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GENERAL MEETING 22nd September - Programme

10.30 am - Welcome, Apologies, Visitors, Induction

10.45 am - Member Special Interest – Mike Thomas

11.00 am - Coffee and Tea

11.30 am - Guest Speaker – Mark Apthorpe



President's Report:

Welcome to the September edition of our club newsletter.



Spring is here so hopefully you are able to get and about to enjoy the beautiful weather.

Your committee is doing advance planning for 2027 and reviewing the various roles undertaken by committee members - as part of that process it looks like we'll need at least one new committee member. If you're interested or would like to nominate, please talk to me or our secretary Keith Hole. Serving on the committee is a great way to "give back" to the club and it is not too time consuming. And we always encourage a "sneak peek" come along to a committee meeting and see what's involved.

At the September meeting our member speaker is Mike Thomas one of our newer members and he'll share some interesting stories on his life; while our guest speaker is Dr Mark Apthorpe an academic at the University of Newcastle who'll talk about Deglobalisation and the impact of President Trump's tariffs.

Another reminder. You can invite male or female friends and/or partners to our meeting if the guest speaker or subject is something they want to hear about. And while on the subject of guests/visitors they are expected to pay the usual \$10 attendance fee (or as a member you can cover it for them!)

To finish I have to share this brilliant (but naughty) comment from UK actor Helen Mirren...
"Your 40s are good....Your 50s are great....Your 60s are fab. And 70 is f*@king awesome!"

See you at the meeting.
Cheers

The Next General Meeting of Newcastle Probus Club will be held on 27th October 2026 at Souths Merewether



Special Interest: Mike Thomas



Bank Reconciliation end July 2026: Opening Balance \$11,191, Income \$1,953, Expenditure \$3,575, Closing Balance \$9,568, Term Deposit \$7500

Payments: Cash: To Treasurer (in envelope with name, purpose, and amount).

Internet Banking: Newcastle Permanent Building Society, BSB: 650000, A/c No.943213300



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Hawkesbury History Cruise Thu 25 Sept

The 36 people who have paid are all set for next week's day out and have no doubt planned which station to join the train for the trip to Hawkesbury River Station at Brooklyn. Please remember name badges.

We did have 6 people cancelled and I am fairly sure there will be space for a few others of our group (or friends) to join. Please contact me if you wish to pursue that opportunity.

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Upcoming Guest Speakers

27th October: Alan Playford, Working in Rescue and Overseas

24th November: Lucas Coleman – Port of Newcastle

19th January: Ross Kerridge – Former Newcastle Lord Mayor



Bowls: Robbie

Just to let you know that Barney, Brian and I broke our inter Probus Bowls competition drought at Cessnock today, to win our first game. 'One small step for etc'. Next comp at Fern Bay in two weeks.



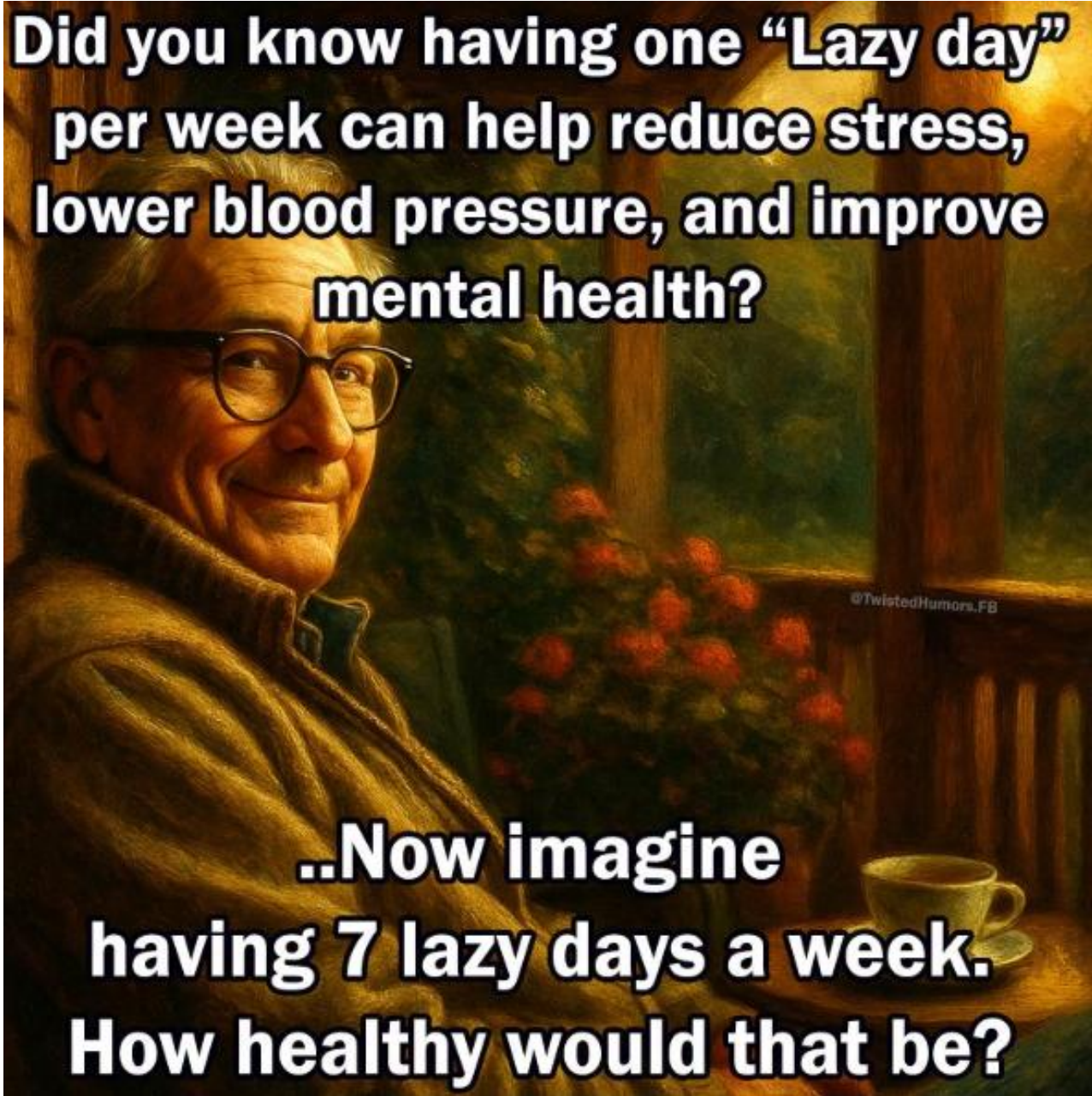
A man won a door prize at his local club.... It was a toilet brush!! A week later, some of his mates invited him to their regular poker game - one of them asked, "Hey Ollie, how's that toilet brush, that you won from the club?" Ollie responded, "Well, it works really good, but I prefer toilet paper!"

Where can men over 65 find younger women who are attracted to them?
In the bookstore, under "Fiction"

Old woman: "Get upstairs and let's make love!"

Old man: "I don't think I can do both"

An elderly man recalls the good old days: "When I was young, I could shop with a single dollar bill and bring back five kilos of potatoes, two loaves of bread, a bottle of milk, a block of cheese, and a dozen eggs. Nowadays that's impossible. There are too many security cameras at the shops"



**Did you know having one “Lazy day”
per week can help reduce stress,
lower blood pressure, and improve
mental health?**

**..Now imagine
having 7 lazy days a week.
How healthy would that be?**

Two nuns were shopping at a 7-Eleven convenience store when they passed the beer cooler.

One nun said to the other,

“Wouldn’t a nice, cold beer or two taste wonderful on a hot summer evening?”

The second nun replied,

“Indeed, it would, Sister. But I wouldn’t feel comfortable buying beer. I’m certain it would cause quite a scene at the checkout.”

“I can handle that without a problem,” the first nun replied.

So, she picked up a six-pack of beer and headed to the checkout.

The cashier looked surprised when the two nuns arrived with the six-pack.

“We use beer for washing our hair,” the nun explained. “Back at our nunnery, we call it ‘Catholic Shampoo.’”

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a package of pretzel sticks, and placed them in the bag with the beer.

Then he looked the nun straight in the eye, smiled, and said,

“The curlers are on the house.”

I bought a relaxing cd 🎧 the other day it was the sound of the sea 🌊. I got home and thought I'd play it. I thought it's not working, or my CD player was not loading it, so I tried another cd 🎧. It was working so the next day I went back to the shop to tell them it didn't work. They tried it and same happened. They said I know what it is, the tide must've been out that day.

THE GREATEST PUNS OF ALL TIME

- . The cheese factory exploded today, there was de brie everywhere!
 - . Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda? He was lucky it was a soft drink.
 - . Dogs can't operate MRI machines, but catscan.
 - . I knew a guy who collected candy canes: They were all in mint condition.
 - . I don't think I need a spine. It's holding me back.
 - . I'm going to buy some Velcro for my shoes instead of laces. Why knot?
 - . A man walked into a zoo, where the only animal weas a dog. It was a shihtzu.
 - . Never trust an atom: They make up everything!
 - . I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it.
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MEDICAL TERM

Artery
Benign
Cat scan
Cauterize
Colic
Dilate
Enema
Fester
Fibula
Impotent
Labour Pain
Medical Staff
Nitrates
Post Operative
Terminal Illness

YORKSHIRE DEFINITION

The study of paintings
What you be, after you be eight
Searching for kitty
Made eye contact with her
A sheep dog
To live long
Not a friend
Quicker than someone else
A small lie
Distinguished, well known
Getting hurt at work
A Doctor's cane
Rates of Pay for Working at night
A letter carrier
Getting sick at the airport

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