



Denmark River Probus News

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Hi all,

I see that there is a new Medical Centre in Albany - Great Southern Specialist Centre.

From what I can see it offers mostly private care. Surgery, Psychiatry and Medicine are the services offered. Several of the specialists seem to be monthly visitors to Albany.

This may save many of us that long trek up to Perth to see a specialist in the future.

Has anyone had to use their services already?

As a follow on from the talk in May I have included information on leaving a legacy

Cheers Carmel

PRESIDENT'S POST

Greetings Fellow Probarians near and far!

July already!! The year seems to be slipping by at a rapid rate. Retirement indicates things can slow down, but in reality, life becomes even busier that when we worked. How did we fit a social life into a working schedule? Once free of work commitments we then commit ourselves to many other activities, albeit now ones of our choice and enjoyment. Probus is one such activity which offers us all friendship and fellowship and we are appreciative of this.

Meetings, lunches, speakers, outings and social interactions are important as we age. Consistent socialization reduces the likelihood that seniors will experience the depression caused by isolation and loneliness. Spending time



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

6	Kelsay Bateman
11	Val Ball
11	Robert Allan
12	Ray Creese
14	Rose Robson
20	Bev Farrall
27	Kerry Clark

with others increases our mental and physical wellbeing. Look out for each other.

The outings we attend are very informative and entertaining. Dean Malcom's Woodworks workshop/showroom was amazing, the products mostly generated from computer programs designed by Dean. Dean was very welcoming to our group.

Then in June we visited the Jonathon Hook Ceramics Studio. Jonathon was a great host, and he demonstrated what could be done with a lump of clay, turning it into something beautiful and useful. The ordinary little bowl took on a greater significance after we had witnessed the bowl being crafted.

The presentation last week from Dr Matt Blakers was spectacular. The hour raced by and we were all engrossed in the narrative and the stunning, amazing photography. Check out his website for further "ooh's and aahs" <https://www.mattblakersphoto.com>



NEXT MEETING

7th August 2019 10h00 Denmark Country Club

Speaker - Joss Harman will talk about his book "Lost River"

Please Note

Lunch today will be at The Tavern

We have a bit of a different event this month, being Christmas in July at the Tavern. If you haven't booked this with Carol Harry as yet, please do so today as the Tavern want numbers in advance. Thank you... The Kojonup trip in September is something to look forward to as well. Once again, Thank you Carol and Mal for keeping us occupied.

The July General Meeting of DRP was very well attended with 45 members staying on for lunch. Our club is blessed to have many volunteers, both for the general running of the club and to supply food for morning tea and the lunches. Trish (aided by Roz) has been "holding the fort" whilst Rose is away and has done a magnificent job. Many hands make light work and it seems our members apply that adage often. Stuart is one who always takes up position at the sink and only departs when the bottom of the sink is shiny again.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Harry White and Bruce Smith well. Both members have been through a very traumatic time Health-wise over the past few months. However, they have been looked after superbly by " Nurse Florence White and Nurse Florence Smith ".

As you may be aware, we now have 70 members, a full complement, and Wendy has opened a waiting list, which already has 2 applicants.

Thought for the day..

A new broom sweeps clean but an old broom knows the corners.

Kind regards
Val Ball

* Nothing in this document constitutes legal advice and we recommend that you seek advice in relation to your Will from a solicitor. *



LEAVING A LEGACY

Leaving a bequest in your Will to the Denmark Community Foundation is a powerful way to create a lasting legacy by providing ongoing support to the causes and programs you care about.

What is a bequest?

A bequest is the gift of an asset or other right provided as part of a Will, intestacy or settlement. Bequests may be for a particular asset, amount or percentage of an estate.

A bequest in a Will can be left in a number of different ways:

- Pecuniary bequest – a fixed amount specified in a Will.
- Residuary bequest – the remaining value of an estate when all other bequests to family and friends have been made and liabilities have been paid.
- Reversionary bequest – allows a surviving partner or other person to benefit from your estate during their lifetime and then for the balance of the estate to be paid to DCF on their death.*

We recommend you take advice from your solicitor in relation to the preparation of your Will.

We are happy for you or your solicitor to contact us on 0417 953 489 or via admin@dcfwa.org.au if you have any queries

Why leave a bequest to DCF? Bequests help us provide ongoing support to causes and organisations that are aligned with your values, extending the impact of your giving beyond your lifetime.

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

People wishing to include a bequest in their Will to the Denmark Community Foundation can select one of two options to direct how their gift will be utilised by the organisation. You can leave a gift or bequest as a dollar amount, as a percentage of your estate, as the whole of your estate or even particular assets such as real estate.

1. General Purpose Gifting. A gift to the Denmark Community Foundation (WA) Inc. will directly support the Foundation's initiatives that focus on addressing social, educational, health and wellbeing issues in the Denmark community. DCF will make grants that best respond to the changing needs of the community.

2. Specific Purpose Gifting. If you wish your gift to be used for specific purposes there are different initiatives such as the Emergency Disaster Relief Fund, created to respond to people's welfare needs after a natural disaster; the Radiation Machine Project Fund, overseeing and administering community funds towards the establishment of a radiation facility in the Great Southern; and other sub-funds. Contact the Foundation's Chairperson or Treasurer on 0417 953 489 if you would like more information or to discuss anything to do with your gift or an existing sub-fund.

Thank you for considering gifting to your community.



This month's Guest Speaker Dr Matt Blakers whetted our appetites for more of his "Out of Work Passion – Surfing and Wildlife Photography" with a 'droned' video

introduction of himself and his mate hitting the big waves via Jet Ski. With us craving for more of the "big stuff" Matt took us through the fundamentals of his craft, beginning with the impressive range of camera equipment, wetsuit, fins, jet ski and the use of the drone.

It was not lost of any of us I'm sure, how utterly dangerous and cold (!) it is being out there so far off shore in wild tempestuous seas, which are the home of some large predators and here Matt imparted the reasons for choosing this "pastime" – here he could ground himself, be in the present, so totally detached from the every day, and the stresses of work.

Then the visual feast of stunning photographic imagery! It is not possible to describe the incredible beauty and dramatic wave art that was shown to us, so stunning and magnificent. Matt's creative eye was ably assisted by the digital technology at his fingertips. The beauty of what he does goes beyond the actual photography, it transports us out to the waves, it gives us the experience without the "pain"! No chilly water or looking over your shoulder! It was such a privilege to be in the room to hear his story and realise his awesome talent in this way.

Not only is he extremely talented photographer he is also an adept presenter with a witty sense of humour and a bunch of those shark stories, heading up with the incredible survival of Greg Pickering, and winding down with his very own "albatross not shark" scare.

Matt's big moment was capturing the shot of an albino Southern Right Whale calf – a world first!

And then the pink lake on Middle Island off Cape Arid, with its very own pirate Black Jack Anderson, so the story goes.

Onto Ningaloo, with a snap of a Whaleshark and then a rare piece of vision of Manta Rays frolicking in a mating dance which drew chuckles when Matt threw in some saucy titbits.

Matt shared some shots his wife took from the beach, of himself in the water with the Southern Right and her calf. A defining moment, whereupon one can only wonder at this supportive and generous partner to such a talented, courageous and inspiring man. Thank you Matt Blakers!

Helena Soter

To see more of Matt's work check out his website <https://www.mattblakersphoto.com/>



Happenings



Fran's" Coffee Morning

Come join us at The Lake House
Tuesday 20th August 10.00am



Wine Appreciation Group

Wine tasting **25th July 2019**
-5:00pm to 7:00pm
Garden Room Community
Resource Centre

Tonight we will be tasting "Stickies"
Bring your own nibbles
\$3.00 towards hire of room.
\$5.00 for the tastings.
All Probus members welcome.



Walking Group

July 23rd - 09.30

Start at Rivermouth, taking
the Nornalup Rail track to
the Bibbulmun Track.
Warning.... it may be a bit
muddy!

Check: <http://www.denmarkprobus.com/events.html>

Photos from last month wine appreciation evening



Singing

3.30pm 6th August
The Sanctuary



Outings



Wednesday
24th July - 12
noon

Christmas in July
The Tavern
Buffet Lunch



The June outing to Jonathan Hook's
was enjoyed by all



KEVIN'S FUNNIES

The dishwasher, the dog & the parrot



Wanda's dishwasher quit working so she called in a repairman.

Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman,
"I'll leave the key under the mat.

Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a cheque.

Oh, by the way don't worry about my dog Spike.

He won't bother you."

"But, whatever you do, do **NOT**, under **ANY** circumstances, talk to my parrot!"

"I MUST STRESS TO YOU: DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!!!"

When the repairman arrived at Wanda's apartment the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest looking dog he has ever seen.

But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman go about his work. The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling.

Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled,

"Shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!"

To which the parrot replied,

"Get him Spike!"



RALPH'S STILL

The Cuckoo Clock



The other night I was invited out for a night with the 'girls'. I told my husband that I would be home by midnight, 'I promise!' Well, the hours passed, and the margaritas went down way too easily. Around 3 am, a bit loaded, I headed for home. Just as I got in the door, the cuckoo clock in the hallway started up and cuckooed 3 times. Quickly, realizing my husband would probably wake up, I cuckooed another 9 times. I was really proud of myself for coming up with such a quick-witted solution, in order to escape a possible conflict with him. (Even when totally smashed... 3 cuckoos plus 9 cuckoos total 12 cuckoos = MIDNIGHT!) The next morning my husband asked me what time I got in? I told him 'MIDNIGHT'.. he didn't seem pissed off in the least. Whew, I got away with that one! Then he said, 'We need a new cuckoo clock!' When I asked him why, he said, 'Well, last night our clock cuckooed three times, then said 'oh shit' cuckooed 4 more times, cleared its throat, cuckooed another three times, giggled, cuckooed twice more, and then tripped over the coffee table and farted.'

A woman who was a tree hugging greenie purchased a piece of forest near [Westport](#)

There was a large tree in one of the highest parts of her forest. She wanted a good view of the natural splendor of her land, so she started to climb the big tree. As she neared the top she encountered a spotted owl that attacked her. In her haste to escape, the woman slid down the tree to the ground and got many splinters in her upper legs and rear.

In considerable pain, she made her way to the local casualty department to see a doctor. She told him she was an environmentalist, and how she came to get all the splinters. The doctor listened to her story with great patience and then told her to go wait in the examining room and he would see if he could help her.

She sat and waited three hours before the doctor reappeared. The angry woman demanded, "What took you so long?"

He looked at her and said:

"Well, I had to get permits from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service, and the Department of Land, Water and Biodiversity Conservation before I could remove some old-growth timber close to a recreational area adjacent to a waste treatment facility. I'm sorry, but due to [Julian Genter](#) and her Green Party policies, they turned me down! I am not allowed to remove any part of the tree"

