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NEWSLETTER No. 279 MAY 2020

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It seems ages since we have all been together, but with what Mr Andrews said on Monday morning we can start having groups of five people inside and up to ten people outside.

I think the weather would have to improve before we start having outdoor gatherings!

I do hope you are all keeping well and keeping as busy as you can. From what I hear members are doing lots of jobs they have been putting off for some time. Many members have had Birthdays during the past few months and I do hope you all had a good day.

Pam Ryan

WHERE ARE WE AT RIGHT NOW

As restrictions start to ease we hope to be able to have some activities recommence.

It might be a while before we can hold a meeting with our full complement of members, but small gatherings in member's homes should be possible very soon.

We would like some members who are able, to volunteer their home as host. The idea is that a small group (including the members of the household initially) would provide tea, coffee (and hand sanitizer) while the guests would bring a simple plate. It would be great if we could start on May 22nd which would normally be our meeting day.

Brian and Maureen Cooney are willing to offer their home in Murrumbeena to get the ball rolling.

It is imperative that we abide by the rules and keep safe, but if you are able to participate as a host please ring Maureen on 9568 0258. We will email details when we have confirmed venues and restriction rules.

If you do not use email and would like to participate as a guest, please ring and let Maureen know and she will keep you informed. Leave a message with your name, phone number and suburb if necessary.

MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP

Our new Facebook group is up and running, so if you are on Facebook please join in.

We know it's not the same as meeting face to face however it does give us the chance to have a laugh or maybe catch up on something happening around the web.

The aim of the group is to allow us to keep in touch, share pictures, thoughts and ideas, maybe even a handy hint or a recipe, the kind of chat we enjoy at the tea break and over lunch at our regular meetings.

This is a private group, so only members of the group will be able to see your posts. Once you have joined, make sure you have liked and are following the page. If you would like to join, look for **GEC PROBUS** on Facebook.

Any questions, Maureen Cooney will be happy to help or to send you an email link to join. Please ring her on 9568 0258. She cannot help you open a Facebook account but suggests you discuss that with a family member or trusted friend.

BIRTHDAYS



The following members celebrated their Birthday in **April:**

Michael Kennedy, Pat Deegan, Chris Strickland, Elizabeth Scott, Max Mathews, Mary Bourke, Tony & Barry Wayman

May Birthdays:

Brenda Mills, Fran Bader, Greg Spotkaeff, Barbara Gelfand, Audrey Roberts, Robin Wood, John Chadwick and Margaret Thompson.

We wish you all a Very Happy Birthday

EXTENDED TRIP TO MT GAMBIER & WARRNAMBOOL *Code 007*

Please note that the trip has been changed to Monday 26th October to Saturday 31st October 2020.

There are nineteen people going now, originally twenty one people booked.

The trip has been reversed due to accommodation availability and will go to Mt Gambier first.

A COUPLE OF JOKES FROM VERA

(In Ailsa's absence)

A man complains to his therapist

A man goes to a therapist and says:

“Doctor, my wife is unfaithful to me. every evening, she goes to Larry's Bar and picks up men. In fact, she sleeps with anybody who asks her!

I'm going crazy. What do you think I should do?

“Relax,” says the therapist calmly. “Take a deep breath and calm down.”

The man does as he is told and takes a few deep breaths before the therapist says: “Now tell me, where exactly is Larry's Bar?”

A man was getting his annual check-up

One day, after a man had his annual check-up, the doctor came out and said: “You had a great check-up. Is there anything that you'd like to talk about or ask me?”

“Well,” he said. “I was thinking about having a vasectomy.”

“That's a pretty big decision. Have you talked it over with your family?”

“Yeah, and they're in favour 15 to 2.”

GLEN EIRA PROBUS CLUBS 25th BIRTHDAY

As a birthday present to the club members, the Committee plans to publish 25 (maybe 50) recipes later in the year.



While you have time at home, please find common-sense, simple recipes (no Master Chefs). Maybe one that was handed down in your family or a recipe you made with the children.

Men, we know that you cook too!

When you find that “one”, put a name to it and add a few words as to why you chose it.

For example: “Barbs Burritos” is a comfort winter dish that keeps alive our memories of a close friend”.

Details on how to send us your special recipes will be in next month's newsletter.

PROBIAN NEWSPAPER

While the paper edition is not available, members can read the Probian on line with the following link.

<https://issuu.com/starnewsgroup/stacks/724bed4d81dd4d8c8e053a4c7817896e>

CLUB FINANCES As at the end of April 2020

General Account **\$5699.68**

Outings Account **\$2513.89**

Our 2019 Glen Eira Council grant has been acquitted and we have applied for a 2020-21 grant.

NEXT MEETING

Our committee continues to plan to progressively resume Probus club activities. It meets on the second Friday of the month via videoconference.

We welcome your views and suggestions – give a committee person a call.

Consistent with Government guidelines, gradually we will be able to enjoy games, morning teas in homes (see above), movies and small cafe lunches, all leading up to monthly meetings and then outings.

In the meantime, keep in touch, including via the members only Facebook page, as life starts to get back to normal.