



Denmark River Probud News

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Hello all,

Recently I attended a function in town and where I was told a story about someone's wonderful encounter with a local Probud Club. It transpired that I was talking to music teacher Caroline Blumer.

At the August meeting I passed on a plea for help from Caroline. She was looking to obtain a piano to assist with the care of one of her students.

That night Harry White noticed a posting in one of the Men's Shed magazines offering a free piano, we contacted Caroline and passed on the details to her.

Many phone calls later and with much community goodwill Caroline tells me that the piano has arrived in Denmark, She asked to pass on her thanks to the members of Probud who were instrumental in assisting with the wellbeing of the young girl.

Now is the time that members should start thinking about serving on the committee next year. All positions will be declared vacant at the end of March 2017 and nominations are welcome anytime before that.

Being on the committee is fun. Whilst treasurers are in charge of budgets and secretaries have to book rooms, it's not all doom and gloom. Most tasks on a committee are not onerous and involve everyone pitching in.

Being on the committee is not just bureaucracy, it's enjoyable, too!

Your committee could be your new friendship group When on a committee you spend time both in person and on social media with your fellow committee members. It's a great opportunity to make or reaffirm friendships. Your committee obligations can be a good way to socialize even when you don't have much other time to do so.

Information re the roles and responsibilities of committee members are available as Information for Office Bearers on the members page at <http://www.denmarkriverprobud.org.au/mem/members.html> You will need your club user name and password to access this.

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PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

My! Doesn't time fly when you are having fun? Next stop Christmas. The meeting on the 7th December will be our Christmas Special with the Committee doing the catering (Clare is providing starters). The Committee would like to welcome as many of our members as possible for this Gala occasion. The Combined Christmas Luncheon on the 30th November is another event to look forward to.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wally for his efforts on the very successful tour to Alcoa and the Tutankhamen's Exhibition, a trip very much appreciated by everyone on board. Thanks again Wally.

With the 'silly season' fast approaching, may you enjoy yourselves, be safe and take care.

Cheers

Stuart

NEXT MEETING

7th December 2016

10h00

Denmark Country Club

Speaker **David Rae**
Paramedic



In-house lunch with a Christmas theme \$10pp.



November

30th Peter Dean

December

9th Helen Okamoto

11th Ann Gray

15th Kaye White

17th Dexter Warne



Photo taken Longreach Queensland



Walking Group

As the running of the Melbourne Cup clashed with the walk, a Melbourne Cup luncheon was held instead, very nice too. The walk for Tuesday 6th December is from Emu Point to Middleton Beach and return, with lunch at the Emu Point Cafe.

December walk

Emu Point Cafe has been booked for lunch at 1.00 pm on Tuesday Dec 6th. Numbers need to be confirmed by Dec 3rd so please let Jill know if you are going.

Meet 9.00am Opposite Little IGA to car pool Drive - To Emu Point, (Albany) park near the cafe.

Walk - Along the footpath and boardwalk to Middleton Beach

Coffee At Middleton Beach cafe.

Walk - Back to Emu Point

Distance - Approx. 7 km there and back.

Terrain - Very easy, flat. You could walk back along the beach for a change of scenery

Bring - Hat, sunscreen and water.

If you would prefer to just walk around the Emu Point area, that's another option.

Please e-mail Jill at jill.smith@iinet.net.au or send a SMS on 0400142410.



Wine Appreciation Group

The October meeting on Thursday 27th focused on South African wines. Many of those who had not previously ventured into this region were pleasantly surprised at how palatable the wines were. Carmel had arranged a special bottle of Hermanupietersfontein Swartskaaap but somehow disaster struck and the bottle was broken. A substitute of Bunn 2008 Shiraz did however alleviate the disappointment.

This month the group will hold their Christmas function on Thursday 24th November with a visit to West Cape Howe Wines, and exploration of St Werburg's Chapel and lunch at Windrush Wines.



Fran's" Coffee Morning

Fran's" coffee morning was held on Tuesday 15th November at 10:00am at the Teahouse Bookshop. Sitting outside in the courtyard, with the shade of the overhang, which was just enough in cutting the warming spring sunshine, to make drinking coffee and chatting to friends a perfect way to spend an hour. Thank you to all those that spent the time.

Cheers

Stuart

Next meeting Thursday 20th December at a venue to be advised.



October Outing

Wally's Mine Tour and Tutankhamun Exhibit.

In October weeks of hard work and planning by Wally Pederick resulted in our 1st overnight expedition. An early start on the 19th October saw us heading off to Quindanning for lunch. It was a glorious spring day and lunch was enjoyed under the trees in the hotel gardens.



After lunch we drove on to Pinjarra to enjoy an escorted tour of Alcoa's Huntley Mine. Although we had to remain on the bus for the tour this did not make the experience any more interesting and we all felt that we had a greater understanding of the process by the end of the tour.

After a pleasant overnight stay at the Atrium Hotel in Mandurah it was off to the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre for a fabulous two hours exploring the wonderful exhibit - Tutankhamun – His Tomb and His Treasures.

A picnic lunch in the park at Williams was a last chance to socialize with our fellow travelers before dispersing home.

Photos have been posted at:

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

Combined Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Tuesday 1st November and it was that time of the year again we headed off to the Surf Club for the event.

This year the luncheon was hosted by Denmark Probus. Catering by Little Villains ensured an excellent lunch and an added bonus was the sighting of a whale in Ratcliffe Bay.

Photos are available at the link posted above.

Next Outing

Combined Christmas Lunch

Wednesday - 30 November 12.00

Denmark Riverside Club.

Menu:

Champagne

Nibbles = Melba toasts & mixed nuts, Sushi Rolls

Main = Ham/turkey, boiled potatoes, two salads

Desserts = Plum pudding, brandy custard/

strawberries & ice cream

Chocolates, Tea & coffee





Guest Speaker First Class Constable John Harrison.

Community Safety Awareness.

John introduced himself by explaining that he was speaking at short notice in place of his colleague who

was unable to attend and whose apologies he extended to the group.

And so began a light-hearted and informative guide to community security and personal safety issues.

John outlined his 12 years experience in Wales and in Perth since arriving in Australia.

He explained that his presentation was based on his work in some of Perth's at risk suburbs. He felt that while the potential for community crime is ever present, it was often over played in the media.

His PowerPoint reminded ex-city dwellers of the visual spread of home security measures: caged houses, fortress style fencing, security alarms and security lighting. It was a timely reminder of how fortunate we are to live in more relaxed environment.

But this realisation brought with it a warning against complacency regarding home and car security measures.

John reinforced the need for ongoing awareness as he elaborated on the roles of police and the community in minimising opportunistic criminal activity.

Topics included:

- Locking up at all times when leaving the house unattended
- Locking cars at all times
- ATM security/awareness
- Credit card protective devices.
- Not providing any personal/financial details to unknown phone contacts
- Awareness and removal of concealment points in gardens, shrubs etc.
- Leaving house keys with neighbours instead of obvious hiding places outdoors.
- Keeping neighbours informed of any prolonged absences.
- Asking for identification from suspect bogus tradesmen.

Although we enjoy a relatively safe environment, John reminded us of the transient nature of Denmark's population during holiday periods and with that the increased potential for opportunistic crime.

John emphasised the importance of the community's role in crime prevention. He stressed that the police rely on public information to prevent

and solve crime through participation in Neighbourhood Watch, e-Watch, Crime Stoppers and other public security measures.

In conclusion John encouraged questions for the group.

In discussing the question of 24-hour police availability in Denmark, he pointed out that all calls are logged and are responded to according to the situation and degree of emergency. Local police are in 24-hour response mode and supported when necessary by the Albany contingent.

John's engaging professional presentation at such short notice was warmly appreciated by all, as was his array of takeaway materials reinforcing the theme of his presentation.

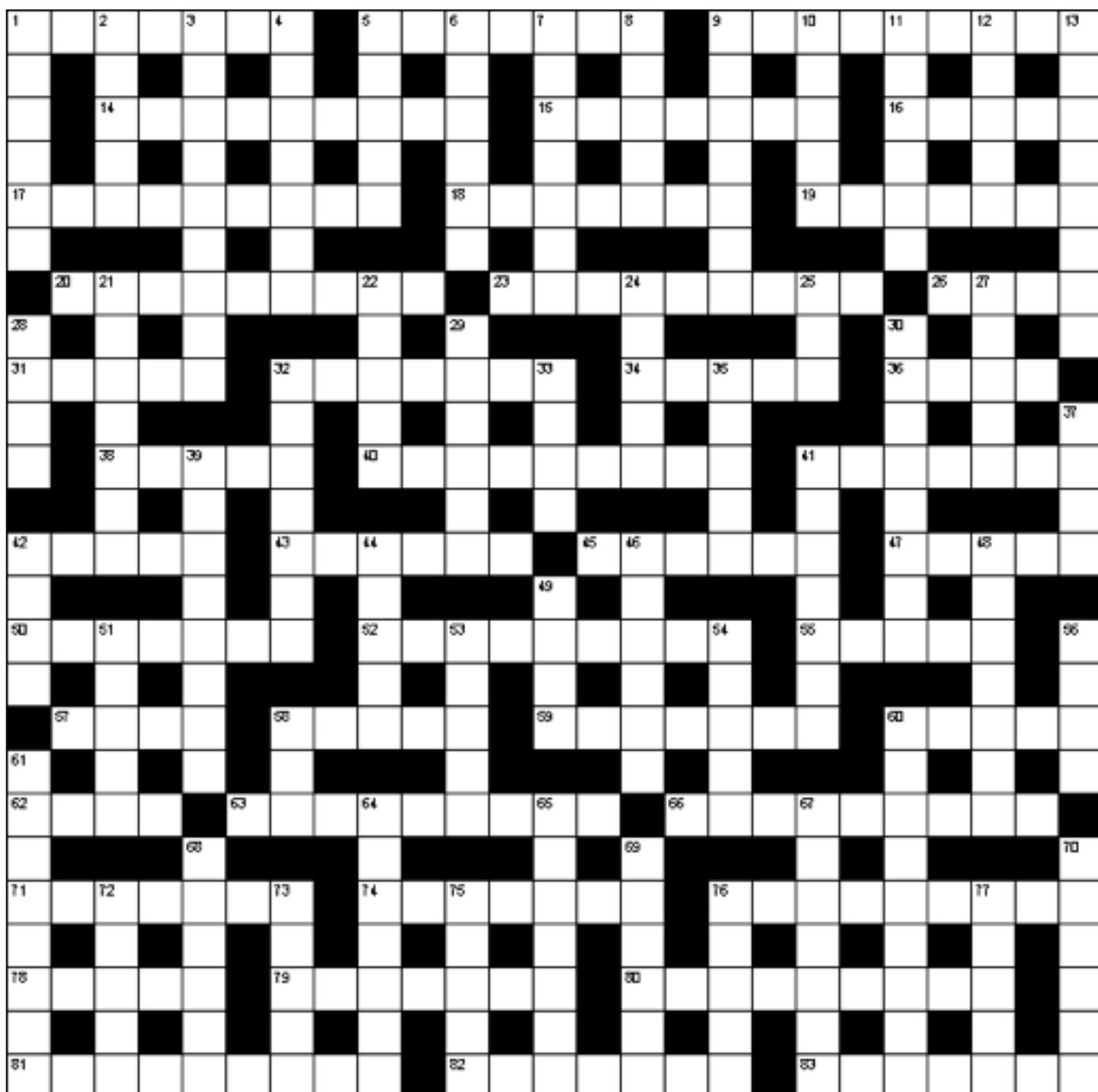
You can read the handouts on Safety for seniors by following the prompts on the website. <http://www.denmarkriverprobus.org.au/news.html>



There is a car park outside an English Zoo for 150 cars and 8 buses. For 25 years, it was managed by a most pleasant attendant. The parking fees were £1.40 a day for cars and £7 for coaches. Then, one day, after 25 years without a single day off the attendant didn't turn up for work. A concerned member of the Zoo management team called the local authority and asked them to send down a replacement attendant.

Later in the day the council rang back the Zoo and told them that the car park was the Zoo's responsibility. The Zoo replied that the car park attendant was a council employee, but the council representative said that they had never employed the man and didn't know who he was.

Meanwhile, sitting in his villa somewhere in Northern Cyprus (or wherever) sipping champagne, is the man who'd installed the ticket machine, maintained it and emptied it of about £500 a day! That's about £4.5 million in total – nice one!



Across

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Liberty (7) | 34. Mother-of-pearl (5) | 59. Looked at briefly (7) |
| 5. Infers (7) | 36. Sharp (4) | 60. Stage (5) |
| 9. Haggled (9) | 38. Canoe (5) | 62. Swerve (4) |
| 14. Villainous (9) | 40. Stubbornly unyielding (9) | 63. Congenial (9) |
| 15. Requiring (7) | 41. Akin (7) | 66. Promenade by the sea (9) |
| 16. Paragon (5) | 42. Taut or rigid (5) | 71. Dried grapes (7) |
| 17. Obviate (9) | 43. Assail (6) | 74. Lasted (7) |
| 18. Perfumed (7) | 45. Dissertation (6) | 76. Graphic symbol (9) |
| 19. Biggest (7) | 47. Topic (5) | 78. Male relation (5) |
| 20. Rogue (9) | 50. Inhabited (7) | 79. Free time (7) |
| 23. Intricate (9) | 52. Parts of a sonata (9) | 80. Enfolds (9) |
| 26. Level (4) | 55. Unit of weight (5) | 81. Inaccurate (9) |
| 31. Fleet (5) | 57. Spoil (4) | 82. Timidity (7) |
| 32. Greed (7) | 58. Harvests (5) | 83. Betrayal (7) |

Down

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| 1. Secure (6) | 27. Inactive (5) | 51. Relish (5) |
| 2. Boredom (5) | 28. Small island (4) | 53. View (5) |
| 3. Not easy (9) | 29. Informal meal outside (6) | 54. Fires (5) |
| 4. Half woman, half fish (7) | 30. Set of bones (8) | 56. Peak (4) |
| 5. Stingless male bee (5) | 32. Clumsy (7) | 58. Sprocket (3) |
| 6. Refrain (6) | 33. Engrave (4) | 60. Tropical fruit (9) |
| 7. Hide (7) | 35. Expenses (5) | 61. Prelude (8) |
| 8. Slumbered (5) | 37. Rim (4) | 64. Foes (7) |
| 9. Constructor (7) | 39. Conceding (8) | 65. Theft (7) |
| 10. Majestic (5) | 41. Answer (7) | 67. Pamphlet (7) |
| 11. Bird sanctuary (6) | 42. Ripped (4) | 68. Bird (6) |
| 12. Female relative (5) | 44. Speed at which music is played (5) | 69. Stick (6) |
| 13. Wasting time (8) | 46. Building where aircraft are maintained (6) | 70. Evidenced (6) |
| 21. Fowl (7) | 48. Gem (7) | 72. Become liable to (5) |
| 22. Precise (5) | 49. Self-satisfied (4) | 73. Fusillade (5) |
| 24. Stringed instrument (5) | | 75. Percussion instruments (5) |
| 25. Golf accessory (3) | | 76. Inlets (5) |
| | | 77. Chores (5) |

