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## Greetings Proboscians

After trying to avoid the issue for ten years, I have given in and had a knee replacement operation. I wasn't just being stubborn, as my surgeon thought, I had good reasons for the delay. The first surgeon I saw spent most of the appointment telling not to do it. Well, I can tell you; I was not hard to convince, especially as one of my fellow workers had had no end of trouble with his. Then I discovered undenatured collagen type II, which relieved the pain in my knee and allowed me a fair degree of normality – but when I did have to resort to a walking stick about 4 months ago, I decided that it was time. So now I am recovering from a half knee replacement. Have to say, it is a bit sore right now, but improving every day.

All the best

Joyce.

## OUR PRESIDENT

*For those of you may not have been at the AGM, as I was not, here is our new President – Kevin Nayda.*



## next meeting

6 April 2022

10:00 am Denmark Country Club

**Guest Speaker:** Karl O'Callaghan

**Lunch:** In-house – Surprise

## BIRTHDAYS

Joy Hawes	Wednesday 6 April
Roger Seeney	Wednesday 6 April
Joyce Edmonds	Friday 15 April
Julie Nayda	Friday 22 April
Ed Wierobieje	Friday 22 April

### Committee

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## MEMBERSHIP

*There are 12 people still on the waiting list six of whom have completed three visits.*

## New Committee



*Here is our new committee for 2022-2023. Please Welcome them.*

*Your club offers you many thanks for stepping up to ensure the continued efficient running of our club. We look forward to another great year with Denmark River Probus.*

*So who are they?*

*Back Left to Right - Val Ball, Hospitality, Kevin Nayda President, and Don Hart, Treasurer.*

*Front L to R - Julie Nayda, Secretary, Rosemary Thorn and Glenice Smith, Hospitality, Tracy Barton and Vicki Lumia, Activities/Events and Linda Falls, Membership. Inset - me because I was not there, Joyce Edmonds, Media.*

## Guest Speaker

This month's guest speaker was Lee Shelley, a captain of one of our local volunteer fire and rescue groups, talking about his deployment as a volunteer in Canada's bushfires last July. 220,000 hectares of the country was on fire that summer.

Lee made a very interesting point when comparing firefighting in Australia and Canada. Australia has easy access but limited water, while Canada has plenty of water but limited access. This defines the way fires are fought in both countries.

Lee was deployed to a first nations community in Thunder Bay, Ontario, where they evacuated the householders and installed sprinklers on the roof of every house. The firefighters had to carry heavy hoses and pumps through dense forest to the lake and pump the water to the community.





They had problems with dogs, which seemingly outnumbered people in the community, and which were left behind in the evacuation. They needed to be fed so that they didn't cause problems for the firefighters.

Lee was also involved in making 30 kilometres of firebreak through pristine forest, which was not a universally popular move.

Another of his tasks was to retrieve the pumps and sprinklers from the lake, which was heavy and difficult work.

In the midst of his deployment, Lee tested positive for Covid and had to isolate for ten days in a two-storey lodge where he got a taste for Canadian beer. A tough job but somebody has to do it!

He commented that the Canadian firefighters are a paid workforce, unlike the Australian firefighting teams, many of whom are volunteers. Much of the work is done by university students on their summer break.

He also noted that the Canadian firefighting was more high-tech. Supplies and infrastructure, such as accommodation, are brought in by semitrailers; and much of the firefighting is done by helicopters and planes.

When asked if he would go back to Canada again, he was quick to say that he would. That suggests that it wasn't all hard work, but much appreciated by the Canadians, I'm sure.

## HAPPENINGS:

### DENMARK RIVER CRUISE

The outing for March was meant to be a river cruise departing from Denmark Rivermouth Caravan Park cruising up & down the river and then back for fish and chips at the Cafe.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions it was decided that this event would be cancelled. So as not to make all those that were keen to attend feel that they had missed out on their March outing, it was



decided to make up a group booking & go to Boston brewery for dinner on that same night... we had a fantastic group of people join us and I'm sure everyone can say that they all had a delicious meal, the staff were fantastic and looked after us all.

Let's hope our next outing will not be impacted by Covid restrictions. [Amen to that.]

Vicki Lumia

## SOCIAL GROUPS



### Wine Appreciation Group

Held every **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday** of the month at the Community resource Centre.  
For more information contact Peter Lumia



### Fran's Coffee Mornings

Meets at **10:00** every **3rd Tuesday** of the month at various venues.  
Next: **19 April at Mrs Jones**



### 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.

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

**April 27 – Lawn Bowls** 10:00 am – Bowling Club, Denmark.

**Lunch:** 12:30 Ducketts Mill Wines & Denmark Farmhouse Cheese, 1678 Scotsdale Rd. (Date change due to school holidays)

**May 18<sup>th</sup> – Dinosaur World** with lunch at The Sly Fox.

**June 15<sup>th</sup> – Pleasant Valley Truffle Farm** with lunch.

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Do these look like they're laughing or have I gone crazy?







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JEFF  
KEANE

"We hafta hold hands while we say grace so nobody gets a head start eating. Right, Mommy?"

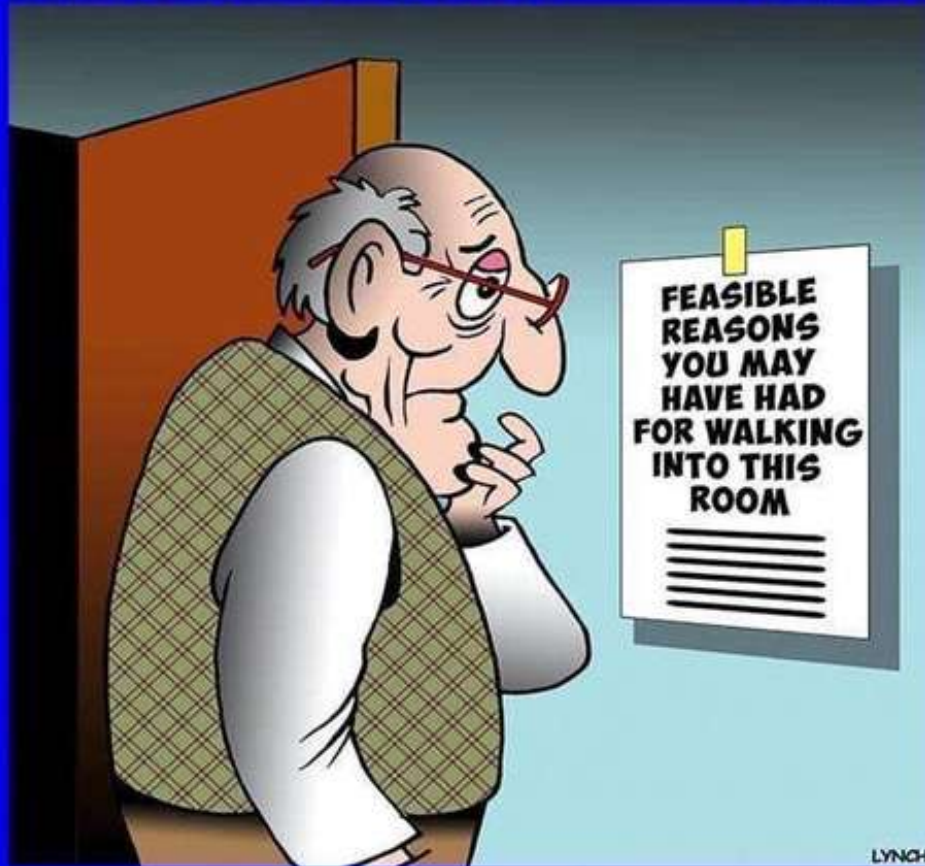


I ASKED MY GRANDDAUGHTER TO FETCH ME A NEWSPAPER. SHE LAUGHED AND SAID "GRANDDAD YOU ARE SO OLD, JUST USE MY PHONE."

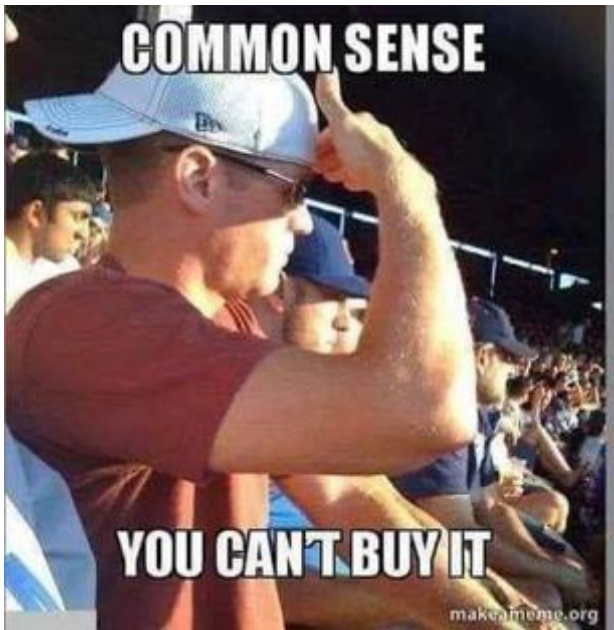
SO I SLAMMED HER PHONE AGAINST THE WALL AND KILLED THAT BIG HAIRY SPIDER

## THE DAILY TOON

BY MARK LYNCH



LYNCH



Decided to go for a walk on the beach and got freaked out when I thought I ran into a KKK meeting...turns out they're just closed beach umbrellas



If you ever feel like your brain is inadequate... Think of this guy!



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Parking lot in front of the Laser Eye Surgery Center.



Guess who kept everyone awake last night?