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## PRESIDENT'S POST

May I preface this Post by offering Sincere Condolences to Glenice and Family on the sad passing of a n Inaugural Member, Bruce Smith. Bruce was a much loved member of this club and we shall miss his ever



ready cheery smile and presence.

Vale Bruce.

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The results of the Survey are ready for distribution. As you will see, when they arrive in your inbox, there was a good response, with many many suggestions of activities and supplementary clubs. The committee, along with your help, will endeavour to implement as many as we can. Overall though, all members are enjoying the fellowship and fun that DRP offers.

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The September general meeting celebrated Denmark River Probus's 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



#### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 03 Clare Thallon
- 22 Marianne Mayer
- 28 Kathy Brooks
- 30 John Wildman
- 31 Louise Hoskins

The Foundation meeting was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014.

Probus originated in the UK by established Rotary Clubs in 1965. It was formed to meet the need for companionship of their peers and mental stimulation for retired professional and business men... hence PRO & BUS. The first established club in Australia was at Hunters Hill in 1976.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of past committees, for without these volunteers, the club as it is today, would not exist. I think you would agree with me, that the DRP gives us all enjoyment as well as friendship. To have reached our membership limit and have potential members waiting to join, means that the club is doing a lot right

Past Committees include the Inaugural President Clifford Jefferson, followed on by Kaye White, Stuart Hoskins, Carmel Stott, Neville Thorn, with the Inaugural Treasurer being Wendy Lind followed by Carmel Stott, Steve Hawks, and Lex Harry. For the first 4 years Wendy Wildman gave us



2nd October 2019 10h00

**Denmark Country Club** 

Speaker - Venerable Lozang Chodzin, Chairperson of the Mahakaruna Buddhist Society in Denmark

Lunch will be at The Tavern

the benefit of her fabulous expertise as Secretary, taking us from a from a fledgling club to a thriving one. Wendy has an intimate knowledge of the Constitution and Standing Resolutions <u>and</u> of the requirements that our club needs to abide by, as per Probus South Pacific.

We have been extremely fortunate to have Wendy on our "team", this year filling the Vice President Role as well as Membership Officer. Other Committee Members roles include Events, Hospitality, Media and Welfare. These folk have been **and are** vital members of the DRP. I'd like to pass on Our Thanks to these special people. Foremothers and fathers of DRP.

Special mention to our Hospitality Committee members, providing us with morning tea each meeting and an exceptionally good lunch every second month.

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Don't forget to ensure new members and guests feel welcome.

In the meantime, keep well, keep safe and keep smiling.

#### Thought for the Day

'Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring"

(a quote from Marilyn Monroe)

Val Ball President 2019

**NOTE:** re October Quiz - Please supply Carmel with photo - either email of bring copy to meeting on the 2nd.





## Happenings

At the September meeting, we were very fortunate to have

Brian Humphries as our guest speaker.

Listening to Brian's presentation, one gets a sense of how privileged we are here

in the small community of Denmark in which we find a wealth of such interesting people.

Brian is highly qualified in Computer Mapping having spent much of his working life in this field which saw him consulting in over 30 countries worldwide.

His presentation was titled Emergency Evacuation Planning which looked at the "Obstacles, Issues and Opportunities" we face here in Denmark in the threat of a major bushfire catastrophe.

Tech savvy Brian brought home the dire consequences of such an emergency through a series of maps highlighting the outdated planning of our roads and streets which in some cases where limited to one entry/exit access. He has also taken this concern to the Main Roads and the Shire neither apparently willing to address the matter.

As a consequence during a question time, it was suggested that an Action Group was required as a vehicle to heighten community awareness and ultimately to drive the matter home with the Shire and Main Roads.

Meanwhile with an early start to Summer temperature and an apparent water crisis, we are now also aware of not only the need to be well prepared to evacuate but particularly to know how to evacuate.

Brian has indicated that he is very willing to take his presentation to other community groups so please contact him if you have a group that is interested. The more informed our community the better prepared.



#### Fran's" Coffee Morning

Come join us at The Green Pantry Tuesday 15th October 10.00am



#### **Walking Group**

October 22nd - 09.30

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



#### Singing

3.30pm 1st October The Sanctuary





#### Wednesday 16th October

Afternoon Quiz and photo competition at Country Club – 1-3pm, \$5 entry fee, participants to bring a plate of afternoon tea

Members to supply a photo of themselves up to the age of 5 years. Carmel will copy them and John Wildman will put them up on a board. Members to guess who's who! Board to also be displayed at the General Meeting on 6th November.

#### **Wine Appreciation Group**



Wine tasting **24th October 2019** 

5:00pm to 7:00pm
Garden Room Community
Resource Centre
Bring your own nibbles
\$3.00 towards hire of room.
\$5.00 if we have tastings
Check emails re further information
Please let Peter know if you will be attending.



# Just a tip of how to deal with grandchildren



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gileCn1Yko











## RALPH'S STILL TALKING

## I finally did it!

Bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles.
No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen.

The brain is the most outstanding organ. It works for 24 hours, 365 days, right from your birth until you fall in Love.

You never appreciate what you have till it's gone.
Toilet paper is a good example.

The best part about getting older is...

Nothing.

Getting older sucks.

Two female teachers took a group of students from grades 1, 2 and 3 for a field trip to Flemington Racecourse.

When it was time to take the children to the 'bathroom', it was decided that the girls would go with one teacher and the boys would go with the other.

The teacher assigned to the boys was waiting outside the men's toilet when one of the boys came out and told her that none of them could reach the urinal. Having no choice, she went inside, helped the little boys with their pants, and began hoisting them up one by one, holding on to their 'wee-wees' to direct the flow away from their clothes and shake them dry.

As she lifted one boy up, she couldn't help but notice that he was unusually well endowed.

Trying not to show that she was staring at his equipment the teacher said, 'You must be in Grade 3?



'No ma'am', he replied. 'I'm riding Black Caviar in the next race, but I really appreciate your help.'