PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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Greetings Probians,

Wishings you all a warmer month in September. It was sad to hear of Ray Creese passing. Hope the rest of you are keeping well. We should make the most of every day as we only get one chance to enjoy this life. On a brighter note we hope our members Vicki, Peter, Helena, Kevin, Robin and Brian have a wonderful holiday.

Till next month

Cheers Trish

NEXT MEETING

4th October 2023

10.00 at the Denmark Country Club

Guest Speaker: Christine Zambonetti of Advocare.

Lunch: In-house Curries and Lemon Meringue Pie

BIRTHDAYS

October

20th Rosmary Lowe
22nd Marianne Mayer
30th John Wildman
31st Louise Hoskins



MEMBERSHIP

There are 13 people on the waiting list

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

Articles for Newsletter

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The article can be about anything. Anything that you think others would be interested in. It could be a story from your childhood, a trip that you have been on, or even a favourite recipe. So do not be surprised if I approaches you and ask you to write something. We all have tales that we can share.

Guest Speaker

September Guest Speakers: Matt and Sue from Denmark Community Radio

Sue and Matt started planning a community radio station back in 2018. Sue had worked for the ABC and Matt had a technological background. Their plans were slowed down by COVID, but by 2020, they had a home base at the CRC and were ready to go. Then the next problem arose. The antenna that they had ordered was on a truck that was impounded for transporting drugs. Eventually they established a radio station with two studios, one for recording and pre-production and one for broadcasting. Since that time they have made steady progress, to the point where they are on air 24 hours a day.

They have a wide range of programmes, covering the breakfast slot, various musical genres, health, sport, history, arts, astronomy, a police report, what's on in Denmark and environmental issues. They even have a presenter who is non-verbal, and communicates by typing into a tablet which converts text into voice.

Denmark Community Radio has won awards including Outstanding Small Station and Excellence in Innovative Programming and Content, both in 2022.

Their future plans include outside broadcasting of local football games and music performances, recording radio plays and training new presenters.

Sue encouraged us to tune in to 99.7 FM, even if only to access emergency information. It can be sourced on mobile phone, computer or portable radio.

Subscriptions of \$15 per annum can be made at the CRC.



PROBUS DAY AND OUR 9TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

This is our celebration cake for our Probus formation anniversary.



The Meeting of New Cousins

Joyce Edmonds

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In 2020 I received an email with the subject line “Distant Relative?” It was from America. I didn’t know anyone in America. I read the email with interest thinking, “Wow, she is talking about my grandmother”. That began a series of emails, to and fro, until we were convinced that “Yes”, I was a relative - a 2nd cousin.

There is a lot of talk about the “stolen” generation, but it did not just happen to aboriginal people. My grandmother and her siblings were taken away from her drunken parents. Due to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, her parents were charged with neglecting their five children. This was in Ireland. All the children, except the baby, were placed in industrial schools, one in Belfast for the elder boy, and one in Bray for the girls. The family had been living in the Workhouse before the trial. Gran’s mother was gaoled for 3 months, and the baby was left in the care of the Workhouse. When my great-grandmother came out of gaol, she fled to an aunt in America with baby Sam. The email came from a descendant of that baby..

In August this year I went to Ireland for a month-long holiday to meet 3 of those American cousins that I hadn’t known existed. We met in Dublin where I introduced them to a couple of my 1st cousins who were related to them; then we did a tour around the whole country. We moved on to Belfast where my grandmother was born. There we met with other descendants from the same family and saw the farm that our great-great-grandfather had lived on. The same family still lives there after 7 generations. It was so



interesting to see that farm and to meet those who still live there. Here we are in Dun Loaghaire, Dublin

After several days in Belfast, we moved on to see the more touristy things. The Americans were loving it. Initially, they didn't know that they came from Ireland. They thought they were of Scandinavian descent because my great grandmother remarried in America to someone who was from Scandinavia, but when they tried to trace the family, they kept hitting dead ends. DNA showed they had no Scandinavian blood (apart from some Viking blood that most Irish people have), but they had a lot of Scottish/Irish blood. It wasn't until one guy twigged that their grandfather's second name might have been his original surname that they found me. He died never knowing that he came from Ireland.

We had a lovely trip around Ireland visiting so many beautiful and interesting places. I had a ball showing them my country. I even found a spot in the country in the west of Ireland where Mum and Dad had taken me when I was about a year old.

Joyce beside Joyce's River.



The weather varied from storms so ferocious they were given names to beautiful sunshine. Unfortunately for many, it was wild weather when we took the ferry to the Aran Islands. Even one member of the crew was seasick. I survived by anticipating every wave. It was like riding a bucking bronco and more than once the boat came crashing down back onto the water with a loud smack after cresting a wave. We were lifted off our seats a couple of times. I think the antihistamines I had been taking all the time helped too. So, it was an exciting holiday, and I loved every minute of it. The only downside – 3 days before the end I spilt water on my computer and lost most of my photos.



Fran's Coffee Mornings

As very few people were attending this, the September meeting voted to discontinue this event.



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.



Kayaking

Kayaking is held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays (weather permitting) at 7:30 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 Events

20th SEPTEMBER: (organised by Tracey) Lunch at Albany Premier Hotel. Special menu \$20 & \$25 per person or A La CaOrte. Car pool amongst yourselves if needed.

October = as Helena and Robin will be away, no event has been organized for October.

November 15th – Lawn Bowls at Denmark Riverside Club. Please ensure that flat soled shoes are worn.

Lunch at 12:30 at Reminesce Café Rivermouth Caravan Park. ,

The following photos are from last month's outing to Hicks' Dairy.





Funnies



... and that is **WHY** the chicken crossed the road.



"Male, 38, still living with his parents. They asked us to keep him overnight, so they could change the locks."



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