

THE AUSTRAL ADVOCATE – JULY 2020

PROBUS CLUB OF AUSTRAL ©



Austral Bowling Club, Corner of Edmonson Avenue & Eighth Avenue, Austral 2179

CORONA VIRUS – COVID 19

Austral Probus Committee is monitoring Government and Health Department policy and directives on a day-to-day basis and will advise you on decisions taken regarding upcoming meetings and outings if and when the current situation changes.

WELCOME TO THE AUSTRAL ADVOCATE

With the easing of COVID restrictions, we will be resuming our meetings and activities again. We hope we will see you all at the Austral Bowling Club at 10:30 on August 14 for a catch up.

2020 fees are now due and the reduced fees of \$42 need to be paid either at our picnic or the next meeting when refunds will be given to those who have already paid their \$55.

Third Tuesday of the month we will meet for a morning tea at "Sweet and Savoury" opposite the Austral shops. Hope to see you there for the next one on 18th of August.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION....if you have been in contact with anyone with Covid19 please inform a committee member.

<http://australprobus.org/>

Don't forget to visit our website to stay up to date with all the happenings of the club!

Austral Probus is planning on holding a sausage sizzle on Thursday, 23rd July at The Dairy, Western Sydney Parklands. More details are on page 3. If it is raining on the day, it will be held on July 30. BYO drinks. Everything else will be catered for. Hope to see you there!

BIRTHDAYS



June 9 Leonie Cassells
June 11 Marjatta Perala
June 12 Colin Backhouse
June 12 Christine Kiss



June 13 Maureen Hill
June 17 Ada Quean
June 28 Penny Visintin



July 1 Joy Douglas
July 2 Maria Camejo
July 7 Raul Camejo
July 14 Tim Coombs
July 15 Lydia Stone
July 17 Gail Backhouse



Austral Probus is now 68 members strong! Let your friends know they are welcome to join too!

We would like to thank the **Austral Bowling Club** along with **The Porterhouse Bistro** for their ongoing support. Thank you!

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JULY

Dear Fellow Members,

I must say that we certainly have had a long break over the last three months, even though we had no say in it.

Your Committee had a resumption meeting last month at Austral Bowling Club which is again open, albeit with number restrictions.

During the lockdown we have unfortunately had two resignations from the Committee. The Treasurer, June Wesson was not prepared to continue and The Activities Officer, Mary Lyons has had to withdraw due to ongoing illness.

As a consequence, a re-shuffle of positions within the committee has been temporarily agreed to:

- Treasurer - Ken James
- Membership and Welfare Officer - Raul Comejo, our Vice President, will cover this position
- Activities Officer- Gary Amesbury

These positions will need to be filled and approved by you at our first meeting back.

Speaking of our first meeting back the committee is looking at the second week in August which will be confirmed when the authorities allow numbers to be increased at Club venues. Secretary, Beverly spoke to Austral Bowling Club and they are keen to see us resume our meetings. As the regulations are constantly changing, we are all hopeful August will be ok.

In the meantime, to start the 'ball rolling', we have decided to have another picnic, this time at: Western Sydney Parklands 'The Dairy' at corner of Restwell Rd and Cowpasture Rd, Wetherill Park on Thursday 23rd July. This is a quiet, idyllic location overlooking pastures with plenty of seating for separation, plenty of parking, plus four BBQs (see attached photos). Full details and request for RSVP will be sent to you shortly.

Beverly and Christine, our Newsletter editor, will be keeping in touch with you through regular emails and the newsletter.

Finally, I would like to thank Mary Lyons for her great work in organising your activities over the last year and a half. She has filled the position with great enthusiasm and energy and we will miss her contribution to the Austral Probus club. Thank you, Mary and all our best wishes.

Stay safe.
Regards
Mike McGraw
President



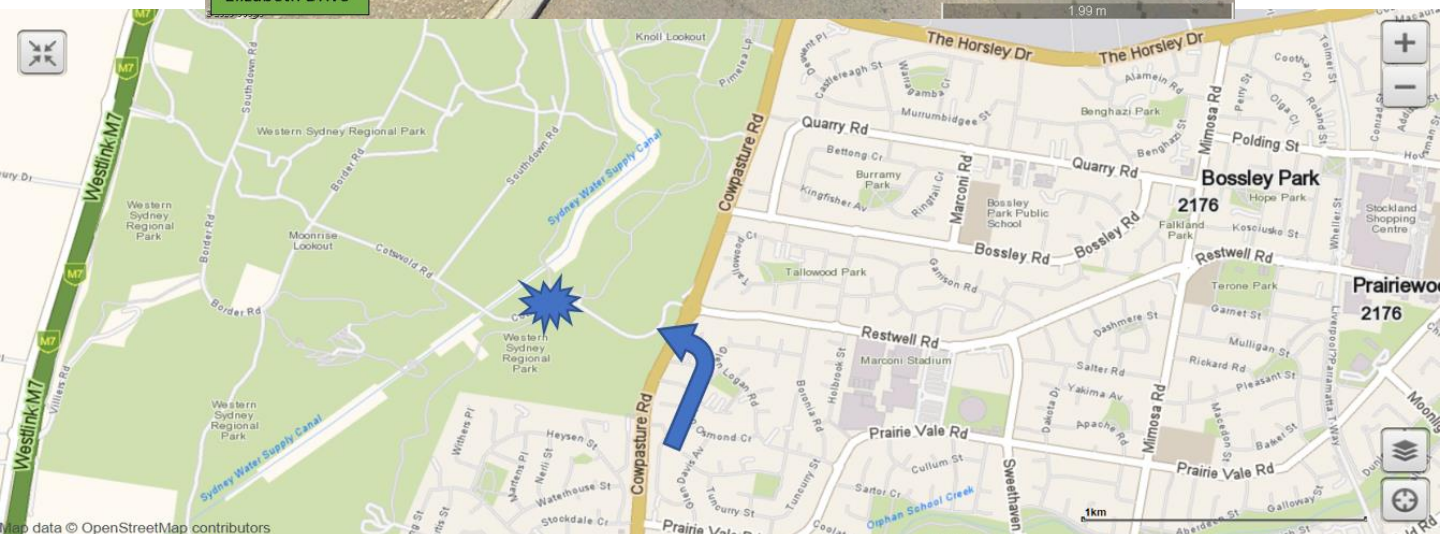
SAUSAGE SIZZLE

You may recall that we talked about an outing in July which has had to be cancelled. In place of that, the committee hopes to hold a BBQ/Sausage Sizzle on Thursday, 23rd July at The Dairy, Western Sydney Parklands, see below (entrance on the roundabout at Cowpasture Road and Restwell Road).

Austral Probus will supply rolls, sausages and salads as previously. BYO drinks and chairs for distance seating if you wish.

Confirmation of this outing together with directions and a map into the Park will be forwarded as soon as Government limits for July are announced.

If it is raining on our July 23rd picnic will be held on July 30. A reminder to bring your own drinks. Everything else will be catered for. We will also hold our usual raffle.



CHURCHILL QUOTES

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

"If you're going through hell, keep going."

"You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."

"To improve is to change, so to be perfect is to have changed often."

"I never 'worry' about action, but only about inaction."

"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."

"You will never get to the end of the journey if you stop to shy a stone at every dog that barks."

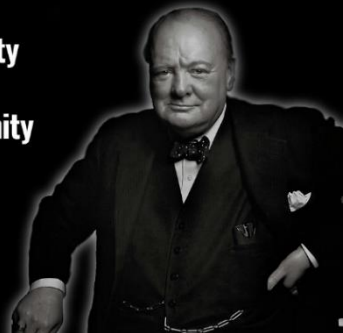
"Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never—in nothing, great or small, large or petty—never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense."

"One always measures friendships by how they show up in bad weather."

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

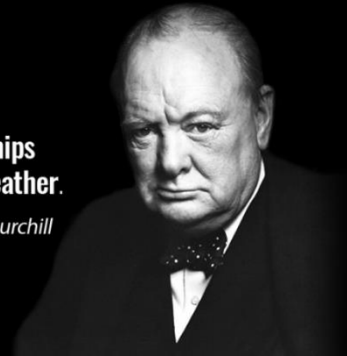
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in every difficulty.

- Winston Churchill



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"For myself I am an optimist — it does not seem to be much use being anything else."

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down & listen."

"The empires of the future are the empires of the mind."

"To be really happy and really safe, one ought to have at least two or three hobbies, and they must all be real."

"Nourish your hopes, but do not overlook realities."

"You must look at facts, because they look at you."

"It is better to be making the news than taking it; to be an actor rather than a critic."

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

"I have in my life concentrated more on self-expression than self-denial."

"You never can tell whether bad luck may not after all turn out to be good luck."

"The true guide of life is to do what is right."

"Things are not always right because they are hard, but if they are right one must not mind if they are also hard."

"I like things to happen, and if they don't happen I like to make them happen."

"You must put your head into the lion's mouth if the performance is to be a success."

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to **stand up and speak**.
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PANDEMIC POEM FROM NZ

I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates.
You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.
They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.
We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s -
If you only knew the truth!
There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.
Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then nana,
Who on earth did we become?
We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full

But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull!
So here you find me stuck inside
For 4 weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!
It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no bloody flour!
Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.
At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!
So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this bloody virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.
We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!



MEMBERSHIP FEES

2020 fees are now due and the reduced fees of \$42 need to be paid either at our picnic or the next meeting when refunds will be given to those who have already paid their \$55. Please use the following bank details for payments to:

Events

BSB: 062-709 (Commonwealth Bank)
Account No: 10269041

Memberships

BSB: 062-709 (Commonwealth Bank)
Account No: 10256339
Reference: Your last name.

Please email the treasurer Ken James, to confirm your deposit on australtreasurer@gmail.com

CORONA BEER CHANGES THEIR NAME TO AVOID ASSOCIATION WITH THE CORONA VIRUS OUTBREAK



THE MAN WHO GAVE UP SEX FOR GOLF...AND...EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING...

A golfer is in a competitive match with a friend, who is ahead by a couple of strokes.

"Boy, I'd give anything to sink this putt", the golfer mumbles to himself.

Just then, some stranger walks up beside him and whispers, "Would you be willing to give up a quarter of your sex life to sink the putt?"

Thinking the man is crazy and his answer will be meaningless, the golfer also feels that maybe this is a good omen, so he says, "Sounds good to me," and promptly sinks the putt!

Two holes later, he mumbles to himself again, "Gosh, I wish I could get an eagle on this one."

The same stranger is suddenly at his side again and whispers, "Would it be worth giving up another quarter of your sex life to make an eagle?"

Shrugging, the golfer replies, "Okay." And, amazingly, he makes the eagle.

On the final hole, the golfer needs another eagle to win. Without waiting for him to say anything, the stranger quickly moves to his side and says, "Could winning this match be worth giving up the rest of your sex life?"

"Definitely," the golfer replies, and sure enough he makes the eagle and wins the match.

As the golfer is walking to the club house, the stranger walks along beside him and says, "I haven't really been fair with you because you don't know who I am. I'm Satan, and from this day forward you really will have no sex life at all."

"Nice to meet you," the golfer replies. "I'm Father O'Malley."

THE ALPHABET WIFE

After being married for thirty years, a wife asked her husband how he would describe her.

He looked at her for a while, then said,

"You're a perfect alphabet wife A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K."

She asks ... "What the hell does that mean?"

He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, and Hot".

She smiled happily and said

"Oh, that's so beautiful, but what about I, J, K?"

He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"

The swelling in his eye is going down and the doctor is fairly optimistic about saving his testicles.

WHAT AN INTERESTING TURN OF EVENTS IN PAHRUMP, NEVADA:

Diamond D's brothel began construction on an expansion of their building to increase their ever-growing business. In response, the local Baptist Church started a campaign to block the business from expanding -- with morning, afternoon, and evening prayer sessions at their church

Work on Diamond D's progressed right up until the week before the grand re-opening when lightning struck the whorehouse and burned it to the ground!

After the brothel burned to the ground by the lightning strike, the church folks were rather smug in their outlook, bragging about "the power of prayer."

But late last week 'Big Jugs' Jill Diamond, the owner/madam, sued the church, the preacher and the entire congregation on the grounds that the church....."was ultimately responsible for the demise of her building and her business -- either through direct or indirect divine actions or means."

In its reply to the court, the church vehemently and vociferously denied any and all responsibility or any connection to the building's demise.

The crusty old judge read through the plaintiff's complaint and the defendant's reply, and at the opening hearing he commented, "I don't know how the hell I'm going to decide this case, but it appears from the paperwork, that we now have a whorehouse owner who staunchly believes in the power of prayer.... and an entire church congregation that thinks it's all bullshit."

Back in my day the only time we started panic buying was when the bartender yelled "last call" 😂



You never appreciate what you have till it's gone. Toilet paper is a good example.

When I was a kid, my parents would always say, "Excuse my French" just after a swear word... I'll never forget my first day at school when my teacher asked if any of us knew any French

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.

WHEN YOU'RE DEAD, YOU DON'T KNOW YOU'RE DEAD. THE PAIN IS ONLY FELT BY OTHERS.

THE SAME THING HAPPENS WHEN YOU'RE STUPID.

GATES OF HEAVEN

A woman arrived at the Gates of Heaven.

While she was waiting for Saint Peter to greet her, she peeked through the gates.

She saw a beautiful banquet table. Sitting all around were her parents and all the other people she had loved and who had died before her. They saw her and began calling greetings to her "Hello - How are you! We've been waiting for you! Good to see you."

When Saint Peter came by, the woman said to him, "This is such a wonderful place! How do I get in?"

"You only have to spell a word," Saint Peter told her.

"Which word?" the woman asked.

"Love."

The woman correctly spelled "Love" and Saint Peter welcomed her into Heaven.

About a year later, Saint Peter came to the woman and asked her to watch the Gates of Heaven for him that day.

While the woman was guarding the Gates of Heaven, her husband arrived. "I'm surprised to see you," the woman said. "How have you been?"

"Oh, I've been doing pretty well since you died," her husband told her. "I married the beautiful young nurse who took care of you while you were ill. And then I won the multi-state lottery. I sold the little house you and I lived in and bought a huge mansion. And my wife and I travelled all around the world.

We were on vacation in Cancun and I went water skiing today. I fell and hit my head, and here I am. What a bummer! How do I get in?"

"You only have to spell a word," the woman told him.

"Which word?" her husband asked.

"Czechoslovakia."

Our wireless doorbells
sitting on their chargers....



I think senility is going to be a fairly smooth transition for me.

The best part about getting older is...

Nothing.

Getting older sucks.

The brain is the most outstanding organ. It works for 24 hours, 365 days, right from your birth until you fall in love.

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.



WHEN I GROW UP I'D LIKE TO BE A RETIRED LOTTERY WINNER.

IF YOUR EYES HURT AFTER YOU DRINK COFFEE,



YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE SPOON OUT OF THE CUP.

I finally did it!

Bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles. No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen.

“I find, these days, that most of my conversations start out with: Did I tell you this already? or What was I going to say?”



GOLF



THE ADULT VERSION OF AN EASTER EGG HUNT

I DON'T CALL IT GETTING OLD



I CALL IT OUTLIVING THE WARRANTY

IMAGINE YOU WERE BORN IN 1900

When you're 14, World War I begins and ends when you're 18 with 22 million dead.

Soon after a global pandemic, the Spanish Flu, appears, killing 50 million people. And you're alive and 20 years old.

When you're 29 you survive the global economic crisis that started with the collapse of the New York Stock Exchange, causing inflation, unemployment and famine.

When you're 33 years old the nazis come to power.

When you're 39, World War II begins and ends when you're 45 years old with a 60 million dead. In the Holocaust 6 million Jews die.

When you're 52, the Korean War begins.

When you're 64, the Vietnam War begins and ends when you're 75.

A child born in 1985 thinks his grandparents have no idea how difficult life is, but they have survived several wars and catastrophes.

Today we have all the comforts in a new world, amid a new pandemic. But we complain because we need to wear masks. We complain because we must stay confined to our homes where we have food, electricity, running water, wifi, even Netflix! None of that existed back in the day. But humanity survived those circumstances and never lost their joy of living.

A small change in our perspective can generate miracles. We should be thankful that we are alive. We should do everything we need to do to protect and help each other.



If ever genius was displayed in graphic design.
This is it.

