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President's Report: June 2020

When can we meet again? When accepting the position as President I never dreamed that we would not be able to meet. Where do we meet? Talking to John Quayle about the future, St. Mark's in Bonney Avenue seems to be a suitable venue to consider. Parking is adequate. They have 100 chairs.

I believe it will be some months before we can have a meeting. From early July it seems that groups of 100 can meet BUT we must observe social distancing. We must have a four-square meter spacing. Seventy people would take up 280 sq. meters of space Twenty meters long by 14 meters wide. I will try to have coffee mornings, but with a limit of 10 in the shop and 1.5 meters between people it is not a proposition at this stage.

I have tried to keep in touch with the Bulletin. Thanks to all who have contributed. Please keep your contributions coming. Human interest stories are popular. What about your favourite recipe? Send your best photo.

Please keep well and stay in touch with other members. **Barry Henzell**

Secretary's Report – Newsletter – Hamilton Probus – June 2020

Greetings all.

It would appear following the Special Federal Cabinet Meeting Friday 8th. May, that our next General Meeting is just a little closer. There are two factors that need to be considered. The re-opening of our meeting rooms at Merriwee Court is dependent on permission being granted by those responsible for the Nursing Facility to which our meeting room is attached. That is not going to happen any time soon. The second consideration is the implications of social distancing which will continue yet for a period of time which is unpredictable. Our numbers would be restricted to such an extent as to make a General Meeting impractical.

There may be alternatives as has already been suggested by our President and others. We are now able to congregate outdoors and in other places in small groups, albeit having to continue to acknowledge that social separation restrictions will need to be observed. To facilitate this, I would welcome suggestions from any of you with a contribution. Anne Gooley our Activities and Events Co-ordinator has agreed to field and consider any suggestions.

“Lockdown” has provided me with some unexpected opportunities. I have very successfully restored some of the wooden furniture on our terrace. Said furniture has been staring at me accusingly for several years. I continue to bask in my achievement!

I am also progressing more quickly the restoration and modification of a fibreglass 8-foot dinghy of clinker design, into a sailing dinghy which our Northshore Men's Shed acquired a couple of years ago - a project providing me with much satisfaction and the realisation of a long-held dream. A bonus of this activity is temporary separation from Janice. That means we still converse regularly but with fewer differences of opinion.

Maybe the time is right for a little personal restoration as well. And yet for just a few of us, that may be just a little too late!

We live in changing times, and that will continue on many fronts as we contemplate and deal with the future.

Stay Well, Stay Safe, and Stay in Touch.

John Blackford (Secretary)

9th May 2020

General meetings are sadly cancelled until further notice

2020 Committee:

President: Barry Henzell

Immediate Past President: Margot Kirby

Treasurer: Greg McGilvery

Secretary: John Blackford

Membership: Barbara Fitzell

Activities: Anne Gooley

Data Administration: John

Wright

Times Editor: Douglas Fussell

Guest Speakers: David

McEvoy

2020 Members of the Lower House:

Almoner: Leafy Fussell

10 Min Speaker : Barry Aubrey

Archivist: Anne Gooley

Humour: David McEvoy- temporary

General Meeting Workers: [currently unemployed]

Hospitality/kitchen: Pam Cole

Audio Visual/ Room Setup: Brian Springthorpe, David McEvoy, George McKennarney, John Comerford and advisor John Ladbrook.

June birthdays: Members and Non-Active Members:

John McGinley [02] Stewart Bryant [03] Beth Papi [13]

Lyn Bryant [22] John Conroy [24]

Membership Report:

I sincerely hope that all our Probus Members are keeping well during these trying times and have been able to find plenty to occupy their time apart from cleaning out cupboards and washing windows etc! We look forward to meeting again in the not too distant future.

Barbara Fitzell Membership Officer.



Photo No1. One of our Members at work Day One of the virus shutdown

Photo No 2. Our Member at work half way through virus shutdown.

Spot the difference.

Thankyou Barbara Fitzell

Activities Report June 2020

I have no doubt that the past few weeks have been difficult, but I hope this Newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. As I write I learn that the rules of social distancing will be easing a little so perhaps it will provide an opportunity to see our families again and be in touch with friends. Talking on the phone to friends is good but to see a familiar face and smile of a friend is special.

It has struck me that this challenging time has provided an opportunity to appreciate nature which we often take for granted. We have time to be still. Having time to watch the sun rise and the sun retreat bookends our days with wonder and wonder makes up stop and reflect. I love to sit and watch the small boats and canoes go up and down the river.

I am sure we all miss have an outing together so I would like to start planning one and wondered if members would like to have a picnic in the park in a couple of months? We would be out in the sunshine and could sit the required distance apart. Perhaps it could be our usual Pizza in the park as the first celebration of being together. I have mentioned it to our President and other members. Please let me know if you think this would be an ideal way to start activities again.

Anne Gooley

A Trip Down Memory Lane – Bruce Kynaston's Story

Bruce has been a valued member of Hamilton Probus club for many years and was Membership Officer from 2009 to 2011. He is a quiet achiever and has been modest about his chosen career and his success in this field.

Bruce is also a talented wood carver and does canvas embroidery. Some of our members have had the opportunity to see photos of his beautiful work when he has been the ten minute speaker.

As Bruce mentions, he was in Bowen when he was two as his father was commissioned to build the first Commonwealth bank there. It was a prominent building in the main street of Bowen until 1986.

Below is Bruce's story.

Anne G. – Archivist

Bruce Kynaston's Story



I was tiny when my Dad went to Bowen to build the Commonwealth Bank there, but when two and a half, he had the contract to do the Bank in Cairns, so that is when I arrived there. Apart from my time in Gosford, I was back in the North the next year, and Grade 6 was briefly in Cairns, then mostly in Herberton where Dad's work was cottage style building for the likes of cookhouse and mess for the 3 army divisions deployed there before serving in New Guinea

.Grade 7 was spent in Cairns and the State Scholarship exam netted a result of 86.8%, so when I arrived at Churchie to be a boarder, I received a scholarship, fee free education for 2 years.

I was a distance runner and represented the school in the mile run in '47 and 48. Ran third then second. (The boy from Grammar had won it three years in a row!) At 13th In the State, I won an Open Scholarship and studied Medicine. I graduated in 1954 with 2nd. Class Honours, then RMO at Brisbane General Hospital. Halfway through that year, the Queensland Radium Institute advertised for 2 junior doctors to serve in the 'Radium' ward looking after the inpatients. I accepted as it meant a possible career in treating patients with cancer and training in the second largest such service in Australia. Before I had been a graduate for three whole years, I was a registered specialist. And retired, in time, from the position of Director.

That is my career in a nutshell.

My wife, Gwyn, died some 20 years ago, and when I went south to Bega to see my cousin and his wife, I was told I ought to join Probus. Anne and Ross, her younger brother both live in the same post code (Windsor and Lutwyche), so I am blessed they are not scattered! Below is a picture of the Commonwealth Bank Bowen built by my father.

Our Little Book Corner:

BOOK REVIEW

Let Go My Hand by Edward Docx. Picador 2017

This book tells the story of Louis Lasker, a twice married Londoner with seriously advancing motor neuron disease, making his way with his 3 sons in their old family van across Europe to Zurich where he intends to be assessed for Assisted Dying. This family crisis re-activates memories of both good and bad times. It also prompts the sons to some outspoken anger towards Louis over events in the past . This is an absorbing and well-written book. Despite the topic it is also very funny in parts. Relationships are so well drawn I almost felt I knew them .My only criticism is that the story dragged a bit in places, and, if shorter, would have had even more impact. The book is, I think, a brave and successful attempt to explore a fraught topic which in today's world is often avoided. It does so, not by pontificating, but by the characters' words and actions. I found it well worth reading.

Leith Fussell

Guest Speakers – Dates to be confirmed:

- Biology and Conservation of Moreton Bay Seabirds. Dr. Peter Rothilsberg.
- The Queensland Ballet, the progressive leap forward. Mr. Paul Boyd.
- Riverboat cruising on the Murray. Captain Lindsay Hutton

Please Note: Do you have an interesting story that you would like us to know? Now is your chance. Perhaps talking to an audience is not your thing but telling it through The Times or The Bulletin might be. We would be interested to hear from you. Copy needs to be received by 15th of any month for The Times, Douglas Fussell, Editor dandl.fussell@gmail.com or contact bmhenzell@gmail.com for The Bulletin.

The Quizz: Sadly there will be no Quizz this year.

Letters:

Dear John Blackford,

Thankyou for your letter in our last edition and your wonderful Anzac Day experience.

DHF- Ed.

Dear Editor,

I would like to share with you my cooking experience over the Covid-19 lock down.

“I will cook dinner tonight darling”

“You`ve never cooked dinner before”

‘It can`t be too difficult”

Smiling wife in the background, I went to work.

POTATO PIE-Done Tastes okay to me

VEGETABLES 1.One sliced large zucchini- cut lengthways covered with parmesan cheese and baked in the oven.

2.Sliced carrot baked with butter, honey and brown sugar.

Cue “Very well done darling, what`s for pud.?” “baked apples of course”

RECIPE FOR EXPERIENCED BLOKES- Core two green apples, fill with sultanas or raisins and a little butter stuff a date in each end to stop filling coming out. Into oven until cooked.

So easy – accompanied by a whisky just in time to watch the ABC and help them with their dreadful grammar. DHF

Treasurer`s Report:

Yearly subs of \$30.00
70 members have paid
9 members still to pay!!!!

If paying by cheque or cash, this money for convenience, can be left,` attention Greg`, at `Oriel Park Pharmacy`
or `Chemsave Racecourse Rd Phcy`, 119 Racecourse Rd , Ascot, for banking.

Racecourse Rd Suncorp is closed due to the virus . We take money to New Farm branch or Toombul.

Regards
Greg McGilvery

From the Webmaster:

Thank you to all those members who have sent in photographs of their family pet which have been uploaded to the Probus Pet Basket on your Club Website. Our pets are important members of both our immediate and extended families especially at a time of self-isolation. Enjoy the photographs, they are a good looking bunch.

John Wright

The Comerford Files

GLENGALLAN HOMESTEAD



Glengallan is a Heritage listed homestead situated about 6 kilometres from Allora and about 15 kilometres from Warwick. It is situated on the south west slopes of Mt Marshall, and at the mouth of a wide valley running west from Cunningham's Gap. The homestead is clearly seen by travellers on both the New England and the Cunningham Gap highways.

It was built between 1867 and 1868, and became the centre of a small village containing cottages for staff, wool sheds and workshops, stables, sheds for farm vehicles, and stock yards. Alan Cunningham had discovered and named the Darling Downs in his explorations in 1827. The area was described as open rolling country, with rich and deep soils. The Leslie brothers were the first to select land on the Darling Downs. The land they selected included Toolburra, Glengallan, Gladfield, Maryvale, Warwick and Canning Downs. In 1842 the land was sold to Colin and John Campbell who named it the Glengallan Run.

John Deuchar, at the age of 19 years, left Aberdeen, Scotland, and migrated to Australia in 1839. In 1840 he arrived at the site of Warwick, with a mob of sheep for the Leslie Brothers. He then became the Manager of Goomburra, Rosenthal and South Toolburra Stations. In 1855 he formed a partnership with Charles Marshall, and they took over the 17,000 hectare Glengallan Run. In 1865 Deuchar bought out Marshall. Deuchar and his wife started the building of a grand double storied sandstone home in 1867, which became Glengallan homestead. The house was lavishly furnished, the furniture being

supplied by a Brisbane firm, Ebenstones, of Queen Street. The sandstone was quarried on the site and at nearby Yangan. An article in the "Warwick Examiner and Times" Nov, 1867 stated *that Glengallan will be one of the most splendid gentlemen's residences in the colony.*

About 2 years after the house was finished, there was a severe economic downturn, a drought and a government programme enabling Deuchars to purchase leased land. As a result of these combined factors Deuchar was unable to meet his commitments, bankrupted, and lost Glengallan. The Deuchar's. moved to Warwick. Two Years later John Deuchar was killed in a horse accident while fighting bushfires.

Deuchar had envisaged a much larger house. It was intended to be an U-shaped building. But he only had resources to build one wing of Glengallan. The house, however, was lavishly furnished by a Brisbane firm, Ebenstones of Queen, Brisbane. The family hosted many social events during their time in Glengallan.

The fact that local materials and a local manufacturer were used was published in the "Brisbane Courier" published in August, 1868.

The house was virtually un-occupied from about 1930, and from then started to deteriorate. It was often left open, and goats and birds used it as shelter. Many surrounding structures had been removed, and the main house was abandoned. A Glengallan Homestead Trust was set up in 1993, and since then a lot of work has been done to gradually restore what was once a grand house. It is now open to the public.

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*If you can keep your head while all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same...
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And- which is more- you'll be a Man, my son!*

RUDYARD KIPLING [1865-1936]

Prolific chronicler of the soldier's lot in South Africa and India ,but best known for 'If-':

