



Denmark River Proboscis News

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Greetings Probians

It is so lovely to see some sunshine after all the rain we have had. I don't know about you, but a bit of sunshine does wonders to lift my spirit. Not only that, but it feels warmer than it did in July.

The only downside – I now have no excuse not to go out and deal with all the weeds that have been having a field day with all this rain.

Have any of you been out to the wetland recently? I could not believe it when we went to have a look at how much water there would be in it. We could not see the water at all! It was covered with an even green carpet of weed.



All the best

Joyce.

next meeting

1 September 2021

10:00 am Denmark Country Club

Guest Speaker: David Scriven, BSc,
Exercise & Sports Science, Physiotherapist.

Lunch: Tavern

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello everyone

Ever have those days when the computer is on a 'BIG GO SLOW' – how frustrating. I have been having just that. Nothing seems to want to work and when it does it is in the slowest manner possible.

I replenished my little bottle of lavender essential oils this week and one of the uses is for relaxation – guess I need to go and dab several drops and calm down rather than feel like throwing the computer out the back door.

Apparently, lavender has been found to be one of the most helpful essential oils and can help with headaches, burns, colds, insect bites, sleeplessness, relaxation, acne, sunburn, and congestion. It is also a natural insect repellent. People use it for decoration also in foods such as lavender ice-cream and in cakes. As for me, I love it in the garden as it is hardy, looks and smells lovely and the bees just love it. So, yes spring is getting nearer, despite the weather, and soon we will all have lots of this blissful herb looking gorgeous in the garden.

I am really looking forward to spring and warmer sunny weather.

Cheers,

Julie.



FORTHCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Bev Farrall	Friday 20 August
Kerry Clark	Friday 27 August
Stephanie Wierobieje	Tuesday 31 August
Peter Lumia	Sunday 5 September
Margaret Norcross	Tuesday 7 September
Glenys Richards	Saturday 11 September
Suzanne Yate	Saturday 25 September
Laurence Robinson	Thursday 30 September



MEMBERSHIP

There are 11 people on the waiting list, several of whom have completed their 3 visit trial and are now simply waiting for a vacancy to arise.

Guest Speaker

Mage & Jesz Fleming talking about their adventure to Antarctica.

Madge & Jesz with the flag of Uruguay.

10 people from Denmark set off on a 22-Day cruise to Antarctica including a call in to South Georgia on their return. Sir Ernest Shackleton, Antarctic explorer, died on South Georgia and is buried there. He is one of Jesz's heroes.

They left Ushuaia on Jesz's 77th birthday, 15th March 2020 and two days later, on St. Patrick's Day, they saw their first iceberg. Madge



said it was so awe inspiring that it was almost like a religious experience. As water is warmer than ice, the bottoms of the icebergs melt quicker causing the iceberg to become top heavy. As a result, they roll over with a thunderous crash. It is an awesome and somewhat frightening sight.

They made it to the southernmost point of the trip. There were 110 passengers on board and the small Zodiac boats ferried them to various locations in small groups. They saw some lovely sights and have some beautiful photographs. They also saw Adele, Gentoo, and Chin Strap penguins.

They were headed to South Georgia when the first people began to report in sick. More and more of them were coming down with whatever it was, so it was imperative that they should seek medical assistance as their doctor was also sick.

After being rejected by The Falkland Islands and Punta Arenas in Chile, they were accepted by Uruguay. COVID19 was spreading rapidly around the world aided by ships

such as theirs. A doctor from Uruguay came and tested everyone on board. When the results came back, 60% of the people on board, passengers and crew, had COVID19.

Madge said that neither she nor Jesz felt sick. She had a cough, that was worse than normal, but when questioned by a friend about it, she dismissed it as nothing. Then one day there was a knock at their cabin door. When opened Jesz was handed his passport by a woman in full PPE. "You go, now, to hospital. Doctor come soon." Madge asked if she was to go too, but no, it was just Jesz.

Jesz was taken off the ship in PPE that was too short for his height. His feet broke through the bottom of it. He said he felt like an imposter in the hospital he felt so well. It took several days before Madge found out why Jesz had been taken to hospital. His blood oxygen levels had dropped to a dangerously low level.

Jesz was in hospital for a week. Madge was confined to her cabin for 3 weeks. In the end the Australians were repatriated to Melbourne. As they left it was midnight, but the streets of the city were packed with people waving Australian flags and calling out "God Speed" and "Safe Home". Everyone was in tears.

The worst part of their trip was the 2 weeks Quarantine in Melbourne. The hotel was abysmal and the food disgusting. However, Madge and Jesz had nothing but praise for everyone else involved in their ordeal, Aureore Expeditions, the Department of Foreign Affairs and especially the people of Uruguay who they could not thank enough.

Joyce

HAPPENINGS:

1. 21 JULY – TEN PIN BOWLING

Eighteen people went to Albany to play 10-pin bowling. That amounted to 6 groups of 3 people. 10-Pin Bowling is a game that I have only played on a very irregular basis with vast amounts of time between games. So it was with some trepidation that I set out in the first game.

It took me some time to find the lightest ball possible and even then, it felt unwieldy and heavy. My technique could not be described as anything but awkward, but somehow, I managed not to send the ball down the gutter on that first bowl. As the game progressed, I began to settle into the game and sort of began to get the hang of it.

Meanwhile, several isles over, there was a fearsome ruckus taking place. "What IS going on over there!" I wondered. Then all became clear as someone was clearly jumping for joy at having managed to get a Strike! It was Helena Wragg. She appeared to be doing very well indeed and having a lot of fun doing it.

I did not do too badly in that first game. I ended up in the middle. Not first, but not last either. Then in the second game I drew Helena as one of my team members. She soon had me joining in the whooping and hollering. She certainly was fun to play with and having 'perfected' my technique in that first game, I too began getting Strikes and Spares. I'm sure it was her influence.

In any event a lot of fun was had by all.

Lunch at the Earl of Spencer afterwards.



2. **18 AUGUST - CHAINSAW SCULPTURES.**

Thirty of us travelled to Albany once again, to visit the Chainsaw Sculpture Park.

What astonished us, apart from the amazing skill of executing such fine detail with a chainsaw of any dimension, was the imagination of their creator. How he came up with so many ideas was beyond me. When I asked him during his talk afterwards, he said that he did not sleep very well. Either that or he has the most amazing dreams.



Not quite a fiddle.



Emus not sculpted out of wood, but still very nice. I would quite like them in my garden.

Where are the fairies?

Afterwards we all enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Three Anchors on Middleton Beach.





Don Hart admiring the work.

Some whacky giraffes.



Listening to the talk about how he does it. He did not demonstrate with the chainsaw. I guess that would have been too noisy and possibly dangerous with chips of wood flying about. We were not wearing PPE.

SOCIAL GROUPS



Singing for Your Own Pleasure

On hold for the foreseeable future. If interested, contact Val Ball.



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 26 August**.

For more information contact Peter Lumia



Fran's Coffee Mornings

Meets at **10:00** every **3rd Tuesday** of the month at various venues.
Next – **21 September at Tea House Books**.



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 – 27 August - weather permitting.**

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 wildlife, generally just soaking up nature at its best.

For more information contact: Warrick Gates or Stuart Hoskins

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

15 September – Old Police Station, Mount Barker.

9:30am for morning tea then tour of the museum.

It has been requested that full payment of \$20 per person, which includes morning tea of scones, tea or coffee and tour of museum be made in advance.

Those attending are requested to make the payment of \$20pp on or before 1st Sept., either by cash at the September meeting, or by bank transfer.

Lunch - own arrangements

20 October – Denmark Heritage Cider Co.

11:00 a.m at 218 Glenrowan Road, Scotsdale.

Lunch. – Duckett's Mill Wines and Denmark Farmhouse Cheese, 1678 Scotsdale Road.

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

**If you get a LOAN at a bank, you'll be paying it back for 30 yrs.
 If you ROB a bank, you'll be out in 10 yrs.
 Follow me for more financial advice**



DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN ALL THE STORES WERE CLOSED ON SUNDAY?



Come to Denmark – they still are.



They get the actions so right, don't they?



This will be the first year we're not going to Hawaii because of Covid-19.

Normally we don't go because we can't afford it.

The kids won't move back home if **they can't find it.**



A Woman Sends a Text to Her Husband

"Honey, don't forget to buy BREAD when you come home from work and your girlfriend Valerie greets you."

Husband: Who is Valerie?

Wife: Nobody, I just wanted you to answer, to have confirmation that you saw my text.

Husband: But I'm with Valerie right now, I thought you saw me?

Wife: What??! Where are you?

Husband: Near the bakery.

Wife: Wait, I'm coming right now!

After 5 minutes, his wife sends a message:

Wife: I'm at the bakery, where are you?

Husband: I'm at work. Now that you're at the bakery , buy the bread !xx 😊



yes, but they didn't use one of these to make it. What is that? Looks dangerous.