

THE AUSTRAL ADVOCATE – NOV 2020

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

CORONA VIRUS – COVID 19

Austral Probud 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

The Christmas Lunch this year is at the Austral Bowling Club and will be catered by Porterhouse Bistro. The decision to stay in-house is because we need to support our sponsors in this COVID 19 year. You will need to register for the Christmas lunch at this meeting if you have not already done so. The committee has also decided to fund the Christmas lunch (you will only be responsible for your drinks).

Please remember, you must sign in to Austral Bowling Club on arrival. You must have your name checked off the list at the meeting room door. Social distancing is still mandatory. If you want to wear a mask then please do so. You may not walk around chatting. If you wish to speak to one another you must sit at a table. Gloves are provided if you would like to look at the book swap.

Book Club. We've all done more reading than usual so bring your reading surplus and swap it for something different

<http://australprobus.org/>

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

In lieu of Kris Kringle, we ask that you make a donation of \$10.00 pp to Big Yellow Umbrella. This will be collected at the November meeting allowing the charity to purchase the appropriate gifts for the families they support.

BIRTHDAYS

November 1 - Brigid Heess
 November 14 - Ken James
 November 16 - Gillian Schultz
 November 20 - Lillian Depena
 December 11 - Erroll Schultz
 December 15 - Barbara Herringe
 December 15 - Faye Rutlege
 December 31 - Peter Heess



Austral Probud is now 60 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 - SEPTEMBER

Greetings fellow members,

On the 9th October 2020 we were able to conduct our second post Covid General Meeting.

Right at the conclusion of the meeting we had two inspectors from the Gambling and Liquor Licencing Dept. of the State Government. Unfortunately, they ruled that the 38 members gathered in the auditorium (which has been configured to seat 44 persons according to Government regulations) were breaking the Covid seating restrictions as they were not all from 'the same families'.



As a result, Austral Bowling Club was forced to advise us that we are not allowed to conduct any meetings until further notice. Karen the Manager was most apologetic and said that inconsistencies were becoming evident in different Covid team rulings.

Following this disappointment, we were successful in holding our Inaugural Probuss Day BBQ at The Dairy at Western Sydney Parklands with 35 members thoroughly enjoying the day, without the 'fun police' interjecting. See photos in the photo gallery.

Many thanks to our Secretary, Beverly, Gary our Activities Officer, Marilyn for their organisation of this successful day and Gary's drone for the aerial shots.

A suggestion was made and unanimously carried, that until Austral Bowling Club can allow us to have our meetings at their club, we may conduct them at 'the Dairy' in the open, BYO. Details to be confirmed and subject to weather.



Stay safe and keep active.

Regards

Mike McGraw



INAUGURAL PROBUS DAY CELEBRATION

On Tuesday, 13th October the sun was shining, the air was warm with a light breeze blowing, the view over the rolling hills was restful and best of all there were 35 smiling Austral Probus members.

This BBQ was originally planned for early in 2020 and postponed due to the lockdown. When PSPL advised us that the 1st October was to be the Inaugural Probus Day the committee thought what better way to celebrate than to go ahead with our Free BBQ for our members.

The Dairy at Western Sydney Parklands proved to be a good venue. It wasn't too far from anyone's home; there was plenty of parking and just a short walk to the site. We had the area all to ourselves. There was plenty of seating, to social distance, and we placed signs about to remind us. Gary and Michael manned the BBQs with lunch being overseen by committee members wearing masks and gloves (you can't be too careful!).

I heard someone commenting that the food looked delicious. After our rolls, sausages, onions and three salad choice it was time for three different home-made cakes. To top it off even those who were trying to be "good" and not eat too much couldn't resist the piece de resistance – Vanilla Drumstick Ice-creams. Then there were groans of "I shouldn't have had the cake and the ice-cream".

We were going to play games but we didn't end up having the time. I believe everyone was just so pleased to attend an activity where we could relax and chat and enjoy one another's company that it didn't matter. As we sat about after all of that food, we heard a hum overhead. To everyone's delight Gary had brought his drone. He took photos which can be viewed on the website and in this newsletter.

Our club is very fortunate to have such a dedicated committee, all of whom chipped in to make it a successful day. These events don't just happen, every small item needs to be remembered and then transported to the site.

Thank you to the committee and to all of our loyal and grateful members without whom we wouldn't have, I believe, such a successful club.

Beverly
Secretary



AN IRISH MOTHER'S LETTER

Dear Son,

Just a few lines to let you know I'm still alive. I'm writing this letter slowly because I know you can't read fast.

We are all doing very well. You won't recognise the house when you get home - we have moved. Your dad read in the newspaper that most accidents happen within 20 miles from your home, so we moved 30 miles away.

I won't be able to send you the address because the last Irish family that lived here took the house numbers when they moved so that they wouldn't have to change their address. This place is really nice. It even has a washing machine. I'm not sure it works so well though: last week I put a load in, pulled the chain and haven't seen it since.

Your father's got a really good job now. He's got 500 men under him - he's cutting the grass at the cemetery.

Your sister Mary had a baby this morning but I haven't found out if it's a boy or a girl, so I don't know whether you are an auntie or an uncle. Your brother Tom is still in the army. He's only been there a short while and they've already made him a court martial!

Your Uncle Patrick drowned last week in a vat of whiskey in the Dublin Brewery. Some of his workmates tried to save him but he fought them off bravely. They cremated him and it took three days to put out the fire.

I'm sorry to say that your cousin Seamus was arrested while riding his bicycle last week. They are charging him with dope peddling.

I went to the doctor on Thursday and your father went with me. The doctor put a small tube in my mouth and told me not to talk for ten minutes.

Your father offered to buy it from him.

The weather isn't bad here. It only rained twice this week, first for three days and then for four days. Monday was so windy one of the chickens laid the same egg four times.

About that coat you wanted me to send you: your Uncle Stanley said it would be too heavy to send in the mail with the buttons on, so we cut them off and put them in one of the pockets.

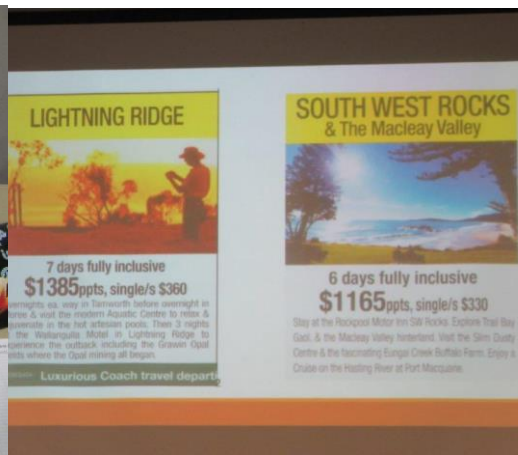
John locked his keys in the car yesterday. We were really worried because it took him two hours to get me and your father out.

Your loving Mum.

P.S. I was going to send you some money but I had already sealed the envelope



PHOTOS FROM THE GENERAL MEETING



AN AMAZING 2-LETTER ENGLISH WORD

A reminder that one word in the English language that can be a noun, verb, adjective, adverb and preposition.

UP

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is '**UP**.' It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.], [prep.], [adj.], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand **UP**, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake **UP**?

At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP**? Why do we speak **UP**, and why are the officers **UP** for election and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report? We call **UP** our friends, brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver, warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the kitchen. We lock **UP** the house and fix **UP** the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, and think **UP** excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed **UP** is special.

And this **UP** is confusing: A drain must be opened **UP** because it is stopped **UP**.

We open **UP** a store in the morning but we close it **UP** at night. We seem to be pretty mixed **UP** about **UP**!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of **UP**, look **UP** the word **UP** in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes **UP** almost 1/4 of the page and can add **UP** to about thirty definitions.

If you are **UP** to it, you might try building **UP** a list of the many ways **UP** is used. It will take **UP** a lot of your time, but if you don't give **UP**, you may wind **UP** with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **UP**. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing **UP**. When it rains, the earth soaks it **UP**. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry **UP**. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it **UP**, for now . . . my time is **UP**!

Oh . . . one more thing: What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

UP!

Did that one crack you **UP**?

Don't screw **UP**. Send this on to everyone you look **UP** in your address book . . . or not . . . it's **UP** to you.

Now I'll shut **UP**!

YOU COME FROM DUST, YOU WILL RETURN TO DUST. THAT'S WHY I DON'T DUST. IT COULD BE SOMEONE I KNOW.

Electrician wanted. Experience required, this time.



FINALLY.....
Boneless doughnuts!!

Never buy a border collie when your drunk.



Wow, her diet is that good, she lost a tattoo

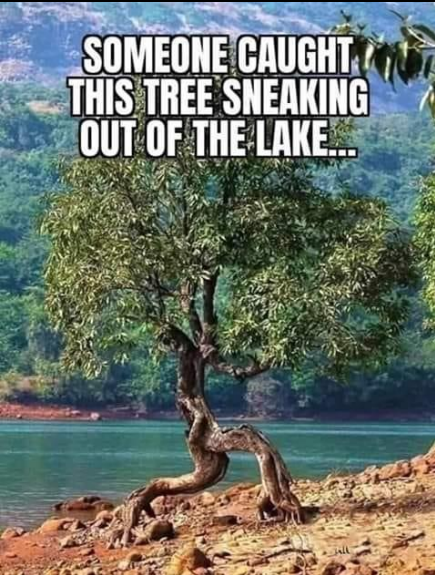


AND NOW...



I HAVE SEEN IT ALL.

SOMEONE CAUGHT THIS TREE SNEAKING OUT OF THE LAKE...



She wanted an iPad



"Hey guys! Let's take one more picture together before we get fired."



A TEETER TOTTER FOR SENIORS



How does make his tea? Hebrews it...
Venison for dinner again> Oh deer
A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.
I used to be a banker but then I lost interest.
Haunted French pancakes give me the Crepes .
England has no kidney bank but it does have a Liverpool.