Hello all you isolated Northmead & District Probarians,

This isolation is wearing a little thin, however I was able to see my family on Mother’s day & that was joyous occasion after such a long time. I imagine due to the more relaxed restrictions a lot of you have been able to catch up with family & friends.

I was also able to visit my husband Allan in his care facility after 7 weeks of no visiting & tears were shed all around. I had to have a flu injection before I was allowed to visit & temperature check each time I see him. This I don’t mind if it keeps the facility virus free.

Congratulations to Greg & Debra Sheath, who during the week, became grandparents for the first time. It’s a baby girl. However the event is tinged with some sadness, as their daughter lives in Queensland & they are unable to visit due to the border closures. Lots of face time. Let me know if any of you have had an exciting event happen in your family during the crisis, we need some good news.

I must say I am so proud to be an Australian at this present time, during the Corona-virus pandemic. We have a daughter living in Austin, Texas & a niece in central London, & compared to what they are telling me about the handling of the pandemic by their governments, we should be so grateful our government took tough decisions early on, to save us the agony & extreme loss of life that they are going through.

Part of the committee had a test run this week of a zoom meeting, all I can say we are meeting in a local park for our next meeting, whilst observing, social distancing. I got to see Ken Sinclair with an impressive grey isolation beard.

I remember when credit cards came in & we all got sent a bankcard in the post. I poo poed the idea & vowed I would never use one & what was wrong with good old money. 30 years later I almost always use credit cards & hardly ever cash. Then they proposed knocking down all the trees & building an M2 into the city. I protested with other like minded residents against the tree loss & the impending noise etc etc. Now I use the M2 all the time, saves me hours of travelling time & the M2 bus for $2.50, who could complain. So the moral of the story is, I didn't like things that were about to happen, but despite me they happened anyway & I adapted.

So that is how it is with the Corona-virus & and our Probus Club & meetings & social activities. We don't like it, but there is nothing we can do about it, so we just have to adapt. It is an unknown when we will have our next meeting, the NBC is still not open.

We can probably start planning some small activities, such as walking group or BBQ's now we are allowed groups of 10 & we maintain social distance. When anything is decided, you all will be notified. Everything the activities leaders had planned for this year, if able, will probably be forwarded to next year. Keep well.
I was tired… really very tired. I had had a good day - walking with one of my WalkieTalkie mates. After a too long hot summer with a smoke haze that lingered, rain that, while welcomed, was relentless, and now COVID-19, it was wonderful to put one foot happily in front of the other. Ah, it was bliss walking amongst nature, breathing in the freshness while we, naturally, physically distanced.

On returning home, I thought, “Soup - time to make some chicken soup.” I took the chicken carcass out of the ‘fridge and dropped it into my soup pot; filled the pot with water.

As the chicken broth boiled away, I added some more water… the smell was delicious - dee-lish-us! Plucking out the chook carcass, I chopped up some carrots, potatoes, herbs … put them into the pot. The veggies simmered away, cooking happily in the spicy chicken broth.

Grinning to myself, I thought about the really active happy bush walk, the jokes; the funny moments when I had to be pushed up a slope.

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It was time. I grabbed the large colander, and proceeded to pour the soup into it …separating the veggies from the broth in readiness to mash the veggies in the Nutri-Bullet.

And then it dawned on me - I had forgotten to put a bowl under the colander!

There I was - hot broth splashing on my toes, as it pooled on the floor beside me.

~ Linda Gibson-Langford
Got a story or poem
or artworks bubbling away.
Send your contribution to Newsletter Editor.
It can be anonymous, if requested.

The Marseille Cap

I dearly love my Marseille cap
Purchased with pride in Provence,
Wearing it provided me bragging rights
Of retirement travel delights.

Until Linda's photo-eye and skill
Made her crafty camera pounce,
She selectively avoided ‘m’ and ‘ille’
And captured a cap that said ARSE!

As I boarded my good buddy’s yacht,
For the start of the Sydney - Hobart,
Skipper John Smith with his talented crew
Pointed fingers at my arse backward cap.
The laughter spewed forth, jokes flippantly flew
I handled their jesting - I patted my ARSE.

Moving ahead of the spectator fleet
And rounding a seaworthy buoy,
I leapt urgently towards the port side,
The sea breeze had stolen my cap!

Into the swirling Tasman it flew,
John swiftly swung the helm for a lap,
I shouted, “Let it sink, let it sink, it’s just crap!”
But no... Smith was determined ‘Save the Cap’.

There was real danger - a violent collision,
I froze - the crew, though, moved with precision.
They saved that drenched trouble-making arse cap,
Slung it limp, sopping wet, on my lap.
Skipper Smith sardonically grinned,
“Put it back on - arse jokes can begin.”

[My wretched arse cap is now humbled
But Aussie humour keeps it firmly alive.]

~ Rod Garrett
What have YOU been doing in social isolation?

I had to get a NEW car battery. YUP! So I drove around my housing estate to exercise this newbie and confronted a “View from my Car Window”!

Well, after 20 years, it was time to build my new deck. Just wiping down after the paint dried.

We didn’t say ‘no’ when our first invitation came to visit 2 on 2, socially!

I have spent once a week attending Science and History lectures via Zoom! My eyes have been opened to BIG Questions. Did you know that we might have sprung from ancient hot-springs or indeed deep sea beds? Hmmm. Yup! Just ask Astrobiologist Luke Steller.

So I put on matching socks and top to trim my Carolina Reaper … one of my Chili Peppers (she’s hot). After a bite of her you might expect the Grim Reaper to appear.
Hey Grumpy… this is ME! ISO has me focussed on CELLAR RENO! Mate! Without good wine, then nothing is fine! Up to Box 9.. just need to put backing on. Like my bottles to feel happy and comfy.

This is ME! Back breaking work as I mulch my garden... but oh... how good is that sun!

This is ME! Back breaking work watching the mulch tip into my garden. But oh... how good is that sun!

Yeh? Well, mulch away, mates. This is ME. We've decided to re-build our pool! Back breaking work and all that... but oh... how good is that sun!

Yeh? Well mulch away - dig away. This is the real ME. Isolation. Baaaahhhhhhh! Just makes me GRUMPY!

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Challenge

How easily can you read this ... challenge your grand kids!

If you can read this, you have a strange mind, too. Only 55 people out of 100

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What have YOU been doing in social isolation?

Happy Birthday to You.
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Celebrating my 2 year old granddaughter's birthday during these UNPRECEDENTED (the most used word so far in 2020) times via ZOOM.... who'd of thought!
What have YOU been doing in social isolation?

‘Meaders Clubs

GOOD NEWS … three Clubs will meet in June…see below.

WeWalk Club
Robyn 0419463783.  Liz  0431771884
June MeetUps  2  16   30   @Els Cafe 8.30am

Studio 57 Club
Sherel Jakes  0413853393
June 16 meetUp 10am

Walkie Talkies
Patrick Vallely  0403161515
Governor Philip Walk TBA
(keep checking website)

Lunch Club
Sue Osborne  0405777994

Fleurs Club
Sandra Joy  0410511678
Check website for any updates on Fleurs
Jacaranda Festival Event

Mahjong Club
Jan Field  0428080848

Mookies
Debra Sheath  0421998434

SSSSSHHHHHHH

Good friends never share secrets.

SSSSHHHHHHH!

Each Club meets on a regular basis (weekly, fortnightly, monthly).

Each Club has a core group of members. If you are interested in joining a particular Club, phone or email the particular convenor. She/he will be happy to chat to you about what the Club does, and about the next MeetUp.

Club Convenors will contact the group members concerning any changes of time or venue.

NOT a member of one of these Clubs. You are welcome to come to a once off MeetUp to check out the Club before you commit.

Clubs are all about you.

As a member of our ‘Meaders Probus we encourage you to be pro-active.

Feel free to share ideas for new Clubs.

ALERT - Always check our website for current updates.

Click here or call the Convenor of the Club you are interested in for details of next MeetUp.

Club Convenors will let you know via the newsletter, and more importantly, the website, when they will re-meet.

Feel free to call or email a convenor if you need information about a Club you are interested in. They will let you know where and when.
Events

NOTE: WE continue to adhere to the social and physical distancing as requested by our State and Federal Governments. We will be cancelling or postponing events as we move on from day to day; week to week. We will continue to update our website daily as decisions are made. Click on WEBSITE for full details. And please look at Website regularly for updates. Contact the convenor (see website) if you have any questions.

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Call ANY of the Events Team if you are interested in attending any of these events. They will answer your questions (eg where to meet; issues with payment, if any; how to get to event, and if you need help getting there). Contact details on last page of Newsletter.
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