

Denmark River Probus News

WOW!

Our first AGM has come and gone and we now have a new committee. They are:

President	Kaye White
Vice President	Lyn Taylor
Secretary	Wendy Wildman
Treasurer	Wendy Lind
Media	Carmel Stott
Member	Ray Creese
Member	Graham Farrow
Member	Stuart Hoskins
Member	Glenice Smith
Member	Kevin Stone

On the 25th February ten members trekked out to a very enjoyable lunch break at Cosy Corner. As always much chatter and laughter from all corners of the table.

Carmel Stott

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A WORD FROM OUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT CLIFF

Good morning fellow Probarians and guests, including our official guest Graham Kirkwood from PAWA.

Well, it is hard to believe it's been six months since that eventful day in September when we met at Lions Lair to start the Denmark River Probus Club.

Now we have moved to the Country Club we have more room to mingle and chat and much better morning tea facilities.

We have had some excellent outings with the big one coming up later this month - the Kalgan

River Cruise. These outing owe thanks to Ralph and Graham.

We have a new committee taking over from this morning and if anyone has any suggestions I am sure the new committee would love to hear them. We could have groups within our group, say a walking group or a morning coffee group, after all Probus is about Fun, Fellowship and Friendship.

I have mentioned Ralph and Graham but all members of the committee have contributed - Wendy Wildman for the secretarial kills, we must have used a small forrest for the paperwork. Wendy Lind as out treasurer and organising our Audit (done by Maggie Wake from South Coast Bookkeeping). Kaye White for the brilliant speakers she has organised and of course Carmel, our media lady, along with the aid of Kaye Stott and Geoff Prince for the set up of our very professional web site. Finally Lyn, Maureen and Rose making up our very proactive committee.

As for myself I attended the 30th anniversary of the Albany Ladies Probus Club a couple of weeks ago and there were two founding members who are in their 90's. I think Probus can keep us young at heart if not in body.

Thank you and I'll hand you over to our new president. Please make her welcome - Kaye White.

Cliff Jefferson – President.

NEXT MEETING

1st April 2015 10.00

Denmark Country Club



April Speaker

Ann James



MARCH
19th Wendy Wildman
19th Stuart Hoskins
24th Derris Lund

APRIL
5th Trish Morley
9th Elizabeth
Sanderson
10th Cliff Jefferson
10th Elizabeth Morse

MARCH SPEAKER - TREVOR MORSE



Our Speaker at today's meeting was Trevor Morse. Trevor is a member of Denmark River Probus Club and had kindly agreed to talk to us about a teaching stint with Asylum seekers on Christmas Island.

Trevor, with his wife, had happily retired to Denmark after a career in teaching including distance education and they were just easing themselves into this new phase of life when a friend emailed details of a temporary post that he thought would suit Trevor admirably. The outcome was that Trevor left Liz to continue to acclimatise in Denmark while he flew off to a tiny dot in the Indian Ocean 2600 kms North West of Perth.

Trevor described the small ancient, isolated volcanic island carrying an amazing array of unique plant and wildlife because it was uninhabited for so long. Luckily the biodiversity is recognised with 63% of the Island being National Park. The Clunies Ross family founded a small settlement to provision their Cocos Island properties and exploit the timber in the rainforest. Phosphate of Lime was discovered and the mining and export of this became the main trade. Chinese indenture labour formed the basis for the industry and there is also a Muslim and a European population.

Trevor showed us a video describing some aspects of the island but that probably didn't help to form

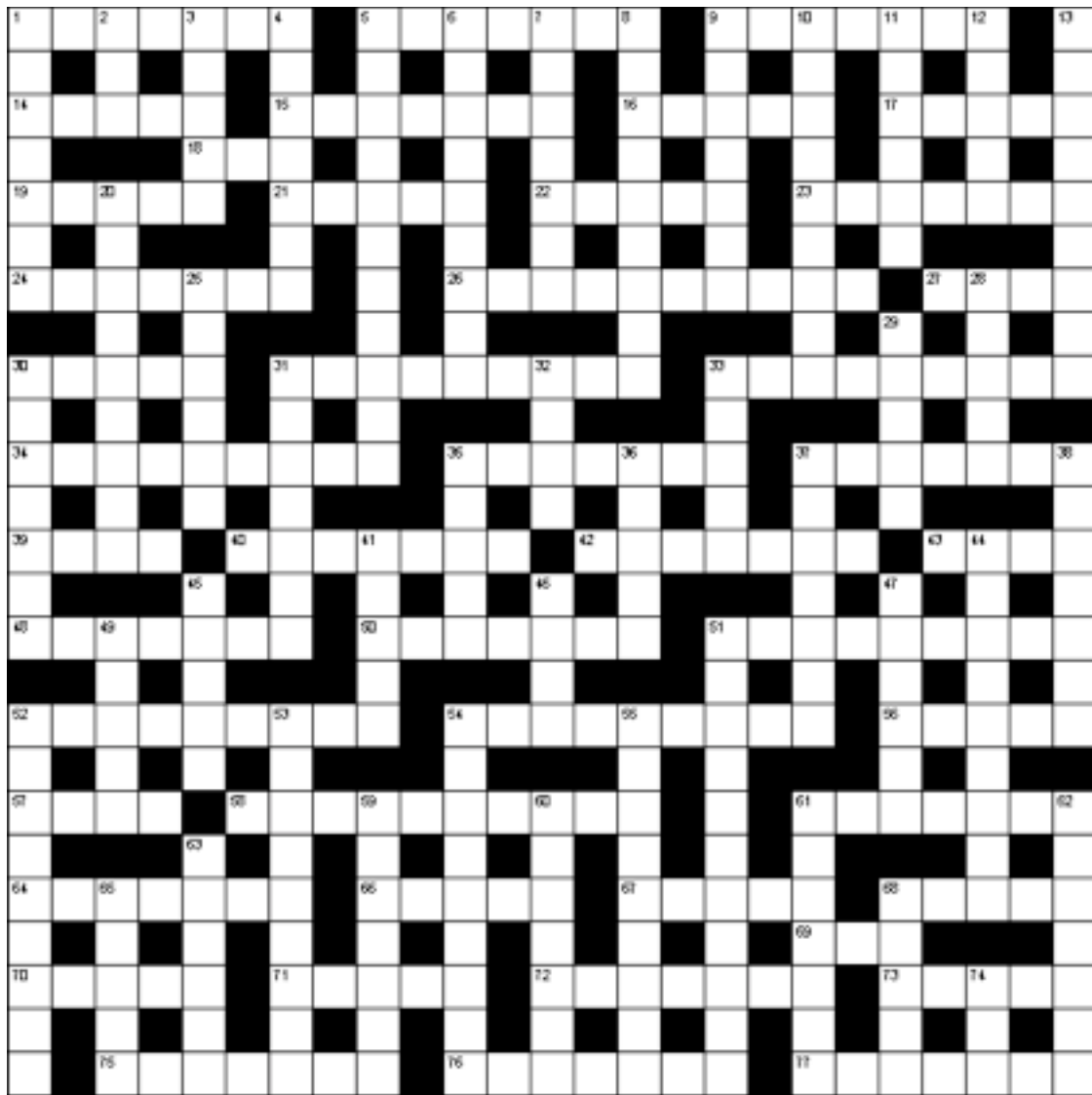
as clear picture as much as his own description of believing he was going to a picture book desert island and finding a precipitous rocky one with a horribly unsafe landing strip. Settlements are gouged out terraces and there of few beaches in the 138 km coastline. Frequently ships cannot dock to drop supplies so shortages are just a part of life. For all the main part of Flying Fish Bay is just a rather rough port for the export of minerals, the surrounding seas team with fish.

Trevor described the red and robber crabs in their thousands on the island. Apparently the Robber crabs living near the golf club steal golf balls and Trevor heard stories of the theft, by the crabs, of a spade and a rifle.

He then moved on to tell us about the class he taught on Christmas Island. We heard about the Asylum seekers, hoping to be recognised as refugees, who attended school on Christmas Island. Trevor described his class as Hazaras who had fled vicious and deadly persecution by the Taliban. Although the boys he taught claimed to be more or less 17 years old, he believed them to range widely in age. He described the very disparate life stories of these boys/men. His opinion was that this was often very different from their documented history (if such a thing was available). Trevor asked us to consider how we might behave under such a punishing regime and frankly admitted he would be doing exactly what they had done in their shoes.

Trevor clearly had had a wonderful opportunity for a teacher of having a class who desperately wanted to learn. Some had clearly been well educated to a tertiary level while others had very little schooling and no English. When he realised that there was no prior notice that boys might be moved off Christmas Island and suddenly a familiar face was no longer there, he provided the class with his mobile number and was able to stay in touch with some of them. He recalled visiting a shared house in Perth where his ex-students insisted on laying on a celebration for him and another visit to Sydney where a happily integrated boy talked positively about his new life. All he wanted was to be joined by family members.

Trevor had a fascinating story to tell of a brief opportunity to build a whole new level of experience and memories into his teaching career which he will look back on with great affection while he contemplates continuing a happy retirement in Denmark. Thank you, Trevor.

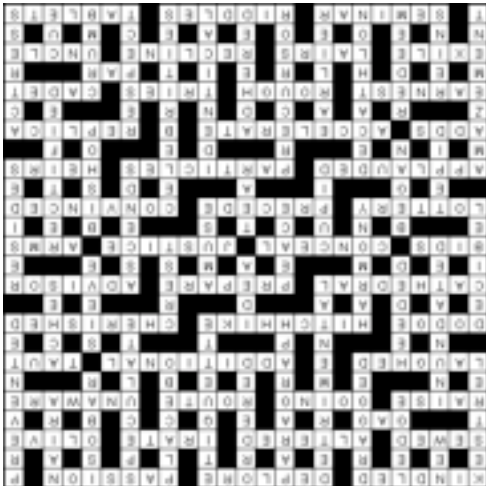


Across

1. Ignited (7)
5. Express strong disapproval of (7)
9. Intense emotion (7)
14. Stitched (5)
15. Changed (7)
16. Angry (5)
17. Mediterranean fruit (5)
18. Joke (3)
19. Elevate (5)
21. Departing (5)
22. Highway (5)
23. Oblivious (7)
24. Chuckled (7)
26. Extra (10)
27. Tight (4)
30. Evade (5)
31. Thumb a ride (9)
33. Treasured (9)
34. Large church (9)
35. Make ready (7)
37. Consultant (7)
39. Tenders (4)
40. Hide (7)
42. Administration of the law (7)
43. Weapons (4)
48. Sweepstake (7)
50. Go before (7)
51. Persuaded (9)
52. Clapped (9)
54. Atoms (9)
56. Successors (5)
57. Tallies (4)
58. Increase speed (10)
61. Reproduction (7)
64. Sincere (7)
66. Coarse (5)
67. Attempts (5)
68. Trainee (5)
69. Average (3)
70. Deport (5)
71. Dens (5)
72. Repose (7)
73. Male relative (5)
75. Conference (7)
76. Conundrums (7)
77. Pills (7)

Down

1. Kind of falcon (7)
2. Novel (3)
3. Ridge (5)
4. Hauled (7)
5. Prejudicial (11)
6. Group of sentences (9)
7. Commanded (7)
8. Protocol (9)
9. Inert medication (7)
10. Take a risk for profit (9)
11. Meteorological indicator (6)
12. Currency of Nigeria (5)
13. Forstalled (9)
20. Swamped (9)
25. Paid close attention to (6)
28. Dull pains (5)
29. Strainer (5)
30. Unit of sound intensity (7)
31. Concordance (7)
32. Notion (4)
33. Top line of a hill (5)
35. Serenity (5)
36. Entertain (5)
37. Goes up (7)
38. Dwells (7)
41. Roman god of love (5)
44. Remedied (9)
45. Commenced (5)
46. Rend (4)
47. Chess piece (6)
49. Lukewarm (5)
51. Famous people (11)
52. Astonishment (9)
53. Athletic contest (9)
54. Harbinger (9)
55. Exactly the same (9)
59. Previously (7)
60. Stuck (7)
61. Deference (7)
62. Female performer (7)
63. Buy back for money (6)
65. Used to control a horse (5)
68. Small piece of bread or cake (5)
74. Pool stick (3)



I got stopped for speeding yesterday!

**I THOUGHT I COULD TALK
MY WAY OUT OF IT UNTIL THE OFFICER
LOOKED AT
MY DOG IN THE BACK SEAT**

