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## Greetings Probians

Well, we may be past the solstice now, but the weather is not getting any warmer. It is lovely, though, when the sun does shine for ten minutes or so at a time, because it warms our living room beautifully. I have a chair sitting in a corner that catches the sun. It is a great place to sit and read a good book during these cooler months.

On the bright side though, one thing that I love about Australian native plants is that there is usually something that is flowering at any given time of the year. Right now, my Kunzia Baxteri is looking beautiful, and the New Holland Honeyeaters are loving it.



All the best

Joyce.

**next meeting**

**4 AUGUST 2021**

**10:00 am** Denmark Country Club

**Guest Speaker:** BART LEBBING – Bee Keeping

**Lunch:** in-House – Men go Mad with Mince

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello everyone.

I hope you all survived this recent inclement weather. I know I have some tidy up jobs in the yard and sadly along with one of my largest ficafolia that came down.

Anyway, this month's little anecdote brings us to harness racing and those wonderful horses. How magnificent they are. I do remember going along to Gloucester Park on only a few occasions and had some very enjoyable evenings.

I can't say this is my own anecdote but comes from Fred Kersley. Do any of you remember him? I am not sure of his exact stats but believe he was WA's premier trainer-reinsman winning 17 times and as driver 14 times. He has won every major Australasian event in harness racing, including the Interdominion.

So, this is from Fred:

*It was a foggy winter night at Gloucester Park when a group of Catholic sportsmen made their first visit to the track. Not knowing the form, they asked one of the Grand Old Men of WA Harness Racing for some tips.*

*Coming to the last race and the Catholic punters were not doing so well, so they again sought some advice who nominated the favourite, "Mystic Rose". In a desperate effort to get the horse over the line, they chanted, 'Hail Mary full of grace, give Mystic Rose the speed to win this race'.*

*The foggy conditions by this stage made it hard to see the horses in the back straight where they were lined up for a standing start. Then as 'they're off' was announced and the field emerged from the fog, there was a flash of lightning and a clap of thunder accompanied by the message "This is the voice of the Holy Ghost, Mystic Rose has been left at the post".*

Cheers

Julie



## FORTHCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Tracey Barton	20 July
Kevin Nayda	25 July
Susan Allan	28 July
Kelsay Bateman	6 August

Elizabeth Probst	10 August
Val Ball	11 August
Robert Allan	11 August
Ray Creese	12 August
Rose Robson	14 August
Bev Farrall	20 August
Kerry Clark	27 August



## MEMBERSHIP

There are 10 people on the waiting list – three of whom have completed their 3 visits to the club and are now patiently waiting for a vacancy to pop up so that they can come and join us.

## Guest Speaker

### Luc Longley

Luc grew up in Fremantle, shooting hoops in a netball ring screwed into the wall of his house. By the time he was a teen, he was over 7 feet tall and was recruited by an American college to play basketball. He jumped at the chance to get a free education and play basketball. A coach by the name of Mark Fullerton helped him build up his physique in the gym and he was able to cope with the rigours of the game and make his mark in college basketball.

After his college days, he was spotted by pro scouts and signed a 1.3-million-dollar contract with the NBA for the Minnesota Timberwolves. He married his American girlfriend and started a family. He was later traded to the Chicago Bulls, where he became a household name, along with his teammate Michael Jordan. He had three years of what he called the "Rockstar" lifestyle, after which a recurring ankle injury saw his form drop and by 2001, he decided to retire and return to Australia. He bought the property in William Bay, which he visited periodically, but he became depressed and over the six years of struggling with his mental health, his marriage broke down. He later met Anna Gare, his current partner, who helped him out of depression. He then found his way back into basketball in the role of mentor and later Olympic coach. He now lives in Denmark and does public speaking engagements.



He spoke in closing of the importance he places on intergenerational relationships for the building of self-esteem and passing on of wisdom. He wishes that he had a financial mentor in his twenties, who might have advised him against the pitfalls of wasting money on fast cars and the like.

Luc spoke with a self-deprecating humour, but through it we could see the generous and public-spirited person, who we count as a real asset to our community.

Thanks to Kerry Clark.

Luc's talk was well received and hailed as one of the best, if not The best, we have ever had. It is interesting the things one notices. As someone who is somewhat ambidextrous, I was really impressed by the fact that he can shoot goals with either hand with equal facility.

## HAPPENINGS:

### Tour of Denmark Bakery Bake House

*For those of us who did not attend this event, apparently, we missed a great opportunity. As I did not attend the event, I asked Vicki Lumia to write a few words for me.*

Our last outing in June was to the Denmark Bakery Bakehouse, we had a such a large crowd who were excited about this event, so luckily, we could do the tour over 2 days, approximately 20 people each day.

It was very interesting. I think we all learnt a thing or two about what happens inside a bakehouse, there is a lot more to it. It's not just walking in to the shop and buying the delicious bread and cakes etc that are all on display, there are some fantastic products



coming out of this Bakehouse, you can see why they have won so many awards which they proudly display on and in their shop. There are some amazing machines to help with the processes, but a lot of things are still done by hand.

Clete was up to his usual form and entertained us all, also his son and daughter-in-law, Tristan and Nic, gave us a demonstration. Then it was our turn. Some of us (lucky or not!!) were given the task of trying to decorate a princess cake. It was a lot of fun and not as easy as it looks.



Rolls and plaited loaf. The circular piece of dough is placed into a machine that shapes out 30 equal

There was also a raffle and some people were lucky enough to win, so they walked out with big smiles on their faces. We then all headed off to the Bakery Cafe for lunch, which was fantastic, excellent service and all our meals came out on time and together. It was a great event I'm sure everyone would agree.

Vicki 🌻





## SOCIAL GROUPS



### Singing for Your Own Pleasure

On hold for the foreseeable future. If interested, contact Val Ball.



### Wine Appreciation Group

Held every **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday** of the month at the Community resource Centre  
The next Wine Appreciation Group get together will be on

**Thursday 22 July** – Bus Trip to Dan Murphy’s for wine tasting then onto Venice for dinner.

**NB – the bus will be leaving at 4:30 pm sharp**

For more information contact Peter Lumia



### Fran’s Coffee Mornings

Meets at **10:00** every **3rd Tuesday** of the month at various venues.

Next – **20 July** at Ravens, then **17 August** at Reminisce.



### Kayaking

**Kayaking** – is held 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup> 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. **Next – 23 July**

**weather permitting, then 6 August.**

All types of paddle craft are fine – sit in, sit on, canoe type – it is paddling for pleasure on our beautiful river 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 wildlife, generally just soaking up nature at its best.

For more information contact: *Warrick Gates or Stuart Hoskins*

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## 21 July – Ten Pin Bowling

**10 am.** There will be two games at a cost of \$21 per person. 120 Stead Road, Albany. Please wear your own soft soled shoes. Car-pooling to be organised by individuals.

**Lunch - 12 Noon** at the **Earl of Spencer**, 60 Earl Street, Albany.

## 18 August – Chain Saw Sculptures, Albany.

Meet at **10:30 a.m.** at 333 Mercer Road, Walmsley, Albany.

Park just inside the gate entrance. Andimaps Street reference H-04.

Entry Fee is \$5 per person –**cash** only - there is a box to put money in on the circuit.

If you wish to carpool, please meet at the Country Club Carpark at 9:15 am for departure at 9:30 am.

**Lunch.** – 12 noon at the **White Star Hotel**. Parking entrance off Frederick Street - just past the Albany Indian Tandoori Restaurant.

## September 15<sup>th</sup> – Mount Barker Old Police Station visit.

**9:30am** for morning tea then tour of the museum. **Lunch** - Own arrangements.

It has been requested that full payment of \$20 per person, which includes morning tea of scones, tea/coffee, and tour of museum be made in advance.

Those attending are requested to make the payment of \$20pp on or before 1<sup>st</sup> Sept., either by cash at the August or September meetings, or by bank transfer.

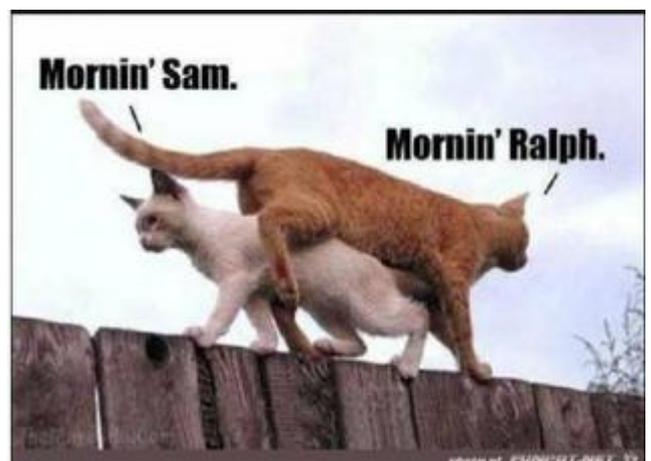
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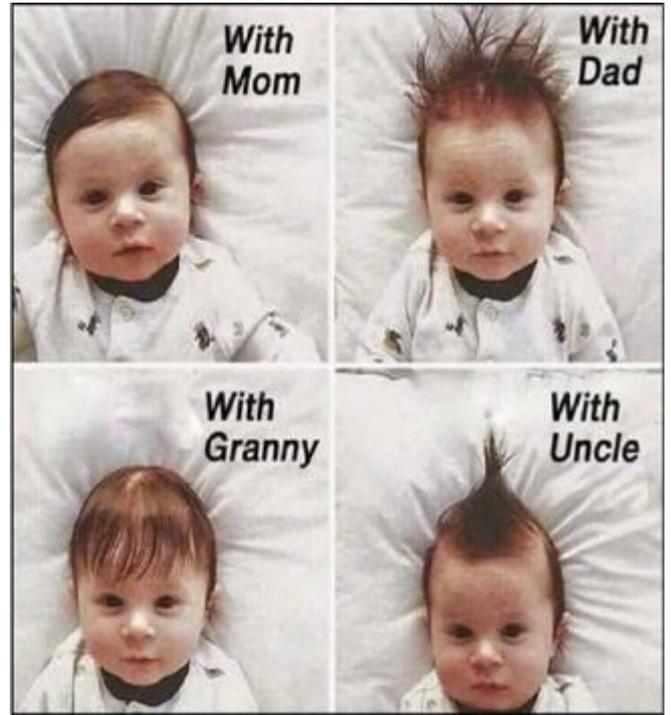
Cheers

Joyce





They weren't joking when they said those muffins were big.



If jealousy had a face.  
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Duchamp eat your heart out!

