

PROBUS CLUB OF BERMAGUI

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A Club for local retired and semi-retired professional and business people and others with a like background, who appreciate and value increased social contact and opportunities to meet others in similar circumstances.

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Lorraine's Log

Greetings members

Another month has rolled around with John and I on the move again so we will miss the April meeting. Whilst you are all listening to our fantastic guest speaker Brad Tucker we will be swanning around Yarrawonga with the Australian Avan caravan

club. Remember to bring any friends along to hear Brad speak as he is a very enthusiastic and engaging speaker, you have probably heard him on the ABC radio or even the television.

Heather is finalizing the details for our outing on the Wagonga Inlet with lunch to follow in Na-

rooma. If you are at the April meeting you will get the details from her then.

There is not much else for me to report so until next month, it's goodbye from me

Lorraine



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Probus Music Group



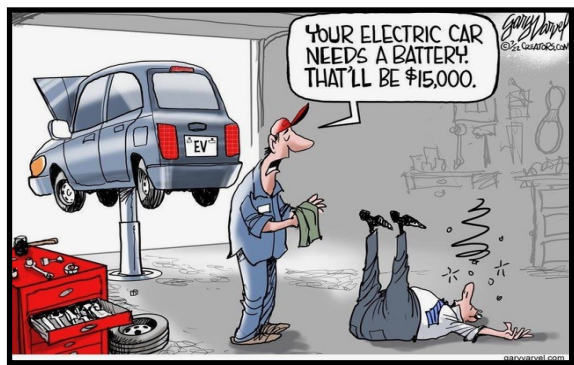
We will have our gathering at Betty's house with music provided by David Anderson. This will be the Friday after our early meeting, Friday 12th May

Coming Events

- Monday 8 May - Monthly meeting** with guest speaker Brad Tucker (astro physicist from Canberra) coming to speak to you. Please make an effort to attend (unlike John and I who will sadly miss this) and bring a friend along if you think they would be interested in hearing what he has to say. You may have heard him on the radio or seen him on television, he is a most exciting enthusiastic speaker;
- Monday 29 May - Wagonga cruise followed by lunch**, boarding the cruise at 10am. Heather is the co-ordinator for this activity and will be giving an update on the location for lunch and timing at the May meeting. If you would like to attend this activity, please contact Heather on 0418 406 068 or email heathersobey@bigpond.com;

Guest Speakers

May	Brad Tucker, Astro Physics
June	Sue Donnelly, Pambula



Sad But True!

Boy, if this doesn't hit the nail on the head, I don't know what does! Two patients limp into two different medical clinics with the same complaint?

Both have trouble walking and appear to require a hip replacement. The FIRST patient is examined within the hour, is x-rayed the same day and has a time booked for surgery the following week.

The SECOND sees his family doctor after waiting 3 weeks for an appointment, then waits 8 weeks to see a specialist, then gets an x-ray, which isn't reviewed for another week and finally has his surgery scheduled for 6 months from then.

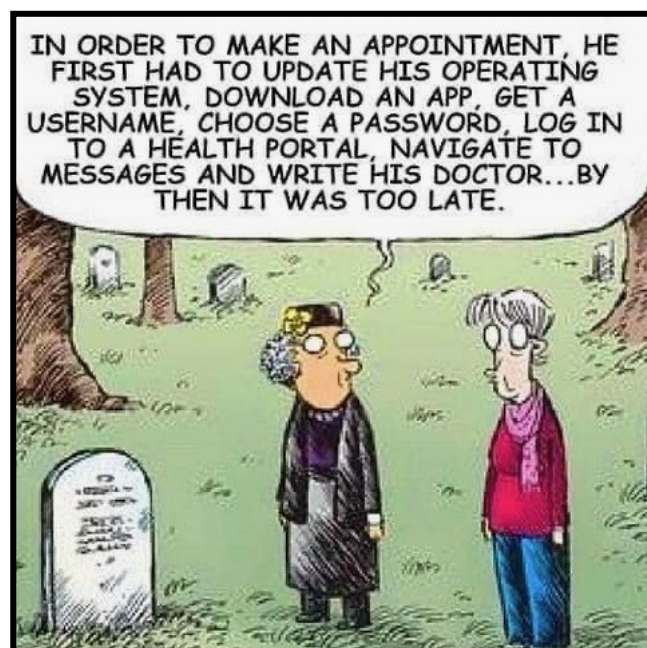
Why the different treatment for the two patients?

The FIRST is a Golden Retriever.

The SECOND is a Senior Citizen.

Next time take me to a vet

I bought some Rock Salt last week. The packaging states that it came from 50 year old Himalayan rock salt, but it has an expiry date of June 2023. I'm so pleased that they dug it up just in time!



Not 2019, BUT 1828 at a blistering 53.9°C

Back before man-made climate change was frying Australia, when CO₂ was around 300ppm, the continent savoured an ideal pre-industrial climate... *RIGHT?*

This is the kind of climate we are spending \$10bn per annum to get back to... Right again?

We are told today's climate has more records and more extremes than times gone by, but the few records we have from the early 1800s are eye-popping.

Things were not just hotter, but so wildly hot it burst thermometers.

The earliest temperature records we have show that Australia was a land of shocking heatwaves and droughts, except for when it was bitterly cold or raging in flood. *In other words, nothing has changed, except possibly things might not be quite so hot now!*

Lance Pidgeon has been researching records from early explorers and from newspapers.

What he's uncovered is fascinating! It's as if history is being erased!

For all that we hear about recent record-breaking climate extremes, records that are equally extreme, and sometimes even more so, are ignored.

In January 1896 a savage blast "like a furnace" stretched across Australia from east to west and lasted for weeks. *The death toll reached 437 people in the eastern states.*

Newspaper reports showed that in Bourke the heat approached 120°F (48.9C) on three days.

Links to documentary evidence [\(1\)](#)[\(2\)](#)[\(3\)](#)

The maximum at or above 102 degrees F (38.9°C) for 24 days straight!

Use the several links below to read the news reports at the time for yourself ..

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1. By Tuesday Jan 14, people were reported falling dead in the streets.
2. Unable to sleep, people in Brewarrina walked the streets at night for hours, thermometers recorded 109F° at midnight.
3. Overnight, the temperature did not fall below 103°F.
4. On Jan 18 in Wilcannia, five deaths were recorded in one day, the hospitals were overcrowded and reports said that *"more deaths are hourly expected"*.
5. By January 24, in Bourke, many businesses had shut down (almost everything bar the hotels).
6. Panic stricken Australians were fleeing to the hills in climate refugee trains.

s reported at the time, the government felt the situation was so serious that to save lives and ease the suffering of its citizens they added cheaper train services.

What I found most interesting about this was the skill, dedication and length of meteorological data taken in the 1800s. When our climate is "the most important moral challenge" why is it there is so little interest in our longest and oldest data?

Who knew that one of the most meticulous and detailed temperature records in the world from the 1800s comes from Adelaide, largely thanks to Sir Charles Todd.

The West Terrace site in Adelaide was one of the best in the world at the time, and provides accurate historic temperatures from "Australia's first permanent weather bureau at Adelaide in 1856".

Rainfall records even appear to go as far back as 1839. Lance Pidgeon went delving into the National Archives and was surprised at what he found.

The media are in overdrive, making out that "the extreme heat is the new normal" in Australia.

You can't blame those high records on man-made global warming!

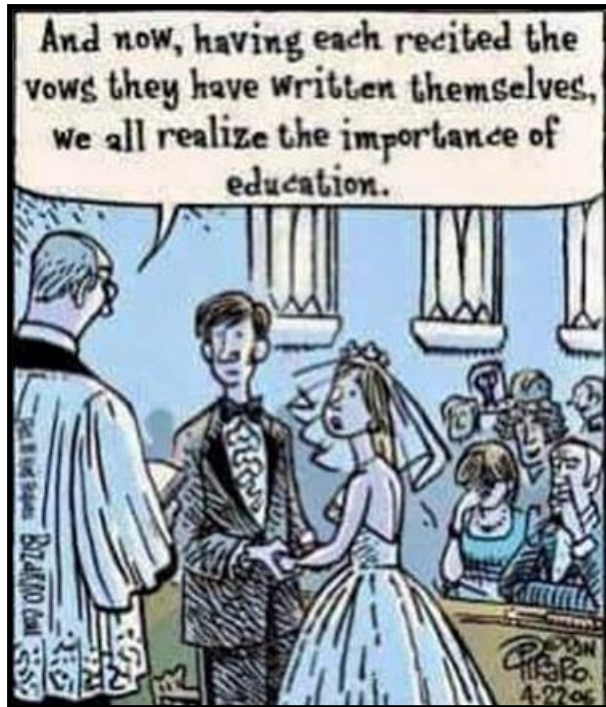


I told my wife I saw a deer on the way to work.
She said how do you know he was headed to work?

Sometimes, not saying anything is the best answer. You see, silence can never be misquoted.



For those who don't want to put on weight,



When I lost the fingers on my right hand in a freak accident, I asked the doctor if I would still be able to write with it. He said, "Probably, but I wouldn't count on it 😂"

LIFE IS BETTER WHEN YOU'RE LAUGHING

