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DENMARK RIVER PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS PROBIANS

Spring is in full swing and the AFL Grand Final is rapidly approaching. I hope you are all enjoying life.

Christmas is not too far away either and your catering committee needs to know if you will be attending our Christmas celebratory meal at the December meeting. See below.

Thinking caps on people, I need someone to take over my role next year as my three years on the committee will be up. Don't be scared off by the word Media. You do not have to know html; just a good word processor.

JOYCE

NEXT MEETING

5 October 2022

10:00 am at the Denmark Country Club

Guest Speaker: Karl O'Callaghan

Lunch: In-house - men doing chicken.

Committee

President: Kevin Nayda president@denmarkriverprobus.org.au

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Guest Speakers: Julie Nayda speakers@denmarkriverprobus.org.au

Media: Joyce Edmonds contact@denmarkriverprobus.org.au

BIRTHDAYS

Claudia Hart	Friday 21 October
Marianne Mayer	Saturday 22 October
John Wildman	Sunday 30 October
Louise Hoskins	Monday 31 October



MEMBERSHIP

The waiting list is shrinking. There are now 7 people on the waiting list many of whom have completed three visits. Now that Claudia and Don Hart have left, Rosemary Lowe will be inducted next month.

Guest Speaker

JOYCE EDMONDS

DIAMONDS ARE A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND

Joyce said that diamonds had been a good friend to her giving her work for over 30 years.

Because of some bad advice from a career's adviser in first year at Mudgee High School, Joyce did not achieve the necessary marks for university entrance in the Leaving Certificate in Canberra. Getting into university was not so easy in those days as most families could not afford university fees, so it was necessary to get a Commonwealth Scholarship to pay for them meaning even better marks needed. Joyce did not think that she could do that, in fact she did not think that she was university material as no-one in her family had ever been to university.



So it was a boon when Gough Whitlam made universities free when he won the election in 1972. After studying for the NSW Higher School Certificate at night-school, Joyce gained the marks needed to enter the Australian National University as a mature aged student. By then she was married and had two children. She started studying prehistory out of interest, but soon found that she needed to be good at writing essays for that. She wasn't good at writing and preferred science anyway, so switched to the Science Faculty and continued studying science subjects majoring in geology. To begin with Joyce had no end goal in mind for her study. She did not realise how necessary that degree would be for her to earn a living. Her marriage fell apart half-way through her course.

In her last semester she looked in the newspapers to see what jobs were available. She did not have much hope of finding one that would suit the single mother that she now was. She could not take on a job that required much in the way of field

work. She knew that she could get some short-term work in Canberra but doubted she could find full time work. Then there in the Australian was the perfect job. It was a laboratory job with no field work - but it was located on the opposite side of the country in Perth. That threw her into a quandary. What was she to do - uproot her two children and take them away from their whole family, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, and their father?



After praying about what to do, some words leap off the page of her Bible giving her the confidence to make the move to Perth. There she started work with CRA Exploration (now Rio Tinto Exploration) as a Diamond Mineralogist - a geologist who specialises in the minerals associated with diamonds.

Joyce explained that exploration for diamonds consisted of taking stream sediment samples to search for certain indicator minerals that if present might lead to the discovery of diamonds. Her first month was spent learning to identify more than 100 background minerals as well as the indicator minerals. Many she knew from thin sections at uni. She soon got the reputation for being quick to identify a mineral and for finding unusual minerals. She even found a new mineral.

Although her work was Perth based, there were occasions when laboratory staff could go out bush to do some work, but Joyce could not go because of the children. Then one year an opportunity came up at the same time as a visit by Joyce's parents. So Joyce was able to spend 6 weeks



taking samples in the Kimberley region of WA.

As they were in-fill samples Joyce got to fly all over the Kimberley region in a helicopter. She saw some beautiful scenery and although very hard work, it was most enjoyable. She showed a series of photos she took whilst up there.



This is weird - if I had listened to it. not, although some front of people talking. Most good speakers engage with their audience, but my mind was working hard to blot you out as if you were not there. I had to force myself to see you. I did make you laugh once or twice, so maybe it was OK.

talking about a talk I gave in the 3rd person as I have no idea if it was an interesting talk or have told me that it was. I hate being up in

front of people talking. Most good speakers engage with their audience, but my mind was working hard to blot you out as if you were not there. I had to force myself to see you. I did make you laugh once or twice, so maybe it was OK.

HAPPENINGS:

DENMARK WOMEN'S SHED

Some of our members have joined the newly formed Denmark Women's Shed - an associate organisation under the Denmark Men's Shed. They are Glenice Smith, Linda Falls, Kaye White, Joy Hawes, Kerry Clark, Marianne Mayer, Rosemary Thorn, Elisabeth Probst and Joyce Edmonds.

The women meet on a Friday and over 30 women from around Denmark have now joined the group. The women are all very keen to either improve their woodworking skills or learn new ones. Our skills vary from those who do not know much to women who have extensive experience with working with wood; and every one of them are full of enthusiasm to the tasks ahead. See also the article in the latest Bulletin.

Some women work on their own projects; some help restore old furniture; and some work on community orientated projects such as boxes for birds to nest in.



Several men, including Bruce Grieve and Mal Dickie among others, are on hand to lend a hand and demonstrate how to use the equipment until all of us are accredited to use them by ourselves.

If any more of you are interested in joining us, you would be very welcome.



Sealing the stripped down old bench.



Bruce demonstrates how to use the sander.



Kerry, Glenice & Linda busily sanding off the old varnish.

RED CROSS SHOP

The **Red Cross** shop in Denmark is looking for more volunteers to help out. If anyone is interested, just go there and let them know that you would like to help.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

NB - Reserve Your place

Our catering committee needs to know how many of us will be attending our Christmas lunch at the usual December meeting.

Cost - \$10.

Please put your names on the list during the October and November meetings if you wish to attend.

If your name is not on the list, you can't come as there will be no food for you.

You can't just show up on the day.

SOCIAL GROUPS



Wine Appreciation Group

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

NB. - This Month the meeting is a week later than normal on the 29th September.

For more information contact Peter Lumia



Fran's Coffee Mornings

Meets at 10:00 every 3rd Tuesday of the month at various venues.
Next:

Tomorrow - 20 September - Bibbulmun Café.

18 October - Mrs Jones.



Kayaking

Kayaking – is held 2nd & 4th 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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

September 21st - Jonathon Hook Ceramics

10:30 am at 109 Lantzke Road, Scotsdale, WA.

Noon - Lunch at the Boston Brewery

October 19th - Tour of the Albany Entertainment Centre

11:00 am - 2 Toll Place, Albany.

Noon - Lunch onsite at The View - lunch needs to be pre-ordered.

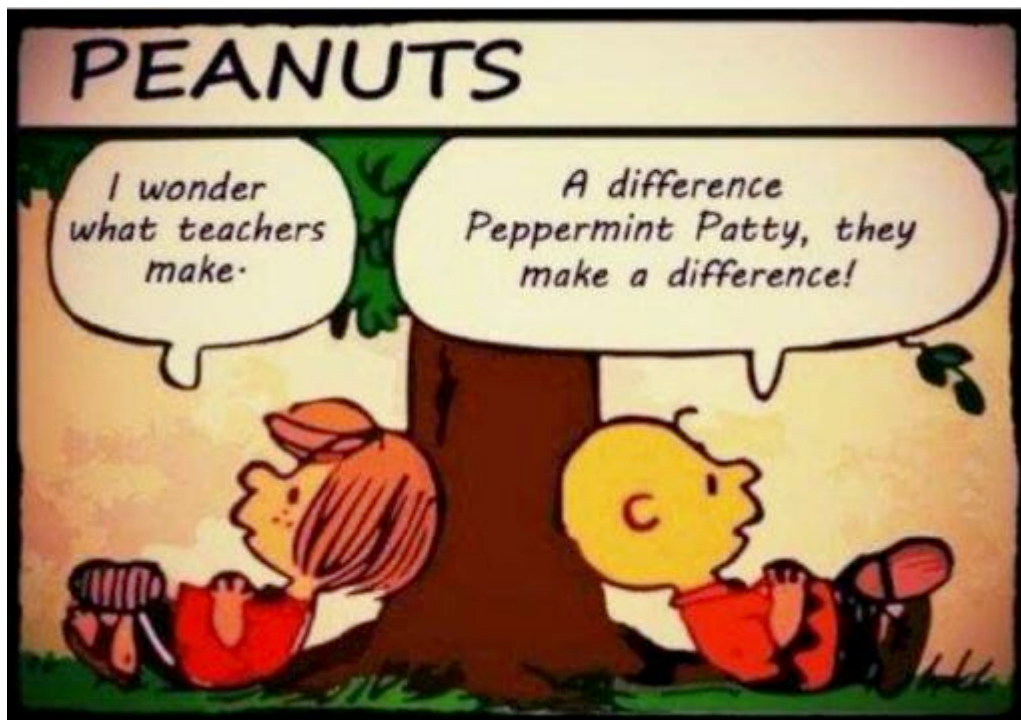
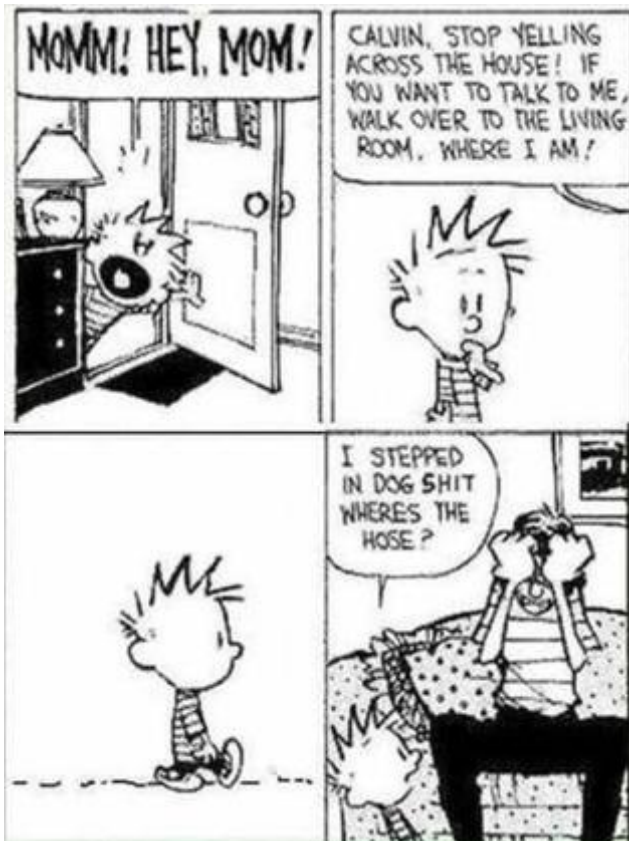
November 16 - Surf Gallery

10:30 am. South Coast Highway. Cost \$7.50 + coffee and cake. Please advise if you wish to have morning tea.

Lunch - BYO Picnic Lunch - alfresco on site.

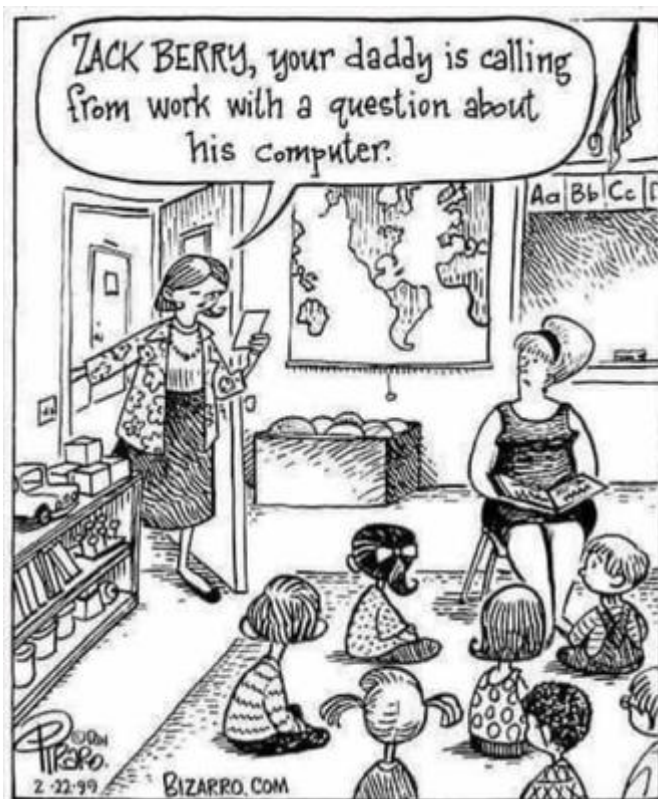
For any other queries please contact: Julie at secretary@denmarkriverprobus.org.au.

FUNNIES





For when you can't find a Supercharger.



Thank you to all who contributed jokes for the newsletter.