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In line with our aim of keeping as many people as possible informed of what is happening in the Probus World we have prepared our April 2020 Newsletter.

A Word from our President

We hope this edition of the Newsletter finds you and your dearest in good form. Currently, we are all relying on phone, email and Skype to maintain contacts.

Your Committee is looking at ways for our members to stay in touch during this challenging period. You'll hear more about this shortly.

I'm happy to report that there appear to be no COVID-19 victims amongst our numbers. In fact, it's revealing to note that the Canberra cases so far identified have all come to us from interstate and overseas: there has been no community transmission.

At least that gives us the satisfaction of knowing that all our handwashing and social distancing is having a discernible impact on our community. Let's keep up the good work.

Paul

Outcome of our "virtual" AGM

As Alan has informed you the "virtual" AGM went ahead, and a new Committee was "virtually" elected.

There are a few new faces and I have managed to obtain photographs of them to remind you of who they are!

Pictures supplied.



Gail Lacey
(Outings)



Carol Martin.
(Membership)



Fiona Hunt
(Outings)



Peter Howitt
(Newsletter)

(I did think of using pictures of Donald Trump, Boris Johnson, Scotty from Marketing and Vladimir Putin, but I thought it might scare you all too much!

Communications with Members

This item is a major issue and the one this Newsletter will focus on given that it is not possible to hold normal face to face meetings during the current Pandemic.

The Committee is addressing how we can improve our communications while we cannot meet. We are also aware that not all our members use computers and in fact have nine members without an email address.

So, anything we do electronically will exclude them, so these members will continue to receive their newsletters by post.

Therefore, this Newsletter will remain an important means of reaching everybody.

However, that does not mean we cannot consider using electronic or Social Media to keep in touch with most members!

Firstly, there is a lot of information already published on our Internet Website “Greenway PROBUS” (many thanks to John Payne), but we would like to know how many members access it.

In the meantime, your Committee is also considering the establishment of a “Greenway Probus Club” Facebook page as was envisaged in the plans for the club.

If you have a Facebook account, you would be able to search for this Page. It would be a “closed group” which means you would need to apply from within Facebook to become a member of the group.

An “Administrator” would see your request and if you are a Club member would accept you as a group member.

(This is assuming you are of sound mind and good character or include a \$10 bribe!)

While others may be able to “see” the Group, only members of the Group would then be able to see posts by other members and create items themselves, be they texts, pictures or videos and generally keep abreast of what is happening amongst club members.

(Was it Groucho Marx who once said he would never join a club that would accept him as a member?)

To get back on track, we are seeking feedback from you about whether you would be interested in such a “Facebook” Page. Responses to our Secretary, Alan, would be appreciated by Monday 20 April 2020.

There are other ideas floating around that could make use of Video Conferencing Websites such as “ZOOM” that are currently used by Governments and Schools to keep in touch with their pupils while Schools are closed.

While this might seem intimidating, it is technically quite simple.

In fact, the Committee is currently considering using such a facility to hold our monthly meetings rather than breaking the Social Distancing Guidelines. We understand that eventually we will get through our current problems and get on with things again.

Active Retirees Magazine

Probus South Pacific have advised that, unfortunately, in the absence of ongoing advertising support, they have had to suspend, with immediate effect, the further production of the printed Active Retirees magazine. The last printed edition of the magazine for this year is the April/May issue. Copies of the magazines are with Alan, and he invites members to pick their copy up, so long as they call him in advance on 6294 7207.

However, Probus South Pacific will continue to produce a national publication in digital form, and this will be made available electronically at no cost to members.

Knitwit News

Like everything else in this 'terrible health crises' we have had to postpone our 'get-togethers' to keep us safe.

To our Talented 'girls' I hope you are all keeping well!

Some good news: we donated 4 large blankets 'for the homeless' to St. John's Care.

We received a lovely 'thank you' letter for our blankets & all our hard work. **STUNNING** was the term used by Sarah Murdoch of St. Johns Care to describe the blankets.

Thanks, must go to our 'girls' for their knitted squares, but most of all to Joan Stuckey who colour co-ordinates & crochets them together.

Louise

Birthdays

This month we wish a Happy Birthday to Elizabeth Chisolm, Joan Harrison and Joan Stuckey.

The World According to Glenda

Why do peanuts float in regular coke and sink in diet coke? Go ahead and try it!

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money into binoculars to look at things on the ground?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island could make a radio out of a coconut, why couldn't he fix a hole in the boat?

That's enough of the frivolity, just to say safe and well and try to maintain your sense of humour. Remember one of your Probus friends is just a phone call away.

Breaking News

Our raving reporter informs me that we now have 60 members – the newest being Jan Deacon – welcome to the club Jan – enjoy!

By the way any contributions from members would be greatly appreciated.

Hint: to get to the Greenway Probus Web Site quickly just click here on [Greenway Probus](#)