

KIAMA DOWNS Men's Probus Club Inc.

Founded in 1986



Newsletter May 2021

Our next General Meeting is on Thursday 6th May at 11am at the James Oates Reserve.

If you cannot make the meetings, please advise the Secretary

Gentlemen,

Greetings Gentlemen. The year is slipping by, Easter has passed, ANZAC day has passed and now May is all about Mother's Day. It was good to again take part in the ANZAC Day march and Commemoration Service this year. There is a photo of myself marching alongside Cr Mark Way in the Bugle on line. I don't know if it will be published in hard copy.



The weather for next Thursday is looking a bit doubtful and this may change. Remember if the weather is not good, rather than postponing for a fine day, we will convene at the hall at the new time of 10am, otherwise in the park at 11am. This keeps all our meeting on the first Thursday of each month.

We are hoping this year to have some external activities and there are a couple in the planning stage. Keep your ears and eyes open for information in newsletters and meetings.

It has been agreed that for our members segment at our general meetings that we call on all members to participate with a story, personal or otherwise, for five to ten minutes. It was thought that the longer serving members should start the ball rolling. Thanks to Ron Hills for kicking it off at our last meeting. This helps to get everyone involved and I'm sure that some interesting tales will emerge.

I look forward to some fun times ahead as long as we stay safe and well, I'm sure it will be a better year than 2020.

Mervyn Clifton, President

If you have not paid your annual subscription yet, please do so as soon as possible.

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Name of the Club is not essential

Barry Spooner, Treasurer

Treasurer's report for April 2021

Opening Balance		\$	757.31
Plus			
Annual Subs	\$	150.00	
Door	\$	60.00	\$ 210.00
Total		\$	967.31
Less			
Morning Tea		\$	18.50
Closing Balance		\$	948.81

Barry Spooner



Speakers Proposal

Enjoying the company of fellow members-

The President's address, above, talks about asking members to give a short address maybe their life story or some other story starting with those with the longest stories, that is the longest serving club members for example . . . (to the nearest year)

Les Davey 30 years in June 2021

Ron Hadden 29 years

Geoff Orgill 27 years

Arch Walker 27 years

Ron Hills 25 years

Roy Barwick 23 years

John Brandreth 23 years

Ray King 18 years

Bob Hargreaves 18 years

Mal Bracken 17 years

Barry Spooner 11 years

Please advise any doubts or queries

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES in May 2021

The Club sends its very best wishes to these members for lots of happiness on their birthdays and anniversaries

Partner's birthdays

12th May Geoff Orgill

13TH May Jean Carus

Anniversaries

3rd May Mal and Thelma Bracken

8th May Peter and Norma Allman

The more birthdays you have -the longer you live.

Roo Theatre

A Midsummer Night's Dream runs from April 30 - May 9 with 7:30pm & 2:00pm sessions available. Check dates for show times.

Details and bookings by individual members.



Croquet on Monday 31 May.

At the April general meeting there were six starters for the green lawns of "Royal Jamberoo" namely John Porter, Brian Divers, Barry Spooner, Ron Hills, Roy Barwick, Mervyn Clifton hopefully with partners. However please let Ron know if you would like to play. Cost is \$10 per person. Tea and Coffee is provided - BYO snacks. Lunch can be had at the adjacent Jamberoo Golf Club.



Historic Port Kembla



Thursday 17th June - Port Kembla History tour - The Club has the opportunity to take this tour addressing the history of Port Kembla. It is a 2 hour tour by coach with opportunities to de-coach at particular points. The cost is \$20 per person (concession) and partners are welcome, as ever !

Arrangements are that we meet at the Visitors Centre at 9.30am for a tour start at 10am. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits available before the start.

The tour is predominantly a coach tour. The above mud map gives you some idea of the layout. It will focus on points relevant to the history of Port Kembla with the Heritage Park, Hill 60 and the Township and offers you an opportunity to travel back in time and discover the history, heritage, and cultures of a true coastal treasure of Port Kembla. Hear stories of our First Peoples – the traditional owners of the land, Captain Cook, Bass & Flinders, industrial change, wartime defences and cultural diversity and see sites rich in local indigenous, wartime and industrial history. Also we may hear from our own members knowledge. Please advise Howard if you have a personal experience about Port Kembla.

After the tour, on the way back south, we can stop for lunch at Sporties - the Warilla Sports Club - at 54 McGregor Avenue Barrack Heights.

GOLF



April proved to be an exceptional month weatherwise for the noble game of golf. Clear sunny days with little wind and not too warm. You would expect some good scores but may have been disappointed on occasions.

Our first event in April saw wiley Ron Hills notch up his second win with a handsome 38 points. Once again David B missed his chance but can be forgiven as he was in Canberra at the time. Our next outing was on 20 April where David B broke through for his maiden win with 37 points trampling the rest of the opposition. Our final outing saw David B almost win consecutive competitions but missed out by a single point to David S (33,) winning his first event since January. Ron Hills is the player of the month and takes the monthly medal.

Amongst the flurry of activities at our last Probus meeting and off to one side three gentlemen gathered for the quarterly draw to see who would win the inaugural voucher. I loaded up my random number generator and delegated life member Ron Hills to press the button. Nearby John Porter held the list of entries. Number 11 came up and we looked expectantly at John. He had a wry grin on his face. "I was going to say my name irrespective of what came up he confessed but number 11 is actually me!" Lucky on the golf course and at raffles!

Tales from the Golf course...."Several days ago I read where someone had done a calculation on sea level rise if all the world's population entered the oceans at the same time. This person calculated the displacement if roughly 7 billion people entered the water up to the waist and came to the conclusion the ocean would rise by 0.012 inches. OK I thought that might be the most useless piece of info this week until I read that if we collected all the dog faeces in Australia for one month it would weigh about the same as the Sydney Harbour Bridge! Dog poop wins the prize"... David S..

So, now we know, this is the sort of thing they talk about while chasing the little white ball...

David Shield, from the Bunker

Points for trying this week go to the phone scammer from "Windows". Best practice is to let these go to the answering machine but I sometimes get a minute of phone hang up screech recorded on my answering machine, so I answered this one.

Hello, I am from Windows legal department. Hmmn. Haven't heard from Windows in a while. Yes, you have a problem with your windows computer. To short circuit without offending I told my caller I didn't have a "Windows" computer but had a Chromebook. What's that? A Chromebook. Do you have Macbook? No, a Chromebook. What's that. I said like a phone - Google and android. Ahh. Thank you sir, good bye.

That was on Friday around 7.00pm. On the Saturday just after midday I got another call that I answered. Hello, I am calling from Chromebook technical services. I nearly laughed out loud. Same dude, must have looked it up on the internet, found there was such a thing as a Chromebook and thought he would have another go as a representative of Chromebook! He offered to help me with some dangerous files but I said I would prefer to take it to Roy, my computer expert. I thanked him for alerting me to the danger and concluded the call.

Keep that brain working; try to figure this one out... What do these seven words all have in common?

Banana

Dresser

Grammar

Potato

Revive

Uneven

Assess

No, it is not that they all have at least 2 double letters...

Answers are on the last page of *Graffiti Wall*

Thanks to the Probus Club of Aurora, Ontario, Canada

Wakey Wakey

- 1 Johnny's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May. What was the third child's name?
- 2 There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers. What does he weigh?
- 3 Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
- 4 How much dirt is there in a hole... that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
- 5 What word in the English Language... is always spelled incorrectly?
- 6 Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in winter. How is this possible?
- 7 In Queensland, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
- 8 What was the Prime Ministers name...in 1975?
- 9 If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
10. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?
11. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field, how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in a third field

1. Answer: Johnny

2. Answer: Meat.

3. Answer: Mt. Everest; it just wasn't discovered yet. [You're not very good at this are you?]

4. Answer: There is no dirt in a hole.

5. Answer: Incorrectly

6. Answer: Billy lives in the northern Hemisphere.

7. Answer: You can't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.

8. Answer: Same as is it now - Scott Morrison!

9. Answer: You would be in 2nd. Well, you passed the person in second place, not first.

10. Answer: Neither, the yolk of the egg is yellow [Duh]

11. Answer: One. If he combines all of his haystacks, they all become one big one.

Ten (10) Things I know about you.

- 1) You are reading this.
- 2) You are human.
- 3) You can't say the letter 'P' without separating your lips.
- 4) You just attempted to do it.
- 6) You are laughing at yourself.
- 7) You have a smile on your face and you skipped No 5.
- 8) You just checked to see if there is a No. 5.

In South Africa a Department of Tourism clean-up crew recently found over 200 dead crows off and along N2 near Cape Town and there was concern that they may have died from some sort of Avian Flu.

A Pathologist examined the remains of all the crows, and, to everyone's relief, confirmed the problem was NOT Avian related. The cause of death in fact appeared to be from vehicular impacts. However, during analysis it was noted that varying colours of paint appeared on the bird's beaks and claws. By analysing these paint residues it was found that 98% of the crows had been killed by impact with motorbikes, while only 2% were killed by cars. The Department of Safety then hired an Ornithological Behaviourist to determine if there was a cause for the disproportionate percentages of motorbike kills versus car kills.

The Ornithological Behaviourist quickly concluded that when crows eat road kill, they always have a look-out crow to warn of danger. They discovered that while all the lookout crows could shout "Cah", not a single one could shout "bike."



Back in 2013, about three million migrating short-tailed shearwater birds died along the east coast of Australia. This was a tragic event, and it's only now that scientists have established what caused it. Researchers found the seabirds had been eating a lot of non-food materials, including floating pumice stone from an underwater volcanic eruption, and plastics. They starved because they couldn't access enough prey to complete their journey along their 8,000 km path. Seabirds are widely considered to be indicators of the health of a marine ecosystem.

How we really won the war - or British Bread Pudding. Or, Doesn't everybody have recipes from Granny or Auntie Mable ? So, here is the recipe for Bread Pudding from my mother, Elsie Massey. I have her original handwritten copy but fear you would not be able to read it, let alone cook it.

Bread Pudding

Ingredients

Bread - old or new, white or brown - half in quantity of required size of finished pudding.

Mixed fruit, cut peel, glace cherries, sultanas, currents, raisins. Any of these that you have in any mixture. Quantity same as bread.

Plain flour - about half a cup.

Suet - 4oz for any size pudding.

Mixed spice - one tablespoon.

Sugar - one tablespoon.

Method

Put the bread in a big mixing bowl and cover with water. Let it soak for 15 minutes. Squeeze out the excess water. Mix is dead soggy.

Add all the other ingredients and mix thoroughly - then mix it some more.

Leave the mixture to stand for at least half an hour. The fruit is soaking up some of the moisture.

Grease a baking tin with margarine. Drop the mixture in and spread evenly. Sprinkle with sugar if desired.

Put it in a medium oven for about an hour, then hotter for 15 minutes to brown. If it tends to burn on top cover with foil. Cooking is very forgiving. Trial and error is needed. It will always be edible.



THE RECEIPE IS VERY FORGIVING - DOES NOT NEED THE USE OF SCALES, MEASURES OR TIGHT CONTROL OF OVEN TEMPERATURE AND TIME

Howard Massey 21 March 1992

GRAFFITI WALL

Did you know that research shows that those who drive smaller vehicles and get better deals on insurance premiums spend around \$3413 on average a year on car related costs, while those with vehicles such as SUVs, spend more than twice that – \$7963 per year on average?

If a man goes into a forest and speaks but no women hears him, is he still wrong ?

Keep that brain working answers

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Answers- In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.



An elderly gentleman went to the local drug store and asked the pharmacist for viagra.

The pharmacist said, "That's no problem. How many do you want?"

The man answered, "Maybe four, but cut each one into quarters."

The pharmacist said, "That won't do you any good."

The elderly gentleman said, "That's ok, I don't need them for sex anymore as I'm over 80 years old."

I just want it to stick out far enough so I don't pee on my shoes."



Current Officers and helpers 2020/ 2021

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 Events Co-ordinator- Ron Hills
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 Attendance - John Porter & Roy Barwick
 Auditor- David Bourke
 Welfare -Brian Divers
 Speakers - John Nash
 Historian -Archie Walker
 Newsletter - Howard Massey

IMPOSSIBILITIES IN THE WORLD

- 1) You can't count your hair.
- 2) You can't wash your eyes with soap.
- 3) You can't breathe through your nose when your tongue is out.

Put your tongue back in your mouth, you silly person.

