



Denmark River Probud News

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Greetings Probudians

All in the merry month of May. Not sure what I am quoting there. Probably some old folk song. It is a busy month for me as three of my grandsons have birthdays in the month of May.

Of course, then there is also May Day – 1st of May, when people such as Morris dancers come out to play. In the northern hemisphere that is quite a big thing, but they (the Morris Men) do make an appearance in Perth too as they go and dance at dawn in Kings Park.

And, this year, in Albany I believe there was Maypole dancing in Spencer Park. Because of other commitments we did not get to go and verify if that was the case, but I have it on good authority that it did take place.

The participants were taught by an avid folk dancer of dances from all over the world – Palenque Blair. For those who may be interested folk dancing she teaches it in the Albert Hall, Uniting Church, Duke Street, Albany at 11:00am on Saturdays – 8 May – 26 June. It is a lot of fun. I can vouch for it having danced such dances for ~30 years.

All the best

Joyce.

next meeting

2 June 2021

10:00 am Denmark Country Club

Guest Speaker: Bev McGuinness – History of Street Names in Denmark

Lunch: in house – soup & pudding

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello everyone.

The evenings and mornings are certainly starting to have that bit of chill in them, the jumpers are out, the soups are getting made and fires are being lit, and best of all, the deciduous trees are starting to put on their glorious colours and drop leaves. You have to love it!

Cleaning up and rearranging our book shelves recently I came across an article in one book that had been written by Sir Donald Bradman and thought perhaps I'd include it here. It is a true account.

"I asked Canon Hughes, who had been a long time friend of mine, if he would conduct my wedding to Jessie Menzies. At that time he was President of the Victorian Cricket Association, announced he would be delighted and came up from Melbourne to Burwood, NSW for the wedding on 30 April 1932.

"Everything went off splendidly and the following day Jessie and I drove off to Melbourne for our honeymoon.

Ten days later, there was a knock on our door, and on answering found it to be Canon Hughes. Sitting having some tea some 15 minutes later, the Canon looked at Jessie and said coyly, 'You know I retired from active service some time ago and I was not familiar with practices in NSW. I got you to sign the wrong papers and you are actually not legally married. You don't have to go on with it if you don't want to'. Thank goodness Jessie hadn't changed her mind, the new papers were produced and signed, and all was well."

Regards

Julie

FORTHCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Rosemary Thorn	Sunday 16 May
Bruce Grieve	Friday 11 June
Carmel Stott	Tuesday 15 June
Malcolm Dickie	Saturday 19 June
Helena Wragg	Tuesday 22 June
Fran Pederick	Wednesday 23 June



MEMBERSHIP

Four new members were inducted into our club at the May general meeting. They are from the left - Edward Wierobiej, Lorraine Cotton, Elizabeth Probst and Kaye Husking. However, there are still 9 on the waiting list. Please make the new members welcome.



Guest Speaker

Professor George Burns - Bhutan and Beyond

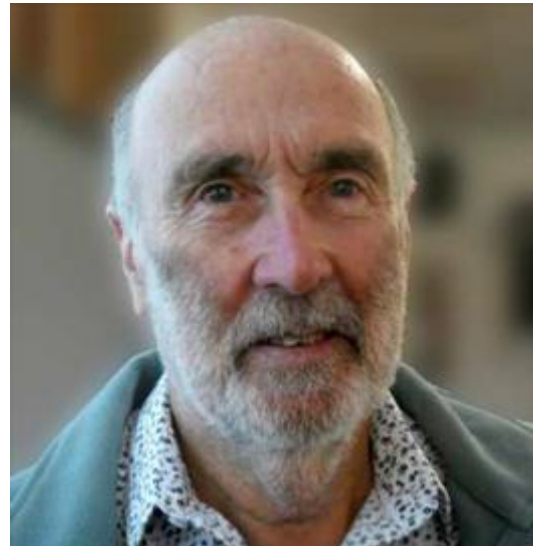
George is a psychologist who has been volunteering the psychiatric ward of the Bhutan Hospital for over twenty years. He initially went to do some trekking with his colleagues, and fell in love with Bhutan.

It is easy to see the appeal of the place. The traditional buildings, or zhongs, sit majestically among the mountain peaks of the Himalayas. The people, in their colourful traditional dress, live simply in a democracy that has free health care, free education and a government with the primary goal of happiness above wealth.

The government of Bhutan introduced the concept of "Gross National Happiness" in 1972. It has since been written into the constitution. The four pillars of "Gross National Happiness" are sustainable and equitable socioeconomic development, environmental conservation, promotion of culture, and good governance.

George Burns was asked by the Bhutanese to speak to the United Nations on the idea of promoting happiness, rather than economic success as the primary purpose of life. Jacinta Ardern's administration in New Zealand has taken it on board and now has a "wellbeing budget", with the emphasis on people, planet, then profit.

With a population of only 800,000, the people of Bhutan have made a big statement to the rest of the world about what is really important. We can only hope that the more powerful nations start to take notice.



Thanks to Kerry Clark.

**If at first you don't succeed,
Skydiving is not for you!**

HAPPENINGS:

Shaplands War Memorabilia

This was the first time that I have been to see the Shaplands' collection. My goodness – they have so much stuff! Even those who had been before noticed that more stuff had been added to the collection. Although I am not a fan of viewing war memorabilia, it was very interesting.

I think that my favourite exhibit was the hand carved model soldiers. They are amazing and all done by a local man.



It was also interesting to see how inventive the soldiers were when they were away fighting. They came up with all sorts of interesting and useful things, made out of the most unlikely materials. Anyone who has read *The Great Escape* will understand what I mean.



Once we had had our fill of exploring every nook and cranny, we were treated to a delicious



morning tea of tea, or coffee, and scones.

If you are interested in knots – here are a few to whet your appetite.



SOCIAL GROUPS

Let's Do Lunch

It looks like Rose Robson's new venture is on its way with just the right number of people expressing their interest. Should any more people wish to be involved in such a group, it will be their responsibility to form a new group. However, if you wish to know how to do that, I am sure that Rose would be happy to tell you.



Singing for Your Own Pleasure

Val Ball is thinking of starting this group going again for the winter. If anyone is interested, please contact Val. It would be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month.



Wine Appreciation Group

Held every 4th Thursday of the month at the Community resource Centre

The next Wine Appreciation Group get together will be on **Thursday 27 May 5-7pm** in the Garden Room at the CRC. It will be a Bingo Night. Please bring a highlighter pen to mark off the numbers. There will be quaffing wine for prizes.

Byo nibbles and wine + \$10 to join in the game. **For more information contact Peter Lumia**



Fran's Coffee Mornings

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

Next – **18 May** at **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. **Next - 28 May.**

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 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

19 May – 10:00 am – National ANZAC Centre League of Local Legends (Entry is Free, if members join the League of Local Legends) – 7 Forts Road, Mount Clarence.

Lunch – 12 noon at the Garrison Restaurant/tea rooms on site.

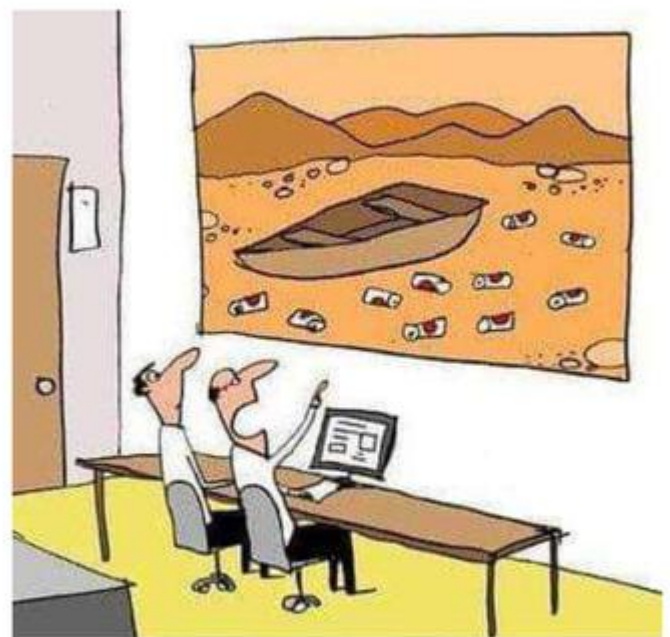
16th & 17th June - A tour of the Denmark Bakery Bake House, 1/12 Hodgson Street (light industrial area). Fully booked.

- **Lunch** will be at Midday at the Denmark Bakery in town on both days.

21 July – Ten Pin Bowling, 10 am. There will be two games at a cost of \$21 per person. 120 Stead Road, Albany. Please wear your own soft soled shoes.

12 Noon - Lunch will be at the Earl of Spencer, 60 Earl Street, Albany.

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



"There it is! There's the evidence Mars once had a lake!"



I wonder if that is the one that visited me in my quarters at Ellendale. If it was – sorry.



My Dad, An Electrician, Asked For A New Wire Stripper For Christmas. So I Made Him This



Credit: mrwizard1000 (Reddit User)

The three hardest things to say are:

1. I was wrong
2. I need help
3. Worcestershire Sauce