



TUGGERANONG PROBUS CLUB Inc.

NEWSLETTER No. 390 – 19 JANUARY 2026

Meets at Vikings Town Centre Club,
Athllon Drive, Greenway
at 10.00 am, 4th Monday of the month

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 19 January – 10.00 am General Meeting (at Canberra Southern Cross Club at Tuggeranong) Show and Tell



Tuesday 27 January – 10.00 am Trivia at the Mawson Club

**Wednesday 11 February – 12 noon Chinese New Year lunch, cost \$25.00 –
MUST BE PAID BY 19 JANUARY MEETING – numbers limited**

Monday 23 February – 10.00 am General Meeting at CSSC – Club survey

Tuesday 24 February – 10.00 am Trivia at the Mawson Club

Monday 23 March – 10.00 am General Meeting and Annual General Meeting

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25-30 March – Melbourne Short Break Escape

7-15 April 2026 – Murray/Darling with 5 nights in Narrandera – vacancies available

Monday 27 April – ANZAC Day public holiday – meeting details TBA

10-24 August 2026 – Sabah, North Borneo
Cost \$6498 double/twin share or \$7988 single

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If you cannot attend a meeting

please text your apology to Rowena, our Membership Officer

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BIRTHDAYS

The following members celebrate birthdays in February: Nasonie Brittle, Orlanda Cardona, Faith Humphries and Sue Liebke. Happy Birthday to all.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello dear Probus members,

Now you have seen in the New Year and Christmas is a dim memory, are you ready for another exciting year?

I am hoping you will enjoy the new venue at the Canberra Southern Crose Club (CSCC), Tuggeranong. Parking is at the back of the club or underneath the club.

Don't forget your *Show and Tell* on 19 January - it doesn't have to be the 'crown jewels' or your Rembrandt, just anything that gives you a good feeling or not!

Another reminder the AGM is coming up in March. If you would like to nominate yourself or anyone else for a committee position, we will have nomination forms at the February meeting.

Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces soon.

Sharron Blackmore (02 6296 7992)

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FROM THE EDITOR

SHOW AND TELL – thank you to those members who contacted John offering to take part in the *Show and Tell*. He now has sufficient to make for an interesting morning.

Bron should have more photos, like these samples she has sent to me, to show us on her return from Antarctica where she is currently cruising. I am 'green with envy'



I sometimes see interesting things on Facebook and save them for future use. This is where some of the snippets or jokes/cartoons come from which I share with you and which I hope you find interesting, informative and/or entertaining.

Any newsletter is only as informative and interesting as the contributions an editor receives, so please feel free to send me anything which you think 'fits the bill'.

There are reviews of three books this month from members of C.A.B. who have obviously been busy reading in the last couple of months. Thank you ladies. Anne



CHAT ABOUT BOOKS

LAST ONE OUT by Jane Harper.

Carrion was a small country town. Originally it had been a vibrant community with all the amenities one would expect in a country area - a local grocery store, schools both primary and secondary, a medical centre, a rugby team and, of course, the local pub.

Unfortunately, Corralon/Corralon Ridge was sitting on a huge coal seam and sadly the community/town started to be torn apart by a huge mining company wanting to buy property owners out. This caused much discord and distrust between those who took the huge sums of money and left, and those determined to remain. Many of those refusing to sell had been third generation of the area.

The town was slowly dying; the closure of schools, the medical centre and the grocery store; not having enough young men to make a rugby team and boredom for any young teenagers.

Over a period of seven years there had been two deaths, a suicide and the mysterious disappearance of a twenty-one year old, the son of the local doctor.

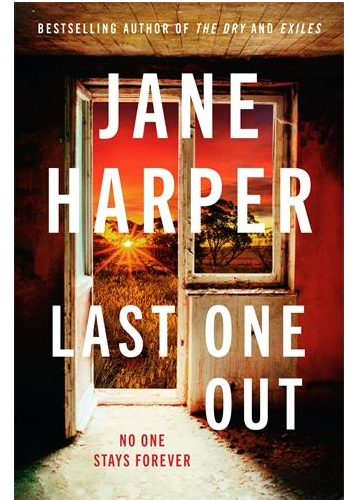
This is true Jane Harper. If you like murder mystery you will find this book interesting, at times maybe a bit depressing as the town dies, relationships fall apart, but with an unexpected finish!

Nasonie

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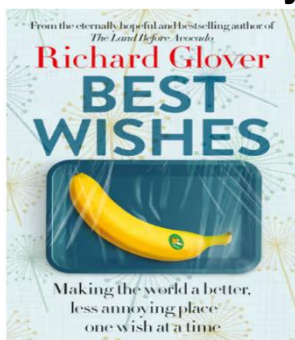
Richard Glover has written a number of best-selling books. He writes regularly for *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Washington Post*. Until recently Richard presented programs on local ABC radio (e.g. *Thank God It's Friday* and *Drive*). Here are brief synopsis of two of his books.

THE LAND BEFORE AVOCADO by Richard Glover

The Australia of the late 60s and early 70s – they don't have avocado.

Frank and funny. Canberra even receives a mention!

BEST WISHES by Richard glover

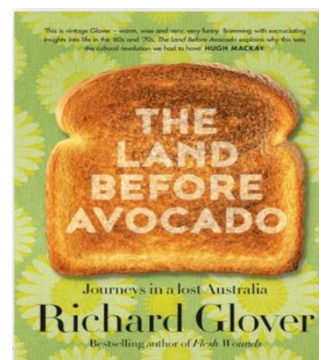


Glover asks life's big questions and helps us celebrate the simple joys.

Charming, funny and sincere.

A great read. Will have you thinking about it for days after reading it.

Elaine



WHY “TOCK-TICK” DOES NOT SOUND RIGHT

Tick-tock sounds right, Tock-tick sounds strange, not because of logic, but because English quietly follows sound-order patterns (like the famous i → a → o rule) .

Have you ever wondered why we say “King Kong” and not “Kong King”, “ding dong” and not “dong ding”? It seems this is one of the unwritten rules that native speakers know without knowing they know. (*I didn't know it, how about you? – Editor*)

A BBC article explains if there are three words then the order has to go I→A→O. if there are two words, then the word with “I” is first and the second is either A or O. For example, chit-chat, dilly-dally, sing song or ping pong.

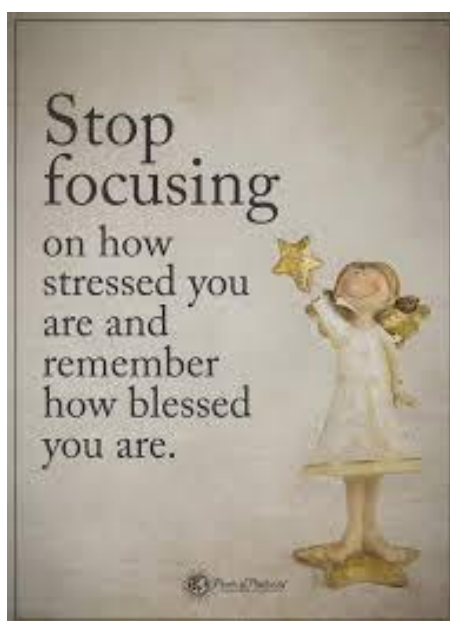
There's another unwritten rule that states the adjectives in English have to be absolutely in this order – opinion – size - age – shape - colour- origin – material - purpose then the noun. Here is an example “A lovely little old rectangular green French silver whittling knife”. If you mess with that word order in the slightest way, you'll sound like a maniac. That's why we say “little green men” and not “green little men”.

This rule even has a technical name. If you care to know it - the rule is known as ablaut reduplication - but then life is simpler knowing that we know the rule without knowing that we know it!!

Play it by ear – if a word sequence sounds wrong, it is probably wrong.



THOUGHTS FOR NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS



You don't need money to live a rich life.
Good friends and a loving family are worth their weight in gold.