



PROBUS CLUB OF GREENWAY INC.

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While Janice is away, if you are unable to attend anything please call or text CHRIS BAXTER on 0414 644 649 to pass on your apologies.

PRESIDENT'S DECEMBER MESSAGE

Dear Members

Welcome to the end of another year. A scary thought is that in just a few weeks we'll probably see hot-cross buns in local supermarkets. By the time you're reading this, President Paul will be in Hungary fighting off another bout of jet lag. We don't expect to see Paul again in person until our AGM in March. He has thrown me his conductor's baton in the hope that I can keep us all playing in tune during his absence. On 12 December, I'm hoping to see you all at our Christmas Party at Kambah Woolshed from 11.30am. It's a shady venue with a public toilet nearby and plenty of parking available.

We're excited to be doing our own catering this year and this has kept the costs down for all of us which is always welcome. You're invited to participate in Secret Santa as part of the fun. If you're keen to join in, you'll find more information in this newsletter. If you can't make it to the Christmas Party, here's hoping you have a happy, fun and healthy Christmas with those you love. We look forward to seeing you bright and fresh in 2024! *Noela* (Vice-President and acting President)



AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING we started with a one minute silence to honour the memory of John Payne's wife Claire Hughes. We have 61 members but this time 38 members attended plus 4 Visitors. Noela stood in as Secretary for Alan whose mobility is becoming difficult and Chris stood in for Janice who is on a cruise. Here is President Paul welcoming new member Clem Longdon. (Clem Longdon & Jean Smyth from Probud Conder-Lanyon have now joined Greenway). **Paul presented John Payne with a National Probud Day Award. It was John who produced the first Probud Club website in our region, the Membership Working Group which produced a growth plan for our club, a varied program of Guest Speakers and PSPL's Marketing Consultative Committee which produced the tagline 'Discover Probud.'** As you know, the committee term ends next March and we hope that somebody who is competent at record keeping will put their hand up for Secretary. Alan has been an EXCELLENT Secretary, but it isn't fair for us to have expectations of him beyond this term. **(Please. If we don't have a Secretary, we don't have a club.)** Thanks to Pam McPherson for photography

WELFARE

Sad news; one of our members John Allen passed away.

Our thoughts are with Sandra at this time.

If you know of any members who are unwell please call

Linda 0407 485 876

WE SANG HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOHN PAYNE HERE RECEIVING HIS BAG OF CHOCOLATE FROGS FROM JANETTE



**WE WISH A HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:
Margaret Brown, Linda Dack, Terry Flanagan,
Lorraine McPherson, Joan Munro & Jan Petrie**

INSTEAD OF IMPORTING A GUEST SPEAKER, AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING WE WERE ENTERTAINED BY JOAN MUNRO'S PRESENTATION OF 'TWO TRUTHS & A LIE' WITH STORYTELLERS NOELA, JOHN, PHIL & LINDA. SO CONVINCING WERE THEY, THAT IT WAS HARD WORK. PHIL WAS THE WINNER AS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL LIAR AND JOHN WAS RUNNER-UP BUT THEY DIDN'T FOOL CHRIS FINCH & DON SAMS, WHO EACH WON A BOTTLE OF WINE.

(JOAN INSISTS THIS IS TRAINING US TO DETECT SCAMS.)

HERE IS LINDA LYING LIKE A TROOPER ABOUT HAVING TEA WITH A MAHARAJA AND PHIL WAS SO COOL, IT WAS HARD TO DETECT ANY LIE AT ALL!



2024 GUEST SPEAKERS

Tuesday January 9th.	Space Race 2	Brad Tucker
Tuesday February 13th.	Mutiny On The Bounty: The <i>Real</i> Story	Dr Mark Lax
Tuesday March 12th.	Easy-Peasy Painting Workshop	Maria Polmeer
Tuesday April 9th.	Rebuilding Guitars, Rebuilding Lives	Colin Greef
Tuesday May 14th.	TBA	
Tuesday June 11th.	An Unorthodox Life In Music	Ambre Hammond

OUTINGS



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL MEMBERS!

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY IS AT ‘THE WOOLSHED’

Arrive 11.30am 12th DECEMBER (BYO DRINKS)

AN ENJOYABLE SURPRISE HAS BEEN ARRANGED

FOR THE ‘SANTA SACK’:

LADIES PLEASE BRING A \$10 LADY PRESENT AND GENTS BRING A \$10 PRESENT SUITABLE FOR GUYS.

(IT’S OPTIONAL, SO IF YOU DON’T WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT THEN BRING NOTHING)

GREENWAY SUNDAY DINING GROUP

Members meet on the **first Sunday of each month** at various venues for lunch. Why not come along and give it a try and then decide if you want to join? Please contact **Sandra** on **0429 133 363** for more information.

REGULAR MOVIES GROUP

Want to go to the movies but reluctant to go by yourself? Why not join our regular movie group which is now established. Just give your name to **Gail 0417 432 474** and you’ll be in the loop for the regular outings also to have coffee or lunch after. This is alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays on a fortnightly basis if there is a movie members wish to see.

Visiting his parents’ retirement village, middle-aged Tim went for swim in the community pool while his father went for a walk. The only other person in the pool was a five-year-old-boy and they struck up a conversation. When Tim’s father returned, he called out to Tim “I’m ready to leave.” Tim turned to his new friend and announced that he had to leave because his dad was calling.

Astonished, the wide eyed little boy said “You’re a kid?”

THE CRUISE TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S HOUSE
HAS BEEN DEFERRED UNTIL SPRING.

More details later...

**WE HAVE BOOKED 18 SEATS AT THE Q THEATRE IN
QUEANBEYAN FOR THE AMATEUR PRODUCTION OF BILLY
ELLIOT FOR THE SAT 27 APRIL MATINEE.**

**TICKETS ARE \$69 EACH WHICH MUST BE PAID TO GLENDA BY THE
FEBRUARY MEETING. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST LIST WILL BE AT THE
JAN & FEB MEETINGS OR CONTACT LINDA:**

0407 917 133 or linda.tregonning@bigpond.com

GUNGAHLIN PROBUS CLUB HAS INVITED US TO JOIN THEM ON A BUS TRIP TO
DUBBO

17 TO 19 MARCH

ALSO

TUGGERANONG PROBUS IS INVITING US TO JOIN THEM ON A TRIP TO
LIGHTNING RIDGE

8 TO 14 SEPTEMBER

7 DAYS, 6 NIGHTS \$2,748 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE OR \$3,264 SINGLE
MORE LATER...

***“Optimism is a happiness magnet. If you stay positive,
good things and good people will be drawn to you.”***

~Mary Lou Retton

Someone out there must be *deadly* at Scrabble... (Wait until you see the last one!)

PRESBYTERIAN:

When you rearrange the letters:
BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER:

When you rearrange the letters:
MOON STARER

THE EYES:

When you rearrange the letters:
THEY SEE

THE MORSE CODE :

When you rearrange the letters:
HERE COME DOTS

SLOT MACHINES:

When you rearrange the letters:
CASH LOST IN ME

ANIMOSITY:

When you rearrange the letters:
IS NO AMITY

SNOOZE ALARMS:

When you rearrange the letters:
ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S

A DECIMAL POINT:

When you rearrange the letters:
I'M A DOT IN PLACE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO:

When you rearrange the letters:
TWELVE PLUS ONE

AND FOR THE GRAND FINALE:

MOTHER-IN-LAW:

When you rearrange the letters:
WOMAN HITLER

Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.

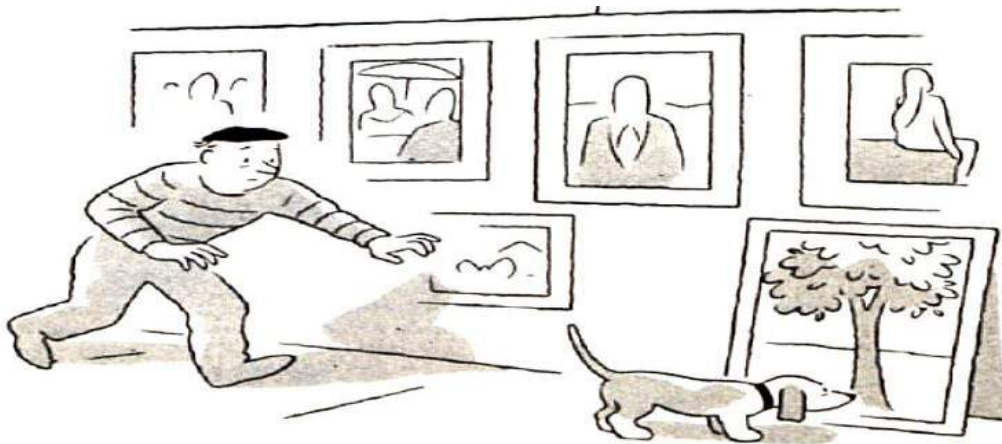


If you've ever seen a flock of geese flying in V-formation, you may have assumed that the bird at the vertex was particularly dominant. Actually no. There is no "lead" goose. Flying in a V-formation allows the rest of the flock to fly further by protecting each other from wind resistance. However; the bird in the lead position has no such protection. Because this position is such a taxing one, the flock shares the load by rotating, each taking its turn in the lead position. Being lead goose is not about prestige, it's about survival. Think of your committee as flying in V-formation and perhaps before March you might speak to them about how you could be of assistance to share the load.

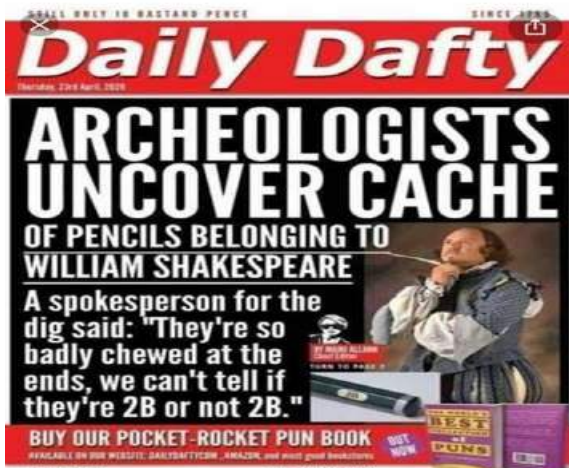


ABOUT OUR EASY-PEASY ART WORKSHOP AFTER THE AGM ON MARCH 12TH

Be assured that absolutely no drawing skills are needed. This is pure fun and is a 'beginners workshop' designed to produce--BY SLEIGHT OF HAND--an interesting little painting. **Our focus will be on colour and fun!** Free of charge, come along & see. :)



NO Buster!!

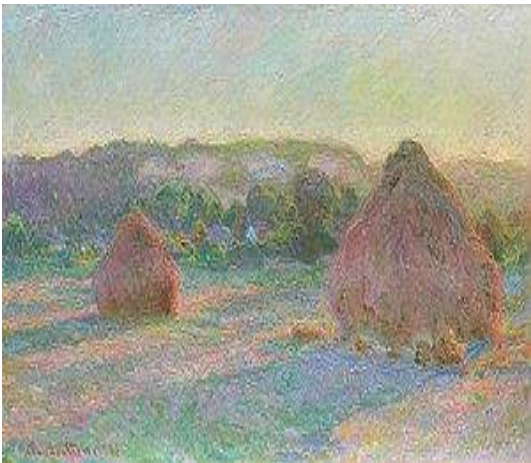


Naked yoga in the backyard is the best way to get the neighbors to pay for that privacy fence.

DID YOU KNOW THAT NAPOLEON BONAPARTE’S NEPHEW--NAPOLEON III--VIRTUALLY RESCUED ‘IMPRESSIONIST’ ART? Art is one of the most vivid ways of viewing history –in fact here is an example of art reflecting history: The eighteenth century was a time of great change; the French Revolution led to the rise of Napoleon Bonaparte then his nephew Emperor Napoleon III ruled for 17 years. By 1860, he was redesigning Paris while at the same time, another revolution was happening. **This time it was an art revolution.**

Sensing the winds of change, several artists threw off the shackles of their classical training and pursued a totally new way of painting. The camera had been invented and as though saying “Artists are no longer cameras producing realistic views as though through the lens,” they ventured into the countryside to paint in the open air and whereas they would once have merely made sketches to later develop into carefully finished works back in their studios, they started painting directly from nature capturing light as it played upon the scene around them, with colours bouncing off each other.

Their classical training had required them to use sombre tones as underpainting, but in this atmosphere of peaceful revolution, they encouraged each other to start with light or



One of Monet's 13 Haystacks

bright tones to give their art a lift thus producing brighter more sunlit scenes. Shadows were boldly painted using the blue of the sky and the new bright synthetic paints which now came in tin tubes produced work with a new freshness. As they pursued a subjective alternative to the photograph, with open composition and loose, spontaneous brush strokes which merely *suggested* what was seen rather than shaping them deliberately, they faced harsh opposition from the conventional artists and to a shocked public their paintings looked unfinished and they refused to purchase them. The exclusive *Académie des Beaux-Arts* dominated the

Parisian art scene in those days and invented the word ‘Fauvism’ to describe this new art movement. (Fauve means wild beast.) Their juried art show routinely rejected half the works presented by Monet and his friends Renoir, Cézanne, Matisse, Degas, Pissaro, Sisley, Cassatt, to name a few.

Enter Napoleon III: In 1863 when he saw these rejected works, he decreed that “*The public shall be allowed to judge the work for themselves*” thus the Salon de Refusés (Salon of the Refused) was born. It was an absolute art revolution with thirty artists involved. Now that there were cameras to capture realism, they were free to express themselves as artists. Russia bought up many of their works of art and has them to this day. This was a time of revolution and art was reflecting the spirit of the times. Their style became synonymous with modern life and eventually became one of the most influential art movements in history. They became known as **The Impressionists.**

...GOOD CHRISTMAS NEWS...GOOD CHRISTMAS NEWS...GOOD CHRISTMAS NEWS...



Seconds away from being crushed in a garbage truck, a snowy white kitten has found a new home in time for Christmas after being saved by the driver. The two-day-old feline was found weighing just 93 grams, less than a mandarin, when the quick-thinking driver heard his tiny meows and fished him out of the rubbish that was being dumped and compacted in his truck.

Arriving at Blue Cross Animal Hospital, his colouration and his birth so near Christmas earned him the name Tiny Tim. He needed to be hand-fed every two hours and as a newborn with his eyes not yet open, he was kept in an incubator for warmth. Just in time for Christmas, Tiny Tim found a loving home with a Blue Cross employee who had previously adopted a rescue kitten named Oskie, an amputee with three legs. So as Tiny Tim grows, learning from another cat will be incredibly valuable for him, giving him more chances to experience feline behaviour firsthand. **HAPPY CHRISTMAS TINY TIM & OSKIE!**



Here is a true Christmas story of a dog that saved a family when Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin on Christmas Eve 1974. "My name is Fay Karamanakis and here are some of my experiences with Tracy. It was unbelievable and I am still aghast at the memories. (My story is a little bit dramatic too because our dog saved our lives only to be shot the next day by the police who were worried about diseases so every single dog in Darwin was later shot and put in a mass grave.) Around 11 o'clock it started to get really windy and scary. Normally I didn't have animals in the house because of the children, but I felt

sorry for our dog Blacky who was scratching at the door to come in. He was as frightened as I was so I put a nice warm mat in the kitchen for him but instead he ran to the baby's cot and pulled at her sheets causing her to bump her head on the side of the cot and she was screaming. Then Blacky ran into the next room and pulled the three year old off the bed onto the floor. I put the dog out and tried to settle the kids. When John my husband came home an hour later the weather was very bad with wild winds belting the windows and by then the whole house was shaking. He felt sorry for the dog so he'd brought him in from the winds. As soon as I saw Blacky I told John not to let him in **but just then the dog looked at me with a strange look in his eyes** as if he was trying to tell me something and he then took me by the skirt and was trying to lead me to the door while I was holding the two babies. By that time the galvanised iron roofing was starting to lift and John said "***The animal is trying to tell us to go!***" So I grabbed the baby's bag, I carried the baby while John carried Katie and we ran down the stairs. Exactly two minutes later, the whole house above us collapsed and was blown away. Our story like so many others is one of strange happenings. We must have had a saint looking over us that day!"