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GREETINGS PROBIANS!

I can't believe it is November already! How has the year escaped so fast? I guess it is all in one's perspective. At the beginning of the year we see it stretching out before us and it seems almost endless; but when we reach the other end of the year, it seems to have passed in the blink of an eye.

It is the same with holidays. At the beginning we have a lot of time to enjoy, but at the end of it, it seems to have been all too short a time – especially if we have been enjoying ourselves.

So, if the year seems to have flown by at the speed of sound to you – that is a good thing because it means that you have been enjoying life.

Read on to see what we have been doing to help in that regard ...

All the Best

Joyce



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hullo to all you happy Members, if you are not happy , then maybe this will help. Just to make your day, only 34 Sleeps till the Big Fellow comes a knocking, exciting isn't it, makes your day.

Hope all your plans for the Festive Season you have carefully made come to fruition, that your family gatherings are full of fun, and keep the spirit of the silly season alive, please take great care on the road, we don't want you to become a statistic .

With Summer just around the corne, fishing, swimming, going for long walks, picnicking, or just relaxing with a good book, (glass of wine) should be the order of the day, so take care, stay safe, stay happy.

Look forward to see your smiling face somewhere in the great outdoors.

Cheers

Stuart

NEXT MEETING

2 December 2020

10:00 am Denmark Country Club

Guest Speaker: Skits by Ken Smith & Denmark Theatre Group

Lunch: In-house – Christmas

BIRTHDAYS

Helen Young	Monday 30 November
Ann Gray	Friday 11 December
Kaye White	Tuesday 15 December
Dexter Warne	Thursday 17 December
Grant Ball	Saturday 19 December
Robin Rogers	Wednesday 23 December
Carol Harry	Thursday 24 December
Kaye Murray	Wednesday 30 December
Rob Norcross	Thursday 31 December
Sheila Blunt	Thursday 31 December

Happy Birthday to you all!

MEMBERSHIP

There are twelve people on the waiting list. Vacancies have opened up to the next two on the waiting list – Glenda and Peter Lord. Look out for them at our next meeting. It is hoped they will be inducted in January.

Committee

President: Stuart Hoskins president@denmarkriverprobus.org.au

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Guest Speaker

Guest Speaker for November, Carol Webb.

This month's guest speaker was Carol Webb, speaking about her booklet "Have you had the conversation?"

Carol was widowed when her husband died of cancer aged 70. She was faced with all sorts of difficult tasks when she was at her most vulnerable. As a result of her distress, she decided to make things easier for others finding themselves in this situation.



She gave some examples of the things she was faced with, such as receiving a Telstra reimbursement cheque in her husband's name, but being unable to bank it, and being told that she needed a probate form, but then finding out she didn't require one. Through these issues, she became involved with the Grief Centre. She learned from the experiences of others that finances can be cut off to the bereaved person and that credit cards can be declined. The people you deal with at the ATO, Centrelink etc can be insensitive. People who are not familiar with computer communication can have difficulties.

Carol has listed things in her booklet that will help people to prepare for the death of a loved one and not be caught out when the time comes. Such things as the Enduring Power of Attorney, Enduring power of Guardianship and Advance Health Care Directive should be discussed and prepared for. Even funeral preferences, e.g. who is the preferred person to give the eulogy, can be discussed.

The booklet is a useful starting point to "having the conversation."

Steve and I can also recommend the Death Cafe, where you can discuss everything associated with death and dying, and it meets monthly at the Garden Room of the CRC.

Thanks to Kerry Clark for that report.

HAPPENINGS

WOW CRUISE

On the 21st of October, a group of 22 people from our club went to Walpole to go on a cruise across the Walpole inlet. It was a very enjoyable cruise across to the dunes on the other side of the inlet where the intrepid climbed over the hill that faced us and walked to the beach on the other side. It was just a beach, but the entertainment did not end there.

The cruise itself is enjoyable enough just looking at the scenery; but it is the entertainment that goes with it that makes it one of the most enjoyable cruises you can ever do. Even if you could not hear a word of what our tour guide was saying, just watching antics of our tour guide, Gary Muir, as he dashed from steering wheel, to bookshelf where he had an array of things to



show us, and to and fro in the cabin, was in itself hilarious.

Gary was also the one steering the boat. On more than one occasion I thought “is he taking any notice of where we are going” as we headed for the hill in front of us. He seemed to have abandoned the steering wheel altogether; but he would dash back to it just in time to adjust our course and head us in the right direction again. On one occasion he did hand the operation of the steering wheel over to his crewmember, much to our relief, but that was only for a brief period through a more intricate part of our journey.

However, it is the fount of knowledge that Gary is that enthralled us. It is astonishing how much he knows not only about the history of the Walpole area, but about the wildlife and science of the inlet as well.



He delivers his message in the most entertaining way. Even if you have been on the cruise before, as I had, what you get the next time around is quite different to the last time you heard it. On top of that, one would have to have a very good memory to remember everything that he said the time before.



Upon reaching the other side one is availed of the most delicious morning tea. That lemon cake - mm mmm - was yummy, and I came back for a second piece!

About half our number clambered up the steep steps to the top of the ridge that divided the inlet from the sea and walked through the dunes to the beach. I

was amongst the last to arrive there and found our tour guide kneeling in the damp sand not far from the water's edge giving everyone there a lesson on plate tectonics and continental drift, interspersed with lessons on biology as he described sea shells the he found on the sand beside him. Then as we began to walk back he pointed out tracks in the soft dry sand - “That’s a fox,” he said “dragging a quokka away. See, you can see where the quokka’s tail was dragging in the sand.”

Other prints were said to be those of a rabbit. What the fox is supposed to be eating.

A cruise well worth doing.

Joyce



CROQUET

On the 19th of November 22 of our members travelled to Albany to play a game, or two, of croquet at the Gomm Park Croquet Club on Lower King Road. I had been completely ignorant of how seriously some people take the game of croquet. I had always thought no more of it than as a game that children played; but, no, it is quite a serious sport.

Upon arrival we were issued with mallets of our choice and mustered in groups of four to learn a few fundamentals of the game such as getting used to swinging the mallet in the proper fashion and getting the ball to go where we wanted it to go - theoretically. Then each group of four was divided into two teams each person with a different coloured ball; and off we went.



It was good fun as we watched the ball sail off to realms unknown - usually not on the course intended. On other occasions one was fortunate to get it into the hoop only to have it sit there, half in and half out. Then came the jostling as we tried to get a ball through the hoop first. To and fro the balls went until someone managed to get a ball through. Why was it that that always seemed to be someone on the opposite team? I did manage to get the ball through twice; however, but that was not enough and the opposition won both of the games I played.



There were definitely some stand-outs amongst our

number - people who played very well. Some had played before, but not all. I was described as "a natural", but that did not lead me to any high score. My ball always seemed to stop half way even when I permitted to go all the way; and not always where I wanted it to go. I was particularly impressed by one shot by Glenice Smith. As her ball was at an acute angle to the hoop - impossible to get it through - she was just aiming to knock one of our balls out of the way;



but, as she did so her ball ricocheted off that ball and straight through the hoop! Well done Glenice.

Between the two games played we enjoyed a lovely morning tea put on by the club. The event was finished off by lunch at Hooked on Middleton fish and chip shop.

SOCIAL GROUPS



The Singing Group

The singing group meets on the **1st Tuesday** of the month in the Sanctuary at 3:30 pm during winter (cost \$3), or the wetlands boardwalk during summer.

Next meeting **1 December**, 2020 at the Wetlands Boardwalk.

For more information contact Val Ball

Wine Appreciation Group



The wine appreciation group is held every **4th Thursday** of the month at the Community resource Centre. Our next Wine Appreciation Group will be meeting on **Thursday 26 November**, 5-7pm at the CRC Garden Room. Xmas wind up.

BYO nibbles, \$10 per drinker, \$3 for non drinkers.

For more information contact Peter Lumia

Fran's Coffee Morning



Meets at **10:00** every **3rd Tuesday** of the month at various venues. Come along and Socialise! At a safe distance, of course.

The next one will be on the **15 December** at the **Mrs Jones**.

Kayaking



Kayaking – is held 2nd & 4th Fridays (weather permitting) 9:00am in the water. Launching from the boat ramp at the Denmark River Mouth Caravan Park. Afterwards coffee at the Caravan Park's Reminisce Café.

NOTE: the next paddle is Friday 27 November - 9:00am in the water; then 11 December.

All types of paddle craft are fine – sit in, sit on, canoe type – it is paddling for pleasure on our beautiful river and if weather is nice, out on the inlet. Paddle time is up to you, but normally, usual paddle time is about 1-1 ½ hours it is entirely up to the individual paddler. It is for the pleasure of being out on the water, soaking up the peace and quiet, admiring the wild life, generally just soaking up nature at its best.

For more information contact: Warrick or Stuart

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

As the year draws to a close so the number of events has diminished to one; but it is a good one. Hope you have reserved your place.

9 December – 12 Noon, Combined Probus Christmas Party.

For any other queries please contact: Louise secretary@denmarkriverprobus.org.au



Gas prices in 1939



That is clearly in America, but here are some prices I remember personally.

1960

- Bag of hot chips 6d (5¢)
- Chocolate Paddle Pop 6d (5¢)
- Pocket money/week 2/- (20¢)

1961

- Bus fare to town 1/6d (15¢)
- If I wore my school uniform 9d (7.5¢).
- Movie ticket (matinee) 1/6d (15¢).
- My pocket money/week 10/- (\$1)

1964

My first pay (whilst doing secretarial course for Commonwealth Public Service) £5.00 (\$10) per fortnight from which 4/- (40¢) was taken out for tax.

1965/66

Annual Salary as a qualified Steno-Secretary ~£500/10/- (\$1,001.00) (just cracked the \$1,000.00 mark when decimal currency came in).

Good quality dress (a bit pricey) £16 (\$32)

1969

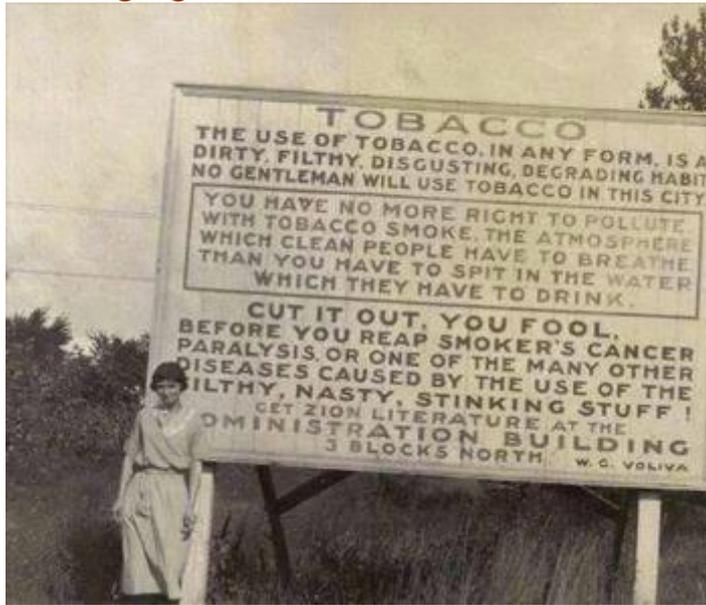
Annual salary \$4,500 (Clerk Class 2/3, or secretary)
Rent in 1 Bed Flat \$20/week

- Grocery Bill/fortnight (2 people) \$20 (incl. meat)
- Meat bill for fortnight \$5 (leg of lamb \$1.50 incl.)
- Bottle of milk 14c
- Tank of petrol for a Mini \$1.00

1971

- Cost of cheap house (government) \$16,000.00
- Mortgage repayment/month \$20 (on the never-never, i.e. 45 year loan) Interest rate ~7.25%
- Soft toy elephant (a bit pricey) \$8

They didn't mince words on this anti-smoking sign in Illinois from 1915!



Or in the words of King James I of England in 1604 in his *Counterblaste to Tobacco*:-

Have you not reason then to be ashamed, and to forbear this filthy novelty, so basely grounded, so foolishly received and so grossly mistaken in the right use thereof? In your abuse thereof sinning against God, harming your selves both in persons and goods, and raking also thereby the marks and notes of vanity upon you: by the custom thereof making your selves to be wondered at by all foreign civil Nations, and by all strangers that come among you, to be scorned and contemned. A custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs, and in the black stinking fume thereof, nearest resembling the horrible Stygian smoke of the pit that is bottomless.

I just love that last sentence.



Don't remember this, but I do remember candy cigarettes. I liked eating them.

