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GREETINGS PROBIANS!

Annus horribilus is how the Queen described the year that both her mother and her sister died. I think there are many people around the world who would agree that 2020 has been a year worthy of the same title. However, we who are fortunate enough to live in Denmark have no real cause to describe the year as such. Apart from 10 of our number who undertook that fateful voyage to the Antarctica, we have been very fortunate indeed in being away from the worst that COVID19 has thrown at our country. It was a concern for a while when incoming ships seemed to be bent on becoming the undoing of Australia's defences; but overall the whole country has travelled fairly well. But it is not gone yet. So, on that note, I wish you all a very happy Christmas; and hope and pray for a better 2021.

*All the Best
Joyce*

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

A very Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year to you all, and also to your extended families. The realisation that there may be some of you who will still be affected by the Pandemic restrictions, here's hoping you will all be together in the not too distant future. Only five sleeps till the jolly red giant visits, here's hoping your wish's are granted, if not, you can always move the offending gift onto some other unsuspecting soul next year. Like they say, what comes around, goes around. Eat, Drink, be Merry, Stay well, Stay Safe. Happiness is the Spirit, Cheers, Stuart.



NEXT MEETING

6 January 2021

10:00 am Denmark Country Club

Guest Speaker: QUIZZ

Lunch: at the Tavern

BIRTHDAYS

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
Shirley Warne	Sunday 10 January
Brian Levet	Thursday 14 January
Wally Pederick	Saturday 16 January
Wendy Olsen	Sunday 24 January

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

Vice President: Wendy Wildman

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Secretary: Louise Hoskins secretary@denmarkriverprobus.org.au

Treasurer: Rose Robson treasurer@denmarkriverprobus.org.au

Guest Speaker

There was no guest speaker for December. Instead of having a guest speaker, we were entertained by Ken Smith and friends from the Denmark Theatre Group with a variety of skits. They were quite a hoot.

HAPPENINGS

Combined Christmas Party

On the 9th of December 71 people from both the Denmark Probus and Denmark River Probus Clubs got together to celebrate by partaking in a Christmas lunch. It was a most enjoyable event with lots of fun and conviviality, including carol singing; and the food was good. The door prize was won by Sheila Blunt.



2020

What are your thoughts?

The year began with fires raging in the east of the country - terrifying fires that destroyed communities, and houses, and drove people into the water to escape the flames. Then came floods, and - **the virus**.

Here are some words - some of them - *unprecedented*.

Unprecedented

Sport in Empty Stadiums
Government stimulus

Social Distancing

Work from home
COVID19

Pandemic

No Hugs
Cases Rise
Job Keeper

Centrelink Queues

Quarantine

Recession
Face Masks
Deficit
US Election
Flatten the curve
Stay Home
PPE
Schools close
No Sport
Lies
Aged Care Crisis
Aircraft grounded
Clean Air
2ND WAVE

Unknown Virus

Panic Buying

Ruby

Princess

No more than 2 People
Loneliness
Empty shelves

Stay Home

No Visitors
Mental Health
Hospitals overwhelmed

Herd
Immunity

Zoom

Crisis

Wash your hands

TESTING

Mounting
Deaths

Online learning
The Blessing

Borders Closed

RECESSION
Hand sanitiser

Silent Empty Streets
Work Loss

LOCKDOWN
Job Seeker
Isolation
Toilet Paper
Rapid Spread

A year like no other

Vaccine
Shortages

CLASSES ONLINE

Elbow Bump

SHUTDOWN

Diamond Princess
Italy
Japan

WUHAN
Home made masks

One Term

CLIMATE CHANGE
EXTREME

SOCIAL GROUPS

Don't forget our regular get togethers for the new year.

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.

No meeting in January. Re-start on **2 February** 2021 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
There will be NO meeting in January.

Our next meeting will be - **Thursday 25 February**, 5-7pm at the CRC Garden Room.

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 **19 January** at the **Green Pantry**.

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. **January - 8 and 22**

All types of paddle craft are fine - sit in, sit on, canoe type - it is paddling for pleasure on our beautiful river Paddle time is up to you, but normally, usual paddle time is about 1-1 1/2 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

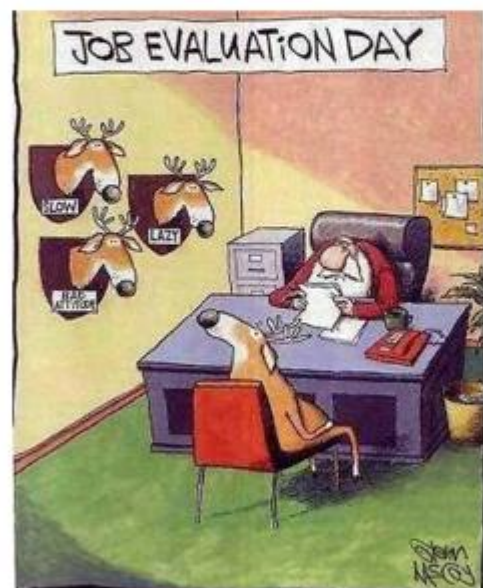
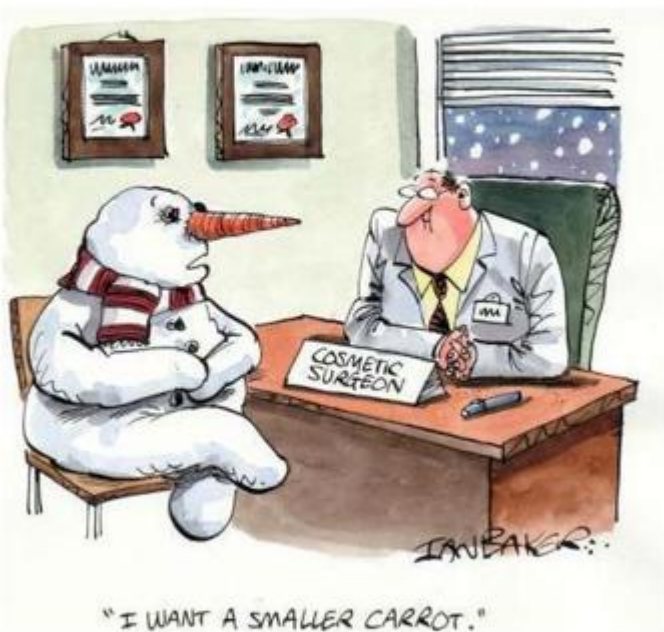
Come visit us in January to find out what we have planned for the new year.

AGM - our Annual General Meeting is fast approaching. It is time to consider whether this is the time that you make your contribution to our club for 2021/2022 and become a part of our committee. It is a great way to meet people and make friends.

Remember – our club is for *Fun, Fellowship and Friendship*

Nominations are sought especially for President.

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





A virtual one unfortunately



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

AND A
HAPPY, PROSPEROUS AND, ABOVE ALL,

HEALTHY NEW YEAR

TO ALL

