

# DENMARK RIVER PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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***Hello everyone!***

Welcome to the August edition of our newsletter.

Baby, it's cold outside! So much rain, but very much needed. My new favourite word is chrysalism, the tranquillity and peace that you feel when you are indoors during wet wintry weather.

I hope you enjoyed the 2024 Paris Olympics as much as I did. With 18 gold, 19 silver and 13 bronze medals, Australia's final tally of 45 is a wonderful achievement for a small country. Congratulations to our amazing athletes and all the inspiring competitors worldwide.

How well do you know your fellow members? On the following pages, you will find photos of all seventy members of Denmark River Probus. How many can you name?

Join us for the Denmark River Probus Club's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at our next meeting! Don't miss out on the festivities – come in your best fancy dress or a festive party hat and enjoy the fun.

Warmly,  
Susan

## ***This month's Birthdays*** (26 August to 26 September)

Kerry Clark	27 August
Stephanie Wierobiej	30 August
Peter Lumia	5 September
Margaret Norcross	7 September
Glenys Richards	11 September



**Guest Speaker ~ Steve Grimmer**



Steve Grimmer ~ captain of the Youngs Siding Swamp Rats cricket team.

Our bush poet Steve aka Captain Drop Drop was just as entertaining in his talk about the Youngs Siding Cricket Team's constitution as he was last time with his poetry.

The team's charter, created to resolve early disputes among members, is written in Swamp Rat language, making it relatable to all members. It is read aloud at every meeting in their clubhouse, the Rat's Nest. The charter encourages members to be their best selves, try their hardest, and have fun, whether they win or lose. Small disputes are always resolved to maintain harmony and to avoid different factions in the club. They actively encourage young people to join, resulting in a mix of generations, all locals or with ties to Youngs Siding. They have only won the coveted Pigs' Ass shield four times out of twenty-one on the Field of Dreams, but the enjoyment they get from playing is worth more than constant victories.

Titles of committee members include Respected Tosser (President), Committed Tosser (Captain), Amicable Tosser (Team Selector), Fines Master (Ruthless Tosser, so called because he doubles the fine, if disputed). Club members are the Useless Tossers.

It is always a pleasure to have Steve in our company.





*Rogues Gallery*



## ***This month's events***

### ***Port of Albany and lunch at the Premier Hotel***

Our tour of the Port of Albany was an unexpected adventure, starting with our bus breaking down just as we arrived. That didn't dampen our spirits, it just added to the story! Our guide Paul gave us a running commentary on the tug marina and the powerful pilot boats that keep things running smoothly. The port's infrastructure is impressive, a testament to its vital role in the region's economy, providing countless jobs and connecting Western Australia to the world. As a bonus, we spotted a New Zealand fur seal lounging on the rocks, soaking up the sun and an osprey nest built on a flagpole by the Port Authority to keep them out of the moving parts of the loader, and reminding us that even in an industrial hub, nature finds a way to make itself at home. All in all, it was an excursion full of surprises and a glimpse into the working heart of Albany.

*No reverse gear, and we're still all smiling!*



*Tug marina*



*Pilot boat returning to port*



*Albany seahorse ~ part of the Silo Trail*



*Lunch at the Premier Hotel*



*Albany has some beautiful old buildings*

1891

2024



## ***Wine Appreciation Group ~***

While Peter and Vicki were soaking up the sun in Bali with Tracey and Barry, Neville hosted 11 of us on a cold, rainy wintry Denmark night. We enjoyed easy conversation with a fire in the background to keep us warm. We each shared the story behind the bottle of wine we brought. Neville treated us to a bottle of St Hugo Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2018, which was unanimously agreed upon as an excellent choice. We also sampled wines brought by other club members, such as Mal's 3 Devils Shiraz and Harley's West Cape Howe Malbec.

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 4 September 10.00am** ~ our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration meeting at the Denmark Country Club with cakes for morning tea.

**Wednesday 16 September 10.00am** ~ Wildflower walk Torndirrup National Park. Details to be advised.

### ***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.

### ***The Usual Suspects***



## Member Spotlight ~ Mal Dickie



Malcolm Reginald Dickie was born and raised in Perth. He began his career as a draftsman, when they still used pen and ink, first in the Public Service and then for several years in mining and mineral exploration companies. While in Canberra, he completed a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Geology and met his wife Deb.

After working for several years back in Western Australia, he gained admission to a prestigious Master of Science course in Mineral Exploration at Imperial College, University of London.

Back in Australia, Malcolm explored for gold and base metals throughout the country, managing the discovery of several small gold deposits near Cue and a significant 3.5 million ounce gold deposit near Ora Banda. He later oversaw Australian exploration for a mid-tier gold company until the government sold most of its gold reserves in 1997 and the world price crashed which consequently led to his retrenchment, along with 4000 other field geologists.



*Mal in the olive grove*

Seeking a new career, he studied another passion of his, horticulture, and started a landscaping and garden maintenance business in the Perth Hills. In 2000, Malcolm and his wife Deb bought a small farm in Kendenup, planted an olive grove and operated an olive oil business until 2015. He also worked as a contract geologist and provided horticultural services to local vineyards and olive groves.

In retirement, Malcolm became a founding member of the Denmark Men's Shed in 2015, served as Treasurer during its construction, and later as President from 2021 until recently. He currently serves on the board of Men's Sheds WA.

Malcolm has been an active member of Denmark River Probus for the last seven years.



This painting is titled: Would It Hurt You To Put The Dirty Bowl In The Dishwasher?



I may look calm...

SonjaMarie73



But in my head I've slapped you 3 times.

Before the comb over, the comb forward was the way to attract the ladies



Surround yourself with people who have issues... because people who have issues always have alcohol.



Lady on a Balcony, Podonok Estate, Belarus, Zhukovsky Starostovskiy, 1876-1944.

Stop trying to please people that already dont like you.



White Rose 12/23/23

SonjaMarie73

Instead embrace the idea of being the most annoying person in their lives.

IT'S SO HARD TO STOP SWEARING. SENTENCES JUST DON'T FEEL THE SAME. THEY FEEL UNSEASONED.



"You're fine! You're fine... don't say anything to mom"



When you go to a fancy party and decide to steal their 50" HD TV



Old age is always 15 years older than I am.



Lily of the Valley





**Motley Crew**





*The Hall of Fame*





## Recipe of the month

### GLENICE'S LEMON SLICE



1 packet arrowroot biscuits (250 g), crushed  
160 g rolled oats  
30 g desiccated coconut  
2 lemons, zest only  
1 tin condensed milk 395 g  
125 g butter

Icing:

300 g icing sugar  
Juice of half lemon  
30 g butter, melted  
Fine desiccated coconut for topping (optional)

Line slice tin (20 cm x 30 cm) with baking paper and set aside. Roughly crush arrowroot biscuits until they resemble breadcrumbs and pour into bowl. Add rolled oats, coconut and lemon zest. In a small saucepan melt together butter and condensed milk until butter has just melted. Pour into bowl and mix in. Pour mix into tin and press down until evenly cover covering base.

To make lemon icing add all ingredients to bowl and mix until combined. Pour on top of base and using a spatula spread evenly over top. Pop into fridge and allow to set for a couple of hours or overnight.

Sprinkle icing with coconut (optional).

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