



## Denmark River Probus News

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Hello all,

For those who wish to get into the celebrating and sharing season early you still have time for a quick flit to:

Lopburi Monkey Banquet

Lopburi, Thailand  
26 - 27 November

Two tons of produce and rice feed about 3,000 macaques each



year at one of the world's weirdest feasts. Chefs and onlookers arrive at the ancient Phra Prang Sam Yot temple, where the monkeys live, and set out a lavish banquet over which the Governor of Lopburi himself presides. After a bit of music and human-monkey dancing, the macaques are invited to chow down – which they do, with fervour and a bit of food-slinging. The 20-baht (80cents) entrance fee does come with a stick for self-defence, but don't be alarmed – as long as you don't withhold any food, you'll be fine.

OR - If you wish to explore new cuisines for yourself you could head off to:

Tori-No-Ichi (Days of the Rooster) – Japan

Tori-No-Ichi celebrates the Chinese zodiac sign of the rooster — tori — and throughout Japan, this means shrines to the rooster are centers of activity during the festival. People go to Otori shrines to ask for good luck in the coming year, and market stalls are set up around the shrines, selling all sorts of



good luck charms. One of the most popular items for sale is a kumade, a bamboo rake meant to help its owner "rake in" wealth and good luck. The largest Otori market is in the Asakusa neighborhood of Tokyo, with more than 200 stalls to choose from. Tori-No-Ichi occurs every 12 days in November, but the dates vary each year, so there may be two or three Days of the Rooster in a given year. In 2015, it's on November 5, 17 and **29**.

**Please remember if you are attending the Combined Christmas Lunch payment (\$40,00) is due by 29th November**

Carmel Stott - president

## NEXT MEETING

**6th December 2017**

**10h00**

**Denmark Country Club**

**Lunch = In-house \$10.00pp**

**Speaker = Brian Levitt, Geologist**



November

18 Gary Marshall

## Nov/Dec

December

09 Helen Okamoto

11 Ann Gray

15 Kaye White

17 Dexter Warne

19 Ralph Drayton-Witty

21 Rob Norcross

23 Robin Rogers

24 Carol Harry

Remember that all this information contained in this newsletter, and more, can also be found on:

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



**Guest Speaker  
for October, Iris  
Thomas  
Consumer Pro-  
tection**

**Consumer  
Protection**

A questionnaire. Tick off the following:

Did you go home and stick white paper over the built-in camera on your computer?

Have you made it a rule to read all of the fine print before signing up for anything and everything?

Will you make sure that you arrive early at the airport check-in and board the aircraft as early as possible to ensure that you don't lose your seat because of airline overbooking?

Will you ensure that you never divulge personal and financial information to persons unknown?

Will you review the most secure ways of paying accounts on line?

Will you immediately delete all suspect emails?

Will you treat all in-coming unknown 02 and 03 callers as suspect hackers and disconnect immediately? (just lift the receiver and replace it immediately ... no interaction)

Will you treat all unsolicited contact from ATO, Telstra, Microsoft and others, as potential hackers?

Will you investigate all of the fine print in overseas travel insurance?

Before engaging in any more of those romantic online liaisons, will you make sure that your brain's Get Real button is switched on?

Will you ..... ? The list goes on.

Thank you, Iris Thomas from Consumer Affairs, for your enlightening and in many ways unsettling revelations, that we, in our day to day lives, are under constant threat of losing our financial and identity security.

This was a revealing and informative session drawing a wide range of questions and responses.

And thank you Clare, for introducing Iris who, working diligently behind the scenes, continues to provide a covert protective shield for all.

A return visit from Iris would reveal more than just the tip of this ever-present and ever-changing "iceberg" and would be warmly welcomed by all.

Trevor Morse



**Fran's" Coffee Morning**

Come join us at the Mrs Jones. **Tuesday 21st November. 10.00am**  
All members invited.  
Make a day of it and carry on to Bowls and lunch at Boston Brewery later.



**Wine Appreciation Group**

This month sees the group returning to Yilarnia Winery for lunch **12-.30pm Thursday 23rd November**



**Walking Group**

No information available at this time.



**Outings**

Sixteen representatives of the Denmark River Probus Brains Trust attended the Quiz Night at the Civic Centre. on the 28th of October. We may not have taken out the grand prize but we did put up a good performance.

The Combined Probus Melbourne Cup Luncheon on 7th November was a resounding success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Well done Rosemary for your millinery display and for taking out the best hat competition.

Please get out your bowling shoes for the next outing of social bowls on **Tuesday 21st November 10.00 - 12.00.**

Please bring your own refreshment, if needed, and \$2.00 green fees.  
Following the bowls retire to Boston Brewery for a well earned lunch.

Well done to the corporate bowlers who have done their matches two weeks in a row (even if last weeks win was by default)

**Wednesday 13th December 12.00 noon.** Combined Christmas Lunch at Riverside Club.  
Cost \$40.00 to be **paid to Steve by 29th November please.**

## Drafting Guys Over 60.

### Look Alikes



I am over 60 and the Armed Forces thinks I'm too old to track down terrorists. You can't be older than 42 to join the military. They've got the whole thing ass-backwards.

Instead of sending 18-year olds off to fight, they ought to take us old guys. You shouldn't be able to join a military unit until you're at least 55.

For starters, researchers say 18-year-olds think about sex every 10 seconds. Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a month, leaving us more than 280,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy.

Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. 'My back hurts! I can't sleep, I'm tired and hungry.' We are bad-tempered and impatient, and maybe letting us kill some asshole that desperately deserves it will make us feel better and shut us up for a while.

An 18-year-old doesn't even like to get up before 10 am. Old guys always get up early to pee, so what the hell. Besides, like I said, I'm tired and can't sleep and since I'm already up, I may as well be up killing some fanatical son-of-a-bitch.

If captured, we couldn't spill the beans because we'd forget where we put them. In fact, name, rank, and serial number would be a real brainteaser.

Boot camp would be easier for old guys. We're used to getting screamed and yelled at and we're used to soft food. We've also developed an appreciation for guns. We've been using them for years as an excuse to get out of the house, away from the screaming and yelling. They could lighten up on the obstacle course however. I've been in combat and never saw a single 20-foot wall with rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any pushups after completing basic training.

Actually, the running part is kind of a waste of energy too. I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet.

An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave, to start a conversation with a pretty girl. He still hasn't figured out that a baseball cap has a brim to shade his eyes, not the back of his head. These are all great reasons to keep our kids at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off into harm's way.

Let us old guys track down those terrorists. The last thing an enemy would want to see is a couple million pissed off old farts with bad attitudes and automatic weapons who know that their best years are already behind them.

HEY!! How about recruiting Women over 50... in menopause!!! You think MEN have attitudes?? **Ohhhh-hhhhhhhh** my God!!! If nothing else, put them on border patrol. They'll have it secured the first night!

Seen at the wine appreciation meeting.



Not sure how much tasting Kaye was anticipating?

