



Ellenbrook Combined Probus Club

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President Pete's Piece

I am honoured and privileged to have been elected your President of Ellenbrook Combined Probus Club for 2020-2021

.I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the great performance of our previous leader and his team. They all played vital roles Jane and Leonie, Rhoda, Stan, Evelyn, Di, Helga, Keith, Ron, Hilton, Edna and Carol who joined the team on Stan's retirement.

Congratulations to our new Vice Presidents John Greenwood (President 1) and Hilton Linklater (President 2 plus Treasurer) and our Committee Members: Secretary Evelyn,

Outings Di, Liaison Vivien, Caring Carol, Guest Speaker Ed, Assistant Jenny, Assistant Bev, Membership Edna. Our Key position / task holders Ron (Webmaster) Keith (Safety), Rhoda (Kitchen), Sheila and Joe (Birthdays Jokes) and Trish (Financial Checker).

I do acknowledge the History of Ellenbrook Combined Probus Club – its Life Members – its new and long term members. Rhoda for her service over 11 years as guest speaking officer. I also acknowledge the support of The Pines and Swan City Council. Most importantly thank you to those that put their hand up to help run the Club

I am a compassionate leader and

promise to listen to your opinions before decisions are made. I have a few new ideas to put on the table.

I am grateful for your tremendous support and look forward to serving WITH you in order to make members lives better and OUR Club stronger.

Special Thanks to Ed and Lorraine for Morning Tea at the AGM.

Be assured that the Committee as a whole is taking steps relating to all Members caused by the CCOVID-19

Sadly all out meetings and outings have been cancelled until further notice -----Pete

Management Committee 2020—2021



Left to Right

- Peter Olney
- John Greenwood
- Diane Deppeler
- Hilton Linklater
- Edna Darge
- Evelyn Olney
- Vivien Greenwood
- Bev Clark
- Ed Reed
- Jenny Ward
- Carol Toop (apology)
- Ron Chambers (apology)

From the Management Committee

The new Committee got straight to work some of the matter on the table included:-

- ◇ Carona Virus— the need to as a Club to prepare for disruption, including Meeting Venues.
- ◇ Update of the Standing Resolutions
- ◇ Update of various Forms
- ◇ Change of Bank to Bendigo Bank (see Treasurers report)
- ◇ Membership—Review of the process for handling membership matters
- ◇ Our neighbouring clubs (see below)

North East Metro Clubs

On 25th February a meeting was held at Mundaring organised by our Club

Those present were York ,Yanchep—Two Rocks, Toodyay, Swan View, Mundaring, Kalamunda Combined, Kalamunda Ladies and Ellenbrook. Northam sent an apology.

The aim was to achieve greater co-operation and involvement of Clubs within the region.

All clubs presented the aim with enthusiasm with the following listed difficulties:-

- ◆ A New member recruitment due to the number of organisations in their respective areas offering similar objectives.
- ◆ B a reluctance of membership to involve themselves in general and committee portfolios
- ◆ C Managing the increased cost of outings and excursion with transport being the major contributor.

General Discussion

- ◆ It was agreed to circulate Guest speaker names and subjects and outing data throughout the region and advising of upcoming events and other Club members to join them to boost numbers where necessary
- ◆ The opportunity to investigate local media releases listing all clubs and contact details (a PSPL release as a guideline was mentioned.
- ◆ Active Retirees—the general opinion was expressed that this publication was centred on Clubs in the east. The Travel opportunities had limited information pertinent to WA members. Many members found little interest in the Magazine. In come cases those subscriptions being absorbed by the Clubs.
- ◆ Probus West—this a more localised publication was widely read and members were encouraged to contribute articles

It was considered that further meetings be held next on 18th September hosted by Swan View Club

COVID—19

Social Distancing

- ◇ Coronavirus is most likely to spread from person to person when we come into close contact with one another.
- ◇ We can all help stop the spread by keeping our distance.
- ◇ This means do not shake hands, or exchange physical greetings, and wherever possible, stay at least 1.5 metres away from others.
- ◇ It's also really important to practise good hygiene, especially after being in public places.

Together we can help stop the spread and stay healthy.

Older Australians

- ◇ For most people, coronavirus is a mild disease with a quick recovery.
- ◇ But for older Australians, it can be more serious.
- ◇ To help protect those most at risk, new restrictions limiting access to aged care facilities are now in place.
- ◇ This will help reduce the risks for residents and those that care for them.
- ◇ It's also important to check up on the older people in our communities and make sure they're okay.

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Help stop the spread

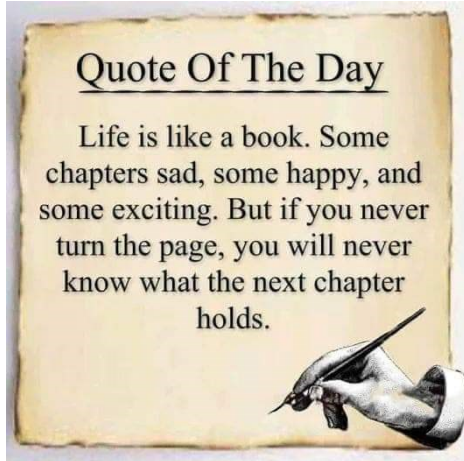
- ◇ Viruses spread when you cough and sneeze and the tiny droplets land on surfaces others might touch.
- ◇ You can help reduce the risk
- ◇ by coughing or sneezing into your arm or a tissue.
- ◇ Bin the tissue.
- ◇ Wash your hands with soap and water, and if you're sick, seek medical advice.

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Stop Press

Regretfully our meetings have been suspended

The lighter side



It was a quiet Monday morning in September 2053, when John awoke with a need to go to the bathroom. To John this wasn't just any ordinary day! This was the day he would open the last package of toilet paper his parents bought in the year 2020.

I love our panicked country
A land of empty shelves
Where everyone is hunting
For toilet paper elves

The Pasta aisle is empty
The Oats and wheat Bix gone
What has happened to this country?
When knives come out... forlorn...

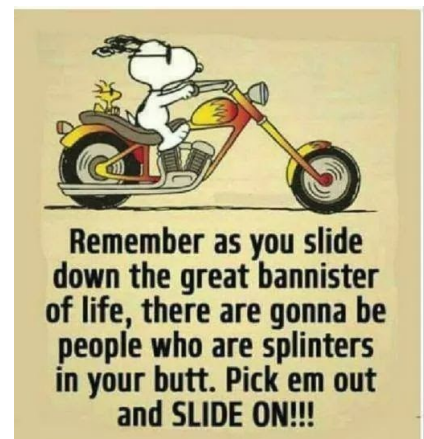
We are the lucky country
Or so they used to say,
But when Aussie takes on Aussie
Over dunny paper, who will pay?

The Virus has us running
For Hand sanitiser and masks
But what about the Aussie way
Looking out for each other I ask?

Bring back my Aussie Homeland
Where when in fire or in flood
We stand by one another
We fight hand and hand in mud

Stop heading to the shops
And buying everything in sight
Remember you're an Aussie
And keep your community tight

Check on all your neighbours
Hand out the toilet rolls
Put some snags out on the barby
And block out the panic trolls.



After the AGM—at Fusion 6th March



The ECPC Web Page / Webmaster Ron

Update on Web Page see <http://ellenbrookprobus.org.au/>

Peter reported that he was waiting Ron to return (hope Ron and Gill can get back off cruise) so further work can proceed on our page.

Coffee—at Coffee Hut Feb



CAUTION
**IF YOU HEARD
20 MINUTES OF
MOANING FROM
MY BEDROOM,
THAT WAS JUST
ME TRYING TO
STAND UP.**



**I am convinced
that the hardest
language to
speak for some, is
the "truth".**

Guest Speakers Ed

APR: Angela Bowman - Australian Wildlife conservancy

Cancelled

MAY: Michelle Grant - Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Membership Edna

Review of Membership Process

The Committee discussed the recording of member attendances, Hilton has prepared a new spreadsheet that will list – attendees, apologies and absent. This will also assist Caring Officer Carol to see whether any follow up is required from those absent that may reveal members unwell. .

Caring Carol

Change name as per existing Standing Resolutions to “Caring Officer”

There as consensus in the Committee that this should be adopted immediately .

Carol is anxious to hear from anybody about any unwell or need comfort.

Treasurer Hilton

Bendigo Bank

Treasurer advised that 2 accounts will be established -

Main account and a debit card account. 5 signatories will be required.

The debit card will be available for use for direct card payments for outings and general payments to facilitate direct transfers to avoid cash / cheques.

Bank Balances

Bank balance is \$5078.59

Liaison Vivien

Current situation is that Joondalup Club has been invited to our April Meeting

Invitations have been sent to Morley ladies to attend out May meeting.

Cancelled

WHERE DID THAT PHRASE COME FROM

HAT TRICK This comes from cricket. Once a bowler who took three wickets in successive deliveries was given a new hat by his club.

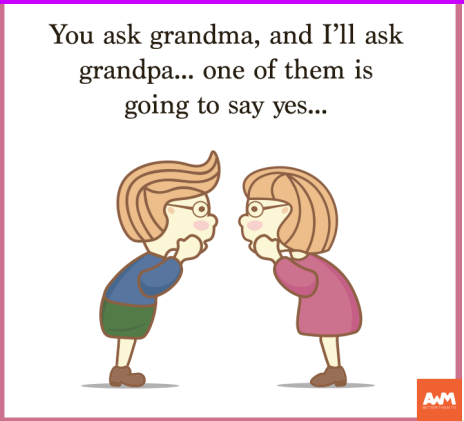
Outings Diane

Thanks goes to Diane for her preparation of a listing of outings / events, coffee mornings for the remainder of 2020.

Regretfully Outings Cancelled

I MAY LOOK LIKE I'M HAVING DEEP THOUGHTS BUT 99% OF THE TIME I'M THINKING ABOUT WHAT I'M GOING TO EAT LATER

In 1974 "The Streak" by Ray Stevens was #1. Did any of you streak or see a streaker in the 1970s?



THE OLDER YOU GET THE MORE YOU APPRECIATE BEING AT HOME DOING ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.



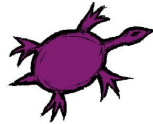
You drop something when you were younger, you just pick it up.
When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for a bit contemplating if you actually need it anymore.

Photographic Competition

- ◇ Get your SUMMER Entries IN!!!
- ◇ Please upload your images to email: photoellenprobus@gmail.com
- ◇ Great prizes
 - ⇒ FirstCamera from Camera House
 - ⇒ Second.... is Lunch for 2 and Edgecombe Brothers in the Swan Valley
 - ⇒ Thirdis a selection of books from Dymocks



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A STUNNING SENIOR MOMENT



*A self-important college freshman walking along the beach took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen resting on the steps why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation. "You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one" the student said loud enough for others to hear. "The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. We have nuclear energy, ships and cell phones, computers with light speed....and many more." After a brief silence, the senior citizen responded as follows. "You're right son. We didn't have those things when we were young....so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little sh*t what are you doing for the next generation? The applause was amazing!*