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Hello everyone!

I hope you are staying warm and enjoying our winter season here in Denmark.

Two new members were inducted this month. Welcome Shari and Murray to our Club! We are thrilled to have you join us.

Thanks to Ed for the great photo of a silvery morning out on the Wilson Inlet with his pelican mates. See more of our Kayak Club later in this issue.

The cold winter weather is not hindering our Club activities. We are grateful to our Events organisers Helena and Robin for their efforts to find us interesting places to visit and engaging activities, like this month's excursion to the Albany Convict Gaol and Patrick Taylor Cottage, both historically and visually appealing.

Stay warm!
Susan

This month's Birthdays (21 July to 21 August)

Cynthia Bush	10 July
Anne Peterson	17 July
Tracey Barton	20 July
Kevin Nayda	25 July
Bev Seeney	25 July
Susan Allan	28 July
Roger Seeney	6 August
Elisabeth Probst	10 August
Val Ball	11 August
Robert Allan	11 August
Kevin Ivanac	19 August
Bev Farrall	20 August



Guest Speaker ~ Clare Campbell



Clare Campbell, Executive Director of Wildlife Asia, is a dedicated conservationist focused on protecting endangered species such as gibbons, orangutans, elephants, tigers and pangolins.

She holds a degree in Zoology and Marine Biology from James Cook University, has 13 years of experience as the head of the primate section at Perth Zoo, and has been involved in projects such as the Silver Gibbon Project at Perth Zoo and the Asian Rhino Project in Indonesia and India.

Clare leads efforts in countries like Indonesia, India, Myanmar, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand, to tackle issues such as habitat loss, poaching, illegal wildlife trade, and human-wildlife conflict. Clare and her mainly local teams work on innovative solutions, including community engagement, anti-poaching patrols, advocating for stronger wildlife protection laws and raising awareness about conservation.



Silver gibbon from Java



Teamwork in Indonesia

Wildlife Asia has a successful track record of operating in areas difficult for the large international non-government organisations to access by building strong relationships with local communities. Respecting the environmental, political and cultural aspects of these areas is crucial for conservation efforts to succeed. They have had many successes, like securing funding for various species through grants and donations, which has enabled the training of locals to become rangers, offering them alternative careers to the palm oil industry and wildlife poaching. Wildlife Asia has established rescue centres for gibbons, as well as the most successful gibbon reintroduction program in Asia. They have also supported local organisations to establish new protected areas, conducted important research through biodiversity surveys and assisted local communities to improve farming practices and livelihoods.

Challenges arise, such as an incident where a reintroduced young orangutan was tragically bitten by a snake. Then there is the problem of human-wildlife conflict, where villagers take retribution on

elephants that raid their village, or tigers suspected of taking livestock. This may be a small organisation doing all it can to conserve forests and native animals, but having built trusted relationships with local people, it also serves as a channel for larger organisations like World Wildlife Fund. This partnership ensures good funding, enabling the establishment of many ranger teams and national parks, which in turn protect critically endangered species and important ecosystems.

Clare's presentation provided captivating and insightful information on Wildlife Asia's endeavours, the challenges faced and the solutions to protect endangered species and their forest habitats, and to encourage others to work together for a sustainable future.

Through her leadership, Clare inspires others to help protect our world's biodiversity.



Clare with her favourite endangered animal



Ranger training at the Karen Wildlife Conservation Initiative (KWC), Myanmar

Welcome to our new members Shari and Murray



This month's events

Albany Convict Gaol and Patrick Taylor Cottage

For our July outing, we visited the old Convict Gaol and Patrick Taylor Cottage in Albany. The jail, built by convicts in 1852, is considered one of Western Australia's most haunted buildings. We toured the cell blocks and learned about the harsh conditions the former inmates faced.

Next, we visited the wattle and daub Patrick Taylor Cottage Museum. Built in 1832 by the Morley Brothers when Albany was still a military outpost, the cottage is the oldest dwelling in Western Australia. The museum displays many beautiful artefacts originally owned by several of Albany's pioneering families. We enjoyed meandering through the cottage, discovering treasures dating back as far as the 16th century, and learning about Patrick Taylor and early Albany residents.

Continuing with the historical theme, we had lunch at the Earl of Spencer, where we enjoyed the cosy atmosphere and tasty pub meals.



Wine Appreciation Group ~



Our Indian themed evening was a great success, with delicious food and wine pairings. Carmel impressed us all by making 54 beef samosas and nearly the same amount of potato samosas, along with our delightful kulfi dessert. The rest of us contributed butter chicken curry, vegetarian curry, plenty of rice, piles of naan bread and papadams, all of which paired well with our chosen wines. Some members shared interesting facts about India, and we played spin the chocolate wheel a couple of times to win a bottle of bubbly.

Wine Club meetings are held from 5.00 to 7.00pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Denmark Men's Shed. Contact Peter Lumia if you would like to be on the waiting list.





Kayak Club ~ Our kayaking group meets at 7:30 am every second and fourth Friday of the month, weather permitting, at the boat ramp by the Denmark Rivermouth Caravan Park. They usually enjoy coffee and a chat afterward at Reminisce Café.

There are spare kayaks available for you to try out. Contact Warrick, Ed or Neville if interested.

Diary dates!

Wednesday 7 August 10.00am ~ our next general meeting at the Denmark Country Club followed by inhouse lunch of soups, crusty bread and apple crumble for dessert.

August ~ Albany Port Authority tour. Details to be advised. Lunch at the Premier Hotel, if you wish. Guest speaker for August ~ Dave and the Young Siding Swamp Rats Veterans Cricket Team

Extras

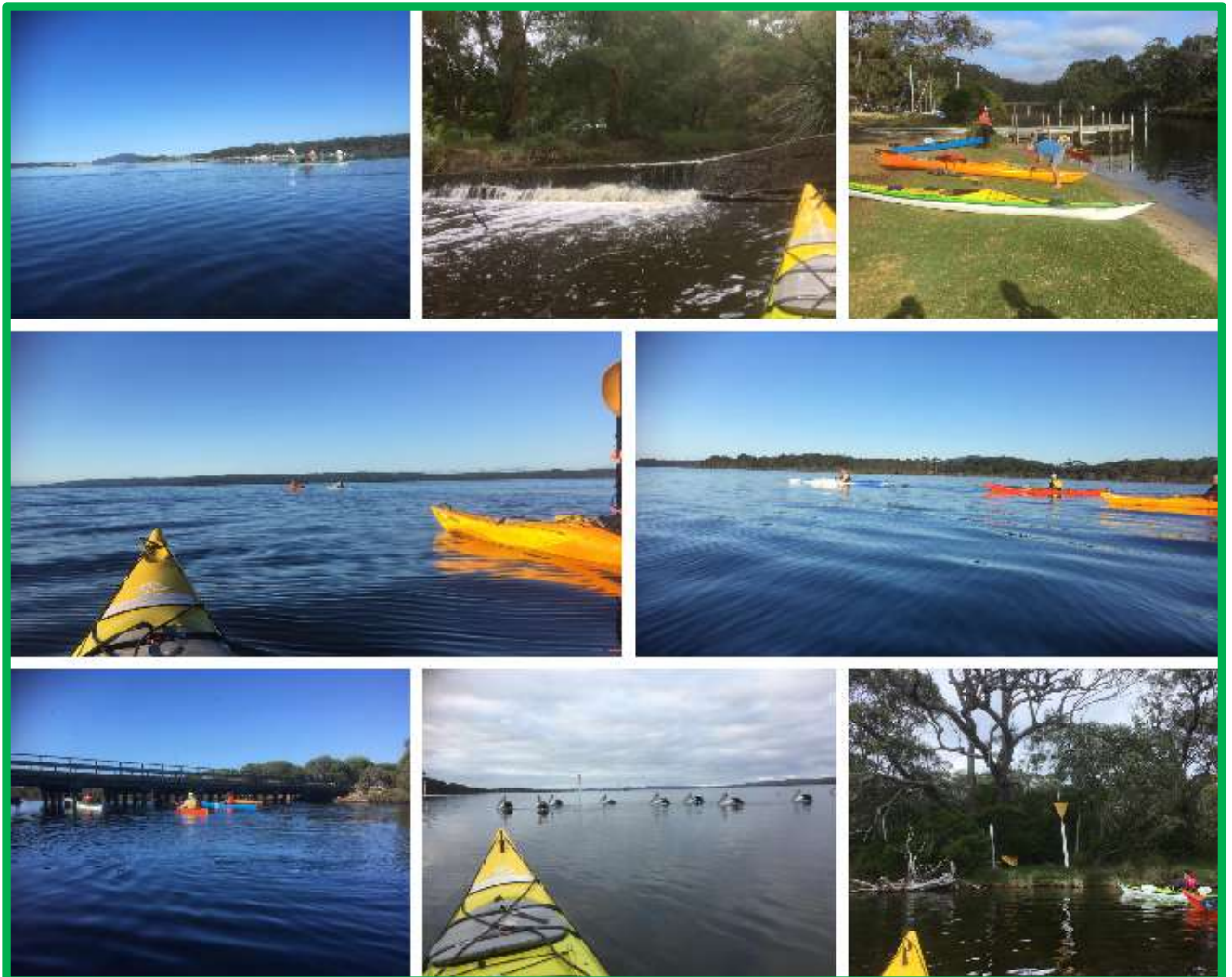
Membership ~ There are 14 on the waiting list.

Name badges ~ Please remember to wear your name badge, so everyone can get to know you.

And a gentle reminder to mingle with others. There are seventy of us in our Club, so it is important to move out of your comfort zone and meet others, not just sit at the same table every month.

Welfare ~ If you are aware of someone who needs a card or a call, please contact Glenice Smith or Kerry Clark.

Thanks to Ed for these beautiful photos of our Kayak Club out on the water



GLAD® Food Care Recycling Program

Find out about recycling the hard to recycle items you might generate in your household. Here is a link to a site about FREE recycling of some items that our local recycling does not cover

<https://www.terracycle.com>



Member Spotlight ~ Stephanie Wierobiej



At the pastels desk in Stephanie's Studio

Did you know Stephanie is a multi-media artist working in pastels, oils, watercolours, silk and silver jewellery? Highlights of her art career include painting in France and England, and working from her lovely art studio in Esperance.

In France, while Ed went to Poland with his brother, Stephanie stayed at Château l'Âge Baston near Limoges to paint, in a beautiful setting with a studio set in a walled garden surrounded by walnut trees. She enjoyed long table lunches and wine, and found inspiration in the remarkable old pieces she painted.

Another happy memory is her time in Cornwall staying with daughter Kimberley at a large seafront hotel in the beautiful old fishing town of Looe, where the current TV series Beyond Paradise was filmed and where she met hotel guests like John Thaw of Inspector Morse fame and his wife Sheila Hancock from The Rag Trade, plus their large film crew. Stephanie worked as head receptionist here and had a permanent display of her artwork in the hotel.

One day while living in Esperance, Stephanie was surprised to receive a phone call from the Japanese Broadcasting Corporation in Tokyo, who wanted to send a film crew to her studio for a series called People Who Live In Amazingly Beautiful Places. They spent three days filming Stephanie painting on the verandah and on the beach, with Ed driving them to local attractions like Twilight Beach and Lucky Bay, where they happily filmed kangaroos on the beach.

Some years ago, Stephanie was devastated not to be able to paint after badly damaging her thumb from a fall. Kimberley convinced her she could paint with her left hand, which she did and enjoyed the new creative process of left hand techniques of painting. The result was her very favourite painting of all, which she called Hope.



Photos from top left ~

Stephanie's favourite painting Hope.

French wildflowers watercolour

Silk tissue scarves in Denmark Riverfront Gallery under professional name Stephanie Stacey

Ocean Beach pastel

Newspaper clipping with two of the French paintings on exhibition

One way to find out if you are old is to fall down in front of a lot of people. If they laugh, you're still young. If they panic and start running to you, you're old.

Finished my canning today... I'm now ready for winter.



I had a cupcake without sprinkles!!

Diets are hard!



In the shower without my glasses:
Eenie meenie miney mo, shampoo?
conditioner? I don't know.

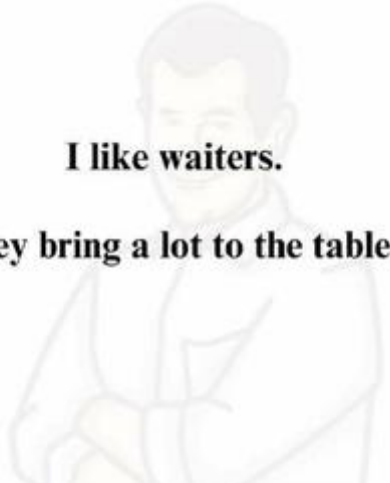


Fingers crossed it's hummus

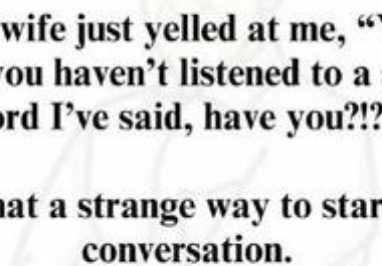


**At the Test Centre
Nurse: Have you
experienced a sudden loss
of taste?**

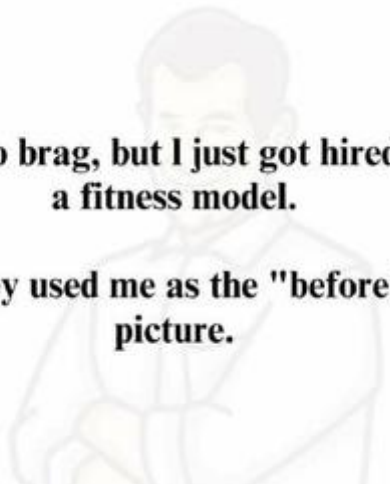
**Me: No, I've always dressed
this way.. 🤔**



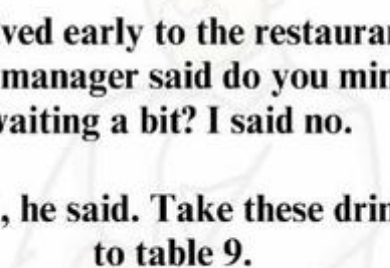
**I like waiters.
They bring a lot to the table.**




**My wife just yelled at me, “You
jerk, you haven’t listened to a single
word I’ve said, have you?!?!”
What a strange way to start a
conversation.**



**Not to brag, but I just got hired as
a fitness model.
They used me as the "before"
picture.**



**I arrived early to the restaurant.
The manager said do you mind
waiting a bit? I said no.
Good, he said. Take these drinks
to table 9.**



**My wife is sleeping in the spare
bedroom because she said she has
had enough of my night time Elvis
impersonations.
I knocked on her door at 3am and
said... “Are You Lonesome
Tonight?”**



**My wife said that if I don't get off
the computer she'll slam my head
on the keyboard.
But I think she's
jokin
fjreoiwjr
twe4to8rklj
reun8f4n
y84c8y4t58l
ym4wthylm
hawt4myl
t4amlathnatyn**

Recipe of the month

VICKI'S CHOC-HONEYCOMB CHEESECAKE



Base

- 1 1/4 cups sweet biscuit crumbs
- 80g butter, melted

Filling

- 500g block Cream Cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup caster sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 teaspoons gelatine, dissolved in 1/4 cup boiling water
- 1 cup cream, lightly whipped
- 3 x 45g chocolate coated honeycomb bars, roughly crushed

How to make it

- COMBINE the biscuit crumbs and butter, then press into a 20cm springform pan. Chill
- BEAT cream cheese and sugar using an electric mixer until smooth. Add lemon juice and gelatine mixture and beat until combined. Fold in cream and 2/3 honeycomb bars.
- POUR filling into prepared crust and refrigerate for 3 hours or overnight. Garnish with remaining honeycomb bars to serve.

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