



Denmark River Probos News

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Hello all,

Happy March Equinox. This event (2016 - 20th March at 12.30pm AWST) has long been associated with The beginning of Spring and with numerous Wiccan and Pagan rites all of which relate to the northern hemisphere. This makes living in the southern hemisphere particularly confusing for witches. The stores are filled with chocolate bunnies and eggs in preparation for Easter, the Christian holiday based on the spring festival of Ostara, a celebration of rebirth and fertility, but in Australia it's the middle of autumn, a time of crisp, chilly mornings, pale blue skies and a world aflame with colour as the trees turn a hundred shades of red-orange-yellow-brown.

Perhaps it would be more befitting to celebrate the day in another of its guises "World Citizens Day-World Unity Day" OR as declared by the UN "International Day for the elimination of racial discrimination".

The incoming committee for 2016-2017 are:

Name	Position	Responsibility
Kerry Clark	Committee	Activities/Events
Ian Hardwick	Committee	Guest Speakers
Steve Hawks	Treasurer	
Stuart Hoskins	President	
Wally Pederick	Vice President	
Glenice Smith	Committee	Activities/Events
Carmel Stott	Committee	Media
Rosemary Thorn	Committee	Activities/Events
Kaye White	Committee	Hospitality
Wendy Wildman	Secretary	Membership

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Firstly a big thank you to Kaye for her role as president and to all those on the committee for a job well done in 2015. Thank you to all those who willingly helped in some way - be it providing food helping in the kitchen, tidying up etc, it certainly makes for a warm and friendly club.

2016 is now well and truly upon us and with a new crew at the helm e are certain of exciting times ahead.

If you have any ideas on where or what you would like to experience in an outing - or you may know someone who would be an interesting speaker please feel free to share your thoughts - all are welcome.

Have a nice day.

Stuart



March:

24th Derris Lund

April:

10th Liz Morse

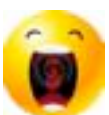
10th Rob Wood

NEXT MEETING

6th April 2016

10h00

Denmark Country Club



Speaker = Rob Baisley

Bush Poet





“Fran’s” Morning Tea”

Mrs Jones Cafe
15th March 2016.

Sitting outside on a beautiful morning enjoying a coffee/smoothie/fruit juice with enchanting company was like being in paradise. What a way to spend an hour.



Thank you to those that attended. Why don't you take a bit of time out to sit and enjoy some pleasant company and a good old natter with friends?

The next Fran's Morning tea will be at **Boston Brewery Tuesday the 19th April.**

Walking Group



Notes from Stuart: The Walking Group (1st March) organised by Denmark Probus met at the River Mouth Caravan Park entrance, fifteen members from the combined Probus clubs. We walked up the eastern side of the Denmark River to the Road Bridge, across to Ravens. The weather was cloudy to warm and Ravens was the perfect spot for a coffee and chat, then it was a pleasant walk on the western side of the river back down to the River Mouth. All in all a beautiful morning with beautiful people.



Walk with you next month?

The next walk is on Tuesday April 5th, 9am. Meet at the entrance of the River Mouth Caravan Park (by the gazebo). You will be transported to Campbell Road for the walk back. Then if you wish coffee at Ravens. See you there!

WOW Eco-cruise



Twenty six members made the trek across to Walpole to experience the WOW Eco-cruise and experience it they did. Our guide, Gary Muir, managed to find a link to Walpole for every thing and everyone.

At times I wondered if Gary was making up stories but it

became very clear that he is just an extremely knowledgeable guy with an endless passion for both local and world history and events.

The boat trip revealed visual delights and a stop at a tiny jetty near the end of the inlet gave us a chance to stretch our legs hiking over a hill to a gorgeous windswept and rugged beach on the Ocean side.

Gary's mums cake was a welcome treat.

A truly great 2.5 hours with a heady combination of relaxation and entertainment.

Those who went on the trip may find the article about the Prince's hut (included in this newsletter) to be of interest.



Tree Elle

Firstly a big thank you to Stuart and Louise for all the effort they put into making this such an enjoyable outing.



What a wonderful way to spend three hours wandering around extensive manicured and tranquil gardens and

enjoying a barbeque. Kim, our host, gave a guided tour of the gardens explaining how she and her fiancée, Peter, came to buy the property (a very early wedding gift to themselves, yet they are still not married) about five years ago, to an introduction to the personalised Dorper Sheep and Alpacas.



Turkeys seemed to take over the gardens becoming very noisy and bossy when requesting titbits of food from the luncheon table.

A special thank you to Liz, Yvonne, Glenice and Carmel for the very tasty salads. Wendy Lind made a scrumptious Pear Tea cake. The luncheon went down a real treat.

Also a thank you to Kaye for organising the Tree-Elle side of things.

All in all a well attended, very enjoyable luncheon. Thank you to everyone.

April Outing



Castelli's Bar & Bistro, 9.30 to 11am on Friday, 15 April. 'Meet & Greet'. visiting probarians who are traveling the South West and Great Southern regions of this great state.

The beautiful township of Denmark is of course a natural choice to partake of some fellowship.

It would certainly be to our benefit to make the effort to meet these people whom like us are warm and friendly as when we organise a trip somewhere in the future we would certainly appreciate meeting fellow probarians in the areas in which we travel.

Friendship - fellowship and frivolity.

\$15.00pp for tea/coffee, sandwiches and cakes.

Bookings and Monies to be finalized by general meeting on the 6 April.

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Chris Probert –inspiring volunteer designer

Our talk on 2nd March was by Chris Probert who like many of us in Probus has retired to beautiful Denmark “where the forest meets the sea”.

The very special thing about Chris is that he had been a mechanical engineer who has not left behind the need to tinker and innovate. After volunteering for the fire brigade, his mind turned to the risks of fire burn over. Combining his training as a volunteer with his extensive background in design and engineering plus support from others with interest and advice, Chris came up with a prototype for an alternative to the stipulated safety plan of getting into the cab, wrapping yourself in a special blanket and turning on the deluge system. While this is an improvement on previous systems, in the event of a serious burn over you could find yourself, having followed best practice, sitting in a cab with a melting steering wheel and an interior cabin trim which self-ignites at 400°C. This would be some time after you had succumbed to the toxic fumes of your plastic surrounds.

We saw Chris’s slides of the early design – a tea chest size box with the treble layer of protection heated to an outside temperature of 800 °C.

Outside the chest was a raw egg in a tinfoil container looking like you might expect after being exposed to that temperature. Inside a similar test egg white was just solidifying at 60°C. That is a bearable, if uncomfortable, temperature for a human being for the average duration of a burn over.

Chris has obtained crowd funding to make the prototype and has found it can be easily installed in fire engines and operated by volunteers with minimal training. Feedback from firemen and volunteers is that they feel the Shadrach would offer very worthwhile protection for two or three people in the event of a burn over. His task now is to have the device tested and certified by CSIRO. He owns patents on his design so looks forward to keeping control of the quality of the equipment. A question and answer session followed Chris’s talk and President Kay noted that more interest had been engendered in this topic than in any other to date. Chris would welcome support in getting his idea tested and tried so that he and his fellow fire fighters, professional and volunteer, are at slightly less risk from the life threatening fires that our beautiful country is prone to suffer. He was applauded for his commitment to safety and it seems that many Probus members took on board the need to support this worthwhile venture.



Tree Elle

Prince's Nornalup hut fit for a king



Past Times

THERE has long been a belief among some elder residents that there was a 'King's Hut' on the west end of Wilson Inlet on the north-facing shore of Nulלקi Peninsula.

Last year a long-time resident of a pioneering family in Denmark asked me to see what I could find out about it and whether the story was true.

It turned out to be a fascinating exercise which, at the same time, yielded the likely answer together with more information about Denmark's (and in the process, Albany's) past.

In 1881, the English royal princes, George and Albert, came to Australia on the HMS Bacchante, which had rudder damage en route, and called into Albany for repairs.

This allowed the princes to spend three weeks there.

During their visit, arrangements were made for them to stay with the Young family at Marbalup (Marbellup) on the eastern shore of Wilson Inlet, at the Youngs' Hut (shown in the left of the picture).

Eventually, after their visits in and around Albany, they continued their journey to Adelaide.

Prince George became King George V in 1910.

Denmark did not exist in 1881, other than the Denmark River, named by Surgeon-cum-Explorer T B Wilson in 1829 when his ship was also held up in Albany for repairs.



The Youngs' Hut at Marbalup (Marbellup)

courtesy: Fred Wainwright



The Rest (Hart's) Hut at Nornalup

courtesy: Fred Wainwright



Derailed? (courtesy: Photos of the past)

There was another short visit to Albany by Prince George in 1901, on his trip to Australia for the historic Federation of Australia ceremonies in Melbourne.

However, again, no visit was planned for, or made to, the Denmark area.

In 1920, King George's son Edward, Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII (who abdicated in 1936 to marry American divorcee Mrs Wallis Simpson Wallis) briefly visited Albany in HMS Ramona.

He was accompanied by Lord Louis Mountbatten.

His itinerary included a visit to Perth and a number of places in the South-West, which included an

overnight stay at Nornalup, where a rest hut had been built for his visit (top-right picture).

However, his train was derailed shortly after leaving Jamnadup (now Jardee), south of Manjimup, and his schedule was abandoned.

The party returned to Perth without staying at the rest hut.

Of the derailed train, the Prince was reported in The West Australian as saying: "This is great fun - Hart? Bless your heart, no. And I'm glad to say the whisky flask is not broken either".

The hut was subsequently used as a store-shed for some years, and later burned down in a bushfire.

So there was apparently no 'King's

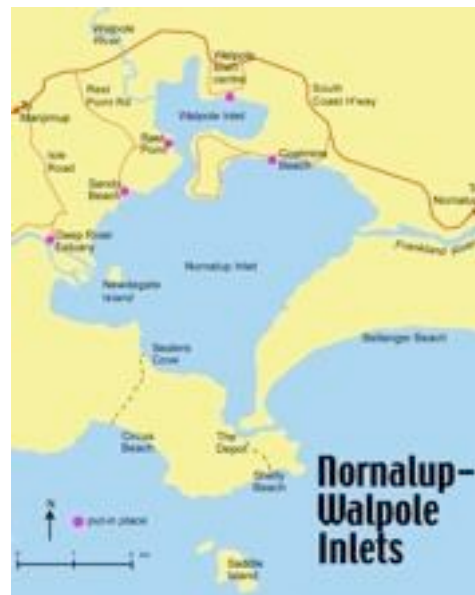
Hut' in Denmark other than the Nornalup rest hut built for Prince Edward's planned visit.

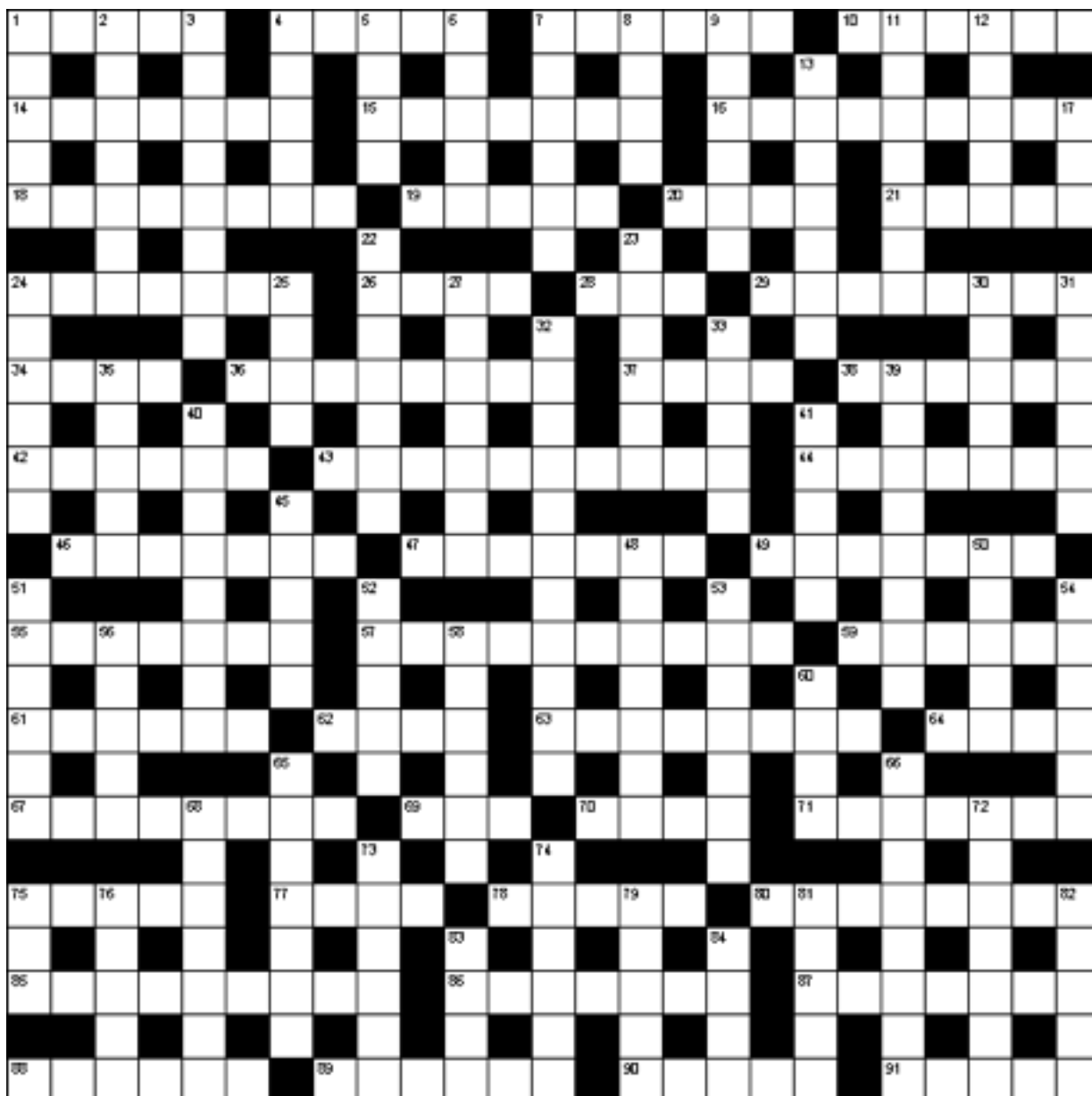
Also probably stopping easily into folklore would have been the Young family's hut on the inlet at Marbalup (Marbellup), where the Princes had earlier stayed.

Further research located a hut on the western end of the Nulלקi near Ocean Beach, where the story of a King's Hut had developed.

This appeared to be Archdeacon Stragell's place, which was later dismantled and used for chalets at Gant Grove on Wilson Inlet.

Archdeacon Stragell was Denmark's Anglican Minister in 1957. Gordon Harris 9848 1539





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| 1. Zest (5) | 36. Undomesticated creatures (8) | 64. Lairs (4) |
| 4. Wooden shoe (5) | 37. Swindle (4) | 67. Outlined (8) |
| 7. Overseas (6) | 38. Annul (6) | 69. Play on words (3) |
| 10. Accolades (6) | 42. Potion (6) | 70. Fiend (4) |
| 14. Deadlock (7) | 43. Ornamentation (10) | 71. Eternal (7) |
| 15. Cradlesong (7) | 44. Underwater projectile (7) | 75. Strong and sharp (5) |
| 16. Abolished (9) | 46. Completely enveloping (7) | 77. Unightly (4) |
| 18. Guidance (8) | 47. Tooth (7) | 78. Pugilist (5) |
| 19. Ire (5) | 49. Relating to deer (7) | 80. Harsh (8) |
| 20. Hexahedron (4) | 55. Wander from a direct course (7) | 85. Three-sided polygons (9) |
| 21. Rubicund (5) | 57. Exact opposite (10) | 86. Fruit grove (7) |
| 24. Lured (7) | 59. Kudos (6) | 87. Hermit (7) |
| 26. Burden (4) | 61. Embellished (6) | 88. Remit in advance (6) |
| 28. Adult male swan (3) | 62. Matured (4) | 89. Confused (6) |
| 29. Scholars (8) | 63. Personal beliefs (8) | 90. Precise (5) |
| 34. Ice pellets (4) | | 91. Type of precipitation (5) |

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| 1. Profits (5) | 25. Rostrum (4) | 54. Population count (6) |
| 2. Perspicacious (7) | 27. Mythical beast (7) | 56. Writing style (5) |
| 3. Hinder (8) | 30. Mother-of-pearl (5) | 58. Ennui (6) |
| 4. Austere (5) | 31. Bar (6) | 60. Leg joint (4) |
| 5. Unguent (4) | 32. Revenge (11) | 65. Captivate (7) |
| 6. Claw (5) | 33. Haggard (5) | 66. Moves forward (8) |
| 7. Astounded (6) | 35. Dialect (5) | 68. Musical passage (7) |
| 8. Beams (4) | 39. Anteater (8) | 72. Gourmet (7) |
| 9. Calculator (6) | 40. Persevering (8) | 73. Shut (6) |
| 11. Placed a bet (7) | 41. Speak (5) | 74. Coerced (6) |
| 12. Graded (5) | 45. Anxiety (5) | 75. Part of a play (3) |
| 13. Ruthlessness (7) | 48. Aperture (7) | 76. Lift (5) |
| 17. Ironic (3) | 50. Callow (5) | 79. Delete (5) |
| 22. Enlisted person (7) | 51. Detestable (6) | 81. Soft cloth cap (5) |
| 23. Dwarfed ornamental tree (6) | 52. Emblem (5) | 82. Expel (5) |
| 24. Reverberated (6) | 53. Restricted (7) | 83. Young horse (4) |
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