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GREETINGS PROBIANS!

*Tempus fugit, so it is said
 Time slipping by - all too quickly
 It escapes - irretrievable time
 And another newsletter is here to be read.*

*Let not your heart see troubles unfold,
 Nor let time escaped be a cause for regret
 Enjoy the moment that is with you now
 For we know not what the future may hold.*

Well, so much for my trying to be poetic. Read on and see how your fellow members are enjoying themselves.

All the Best

Joyce

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hullo everyone,

For all of those people who predicted a drying year or two, nature sure does throw a curved ball, lots of full tanks and dams abound, bush fires in other parts, droughts still in parts of the eastern states – well, that’s Australia for you.

It’s good to see lots of you participating in outings etc. (any suggestions for activities etc. always welcome).

Lots of exciting times between now and Christmas for you to look forward to. Such a special time of the year, with family and all.

This year has seemed to have disappeared rather too quickly, not sure what I’ve achieved, but I guess that’s life.

Stay well, Stay safe,

Stuart.



BIRTHDAYS

Kerry Clark	Thursday 27 August
Peter Lumia	Saturday 5 September
Margaret Norcross	Monday 7 September
Glenys Richards	Friday 11 September
Suzanne Yate	Friday 25 September
Laurence Robinson	Wednesday 30 September
Clare Thallon	Saturday 3 October

Happy Birthday to you all!

MEMBERSHIP

There are now twelve people on the waiting list.



NEXT MEETING

2 September 2020

Our 6th Anniversary

10:00 am Denmark Country Club

Guest Speaker: Christopher Walker

“Public Speaking – How to do it”

Lunch: at the Tavern

Committee

President: Stuart Hoskins president@denmarkriverprobus.org.au

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Treasurer: Rose Robson treasurer@denmarkriverprobus.org.au

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for July was Michael Cameron from Cameron Caravans. Well, when I heard that he was to be the speaker, I am thinking how could that be an interesting topic unless you were really into caravanning.

How wrong I was. As you can see from his photograph, Michael is a very engaging person and his talk was very interesting indeed. He told us the history of the Cameron Caravans company set up by his parents, and how they handed the running of the business over to him. Firstly, they told him to go away. Yes, that is right – go away. Take a year off and travel around Australia. I don't think he took a caravan with him, but he did stay in many caravan parks and in so doing learnt a lot about what it was like to be someone living life on the road. They also sent him to caravan expo's both to learn as much about caravans as he could and to represent them. He felt very inadequate for the job, but again learnt a lot from the experience. He now knows a lot about caravans, their strengths and weaknesses and has even been instrumental in designing one himself.

Having taken over the day to day running of the business, he said that the best thing he ever did was not to put his salespeople on commission. When a salesperson is on a commission their main focus is getting those commissions, on selling as much as they can rather than on the customer themselves and what their needs are. All his sales people are on a fixed salary and that has freed them up to pay more attention to their customers, what they need, and to follow up with much better after sales service. The result of that has been customers who come back because they know that they will be treated well there.

He also told us that because of closed borders, nearly all his stock of caravans has been consumed; and because of closed borders and factory shut downs, he cannot get any more stock. Because of the closed borders Australians are taking to the road in droves holidaying at home in their own states. So if you think you would like to buy a caravan, you are going to have a long wait until things return to normal. However, if you have one to sell, now is a good time to sell it.



HAPPENINGS

ALBANY RECYCLING CENTRE



A group of attentive Probus members watching a video at the Albany Recycling Centre.

Carmel sent through the following:

Twenty-one Probus members duly donned their PPE - HighVis vests, hard hats and safety goggles before being escorted around the Harrahan Waste Management Site, Albany.

The tour was divided into three sections.

First up was a visit to the sorting shed. Although some of the process is automated much of the waste is also hand sorted. Seeing how this worked emphasised just how important it is to use the correct disposal methods for our waste.

Next we looked over the landfill area (from a distance) and were given some idea of the detrimental impact that waste disposal has on our land.

We finished up in the Awareness Room where we watched a short video giving an overview of the process and also giving us time to pose questions.

Throughout the whole tour the emphasis was placed on the correct methods of disposing of our waste and stimulating ideas on how to decrease our waste matter.

Following an educational tour we retired to Due South to eat, drink and rehash the morning and our lives.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



On 22nd July 32 members took advantage of the lifting of restrictions and attended a Xmas in July lunch at the Tavern. They enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch or a fish alternative if required. Most of all they enjoyed all the chatter and camaraderie that these events produce.

SOCIAL GROUPS



The Singing Group

The singing group is now back in action meeting as usual on every first Tuesday of the month in the Sanctuary at 3:30 pm during winter (cost \$3). For information contact Val Ball. Six people came along in July and enjoyed a singsong despite the boom-box not working.



Wine Appreciation Group

The wine appreciation group is back in action held every 4th Thursday of the month at the Community resource Centre - 5-7pm in the Gallery.

Our next Wine Appreciation meeting will be in the Garden Room of the CRC Thursday Aug 27.... 5pm-7pm. The theme will be to bring along your choice of wine, but with an interesting or unusual label and as usual BYO nibbles. We are going to have a crack at Bingo, so there will be prizes for the lucky ones (wine of course). Entry will be \$10 per player. Stay well and look forward to seeing you all that evening. For information contact Peter Lumia.

Fran's Coffee Morning



Meets at 10:00 every third Tuesday of the month at various venues. Come along and Socialise! At a safe distance, of course. The next one will be on the 15th September at the Bakery Café, Fig Tree Square.



Kayaking

Kayaking – is held 2nd & 4th Fridays (weather permitting) 9:00am in the water. Launching from the boat ramp at the Denmark River Mouth Caravan Park. Afterwards coffee at the Caravan Park's Reminisce Café.

All types of paddle craft are fine – sit in, sit on, canoe type – it is paddling for pleasure on our beautiful river and if weather is nice, out on the inlet. Paddle time is up to you, but normally, usual paddle time is about 1-1 ½ hours it is entirely up to the individual paddler. It is for the pleasure of being out on the water, soaking up the peace and quiet, admiring the wild life, generally just soaking up nature at its best.

NOTE: the next paddle is Friday 28 August - 9:00am in the water

For more information contact: Warrick or Stuart

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

16 September – Wildflower Tour to Mt. Barker - tour guide is Margaret Norcross – lunch will be at Plantagenet Wines. **The Bus is now full.** Payment for the lunch will be made on the day, **BUT** payment for the bus needs to be on or before 4th September. (\$20.00 per person). Some people are travelling by car.

21 October - The WOW Cruise at Walpole

The cruise has now been re-booked for the 21st October. There are still vacancies, but **payment** is due on or before **Friday 4 September**. Lunch arrangements still to be advised.

19 November – Croquet

NB – this is a Thursday. Lunch at the White Star Hotel. Further details TBA

For any other queries please contact: Louise secretary@denmarkriverprobus.org.au

Of course, none of us are planning on dying any time soon, but here is something else we should all be thinking about. If we put things in place now, it could save our families a lot of unnecessary hassle. Do they know what you would like to happen after you are gone? Do they know where all your important documents are? Do they know how to access your computer? One never knows when one is going to need to know all this, as my daughter's sister-in-law found out last year when her husband died suddenly at the age of 53 whilst playing hockey. Here is somewhere where you can talk about it and find out what to do.

Denmark Death Cafe

Returning Monday 20th July

Every 3rd Monday monthly
1 - 3 pm

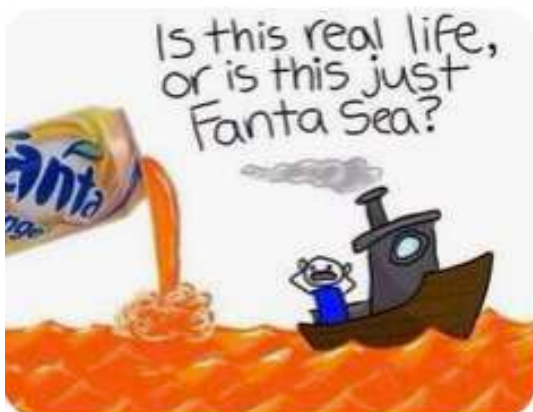
Denmark Community
Resource Centre

Drink tea, eat cake and let's talk about death!

At a Death Cafe, the aim is to "increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their finite lives."

For more information please contact the
Denmark CRC on 9848 2842.





May your troubles be less
And your blessings be more.
And nothing but happiness
Comes through your door.

