



JOONDALUP CITY PROBUS Inc

# NEWSLETTER

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Friendship and fellowship are at the heart of the Joondalup City Probus Club, and these values were celebrated in grand style during the club's 4th birthday celebration. The event was a testament to the strong bonds that have formed among its members and the sense of community that the club has fostered.

The 4th birthday celebration of the Joondalup City Probus Club was a resounding success, with a remarkable turnout of members considering the lousy weather. It was heartwarming to see the club's meeting hall filled with members both old and new coming together to commemorate this special occasion.

The attendance reflected the deep sense of camaraderie that has developed within the club over the years.

One of the standout aspects of this celebration was the incredible volunteer support. One has to sincerely thank all those many members generously offered their time and skills to make the event a memorable one. From arranging decorations to preparing delicious food, the volunteers ensured that every detail was meticulously taken care of. Their dedication was a testament to the sense of unity and cooperation that thrives within the Joondalup City Probus Club.

As members mingled, laughed, and shared stories, and enjoyed the entertainment, it became evident that this club was more than just a social group; it was a family of like-minded individuals who genuinely cared for one another. Friendships forged within the club have blossomed into meaningful relationships, enriching the lives of its members beyond measure.

In a world where genuine human connections can sometimes feel elusive, the Joondalup City Probus Club stands as a shining example of the power of friendship and fellowship. The 4th birthday celebration served as a reminder of the profound impact that such clubs can have on the lives of those who participate, providing a supportive community that fosters lasting friendships and enriching experiences.

I hope that we continue to build on our successes but we must be mindful not to become complacent.

*Ralph*

***Let's remember why we are members of the Joondalup City Probus Club - for FUN, for FRIENDSHIP and for FELLOWSHIP***

Join Us



**We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month**

Currambine Community Centre  
Delamere Avenue, Currambine  
at 10:00 am

# Happy Birthday

3 Sept John Cane  
 9 Sept Margaret Coates  
 9 Sept Wendy Horman  
 18 Sept Susan Ballard  
 19 Sept Moy Coomer  
 20 Sept Kevin Ramm  
 24 Sept Brigitte Camillo

2 Oct Stephen Bambridge  
 4 Oct Jeswant Singh  
 6 Oct Chris Reimers  
 7 Oct Jeanette Coulter  
 10 Oct Jeanette Rice  
 15 Oct Olwen Leitch  
 17 Oct Jean O'Driscoll  
 20 Oct John Ballard  
 20 Oct Karen Darmody  
 22 Oct Lesley Gerrard




First Wednesday of the month at Clarkson (Brenda's)

Brenda Cane 0419 905 715

## NAPLAN RESULTS COULD BE GOODER, GOVERNMENT CONCEDES




The Federal Government admits literacy and numeracy skills should be improved faster, following fifteen years of NAPLAN testing. Results from this year's test, released Wednesday, show a 2.04% decline in writing skills. Reading has declined too, with many children now unable to maintain the necessary concentration to read to the end of a Grammar results has also gone backwards since the new testing was introduced in 2007. Encouragingly, numeracy levels have actually improved over the last ten years, up by around a third (11%).

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### BOOK CLUB

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
 of the month.  
 11:00 - 3:00

Contact  
 Marie Ballantyne 0419 046 834



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### MAHJONG GROUP

TRADITIONAL STYLE

NOVICES WELCOME!

EVERY MONDAY  
 10:15 TO 2:40  
 BRAMSTON PARK COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE  
 MATTINGLEY'S APPROACH, BURNS BEACH  
 CONTACT: TRISH 0422 318 304



Life is ten percent what happens to you and ninety percent how you respond to it



New Premium Qantas Service to Include Flight  
National carrier Qantas has announced a special new top-end fare that will allow customers to enjoy a flight on an aeroplane with every flight purchased. It represents a step-up from standard Qantas fares, which include a flight confirmation email, but not the flight itself.

CEO Alan Joyce said as the premium carrier in the market, Qantas was always looking for new ways to delight its customers. "We thought about different ways we can add value to the Qantas experience – a free snack, an extra luggage allowance – and then we had this idea of including an airline flight. It was quite a breakthrough moment," he said.

Customer services manager Elise Samadas said the new service was the result of extensive research. "We asked customers what they really want out of a flight, and being flown to their destination was right up at the top of the list, which surprised us," she said.

Joyce said they were well set up to offer the service, given they already had aeroplanes. "I've always wondered why we had all of these aeroplanes, and now it just seems to make so much sense," he said. The new 'Flying-Class' fares will come at a premium cost, to reflect the extra service. Customers can choose to upgrade further, by having their baggage flown to the same destination as them.

- The Shovel

**"Nothing is impossible."**

**I disagree. I'm doing nothing right now... it's totally possible.**

**ABIG**  
**THANK YOU**  
to these volunteers

Helene Faint  
Judith Carrington  
Patricia Stanwell  
Eileen Callon  
Lesley Gerrard  
Lorraine King  
Betty Sinclair  
Myrtle Sirmulis  
Trish Lau

Yvette Zuidema  
Janine Shadwick  
Chris Macalister  
Peter Andrews  
Ray Corbett  
Jeannette Prince  
Peter Sinclair  
David Bell  
Moy Coomer

**These volunteers prepared the food, provided the crockery etc and helped set up the room. Without these volunteers, we would not have had such a great birthday High-Tea.**

**And of course the Club thanks Patricia Forsyth-Reid who did the planning and coordination for the event.**

### THERE'S THE BELL TOWER, PERTH'S LEAST POPULAR LANDMARK

The Swan Bell Tower is one of Perth's more bemusing icons, namely in that no one could ever figure out why they needed it in the first place.

The tower was the passion project of past WA premier Richard Court, built in 1999 to mark the new millennium. It's home to twelve of the St-Martins-in-the-Fields bells. These were originally housed in the St-Martins-in-the-Fields Church (what a mouthful), in Trafalgar Square, London.

SMINF's received a sparkling new set of bells in 1988 and gifted their old bells to the City of Perth. So, they're essentially hand me downs to begin with.

It was architect William Hames who came up with the glass tower and copper sails design. This was intended to reflect the Swan River, which the tower would sit beside. The strange design of the tower was never popular. Plus, the total price tag was \$5.5 million AUD, a staggering amount of money at the time, which many thought could be better spent elsewhere.

It's certainly one of the stranger landmarks to be found in the area, but there are a couple of others just as baffling.

# MANDURAH GIANTS TRIP

Twenty eight happy trippers assembled at Currambine to board the bus to go see the Giants.

First stop was to see Billie Bob in Subiaco. Because it was easily accessible we had a group photo.

Then off to Mandurah for a Dolphin spotting boat cruise accompanied by fish and chips from Ciciarellos.

The final but impressive giant Santi Ikto is at Halls Head. He is gazing over the sea from a little hilltop,

Each giant is made from recycled wood and found objects and takes 500 to 1,000 hours to construct with a team of workers and volunteers on site.

The giants named Vivi Cirkelstone, Seba's song, Little Lui, Santi Ikto, Bille Bob and Jyttes Hytte, are all named with inspiration after people Mr Dambo knows.

We had two intrepid male members who decided to show off their legs by wearing shorts.

Don't do it again!



# Happy Birthday 4TH

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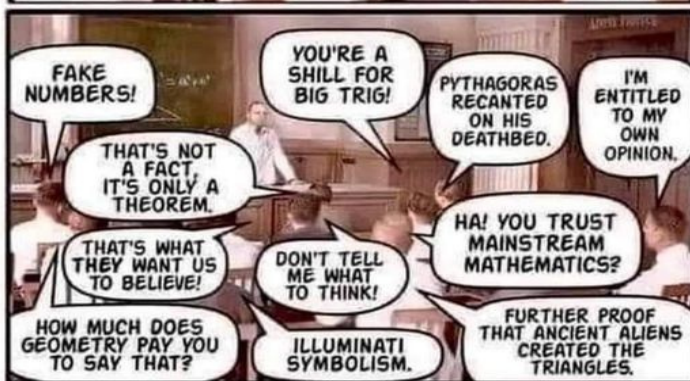
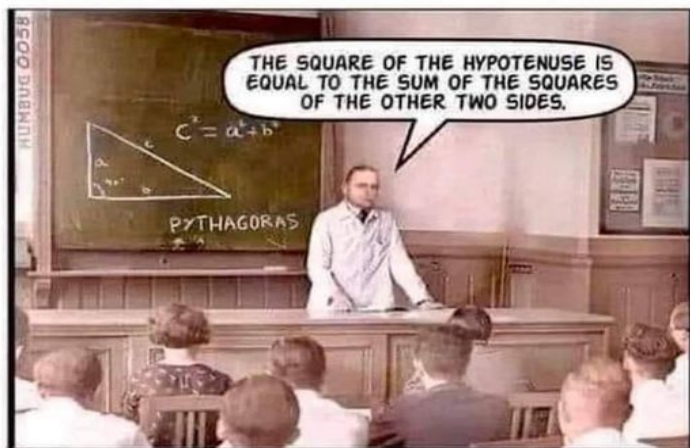
## Interesting bit for English lovers - Absolutely brilliant!

Once Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar, Bengali poet and scholar, jokingly asked Michael Madhusudhan Dutt, an Anglophile poet of great repute; **"As you are a Master in English, can you make a sentence without using a single 'E'?"**

### Dutt, the genius, wrote this:

"I doubt I can. It's a major part of many many words. Omitting it is as hard as making muffins without flour. It's as hard as spitting without saliva, napping without a pillow, driving a train without tracks, sailing to Russia without a boat, washing your hands without soap. And, anyway, what would I gain? An award? A cash bonus? Bragging rights? Why should I strain my brain? It's not worth it."

## Absolutely brilliant!



# WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- ❑ The mainland land mass of W.A. covers 2,526,786 square kilometres, add the coastal islands to this and you get a total of 2,529,875 square kilometres. Mainland W.A. has a coastline that stretches for 12,889 kilometres.
- ❑ W.A. has the largest number (3747) of coastal islands of any of the states.
- ❑ [Perth](#) is the world's most sunny capital city.
- ❑ The furthest point north in W.A. is Cape Londonderry. 13 44 36 S 126 47 43 E  
The furthest point south is Torbay Head. 35 8 10 S 117 38 13 E  
The furthest point west is Steep Point. 26 08 40 S 113 09 27 E
- ❑ [Albany](#) is the furthest town south.
- ❑ [Wyndham](#) is the furthest town north.
- ❑ [Denham](#) is the furthest town west.
- ❑ [Eucla](#) is the furthest town east.
- ❑ The largest lake in W.A. is Lake Mackay at 3494 square kilometres.
- ❑ The highest town in the state is [Tom Price](#) (750 metres).
- ❑ The most isolated town in W.A. is [Telfer](#).
- ❑ The oldest town in W.A. is [Albany](#). (1827)
- ❑ The oldest inland town is [York](#). (1830)
- ❑ The [longest River](#) in W.A. is the Gascoyne. (865 Km) (The second longest is the Murchison).
- ❑ The highest mountain is Mt. Meharry. (1253 metres) Several other figures are also quoted but this is the official height.
- ❑ The largest island is Dirk Hartog. (613 Sq. Km.)
- ❑ The largest desert in W.A. is the Great Victoria Desert. (348,750 Sq. Km.)
- ❑ The highest waterfall is King George Falls (80 metres).
- ❑ The Nullarbor Plain contains the longest and deepest cave in Australian and one of the largest in the world. (Pannikin Plain Cave).
- ❑ Murrawong Gnulling Gnulling Pool is the longest name given to any natural feature in W.A.
- ❑ WA represents 32.85% of the total land mass that is Australia but has only 10% of the total population.
- ❑ W.A. is the second largest state in the world after Sakha in Russia.
- ❑ If W.A. was a country in its own right it would be one of the top 10 in size.
- ❑ W.A. has the richest mineral wealth in the world.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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## September

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** PAWA – Pasta in the Valley, Swan Valley – please register with Moy

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>** JCPC Club Meeting – high tea to celebrate club birthday

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>** JCPC Committee Meeting



## October

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>** JCPC Club Meeting

**Thu 19<sup>th</sup>** Perth Mint tour \$20, by train, then lunch at the Grosvenor Hotel \*

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup>** JCPC Committee Meeting

## November

**Nov 7<sup>th</sup>** Melbourne Cup – venue to be advised

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup>** JCPC Club Meeting

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>** JCPC Committee Meeting

## December

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>** JCPC Club Meeting

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>** Xmas – Bramston Pk Community Sports Centre – lunch and show

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>** JCPC Committee Meeting

## REGULAR EVENTS and CONTACTS

\* To register/book for an event, or for more info please contact PATRICIA 041 702 0645  
Flyers will be sent out for new events.

JCPC club meeting	9.45am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, Currumbine Community Centre, Delamere Ave
JCPC Committee Mtg	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month
Mahjong Group	every Monday, 10.15am – Bramston Park Community Centre, Burns Beach
Card Making Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 10am – at Brenda's home
Men's coffee	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 10am - Union Kitchen Mindarie
Book Cub	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 11am – Wanneroo Dome – Marie 0419 046 834

Also see web page [shorturl.ac/jcprobuss](http://shorturl.ac/jcprobuss) or <https://www.probusouthpacific.org/microsites/joondalupcity>



Happy Birthday

