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Greetings Proboscians

Spring! Wherefore art thou? I would really like to feel the warmth of your sunshine on my skin. Why are you hiding it from me??

Yes, the flowers in the bushland have been lovely, but I really miss your lovely warm smile.

I had to travel to Perth to feel anything of the warmth that we usually find in the springtime. Please come back.

Wishing you all a very
happy Christmas



Joyce.

next meeting

1 December 2021

11:00 am Denmark Country Club

Guest Speaker: None

Lunch: In-House Christmas Lunch

Note late start time.

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello everyone.

Well Christmas seems to be hurtling to us as the calendar fills up and all those little jobs pile on.

Here is a poem a friend sent me earlier this month, so hope you enjoy it and have a laugh as it gave me.

Cheers,

Julie

A bloody great Aussie Poem

The sun was hot already - it was only 8 o'clock the cocky took off in his Ute, to go and check his stock.

He drove around the paddocks checking wethers, ewes and lambs, the float valves in the water troughs, the windmills on the dams.

He stopped and turned a windmill on to fill a water tank

and saw a ewe down in the dam, a few metres from the bank.

"Typical bloody sheep," he thought, "they have no common sense, they won't go through a gateway but they'll jump a bloody fence."

The ewe was stuck down in the mud, he knew without a doubt

she'd stay there 'til she carked it if he didn't get her out.

But when he reached the water's edge, the startled ewe broke free and in her haste to get away, began a swimming spree.

He reckoned once her fleece was wet, the weight would drag her down if he didn't rescue her, the stupid sod would

drown.

*Her style was unimpressive, her survival chances slim,
he saw no other option, he would have to take a swim.*

*He peeled his shirt and singlet off, his trousers, boots and socks
and as he couldn't stand wet clothes, he also shed his jocks.*

*He jumped into the water and away that cocky swam
he caught up with her somewhere near the middle of the dam.*

*The ewe was quite evasive, she kept giving him the slip
he tried to grab her sodden fleece but couldn't get a grip.*

*At last he got her to the bank and stopped to catch his breath
she showed him little gratitude for saving her from death.*

*She took off like a Bondi tram around the other side
he swore next time he caught that ewe he'd hang her bloody hide.
Then round and round the dam they ran,
although he felt quite puffed
he still thought he could run her down, she must be nearly stuffed..*

*The local stock rep came along, to pay a call that day,
he knew this bloke was on his own, his wife had gone away.
He didn't really think he'd get fresh scones for morning tea
but neither was he ready for what he was soon to see.*

*He rubbed his eyes in disbelief at what came into view
for running down the catchment came this frantic-looking ewe.
And on her heels in hot pursuit and wearing not a stitch
the farmer yelling wildly, "Come back here, you lousy bitch!"*

*The stock rep didn't hang around, he took off in his car
the cocky's reputation has been damaged near and far.
So bear in mind the Work Safe rule when next you check your flocks
spot the hazard, assess the risk and always wear your jocks!*

FORTHCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Helen Young	Tuesday 30 November
Kaye White	Wednesday 15 December
Dexter Warne	Friday 17 December
Grant Ball	Sunday 19 December
Carol Harry	Friday 24 December
Kaye Murray	Thursday 30 December
Rob Norcross	Friday 31 December
Sheila Blunt	Friday 31 December



MEMBERSHIP

There has been a resignation so the waiting list has been reduced to 13 and one lucky person has been given the opportunity to join our club. She will be inducted soon.

Guest Speaker

Dr Alex Sleeman – Navy Diver and Peace Keeper

This month's guest speaker was Dr Alex Sleeman, a local GP and family man whose past career in the Navy was something out of a Boy's Own adventure.

Alex was the fourth of five children born to a schoolteacher couple from Wongan Hills, WA. His oldest brother joined the air force and became a pilot, which must have inspired his three brothers, who all joined the forces as they came of age. The same brother taught Alex scuba diving, which was what he decided he wanted to do in life.

When it came time to leave school, Alex went to his father and told him about his ambition to become a diver. His father suggested that he could be a police diver and pull drowned children out of dams, do marine biology or become a Navy diver. And so the decision was made.

Alex did a science degree through the Naval Academy, while learning the skills of scuba diving and clearing mines from the ocean. He piloted ships and travelled to such places as Hawaii on missions which he obviously enjoyed thoroughly. During this time he met a Naval doctor, who inspired him to later change his career to medicine.

Meanwhile he spent time with the UN and went to Sudan as part of a peacekeeping force. He then returned to ordnance disposal, working in Seattle and Guam. Along the way he met his wife. He returned to WA and took up medical studies.

He is now a proud father of three children, and he and his wife have come to Denmark to raise them. It will be interesting to see what the future holds for this dynamic dad and his children.

Thanks, to Kerry Clark



HAPPENINGS:

Sorry, this is going to be short. The only happening was to be today – a game of Croquet in Albany, but it was cancelled due to possible inclement weather. Lunch went ahead anyway, but I chose not to go to that as I had a lot to do before a trip away this weekend. So, I am sure that those of you who did go to lunch enjoyed it. I hope so anyway.

Here is a photo from last year to remind you of the fun we didn't have.

It will be re-scheduled for next year.



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 25 November 2021**.

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 December – Bibbulmun Café.**



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.

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

NB - There will be free non Probus training for people of all abilities, beginners included, on how to ocean kayak safely that is to be held at the river mouth on Sunday 28 November – from 9-12 noon. Anyone interested is free to go and have a try. See Denmark Bulletin for more details.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1st December — In-House Christmas Lunch.

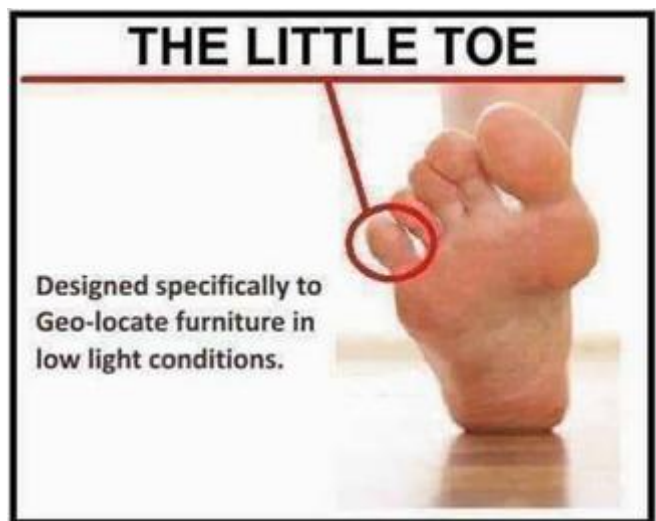
The cost is the usual \$10 payable on the day. As this is our normal meeting and as there will be no guest speaker, note that we will start at **11:00 am**, not 10:00 am. There will be no morning tea as nibbles will be supplied. Other entertainment will replace the guest speaker.

26 January – Australia Day. Denmark River Probus members are invited to an afternoon/evening gathering from 4:00 pm at Vicki and Peter Lumia's place, 79 Mt. Shadforth Road.

As this will be a **"BYO everything night"** attendees are asked to bring a plate of food to share, drinks, glasses, and chair.

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

MANY THANKS to KEVIN STONE for the many jokes that he has supplied.



Let's all take a moment to appreciate the time and effort this guy spent putting a strap on his dirt so it wouldn't fall off.



Why science teachers should not be given playground duty.

HUSBANDS ARE THE BEST PEOPLE TO SHARE YOUR SECRETS WITH.

THEY'LL NEVER TELL ANYONE BECAUSE THEY AREN'T EVEN LISTENING.



Dad get the kids ready for school.

Oh dads...

This is a non-political post. You're welcome.

