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## Greetings Proboscians

So, rhubarb, rhubarb, rhubarb, what am I going to drivel on about this month? Autumn is definitely here, and whereas rain is nice, I am missing the lovely warm calm days that we usually have in the autumn. Yes, there have been a few like that, interspersed between cold days of rain, but this year there seem to be a lot less than usual. Probably just as well really as I am still recovering from my knee op so getting out and doing a lot of gardening is not a very good idea just yet.

It has also been disappointing that our little safe haven in Denmark has been breached by the arrival of COVID19 causing the cancellation of events that were to take place and causing us to be a bit more hesitant about going out.

**Don't forget to have all your gardening questions ready to ask Kaye Millar at our next meeting in May.**

All the best

*Joyce*

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## Next Meeting

**4 May 2022**

**10:00 am** Denmark Country Club

**Guest Speaker:** Q&A with Kaye Millar  
from Blossoms Nursery

**Lunch:** Tavern

## BIRTHDAYS

Joy Hawes	Wednesday 6 April
Roger Seeney	Wednesday 6 April
Joyce Edmonds	Friday 15 April
Julie Nayda	Friday 22 April
Ed Wierobieje	Friday 22 April



## MEMBERSHIP

*There are 10 people still on the waiting list four of whom have completed three visits.*

*This month we were able to induct two new members - Brian and Ruth Rushton.. Photo below shows our President Kevin handing them their welcome packs.*



Brian is a qualified plumber who was born in Tamworth, New South Wales. He married Ruth in 1972 and they will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year. They have three children. Their first daughter, Nichola, was born in 1974. They moved to Western Australia in 1976, where their next two children, Gemma and Adam were born in 1978 and 1980 respectively. Their children are now all married and they are the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren.

Over the years they visited Denmark many times and loved it so much that they bought a property here in 2004. They then moved into their current property, Somerset Hill, in 2006 which was used as a holiday home until they retired in 2017. However, it is hardly "retirement" moving to a 70-acre property running cattle, sheep, and chickens in Scotsdale. Brian says he had never worked so hard in his life; but they are living the good life.

Ruth supported Brian in the running of his plumbing business at the same time as raising the children. Then in 1990 she opened her own business in the arts and craft industry which she ran for eight years. Ruth enjoys walking, gardening, cooking, and the family, of course.

Welcome to our club.

## Guest Speaker

### BLACK DOG RIDE

As Carl O'Callaghan was not available, Roger and Bev Seeney kindly stepped up and spoke about the Black Dog organisation.

The Black Dog was started in 2009 by Steve Andrews after he was affected by the suicides of two people close to him. He decided to ride around Australia to raise awareness about the problem of suicide. During his month-long trip, he picked up riders on the way and talked to organisations such as Lions.

He organised a ride to the "red centre", which became an annual event.

Denmark became involved, and with the enthusiastic participation of the Seeneys, was the seventh highest fundraiser in Australia.

Roger gave credit to the police, St John Ambulance, Lions and other community groups for their support.

This year 107 people went on a ride that took them from Denmark to Mt Barker, the Porongurups, Albany and back to Denmark. There were 182 volunteers.

Paid workers are kept to a minimum and money raised is spent locally. Over \$10 000 was donated to the Denmark Men's Shed.

Bev is the state organiser of the Black Dog Ride. They have a trailer for use during events and a bus for aboriginal youth transport.

158 people have been trained in mental health first aid in Denmark so far, including two facilitators. This is an important aspect of the organisation, as 1 in 4 people have experience of depression and death by suicide is higher than the road toll. Further courses are to be organised.

For those wanting to give donations or volunteer, Bev and Roger are Probus members and attend regularly. I am sure they would appreciate your support either financial or otherwise.

*(Thank you Kerry Clark)*



## FOR ALL DOG LOVERS

### Old Faithful

Floppy ears and big brown eyes  
Wagging tail, sighing sighs  
Wet old nose and doggy breath  
Scaring strangers half to death

Always hungry, never sad  
Sometimes good and sometimes bad  
Chasing all the neighbours' mogs  
Furry friend, they're your own dogs

Fridge door opens, there they are  
When food's around they're never far  
Breaking wind like living dead  
Muddy paw prints on your bed

Hoping always for a walk  
If only they could sometimes talk  
You'll never have a truer friend  
They'll stick right with you to the end

You're home at last, they jump and bark  
Happy as proverbial lark  
Now for you, no turning back  
For you're the leader of the pack ...

A Nony Mouse

*(Thanks to Rob Norcross for that)*

## HAPPENINGS:

There is nothing to report here. Our last planned excursion was cancelled for various reasons, but most met for dinner that evening anyway. I was thinking – “Golly, it’s a long time since we did anything,” my having missed the last outing. Well, one reason for that was that March had 5 Wednesdays, so it is two weeks since the evening when the river cruise people met for dinner at the Boston Brewery. See below for our next outing.

## SOCIAL GROUPS



### Wine Appreciation Group

Held every **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday** of the month at the Community resource Centre.  
For more information contact Peter Lumia



### Fran's Coffee Mornings

Meets at **10:00** every **3rd Tuesday** of the month at various venues.  
Next: **19 April at Mrs Jones**, then **18 May at Tea House Books**.





## Kayaking

**Kayaking** –is held 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays (weather permitting) **8:00am 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 Time Change.** For more information contact: Warrick Gates or Stuart Hoskins

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**April 27 – Lawn Bowls** 10:00 am – Riverside Club, Denmark.

Cost \$5.

**Lunch:** 12:30 Ducketts Mill Wines & Denmark Farmhouse Cheese, 1678 Scotsdale Rd. (Date change due to school holidays)

**May 18<sup>th</sup> – Dinosaur World** meeting there at 10:30 in the morning, it is \$12 per person (seniors). The address is Bandit Road, Bow Bridge (follow the signs); then lunch will be at the Sly fox Diner in Bow Bridge.

**June 15<sup>th</sup> – Pleasant Valley Truffle Farm** with lunch \$100.

Due to the fantastic response to the event and to get the best experience, the group will be split into two and the Truffle Hunt will be held over two days, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

At the next Probus meeting everyone who has their name on the list to attend will be asked to select their preferred day.

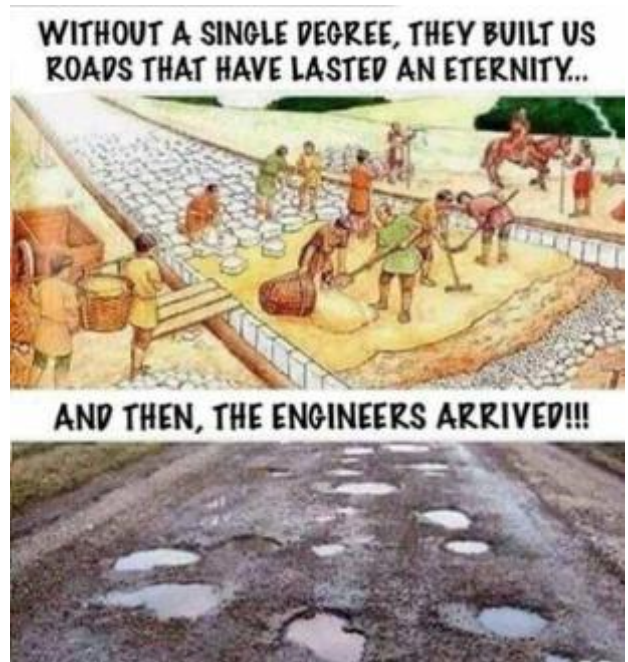
The hunt will be held at the Splendid Valley Truffle Farm, 519 Board Road, Kentdale, starting at 10am. The event will include a truffle hunt, light lunch including tea and coffee, and you will also have the opportunity to purchase truffle products.

For any other queries please contact: Julie at [secretary@denmarkriverprobus.org.au](mailto:secretary@denmarkriverprobus.org.au).

**Instead of a sign that says "Do not disturb", I need one that says "Already disturbed, proceed with caution."**

**With the rise of self driving vehicles, it's only a matter of time until there's a country song where the guy's truck leaves him**



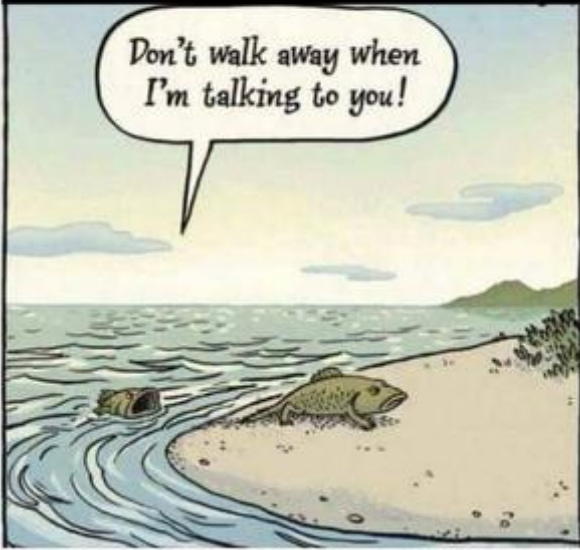


I don't know  
how to use TikTok,  
but I can write in cursive,  
do long division  
and tell time on clocks  
with hands...  
so there's that.



**THE REAL REASON EVOLUTION  
STARTED....**

*Don't walk away when  
I'm talking to you!*



OMG, Susan! Can you  
imagine how luxurious  
planes in 50 years will be?

