



Denmark River Probus News

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Hello all,

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday."

Mothering Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent. Although it's often called Mothers' Day it has no connection with the American festival of that name. Traditionally, it was a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family.

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. ... In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Carmel Stott

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

PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

Hi everyone.

Your new committee has been working hard on planning an interesting and entertaining programme for this year. If you have ideas or suggestions for speakers or events etc. please mention it to a committee member. This is your club so your input helps it to run to suit members interests.

President Neville

NEXT MEETING

2nd May 2018

10h00

Denmark Country Club

Lunch = Denmark Pub

**Speaker = Alan Brooks
Birds**

May Birthdays



- 05 Vicki Lumia
- 09 Selma Clay
- 13 HarryWhite
- 16 Rosemary Thorn
- 26 Bruce Smith
- 30 Gavin Gray



Our Probus guest speaker for April was Claudia Simpson, the new community development officer of Denmark Shire.

Claudia has been working in the position for three months and seems enthusiastic about implementing the ten-year plan for Denmark. This document was created with community consultation and its vision is:

“A happy, healthy, eclectic community that embraces creativity, celebrates the natural environment and is invested in a strong local community.”

Her talk was a general overview of the shire’s plans for the next ten years, but when questioned by our members about more specific programmes that would be of interest to seniors, she outlined innovations in the areas of:

- Fitness
- Nutrition
- Services to facilitate ageing in place and
- Links between support services.

When asked about providing more places for residential aged care in Denmark, she was not able to provide much reassurance. When the idea of establishing a croquet lawn in Denmark was put forward, she made it clear that we would have to do a lot of the preliminary work of establishing the level of interest in croquet and what would be involved.

It is early days yet, but it is to be hoped that Claudia will be effective in her role by being a good listener and a willing advocate for the people of Denmark.

Happenings



Fran’s” Coffee Morning
Come join us at Teahouse Bookshop
Tuesday 17th April 10.00am
All members invited.



Wine Appreciation Group
Wine tasting **26th April 5pm-7pm**
Garden Room Community Resource Centre.
Theme - Sparkling wines.
Bring plate of nibbles
\$3.00 towards hire of room.

The wine tasting in March was held at Freehand Wines. 19 imbibers enjoyed the change of venue and the tasting of several local wines.



Walking Group



The walk this month will be on **Tuesday 24 April** commencing at 9.00am opposite little IGA and going to Cosy Corner bbq/ carpark area. We will do a beach walk for about ½ hour up and ½ hour back.

Unfortunately, Cosy Corner café will not be open so walkers should bring their own morning tea.

Outings



The excursion to Gomm Park was enjoyed so much that the members are keen to encourage the establishment of croquet courts in Denmark.

Discovery Centre, Albany

81 Whaling Station Road, Torndirrup, Albany – 10 am, **Wednesday, 18th April**. Car pooling, for those who want to, at 9 am opposite the small IGA supermarket.
Lunch at the onsite cafe.

Russ and Sam, two friends, met in the park every day to feed the pigeons, watch the squirrels and discuss world problems.

One day Russ didn't show up. Sam didn't think much about it and figured maybe he had a cold or something. But after Russ hadn't shown up for a week or so, Sam really got worried.

However, since the only time they ever got together was at the park, Sam didn't know where Russ lived, so he was unable to find out what had happened to him.

A month had passed, and Sam figured he had seen the last of Russ, but one day, Sam approached the park and-- lo and behold! -- there sat Russ!

Sam was very excited and happy to see him and told him so.

Then he said, 'For crying out loud Russ, what in the world happened to you?'

Russ replied, 'I have been in jail.' 'Jail!' cried Sam. What in the world for?'

'Well,' Russ said, 'you know Brandi, that cute little blonde waitress at the coffee shop where I sometimes go?' 'Yeah,' said Sam, 'I remember her. What about her?'

'Well, the little gold-digging witch figured I was rich and she filed rape charges against me; and, at 89 years old, I was so proud that when I got into court, I pleaded 'guilty'.

Russian Problem Solving

Now this is lateral thinking. (follow link)

<https://youtu.be/-qc0aaY-3qY>



Beer Contains Female Hormones

Would you believe this about our favourite summer beverage? Shocking!

This is alarming & scary stuff!

Beer contains female hormones! Yes, that's right, FEMALE hormones!

Last month, Montreal University scientists released the results of a recent analysis that revealed the presence of female hormones in beer.

Men should take a concerned look at their beer consumption.

The theory is that Beer contains female hormones (hops contain Phytoestrogens) and that by drinking enough beer, men turn into women.

To test the theory, 100 men each drank 8 large drafts of beer within a one (1) hour period. It was then observed that 100% of the test subjects, yes, 100% of all these men:-

- 1) Argued over nothing.
- 2) Refused to apologize when obviously wrong.
- 3) Gained weight.
- 4) Talked excessively without making sense.
- 5) Became overly emotional
- 6) Couldn't drive.
- 7) Failed to think rationally, and
- 8) Had to sit down while urinating.

No further testing was considered necessary!!

Send this to the men you know to warn them about drinking too much beer!

Copper Wire

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, British scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the British, in the weeks that followed, an American archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story published in the New York Times: "American archaeologists, finding traces of 250-year-old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network 50 years earlier than the British".

One week later, Australia's Northern Territory Times, reported the following:

"After digging as deep as 30 feet in his backyard in Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, aboriginal Billi Bunji, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely buggar-all. Billi has therefore concluded that 250 years ago, Australia had already gone wireless..."

Makes me feel bloody proud to be Australian!

RALPH'S GOES ON TO SAY



Russo Buttacovoli, an 80-year-old Italian goes to the doctor for a check-up.

The doctor is amazed at what good shape the guy is in and asks, 'how do you stay in such great physical condition?'

'I'm Italian and I am a golfer,' says Russo, 'and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight and out golfing up and down the fairways.'

""Well' says the doctor, 'I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your Father when he died?'



"Who said he was dead?"

The doctor is amazed. 'You mean you're 80 years old and your Father's still alive. How old is he?'

'He's 100 years old,' says Russo. 'In fact he golfed with me this morning, and then we went to the topless beach for a walk and had a little vino and that's why he's still alive. He's Italian and he's a golfer, too.'

'Well,' the doctor says, 'that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it than that. How about your Father's Father? How old was he when he died?'

'Who said my Nonno's dead?'

Stunned, the doctor asks, 'You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living! Incredible, how old is he?'

'He's 118 years old,' says the Old Italian golfer.

The doctor is getting frustrated at this point, 'So, I guess he went golfing with you this morning too?'

'No, Nonno couldn't go this morning because he's getting married today.'

At this point the doctor is close to losing it. 'Getting married? Why would a 118 year- old guy want to get married?'

'Who said he wanted to?'

