



Denmark River Probus News

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Hello all,



I need to start this newsletter off with huge apologies to Kevin and Ralph. I did not include them in my thanks at the AGM. The two of them have provided a constant source of amusement to the recipients of this newsletter and for that I sincerely express my gratitude.

Congratulations to those who played Corporate Bowls. They came 6th out of 24 teams.

Carmel Stott

<http://www.denmarkriverprobus.org.au>



PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

Welcome to another year of enjoyable times with Denmark River Probus.

I'm sure the committee have come up with plans for interesting events and luscious lunches.

If you see that someone need help with meals, cleaning up and so on, please just jump in and say i'll help without having to be asked.

Have an excellent, happy year

Neville Thorn
President

NEXT MEETING

4th April 2018

10h00

Denmark Country Club

**Lunch = In-house BBQ
\$10.00pp**

PAY THE \$10.00 ENTRY FEE, KEEP RECEIPTS for food purchased and be REIMBURSED for ingredients be the treasurer. (We will not reimburse for food purchased if receipts are not presented.)

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(2) DO NOT PAY THE \$10.00 ENTRY FEE and NOT be reimbursed for food purchased.

Exchange Table

**Speaker = Claudia Simpson
Shire Community Development
Officer Youth and Seniors.**



April Birthdays

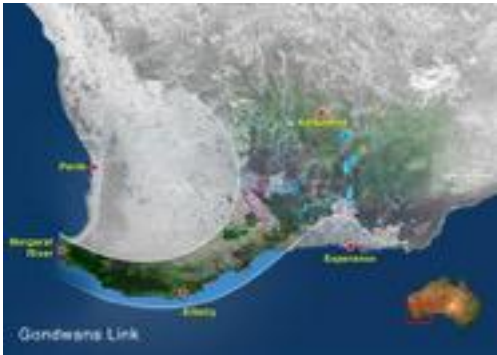
06th	Joy Hawes
10th	Liz Morse
16th	Elspeth Marshall
19th	Malcolm Dickie
22nd	Julie Nayda
25th	Janene Robinson



On Wednesday March 7th 2018 **Keith Bradby** CEO of the Gondwana Link came to talk to our group.

One of the first points made by Keith was the goal of "Restoring Hope"; of restoring the ecological well-being of the area in the south West of WA while showing respect to the Noongar Elders.

Keith has been involved with the program since its inception in 2002 and his passion, understanding and knowledge of the region was evident throughout his talk. The map below shows the area of the Gondwana Link and it flows from the karri forests of the far south west to the woodland and mallee bordering the Nullarbor, a length of 1000 Kilometres.



We are fortunate to live in the wonderful town of Denmark, but hearing it is in the largest "Least Disturbed" area of

Mediterranean habitat in the world, really brought home how lucky we are. But without work it won't remain that way. Since 1950's there has been a steady decline in vegetation with so many cleared areas. The southwestern corner of Australia is internationally recognised as a biodiversity hotspot, partly because of its species diversity, so regeneration to save and maintain those species is critical.

Some interesting areas discussed by Keith included Fitzgerald Park and the Great Western Woodlands. Research has been performed in Fitzgerald Park for years and Keith mentioned that in 1986 the list of plants documented in the area was tripled and in one day that year they doubled the number of known mammals. The ongoing research helps them to understand the species that need protection. In many cleared areas in the "Link", regeneration is well underway. Restoration is occurring on public and private lands and we were lucky to see pictorial results of several properties. One of the other areas Keith shared was the creation in the Great Western Woodlands of the Ngadju Ranger team to assist with cultural issues related to the land.

The Alliance comprises of a combination of national, international, local people, organizations and companies working together with the Noongar people. The Gondwana link is fortunate to have the private sector step up to assist with the funding gap. At the end of the talk Keith shared of some of his international experiences and it was fascinating to see the restoration already in progress in arid areas of Africa and hearing of the 100million Hectares the African countries have committed to. The hope of the Gondwana Link is we continue to restore our own lands too.

More information can be found at www.gondwanalink.org

Carole Wright



Fran's" Coffee Morning

Come join us at Chilli, Lime & Salt
Tuesday 20th March 10.00am
All members invited.



Wine Appreciation Group

Wine tasting **21st March**
5pm-7pm
Freehand Wines
Strictly prior bookings only



Walking Group

March walk will be on **Tuesday, 27th**.
Mystery Town Quiz Walk
Meet little IGA at 09.00am.
Walk will be followed by Lunch at Nornabar cafe



Outings

Wednesday 21st February we sailed along on the the River / Inlet Cruise.
Photos can be found at:

<http://www.denmarkriverprobus.org.au/gallery.html#p48>

Thursday 22nd March - 10,00am

Come enjoy a morning of croquet Gomm Park Croquet Club. 646 Lower King Road, Albany. Car pooling small IGA 9.00am
Please wear flat shoes.
\$6.00 pp plus and extra \$2.00 for tea and biscuits.
After the games meet for lunch at Emu Point Cafe



THE PICK-UP LINE

An elderly gentleman walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. He is in his late-eighties, very well-dressed, hair well-groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel and smelling slightly of an expensive after shave. He presents a very nice image.

Seated at the piano bar is a classy, looking lady in her mid-seventies.

The sharp, old gentleman walks over and sits alongside her. He orders a drink and takes a sip. He slowly turns to the lady and says: "So, tell me, doll... Do I come here often?"

Americans Don't Understand English - The Jonathan Ross Show

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wSw3IWRJa0>



Putting your affairs in order!

The doctor, after an examination, sighed and said, 'I've got some bad news. You have terminal cancer, and you'd best put your affairs in order.'

The woman was shocked, but managed to compose herself and walk into the waiting room where her daughter had been waiting.

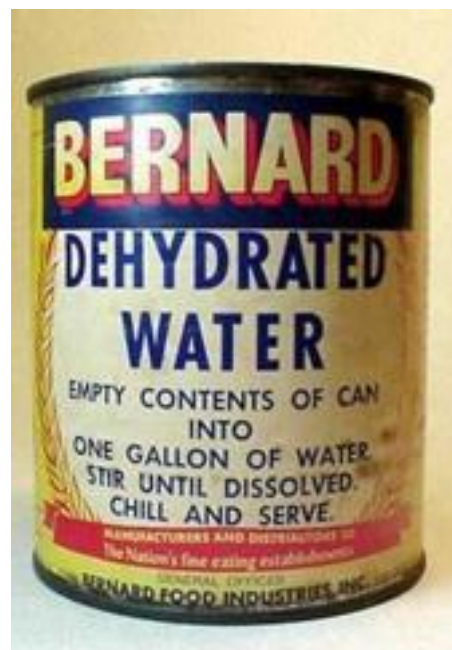
'Well, daughter, we women celebrate when things are good, and we celebrate when things don't go so well. In this case, things aren't well. I have terminal cancer. So, let's head to the club and have a champagne.' After 3 or 4 champagnes, the two were feeling a little less sombre. There were some laughs and more champagnes. They were eventually approached by some of the woman's old friends, who were curious as to what the two were celebrating. The woman told her friends they were drinking to her impending end, 'I've been diagnosed with AIDS.'

The friends were aghast, gave the woman their condolences and beat a hasty retreat.

After the friends left, the woman's daughter leaned over and whispered, 'Mum, I thought you said you were dying of cancer, and you just told your friends you were dying of AIDS! Why did you do that?'

'Because I don't want any of those bitches sleeping with your father after I'm gone.'

And THAT, my friends, is what is called, 'Putting Your Affairs In Order.'



And a word from Steve

1981 & 2005 - *Two Interesting Years*

Interesting Year 1981

1. Prince Charles got married.
2. Liverpool crowned soccer Champions of Europe .
3. Australia lost the Ashes.
4. The Pope died.

Interesting Year 2005

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Lesson to be learned:

The next time Charles gets married,
Someone should warn the Pope.

REMEMBER WHEN:

All the girls had ugly gym slips

It took five minutes for the TV to warm up

Nearly everyone's Mum was home
When the kids got home from school

Nobody owned a purebred dog

You'd reach into a muddy gutter for a penny

Your Mother wore nylons that came in two pieces

All male teachers wore ties and female teachers
Had their hair done every day and wore high heels

You got your windscreen cleaned, oil checked
And petrol served, without asking, all for free,
every time..

It was considered a great privilege to be taken out
to dinner at a real restaurant with your parents

They threatened to keep children back a year if they
failed the school year. . . And they did!

When a Ford Zephyr was everyone's dream car...

And people went *steady*

No one ever asked where the car keys were
because they were always in the car, in the ignition,
and the doors were never locked .

Spinning around, getting dizzy and falling down
was cause for giggles?

Playing cricket with no adults to help the children
with the rules of the game

Bottles came from the corner shop without safety
caps and hermetic seals because no one had yet
tried to poison a perfect stranger

And with all our progress, don't you wish, just once,
you could slip back in time and savour the slower
pace, and share it with the children of today?