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A Few Words From Our Acting President

Dear Members

I've been thinking about the last year and deliberating on how strange it has been. Lots of highs and lows. Peter and I were delighted with the arrival of our first great-grandson, Beau. Cancellations of trips, lockdowns and uncertainties were a feature throughout. I always feel so lucky to have such a wonderful family and friends but even more so for their support and encouragement during 2021.

So much for looking back, it's now time to look forward. Your Committee had its first face to face meeting on Tuesday after having to hold zoom meetings for so many months. It was so great to be able to catch up with everyone. Gail and Noela have been working exceedingly hard organising the Xmas picnic which we are all excited about. They also attended a Travel Trade Show and have a wide selection of trips that they are looking at for next year. We will just have to wait and see what Covid restrictions are in place before any more regular outings can be arranged. Forty-three members have paid and will be attending the Xmas party so it is a really good turnout. Of course, we are hoping that Santa will appear as he has been advised of the new venue.

I'd also like to encourage members to consider joining the Committee. We currently have a great group of Committee members who work marvellously well together but it is also important to have new people able to explore new ideas and suggestions. You may like to initially "shadow" the person in a particular position to see what that role entails. If you are not interested in a permanent position, you could consider being a volunteer to stand in for one of our wonderful members who sit at the desks collecting money etc at our monthly meetings.

Our first meeting, on January 11th will be a fun one as we will be playing "Two Truths and a Lie" again. The game has the theme of the "Battle of the Sexes" with three women and three men on each team to see which sex can tell the best lies! It will be interesting to discover who wins the competition.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Xmas picnic and our first meeting in January. So, until then take care and I hope you have a wonderful Xmas with family and friends.

Sandra Barker

Upcoming Outings

14 th December	Christmas Party details see below
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Future Guest Speakers

Date	Speaker	Talking About
January 11 th	Sandra Barker	The Return of "Two Truths and A Lie"
February 8th	Caroline Le Couteur	Caroline, Canberra and Climate Change
March 8th	AGM+ Marti Varsanyi	Marti Varsanyi's Fun Origami Session
April 12 th	Emeritus Prof. Stephen Cox	The Geology of Canberra
May 10th	Janice Petrie	Trivia Quiz
June 14 th	Amanda Heal	Looking At Life Through Rose-Coloured Spectacles

Christmas party lunch –

11.30 am for 12:00 noon on Tuesday 14 December 2021

Kambah Woolshed



Chairs and Tables

In previous correspondence you were asked to bring a chair and table as those at the Woolshed are a bit rough!

Please note we have now sourced sufficient chairs and tables for Everyone and there is now no need for you to bring your own!!!!

Venue	Kambah Woolshed, corner O'Halloran Circuit and Springbett St, Kambah. The site is undercover, has a wheelchair-accessible toilet and plenty of parking. We have a permit to use this site.
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Menu

Lunch will be catered by Golden Roast and includes	
Meats:	beef, chicken & hot ham
Side dishes:	roast potatoes, roast pumpkin, mixed veg (cauliflower, carrots, broccoli), tossed garden salad, beetroot salad, coleslaw, pineapple
Bread:	french sticks (cut and buttered)
Desserts:	fresh fruit salad, pavlova, apple blueberry crumble, lemon cheesecake
plus:	gravy, mint jelly, mustard, sour cream
Hot drinks	tea and coffee
Soft Drinks	Cans of Kirks' soft drinks: lemonade, creaming soda, pasito, ginger beer and lemon squash. If you would like something else to drink, feel free to bring your own.

The caterer will provide Bamboo disposable cutlery, paper plates and paper mugs!

You may like to bring your own!

The club will organise some lucky door prizes!

Secret Santa

As usual, we will run a Secret Santa as part of the Christmas party.

We must all comply with any ACT Health Covid19 restrictions that may be in force on the day.

Any concerns please contact Noela at greenwayprobus.outing@gmail.com or Gail 0417 432 474

For more up information and other news go to the Greenway Probus Web Site by just clicking here -> [Greenway Probus](#)

Welfare

We are thinking of Norma Steele, Cheryl Dobson and Joan Harrison who are still not 100%. In an addition, members with ongoing health problems or other issues that prevent them from attending meetings are not forgotten and we send them our positive thoughts and best wishes.

December Birthdays

December Birthdays for Margaret Brown, Linda Dack, Carolyne McHarry, Joan Munro and Jan Petrie.

A very Happy Birthday to you all.



A Visit by Peter and Sandra to NT Crocodile Country

Back in 2011, we were wandering around the Northern Territory filling in time before meeting up with a friend at Katherine and heading for Western Australia.

Out of the blue, we met up with some other friends and ended up travelling with them to the small settlement of Roper Bar which is located 180 kilometres due east of Mataranka, which is on the Stuart Highway, the main north-south road in the NT, in other words, the “back of beyond”.

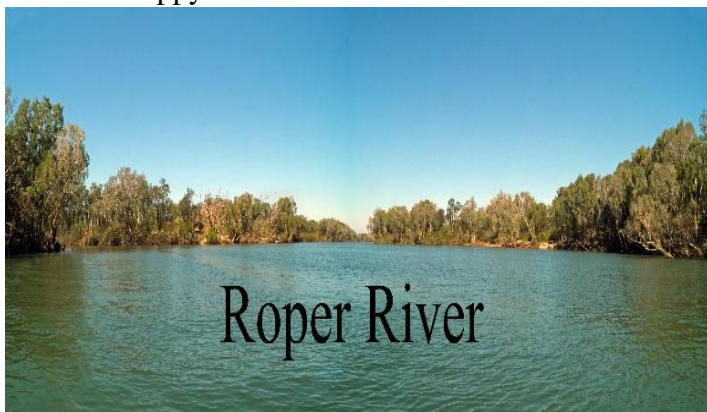
Of the 180 Kilometres, 140 K's are sealed while the last 40k's is corrugated unsealed roads with occasional dips for water (when there is any). We found that driving at 80 kph was the most comfortable, however, when we hit a dip Sandra swears that both front and back wheels left the ground!

Roper Bar is the site of a low-level vehicle crossing of the Roper River as it makes its way to the west coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria.

For “Grey Nomads” like us and other travellers there is only one reason for visiting, that is Barramundi Fishing!

Our friends were heading there for the fishing, however, neither of us are “Fisher People”, but we decided to join them just for the trip.

Unfortunately, they had no luck with their fishing, however, Government Fishing Inspectors actively enforce catch limits and we were lucky to score a large Barramundi from another fisherman who had more than his limit and was happy to donate it! It tasted delicious!



The Roper River, however, has another claim to fame – it is the home of a huge number of Saltwater Crocodiles – so swimming in the river was out of the question.

While we were there I took the opportunity to go for a “tinnie ride” down the river to see what it was like.

The river here was slow-moving with tree-lined banks offering shade over many sandy beaches and was quite picturesque, however, I quickly realised there was a very good reason for not trying to walk along these beaches. Basking Saltwater Crocodiles!

Some were quite small, about 1 to 1.5 metres while others were significantly larger. I was taking many pictures and my friend was constantly trying to get a bit closer to help. The crocodiles had other ideas and were watching us and as we got a bit closer they would slide down the beach into the river.

It was a bit of a worry as we were in a “tinnie” that in some cases was small compared with the size of the crocks.

One thing about crocodiles is that are quite “lazy” and are normally looking for “easy meat” – prey that goes to the same place at the same time regularly. They keep watch and slowly approach until close enough to strike! Humans fishing at a boat ramp meet these criteria, yet it was disconcerting how many “fisherfolk” ignore the danger!

