



## Denmark River Probus News

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Hello all,

Looking for inspiration for this months newsletter I checked what was trending in the news in Australia. Of the eight top items seven were related to TV series and the eighth was an item on the possible cure for premature ejaculation! Where were the items on the death of the King of Thailand, the latest development in the fight to limit the use of hydrofluorocarbon greenhouse gases, the ongoing horror story that is the American Presidential campaign?

Why is it that the media persist in pushing celebrity news to the detriment of domestic and international news?

There are countless stories that need to be headline news, but people seem to want to soak up and revel in the lives of pop stars and actors more than they want to face the problems that come with living in an ever-changing global community. Problems need solving, and we've become afraid of that responsibility.

OK I have had my rant for the morning and will now leave you to get back to the trivia. This month I am passing on several items that have tickled the fancy of some of our members.

Before I go I would like to pass on another item that caught my attention during my web search. I would be interested to hear what you all have to say on the matter.

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### **People With Rhesus Negative Blood May Be Aliens**

Studies conducted on rhesus negative blood types show that they are missing the Rhesus factor, a protein substance present in the red blood cells of other humans.

Theories suggest that people with Rhesus (RH) negative blood may be from outside this world.

Others suggest they are fallen angels from the heavens above or they belong to an alien race from somewhere in the vast darkness of space.

What is clear is that those who have with Rhesus(RH) negative blood are different and unique.

A person who has RH negative O blood is able to serve as a donor to any person regardless of their

blood type. But if they need blood, only their own type will suffice.

They represent 15% of the human race and are mostly from northern Europe.

You can read more at:

<http://yournewswire.com/people-with-rhesus-negative-blood-may-be-aliens/>

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### **PRESIDENTIAL REPORT**

Congratulations are in order, I believe, as Denmark River Probus has been in operation for two years, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014, which seems an age ago, but certainly a very busy and successful time.

It was a pleasure to have, at our last meeting, Mr Ian Rayson, the then President of the Albany City Rotary Club, which was our Rotary sponsoring club, giving us a talk on the wonderful and varied work that Rotary do in and for the community.

With the running of the Melbourne Cup just around the corner and then Christmas, busy times are ahead.

Till then Cheers

Stuart

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## **NEXT MEETING**

**2nd November 2016**

**10h00**

**Denmark Country Club**

**Speaker Kaye Millar  
Blossoms**



Lunch will be at Denmark Hotel

**September**

22nd Trevor Morse

27th Alan Robertson

**October**

3rd Clare Thallon

21st Jack Clay





### Walking Group

On October 4<sup>th</sup> the group journeyed to the Porongurup's to wander around, and for those able, up Castle Rock, then on to Ironwood Estate Wines for lunch.

The day started with a sustenance break at Porongurup's tea rooms, then some of the twenty-two participants went on a wild flower walk, while the rest carried on to Castle Rock. Although we had had rain on the Monday, the track up was not too bad, wet in patches. The ½ doz brave souls whom managed the Granite Sky Walk had a breath taking view taking in Albany etc. The lunch at Ironwood Winery was very relaxed and enjoyable, maybe something to do with their very good wines.

As the first Tuesday in November is Melbourne Cup day, there will be no walk; an alternate day may be arranged.

Cheers  
Stuart

### Wine Appreciation Group



The Wine Club meeting was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at the Morgan Richards Community Centre from 5pm to 7pm.

The theme of the evening was Chilean Wine, they ranged from Sauvignon Blanc to Cabernet Sauvignon to an unknown Carmenere which is a red wine similar to the Cabernet Sauvignon but somewhat nicer. Most wines came from the Casillero Del Diablo winery, the second largest in the world. For a special tippie the group purchased a bottle of Wolfblass Brown Label Classic Shiraz 2013. This excellent wine showcased one of the finest Shiraz blends of the vintage (2013) and it certainly went down a treat.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 5-7pm, Morgan Richards Community Centre, the theme being South African wines.

\$2.00 per person to cover cost of Hall – all welcome. Please bring small plate of cheese and nibbles to share.

Happy drinking.

### Fran's" Coffee Morning



Fran's" coffee morning was held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at Cafe 828, the cold wet weather did not deter everyone, with those attending ensconcing themselves in the warm interior of the coffee shop where a convivial hour was spent.

Thank you.

The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am at Chilli Lime and Salt.



### September Outing

#### Mount Lindesay walk and picnic

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of September dawned clear and sunny. We headed

off to Mt Lindesay in an optimistic mood and it didn't disappoint.

A group of nineteen turned up at the base. After a cuppa and a short talk by our guest botanist Megan Dilly, who informed us of the uniqueness of the plant community in this area and how well it has adapted to a harsh environment, we set off in small groups.

We enjoyed a gentle climb with sunshine, good company and an awesome array of flowers, from the unusual bird and jug orchids to coral flowers and deep purple tree hovea. If we wanted to know the Latin names, Megan was there to enlighten us.

After a pleasant walk, we returned to base for a picnic lunch, before heading home refreshed and educated about the rare and beautiful wildflowers of Mt Lindesay.

Photos have been posted at:

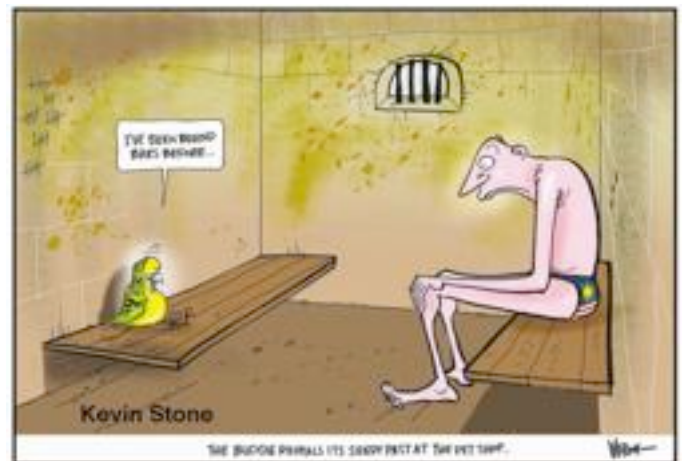
<http://www.denmarkriverprobus.org.au/gallery.html>

### Next Outing

The Alcoa Bauxite Mine tour 19th October, dinner and accommodation at The Atrium, Mandurah, and then on the Thursday, 20th October, we're heading to the WA Museum for the exhibition **Tutankhamen – His Tomb and His Treasures.**

Details and itinerary have been forward, they are also available on the website.

[http://www.denmarkriverprobus.org.au/cgi-bin/drp\\_events/drp\\_show3.pl](http://www.denmarkriverprobus.org.au/cgi-bin/drp_events/drp_show3.pl)





## **Probus Guest Speaker, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

October's guest speaker was businessman and Rotarian, Ian Rayson. He is the immediate past president and has been a Rotarian for 31 years.

It seems that Rotarians are an endangered species, as there are now more Probus members in Australia than members of Rotary.

Rotary was started in 1905 by Paul Harris, a Chicago businessman who believed that businesses needed to support their communities. Because they rotated their meeting places around, they decided to call their new organization Rotary.

Rotarians contribute the impressive sum of ten to fifteen million dollars into the world economy every year. Their biggest project in the last 30 years has been Polio Plus, a quest to eliminate polio. They have been very successful and believe that by the end of next year they will have eradicated the disease worldwide. The next disease they want to tackle is malaria, followed by zika virus. Recently they have been lucky enough to get a huge donation from Bill Gates, whose son is a Rotarian and obviously a successful arm twister.

In recent years Rotary has been struggling for membership in the developed world as members are aging, but fortunately it is growing in South East Asia and Africa.

Ian explained that this may be because many businesses in Australia are no longer locally owned and therefore don't concern themselves as much with local philanthropy.

In spite of these challenges, Albany Rotary groups are continuing to do the important work of supporting those in need. They built and maintain Friendship House in Emu Point, a facility that provides respite care to people with disabilities and their carers. (<http://friendshiphouse.com.au/>) They established Kid Central in Lotteries House, a facility for children with mental health issues. They provide funds for mental health research through their fundraiser, the Mad Hatters' Tea Party. They support youth through their Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and their youth camp facilities. They run school breakfast programmes, provide services and equipment for people with disabilities, and send doctors to third world countries to perform life changing operations for common afflictions such as cleft palate and hare lip. They also provide emergency housing for mothers escaping domestic violence, people coming out of psychiatric hospitals and those coming out of prison.

They are famously involved in the Rotary Exchange programme and they are currently hosting a Swiss

student who is attending Denmark Agricultural College and who Ian suggests would make an excellent Probus guest speaker.

Ian made the point that Rotary is currently struggling for members because society is changing, but as governments provide less funds for those in need, communities will need to start looking after themselves more and that is where Rotary may start to grow again.

Kerry Clarke

### **The following received from Steve Hawks**

**PARAPROSDOKIANS -- a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected and often humorous.**

**I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.**

**Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.**

**Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.**

**I'm great at multi-tasking--I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once.**

**If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.**

**Take my advice — I'm not using it.**

**My wife and I were happy for twenty years; then we met.**

**Hospitality is the art of making guests feel like they're at home when you wish they were.**

**Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.**

**Ever stop to think and forget to start again?**

**Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men spend thinking.**

**He who laughs last thinks slowest.**

**Is it wrong that only one company makes the game Monopoly?**

**Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are the do-it-yourself type.**

**I was going to give him a nasty look, but he already had one.**

**Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.**

**I was going to wear my camouflage shirt today, but I couldn't find it.**

**If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.**

**If tomatoes are technically a fruit, is ketchup a smoothie?**

**Money is the root of all wealth.**

**No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.**

**Ralph Drayton-Witty gives you the following.**

Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.

Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

Shotgun wedding - A case of wife or death.

A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.

In democracy your vote counts.

In feudalism your count votes.

She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist,  
You get repossessed

With her marriage,  
She got a new name and a dress.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Local Area Network in Australia - the LAN down under.

Every calendar's days are numbered.

A lot of money is tainted -  
Taint yours and taint mine.

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

Once you've seen one shopping centre,  
You've seen a mall.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture is a jab well done

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks.

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'

'Sure.'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it.'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?'

He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'

'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.

Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment.

'Where's my toast?'

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What's the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know, the one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

A man was telling his neighbor, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.'

'Really,' answered the neighbor. 'What kind is it?'

'Twelve thirty.'

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlour and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool... After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?'

'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis.'

**Couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember..**

## More from Ralph

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy:

'So I hear you're getting married?'

'Yep!'

'Do I know her?'

'Nope!'

'This woman, is she good looking?'

'Not really.'

'Is she a good cook?'

'Naw, she can't cook too well.'

'Does she have lots of money?'

'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Well, then, is she good in bed?'

'I don't know.'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'

'Because she can still drive!'

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

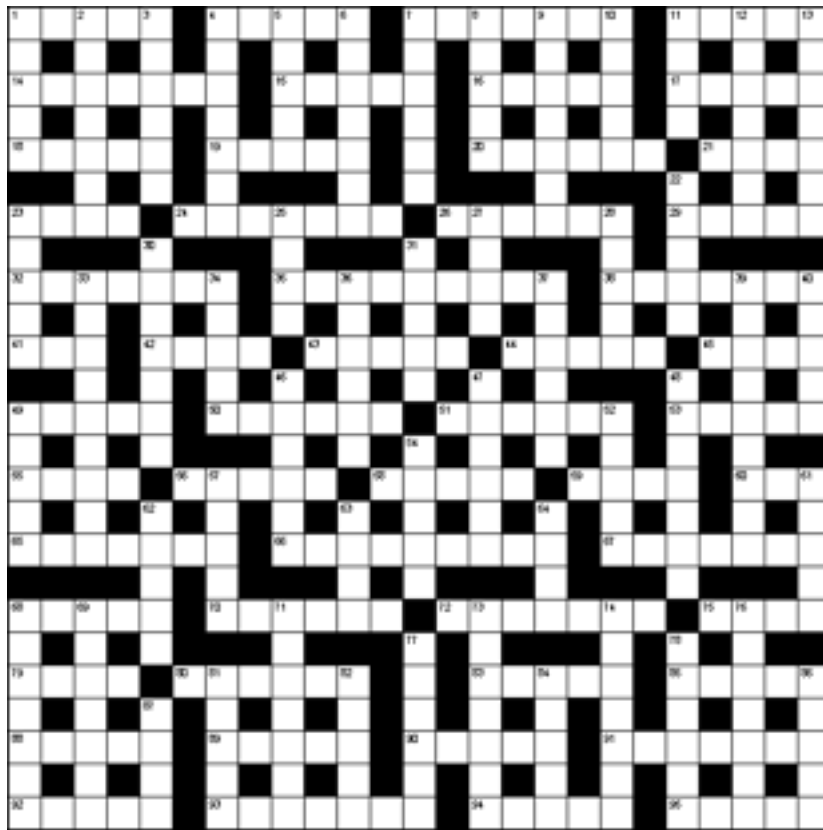
Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.''

The doctor said, 'I didn't say that.. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

And finally a few more from Kevin.



That's it folks.



**Across**

- 1. Incorrect (5)
- 4. Stories (5)
- 7. Asinine (7)
- 11. Larceny (5)
- 14. Indication (7)
- 15. Relating to the countryside (5)
- 16. Assembly of witches (5)
- 17. Mother-of-pearl (5)
- 18. Crude (5)
- 19. Flower (5)
- 20. Wore away (6)
- 21. Serene (4)
- 23. Matured (4)
- 24. Persevere (7)
- 26. Dissertation (6)
- 29. Paragon (5)
- 32. Gave way (7)
- 35. Horticulture (9)
- 38. Forefall (7)
- 41. Pouch (3)
- 42. Sodium chloride (4)
- 43. Supple (5)
- 44. Competitor (5)
- 45. Female relative (4)
- 49. Small boat (5)
- 50. Reverberated (6)
- 51. Pressing (6)
- 53. Measuring stick (5)
- 55. Halo (4)
- 56. Circumvent (5)
- 58. Large marine mammal (5)
- 59. Leave out (4)
- 60. Conclusion (3)
- 65. Considerate (7)
- 66. Capricious (9)
- 67. Erased (7)
- 68. Forgo (5)
- 70. Vertical fin (6)
- 72. Perplexed (7)
- 75. Land measure (4)
- 79. Precipitation (4)

- 80. The month preceding the present one (6)
- 83. Fruit (5)
- 85. Planet (5)
- 88. Frequently (5)
- 89. Excuse (5)
- 90. Combine (5)
- 91. Discussed (7)
- 92. Lure (5)
- 93. Stark (7)
- 94. Highly emotional episode (5)
- 95. Acquires by effort or action (5)

**Down**

- 1. Bet (5)
- 2. Vague (7)
- 3. Graceless (6)
- 4. Shiver (7)
- 5. Slow, broad musical performance (5)
- 6. Edible crustaceans (7)
- 7. Fusillade (6)
- 8. Secret store of valuables (5)
- 9. Conspicuous (7)
- 10. Scorch (5)
- 11. Military vehicle (4)
- 12. Enclosed territory (7)
- 13. Rising warm air current (7)
- 22. Beverage made from apple juice (5)
- 23. Chasm (5)
- 25. Mentor (4)
- 27. Ice pellets (4)
- 28. Reddish brown (5)
- 30. Long and eventful journey (7)
- 31. Stringed instrument (5)
- 33. Bizarre (9)
- 34. Dig into (5)
- 36. Rue (6)
- 37. Profited (6)
- 39. High-spirited (9)

- 40. Private instructor (5)
- 46. Unilluminated area (6)
- 47. Romp (6)
- 48. Easily cracked (7)
- 49. Map (5)
- 52. Domesticated (5)
- 54. Pursue (5)
- 57. Still legally acceptable (5)
- 61. Deceitful scheme (5)
- 62. Tender (5)
- 63. Passport endorsement (4)
- 64. Musical symbol (4)
- 68. Supreme military leader (7)
- 69. Insanely irresponsible (7)
- 71. Dried grapes (7)
- 73. Made a formal request (7)
- 74. Spiny anteater (7)
- 76. Custodian of a collection (7)
- 77. Loudness (6)
- 78. Weak (6)
- 81. South American animal (5)
- 82. Speak up (5)
- 84. Sports field (5)
- 86. Conceals (5)
- 87. Jealousy (4)

