

'This newsletter is Private and Confidential for Probus use only and is not to be used for any other purpose'

Hi all,

Spring is knocking at the door so I give you this lyric poem written and illustrated by William Blake (1789)



#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 05 Peter Lumia
- **Margaret Norcross** 07
- 11 Glenys Richards
- 25 Alan Brooks

# PRESIDENT'S POST

Greetings fellow fun-loving folk. August has almost passed us by. Christmas will be upon us before we know it. The time seems to pass quicker as we age.. ..perhaps it's because we are busier than ever. Denmark certainly offers a wide range of clubs and activities and social gatherings. Our new members Bruce, Marianne, Joyce, Tracey & Kaye ostensibly have settled in very well and enjoying the friendship and events at Denmark River Probus

The Christmas in July Lunch at the Tavern was very well attended.



### **NEXT MEETING**

4th September 2019 10h00 **Denmark** 

**Country Club** 

Speaker - Brian Humphries - Emergency evacuation procedures in Denmark

#### Please Note - 5th Birthday

In-house lunch today. \$10.00 per person .....Beef or **Pork Rolls** 

Exchange table in action.

We were well catered for, good food and plenty of it. The August lunch at the Tavern was also well attended; straight after the guest speaker Joss Harman had presented a brief synopsis of The Lost River -His Grandfather's adventurous life.

The outing activity for August was a tour of the Albany Convict Gaol & Museum, followed by the Patrick Taylor Cottage- reportedly the oldest surviving dwelling in Western Australia. Both venues were well worth seeing. This event was very well attended.

The survey forms have flowed in, to date I have 30. I will give the results at the October meeting. I thank everyone who has submitted their survey form so far. The results are interesting. If you haven't passed yours in as yet please do so at the September General Meeting.

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed Or are you quite content that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock Or simply stay at home to criticise and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along Or are you well satisfied to only just belong?

Do you ever take a stand for things you think are right Or do you leave the work to just a few and talk instead of fight?

Think it over member you know what's right and wrong Are you an active member or do you just belong?

A poem published in the 1998 Circuit of Munster Programme

# Thought for the day:

Sometimes I get the feeling that the whole world is against me, but deep down I know that's not true...

Some smaller countries are neutral

Kind regards

Val Ball







### July Guest Speaker, Joss Harman

Joss spoke to us about his father, Neal Harman, who was the subject of

Joss's book, Lost River. An Adventurous Life.

Joss's father was the son of a successful businessman, but Neal did not inherit his father's good business sense. However he was a man with a great love of adventure, with a strong moral compass and a deep love of his family and friends.

He travelled widely, throughout south-east Asia, America and Africa, returning to Europe to serve in World War 2. He was discharged from active service when his leg was badly injured, after which he went back to Africa and worked as a rancher whilst making extra money writing novels. He married, and Joss spent his early years in Africa, before the family relocated to Australia and took up a cattle station north of Broome. Joss had an idyllic childhood there and became a skilled horseman.

Joss's deep affection and admiration for Neal was evident when he told us that his father's death left such a hole in his life that he took to writing down Neal's story. Joss's son suggested getting it published and the resulting book is available in the Denmark library. It is a riveting read.

Kerry Clark

# Happenings



Fran's" Coffee Morning

Come join us at Mrs Jones

Tuesday 17th September 10.00am

# Happenings continued



#### **Walking Group**

August 27th - 09.30

Start at Rivermouth, taking the Nornalup Rail track to the Bibbulmun Track. Warning.... it may be a bit muddy! BYO morning tea.

C h e c k : h t t p : / / www.denmarkprobus.com/ events.html

September walk on Tues 24th



#### **Singing**

**3.30pm 3rd September** The Sanctuary



#### **Outings**

Wednesday 18th September

Bus Trip

Please be on the bus ready to depart by 08h30
Tour Kodja Centre/Maze
Wildflower Walk
Lunch at Black Cockatoo.



### Wine Appreciation Group

Wine tasting
26th September2019
5:00pm to 7:00pm

International Wines
Bring your own nibbles
\$3.00 towards hire of room.
\$5.00 for the tastings.
All Probus members welcome.

# REVIN'S FUNNIES

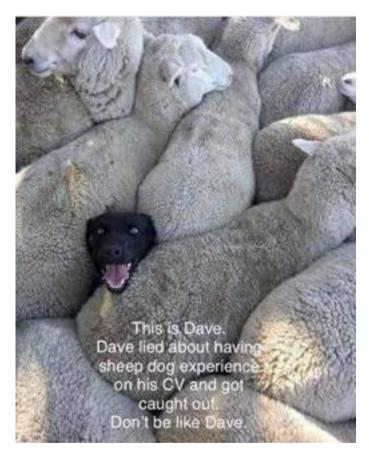


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V36zyVEGark











# RALPH'S STILL TALKING

# Looking for a good job on the Murray River ??

Sally Mulligan of Paddington NSW decided to take one of the jobs that most Australians are not willing to do.

Sally applied for a job in a lemon grove and seemed to be far too qualified for the job. She has a liberal arts degree from the University of Adelaide and had worked as a social worker and a school teacher.



The foreman frowned and said, "I have to ask you, have you had any actual experience in picking lemons??"

"Well, as a matter of fact, I have," she said.

"I've been divorced three times, owned two Jeeps, voted twice for Labor, and once for Clive Palmer."

She starts in the morning.

### I'VE BEEN BANNED FROM WOOLIES

Yesterday I was at my local Woolies store buying a large bag of My Dog dog food for my loyal pet and was in the checkout queue when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think I had an elephant? So, since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Dog Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in hospital last time, but I'd lost 10 kilograms before I woke up in intensive care with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pockets with My Dog nuggets and

simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in queue was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked me if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stepped off the kerb to sniff an Irish Setter's arse and a car hit me.

I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard. I'm now banned from Woolies

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of daft things to say.