



Denmark River Probus News

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Hi all,

"Join the committee" they said - "If you join now you will only have to serve six months and then it will be someone else's turn"! - then it was "Well it makes sense to stay on for the next year - you are only getting into the swing of it". Five and a half years later I am finally posting my last newsletter. Having been a reluctant recruit I came to discover how serving on the committee can help enrich your club experience so why don't you take the plunge?.

Seriously I have thoroughly enjoyed composing the newsletter and will definitely miss doing so.

See you at the meetings.

Cheers Carmel

The PRESIDENTS LAST POST

From Val Ball

Well folks, my tenure as Denmark River Probus President has all but come to a close.

One more general meeting and then a new President will be elected at the AGM. The AGM follows on from the General Meeting.

After a very nervous start, I found a way to chair meetings without stuttering and stammering. Concentrating on the agenda's, rather than the 40 or so people looking at you... Seriously, I have enjoyed the meetings and I thank all the members for their patience initially.

We have a very unique Club. The camaraderie and friendships that have formed from the establishment of DRP is very special. It seems we all seek **Fun, Fellowship, Friendships, happy enjoyable events and stability**. Reach out to new members and make them feel welcome. Diversity makes life a rich tapestry, with all the

threads being of equal value. Embrace new innovations and experiences.

Lost time is never found again.

Please join in as many activities and meetings as you can. Social interaction for Seniors is of vital importance. We will continue to strive to be a caring club, looking out for our members and offering assistance .

We - the Committee- appreciate being notified if anyone is of a need that we maybe able to assist with.

I wish to thank the 2019/2020 committee for their tireless dedication to maintain and grow our club, without changing the very fabric of it.

Kindest regards

Val Ball

NEXT MEETING

4th March 2020 10h00

Denmark Country Club

**Speaker - Brian Levett
Volcanos**

Lunch at Denmark Hotel



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

13	Warrick Gates
17	Trish Edmonds
19	Stuart Hoskins
19	Wendy Wildman



Steve Junk:
Fertility
Treatment, Long
Distance
Swimming and
Travel

This month's guest speaker was Steve Junk, who set up the first rural fertility treatment clinic in W.A.

He opened his talk by giving us an introduction to his many facets, including his 32 year relationship with his partner Ola; his love of swimming, which began in childhood; his extensive travel, for work and leisure; his work as an embryologist, which began just after the first IVF baby was born; and his love of good wine, which saw him opening Estate 807 winery and the adjoining restaurant, Ajar.

Steve and Ola met in London and decided to make their home in Perth, where they built a house and bred dogs. Steve worked at PIVOT, Hollywood and Bethesda, before deciding that his IVF colleagues were too money-conscious for his liking. At this point he and Ola decided to come to Denmark, where they bought a vineyard and made their own wine. They started Estate 807, and opened a restaurant. Having had no training as a chef, Steve jumped in at the deep end by opening the restaurant at Easter and cooking for 60 people!

Steve's long distance swimming is something he returned to in 2000, when he realised the importance of keeping fit beyond youth. He has done many local swimming events including the Rottneest swim, as well as a lot of international swimming challenges. His biggest challenge seems to have been the Oceans Seven swims. The final one, the North Channel swim between Northern Ireland and Scotland, he has not yet been able to conquer. In one attempt he passed out and woke up on life support!

Steve's current plan is to move back to Perth for work. The restaurant will close in April, but Ola will continue to run the cellar door. The fertility clinic will continue to operate in Denmark, and Steve tells us that they hope to come back to Denmark to retire.

Happenings



Wine Appreciation Group

27th February -5:00pm to 7:00pm
Garden Room Community Resource Centre.



Wednesday **19th February**
10.am - 12 noon
Sisters of Eve
251 Mount Shadforth Road

Lunch at Ducketts Mill 12.30pm
1678 Scotsdale Road



Singing

4.00pm 3rd March

The Board Walk at the Wetlands



Fran's" Coffee Morning

Come join us at Reminisce
Tuesday 18th February 10.00am



Kayaking

Every 2nd Friday (21st Feb- 6th - 13th - 27th March)
9.00am in the water





Well, I was going to turn all my guns over to the government; but I did a background check and none of them were mentally stable.

Me and every campfire
EVER!



"This is my grandpa. He's going to explain why this country is going to hell in a handbasket."

I'VE EXPANDED MY SKILLS.
I CAN NOW FORGET
WHAT I'M DOING WHILE
I'M ACTUALLY DOING IT.



RALPH'S STILL TALKING

Irish Saw mill Accident....

Paddy and Mick are two Irishmen working at the local saw mill.

One day, Mick slips and his arm gets caught and severed by the big bench saw.



Paddy quickly puts the limb in a plastic bag and rushes it and Mick to the local hospital.

Next day, Paddy goes to the hospital and asks after Mick. The nurse says, "Oh he's out in Rehab exercising".

Paddy couldn't believe it, but there's Mick out the back exercising his now re-attached arm.

The very next day he's back at work in the sawmill.

A couple of days go by, and then Mick slips and severs his leg on another bloody big saw.



So Paddy puts the limb in a plastic bag and rushes it and Mick off to the Hospital.

Next day he calls in to see him and asks the nurse how he is. The nurse replies, "He's out in the Rehab again exercising".

And sure enough, there's Mick out there doing some serious work on the treadmill. And very soon Mick comes back to work.

But, as usual, within a couple of days he has another accident and severs his head.

Wearily, Paddy puts the head in a plastic bag and transports it and Mick to the hospital.

Next day he goes in and asks the nurse how Mick is. The nurse breaks down and cries and says, "He's dead."

Paddy is shocked, but not surprised. "I suppose the saw finally did him in."

"No", says the nurse, "Some idiot put his head in a plastic bag and he suffocated".



A Greek and an Irishman were sitting in a Starbucks one day comparing their two cultures



Over a double latte, the Greek mentions "We built the Pantheon, you may recall, along with the Temple of Apollo."

"Well, it was the Irish that discovered the Summer and Winter Solstices."

"But it was the Greeks who gave birth to advanced mathematics."

"Granted, but it was the Irish who built the first timepieces."

Knowing that he's about to deliver the coup de grace, the son of Athens points out with a note of finality: "Keep in mind that it was the ancient Greeks who invented the notion of sex as a pleasurable activity!"

"True enough, but it was the Irish who got women involved."