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Hello all,

Providing that we have clear skies on this night this is what you can look forward to at the end of this month.

July 27: A very long total eclipse of the moon.

This exceptionally long total lunar eclipse will be visible throughout most of the Eastern Hemisphere. The moon will appear directly overhead from a point only a few hundred miles off the east coast of Madagascar in the Indian Ocean. The total phase will last 103 minutes, just 4 minutes shy of the absolute longest that a total lunar eclipse can last.

The reason for the extreme duration is that the moon passes almost directly through the center of the Earth's shadow. Because the moon is also at apogee — its farthest point from Earth in an orbit — this same day, it is moving at its slowest speed, and thus will take an inordinately long time to move through the Earth's shadow. Much of Japan and eastern Australia will see the moon set while in total eclipse. The central and eastern portions of South America will see the moon rise either during or after totality. Unfortunately, no part of this eclipse will be visible from North or Central America.



Carmel Stott
Info also available at:
http://www.denmarkriverprobus.org.au



August Birthdays

VICE PRESIDERTS REPORT

Hello Members.

We have had an interesting time without our exalted president, but the purpose of our club is to have fun so, when I'm in the chair our meetings will be speedy and when things go awry its not the end of the world. I hope our activities are enjoyed by all those who can make it. Thanks to the rest of the committee for making my job so much easier.

Remember the old adage, "Speak in haste, Repent in Leisure". that's what happens when you put your hand up for Vice President!

Clare Thallon

NEXT MEETING

1st August 2018 10h00

Denmark Country Club

Lunch = Lunch = Soup and Desserts \$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 = Hazel McKenzie- Health Dept changes to Community Aged Care

6th Kelsay Bateman

11th Val Ball

11th Robert Allan

12th Ray Creese

14th Rose Robson

20th Bev Farrall

27th Kerry Clark



Guest Speaker for July

Bill Chandler – Apollo 11 and the Carnarvon Base

After a few technical difficulties we watched a video of the Apollo 11 landing on the moon. This amazing feat was conducted 49

years ago this month. Bill grew up with an interest in science fiction, in the UK and on seeing an advertisement, applied for a job in Australia so he could be involved in this mission. Based in Carnarvon, Bill's job was to monitor the vital statistics of the crew.

7 hours after the Eagle landed on the moon Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin stepped out on to the surface. Asked why they took 7 hours to open the hatch, Bill said they needed to rest and complete a lot of tests to ensure they could safely leave. The proof that the two had practiced in underwater pools and were well prepared was the fact that the vital signs Bill was monitoring never varied from a stable setting throughout. Of course this led to some of the rumours that it was all fake, but Bill assured us it was not. The third member of the crew remained on the mothership and did not have a chance to step in the moon on this mission.

With blast off on July 16 and splashing down on July 27 meant this was 11days of amazing history. Back then they all thought they would be off to Mars not long behind this mission, but 49 years later and manned flights to Mars are still yet to happen.

Another question during the film was about the tower seen at the launch that falls away on lift off, was it reused. Bill assured that it was reused, but that it needed some fresh paint.

Carnarvon at its peak had 150 staff and was the first fully equipped station to receive data of the 4 major stations outside the USA. All the data was sent back to Houston. The space crew left data collecting devices on the moon and these had batteries that lasted 5-10 years and sent information back to the USA during that time.

Bill came to Australia for the job with this mission and remained working in the Carnarvon site until the end of Skylab.

The 50th anniversary celebration will take place in Carnarvon on July 29 next year if anyone is interested in a visit.

Carol Wright.

Happenings



Fran's" Coffee Morning
Come join us at Ravens
Tuesday 17th July 10.00am
All members invited.

Wine Appreciation Group



Wine tasting 26th July 2018
-5:00pm to 7:00pm
Garden Room Community
Resource Centre.
Theme - Unusual Varietal Wines
Bring plate of nibbles
\$3.00 towards hire of room.

Walking Group



Walking with Probus. Bridge to Bridge.

Thursday July 26th 9:00am - 11:00am Meet 9am at car park opposite Little IGA

Outings



Take a look behind the scenes at the iconic Albany Entertainment Centre.

Thursday 19th July 2018. 10:15 am

2 TOLL PLACE, Albany

Lunch at the View Restaurant. (Menu preview is on our web site on the events page).

Photos from past outings can be found at: http://www.denmarkriverprobus.org.au/gallery.html

RALPH'S SAY

Memorial Stone

Joe passed away. His will provided \$30,000 for an elaborate funeral.

As the last guests departed the affair, his wife, Helen, turned to her oldest friend.

"Well, I'm sure Joe would be pleased," she said.

"I'm sure you're right," replied Jody, who lowered her voice and leaned in close.

"How much did this really cost?"

"All of it," said Helen. "Thirty thousand."

"No!" Jody exclaimed. "I mean, it was very nice, but \$30,000?"

Helen answered. "The funeral was \$6,500. I donated \$500 to the church. The wake, food and drinks were another \$500. The rest went for the memorial stone."

Jody computed quickly. "\$22,500 for a memorial stone? My God, how big is it?!"

"Two and a half carats."







And a link from Alan Brooks

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrICG1c1tWY

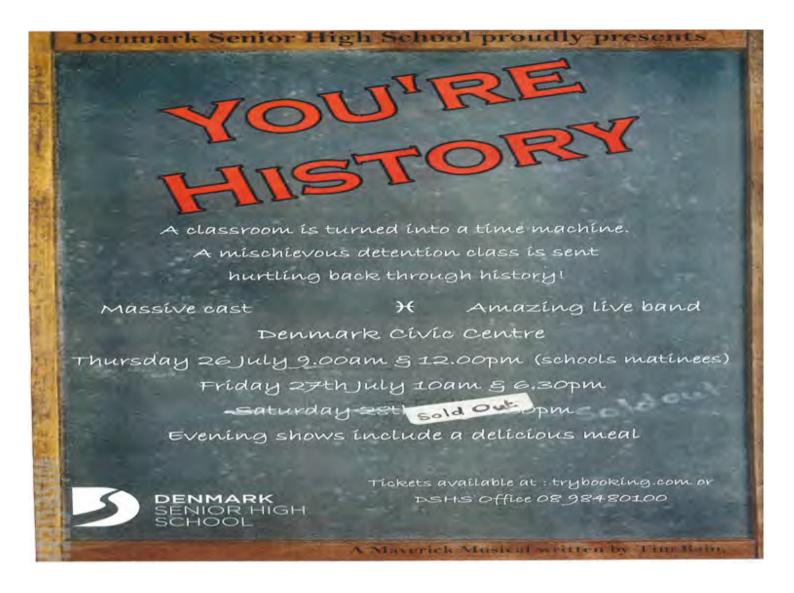
REVIN'S FUNNIES







COMMUNITY EVENT



I picked up a hitchhiker the other day, and he seemed really surprised that I would pick him up...He turned to me and asked, "Geez, weren't you worried that I might be a serial killer?"

I turned to him and smiled, and laughed, and said, "Oh heck no, don't you know that the odds of 2 serial killers being in one car are astronomical?"

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