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Greetings Probians.

**Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona dibh** Happy St. Patrick's Day to you.

First things first – you now have a new committee which is as follows:



#### Committee:

President: Stuart Hoskins

Vice President: Wendy Wildman (Membership)

Secretary: Louise Hoskins

Treasurer: Rose Robson

#### **Committee Members:**

Kevin Johnson (Speakers) Robin Rogers (Activities) Glenys Richards (Activities) Joy Hawes (Hospitality) Ros Gates (Hospitality)

Joyce Edmonds (Media)

Assistants: (but not on committee)

Kelsay Bateman (Meet and Greet) Carmel Stott (Photography



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the new Probus year.

A warm welcome to your new committee who will do their very best by you this coming year.



These are very

troubling times right across the world and we will not be immune, with an average age of our members at 73 years, serious thought needs to be taken to help protect our precious members, and society as a whole.

Your support during the coming weeks and months is crucial to all of us arriving safe and sound come spring.

With this in mind, stay warm, stay calm, stay well.

Your President

Stuart



## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 6 Joy Hawes
- 8 June Crowhurst
- 15 Kevin Johnson
- 15 Joyce Edmonds
- 22 Julie Nayda
- 23 Janene Robinson

Happy Birthday to all.

### **Newsletter**



After five years a new committee also means a new editor of the Newsletter - me -

Joyce Edmonds.

I extend a huge thanks to Carmel Stott for the wonderful job she has done

over the past five years. I just hope I can live up to the standard that she has set.

Who am I? Briefly - I am a former geologist. The discovery of diamonds in Western Australia brought me to Perth. I worked in the diamond industry until the GFC. After being out of work for a year I secured a position in the Geological Survey of Western Australia (department of mines) where I worked until retirement at the end of 2016. I have lived in Denmark since then. I enjoyed folk dancing of any description whilst living in Perth, and currently enjoy singing in two choirs. I also enjoy artistic pursuits.



The guest speaker for March was our own Brian Levet, talking on the subject of volcanoes.

Brian began his talk with the quote, by Will Durant -

"Civilization exists by geological consent, subject to change without notice."

He then proceeded to demonstrate this by showing us the awesome power of volcanoes.

It is not surprising that Brian developed an interest in volcanoes, when you consider that he (and Robyn too) was born near the Menengai crater in Kenya. He has also had the pleasure of hiking around Mount Kenya. We were treated to an exquisite series of photos of the many volcanoes in Africa and around the world.





We learned that the oldest known fossilised human footprints were made in volcanic ash around 3.6 million years ago. Still today the fertile soils that volcanoes provide ensure that people live in close proximity to them. Indonesia and the Philippines are an example, with 40 percent of the world's active volcanoes and large populations living nearby.

It was encouraging to learn that super volcanoes only erupt every 500 to 1000 years. The eruption of Tambora was the most powerful in recorded history. The resulting ash cloud cooled the planet for months, contributed to crop failures in Europe and spread epidemics as people fled starvation. Toba super eruption in Sumatra reduced the temperature of the Earth for 3 years and contributed to the last ice age.

Learning of the power of volcanoes certainly brought home the truth of the opening quote and that we humans are not as much in control of the planet as we might think we are.

Thank you Brian, for a most enlightening talk.

Sadly Kevin has resigned from our club to take up a new challenge. We thank him for all his efforts in finding us interesting speakers and wish him well for the future.

### NB – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS NOW DUE - Fee \$40 – Due 7<sup>th</sup> April.

### Bank transfer details BSB 086595 Account No. 743420778

In reference box always indicate reason for transaction and your surname.

It is also possible to pay cash directly at the NAB bank in Strickland Street, but you will need the bank details above to do so.

# HAPPENINGS

## **Wine Appreciation Group**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Boston Brewery 5-7 pm

Social evening at the Brewery. The decision to attend or not is up to you. If you choose not to go please advise Carmel A table has been booked.



### Fran's Coffee Morning

10:00am

21 April - at Shroom Café in Palm Court.



The Singing Group meets at The Sanctuary at 3.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Singing for fun.



### **Kayaking**

Rivermouth Caravan Park Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday

9:00 am in the water. (20 March, 3 & 17 April)

### Visit to Albany Waste and Recycling Centre

18 March 2027 (3) th 11-10 am

Cnr ranga and Cuming Rd,

Moun Mourille, Albany.

Lunch: 11:30 at "Due South", 6 Toll Place, Albany.

### Picnic in the Park

15th April 2020

Kwoorabup Community Park – 11:30am – BBQ's are available. Members to bring all their own food, hot water, crockery, utensils, chairs etc.

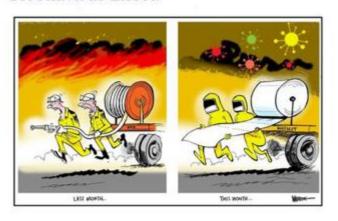
### WOW CRUISE - on Hold

Do not make any further payments for this event.

In the meantime Stay Well and take care of each other.

Until next time - Joyce

### Coronavirus Effect:



# RESTRICTIONS ARE NOW IN PLACE...





Ouch! That would be worse than newspaper.

