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Hello all,

Did you know that there are people in this world who do not believe that Australia exists?

Not only is it too large to be a country (a real landmass of its size would implode due to intrinsic pressure), but it is also too far South to stay on our planet. As the Earth is a spherical formation, any continent of its size and location would fall directly off of its surface downwards (forming another satellite, similar to how the Moon was created) over the course of several hundred years.

"Australia does not exist," reads a post on Facebook. "All things you call 'proof' are actually well fabricated lies and documents made by the leading governments of the world. Your Australian friends? They're all actors and computer generated personas, part of the plot to trick the world."

If you think you've ever been to Australia, you're terribly wrong. The plane pilots are all in on this, and have in all actuality only flown you to islands close nearby – or in some cases, parts of South America, where they have cleared space and hired actors to act out as real Australians.

Australia was actually invented by Britain so it could kill tens of thousands of convicts rather than send them to a country on the other side of the world.

Any pictures you may have seen of the 'continent' are most likely taken from the doctored albums of Sir William T. Ytterby, a Swedish explorer known for his habit of falsifying data.

Carmel Stott

Info also available at:

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

PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

Hi everyone.

Thanks to the members who organised the trip to Heritage cider, A very informative and great day out.

Hope that all the British members bought lots of cider to remind themselves of their youth.

President Neville

NEXT MEETING

6th June 2018

10h00

Denmark Country Club

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

PAY THE \$10.00 ENTRY FEE, KEEP RECEIPTS for food purchased and be REIMBURSED for ingredients be the treasurer. (We will not reimburse for food purchased if receipts are not presented.)

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(2) DO NOT PAY THE \$10.00 ENTRY FEE and NOT be reimbursed for food purchased.

Exchange Table

Speaker = Carol Wright.

June Birthdays



15	Carmel Stott
23	Fran Pederick
29	Wendy Lind
29	Neville Thorn
30	Kevin Stone



Happenings



Banding Birds

At our May meeting we were privileged to hear and see Alan Brooks talking about his passion of Banding Birds.

Alan's slides of the most amazingly colourful birds added so much to his talk. Alan described the scientific aspects of banding vs watching. In South Africa and in Europe the process is called Ringing, whereas Australia and North America it's called Banding. South Africa is where Alan learned the process and became qualified to Band birds, even though tens of thousands of banding under his belt he had to get recertified when he arrived in Australia.

His description of the process of catching the birds, meant the crew needed to rise "in the middle of the night" to ensure the nets they had to put up were up and ready predawn. Carrying 30-50kg of equipment as well as the early start ensures this job/passion is not for everyone. A fun story among the many that Alan told was the one where his wife Kathy was with him in the early training and her first bird was an Orange Breasted Longclaw. And it took Alan 5995 birds to match her and get to band this rare bird.

The bands have unique #'s and a PO Box, so information on any birds can be captured if the birds are seen in the wild. The Banding is only part of the process and then the computer input/study starts. All banding comes under the Department of Environment and Energy, where all the data is stored.

Alan is a great storyteller and had wonderful visuals to tie to his interesting stories. Describing how when handling the birds it is important to understand which end of the bird is the dangerous part, sometimes beak and other times the claws/talons. This was clearly the talons on the Vulture that took lots of money, 8 people, a cherry picker and 3 days to tag only 14 birds. Other stories included the brown bird with the one white feather that even after malting still had one white feather. The Oxpeckers that cattle ranchers wanted caught and relocated away from their cattle as they kept wounds on the cattle open to get the blood. Yuck!

It is easy to see that Alan is passionate about this pastime and has continued his banding here in Denmark, where he has processed 15,000 birds in the 6.5years. Overall Alan has banded over 28,000 birds.



Fran's" Coffee Morning

Dare to be different. Why not call into Denmark Antiques and Devonshire Teas

Tuesday 19th June 10.00am

All members invited.



Wine Appreciation Group

Wine tasting **24th May 2018** - 5:00pm to 7:00pm Garden Room Community Resource Centre.

Theme - Local wines under \$20

Bring plate of nibbles

\$3.00 towards hire of room.



Walking Group

This month the walk will be on **Tuesday 22 May** at 9.30am (*note the change in meeting time from 9.00am to 9.30am*)

meeting at carpark on Campbell Road (at right angle

bend where it becomes Inlet Road) from where we will walk along the access track to Little River Road following the Inlet through to Sandi and Peter Kerr's place for morning tea and then return to the carpark. The walk itself should be about ½ hour each way.



Outings

Have you signed up yet for Ten Pin Bowling on **Wednesday 20th June?**

10:00am - 12:00noon

The Bowling Alley is at Centennial Park Albany (120 Stead Road).

You must wear soft soled sneakers (bring your own)

Cost \$15-\$21pp.

Lunch at White Star Hotel in Stirling Terrace.

Photos from past outings can be found at:

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

Life in the hi-tech lane



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A man and woman were married for many years. Whenever there was a confrontation, yelling could be heard deep into the night. The old man would shout, "When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!"

Neighbors feared him. The old man liked the fact that he was feared. Then one evening, he died when he was 98. After the burial, her neighbors, concerned for her safety, asked, "Aren't you afraid that he may indeed be able to dig his way out of the grave and haunt you for the rest of your life?"

The wife said, " Let him dig. I had him buried upside down...and I know he won't ask for directions."



The Minister's Advice

As part of their ministry, the church decided to run a daily soup kitchen. Not surprisingly, the free food was very popular with the homeless people in the area. However this gift did come with a small catch - first you had to listen to a sermon.

Every day the rows of pews would be filled with derelicts, bums, and plenty of people down on their luck. One afternoon, the minister decided it was time again to lecture on the evils of alcohol. In order to get their attention, the minister began the service by putting up two glasses. One he filled with water. The other he filled with gin.

Then he pulled out a worm and dropped it in the water. The worm swam happily around in the glass of water until the minister pulled it back out. As the worm wriggled in his fingers, the minister proclaimed with certainty that the worm loved the water and that the water was safe for the worm.

Then the minister dropped the worm in the gin. Almost instantly the worm died and its ravaged body began to disappear in the toxic element.

The minister let out a satisfied cry of delight. "Do you see what evils this alcohol has done!? What does this experiment prove?"

A wino in the back of the room spoke up. "Reverend, it proves if you drink alcohol, you'll never get worms! Can we eat now?"