

ROYAL FLAIR NEWSLETTER - 2021



G'Day Royal Flarians and welcome to our October 2021 newsletter.

THE FLARIAN

G'Day everyone! Hope you are all keeping safe and warm if you are in the cooler climate. Unfortunately it has been all bad news with Covid, but we can only hope things improve and we will all be out caravanning in our Royal Flair vans soon.

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As most of you know via our facebook group, our member, bush poet, comedian and a “great bloke” Dave (Prousty) Proust passed away recently due to a long term illness namely brain cancer. To his wife Therese and family we extend our sincere condolences.

Prousty would not want us to be sad at his passing, but he would rather us all remember him with a smile and to remember those great times when he entertained many people Australia wide. His last performance was for us at Nagambie last April and I am sure tears of laughter only will make us remember him.

Our member Ron Sinclair who has worked with and known Prousty for many years has written a book on the life of Prousty and it will be available soon, and, we will keep you posted on how to obtain a copy. This is how Ron describes the great man, Dave Proust.

“Prousty was a real Australian larrikin. He was a bush poet, comedian, firefighter, plumber, intrepid traveller and explorer, as well as a loving husband and father of six children. His poems and stories have enthralled and entertained people all over the world for years, and he leaves his mark on people and places wherever he goes. The book is a celebration of his poetry, his crazy sense of humour, and his love of life. The book is a rollicking journey that will make you laugh, cry and wonder at the exploits of Dave ‘Prousty’ Proust.”

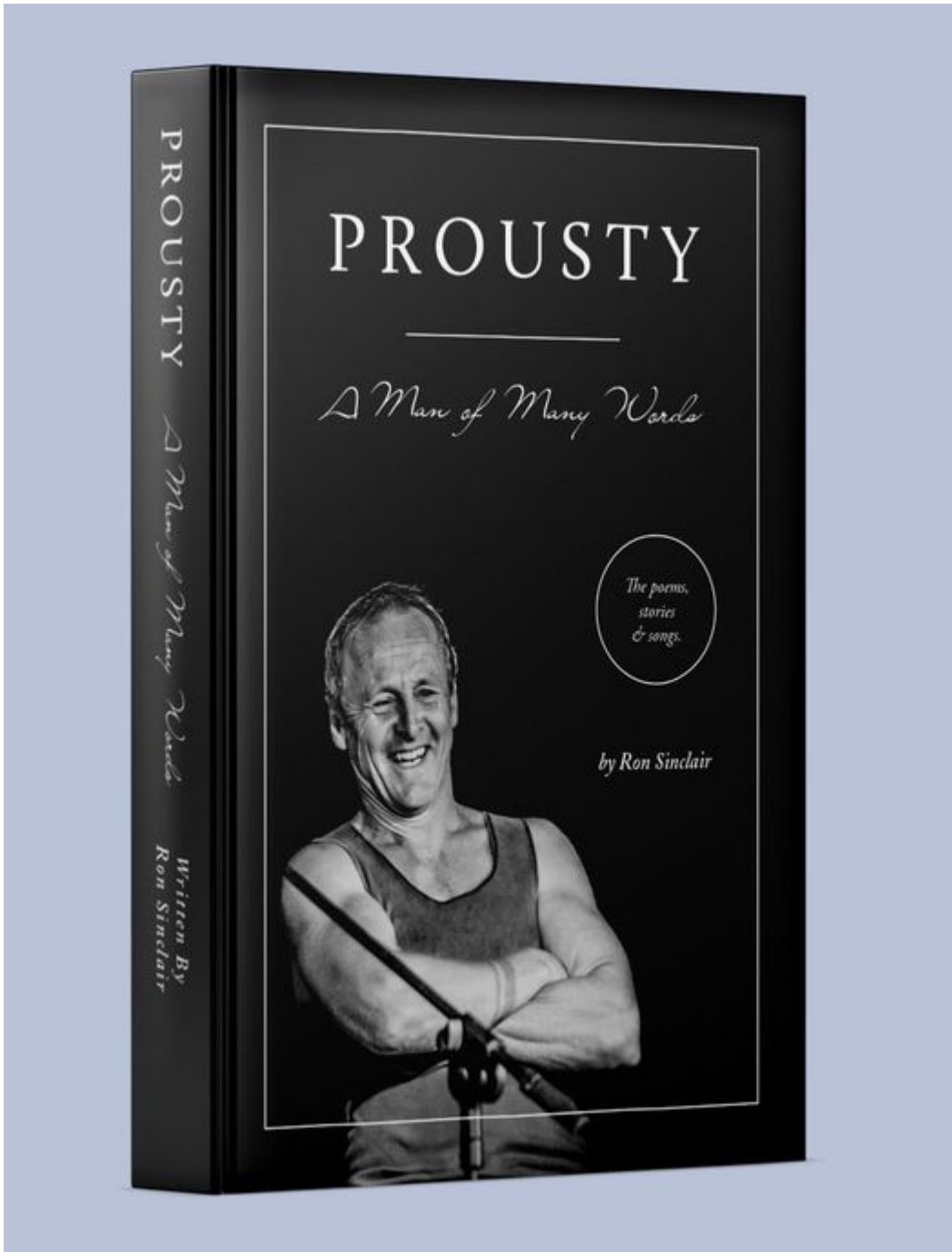
Some photos of Prousty as we remember him.....R I P Prousty.

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Funeral arrangements have now been announced and are now on our facebook club page.

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CLUB SHIRTS & STICKERS:

Angie Deralas and the team at Royal Flair have been busy and have managed to redesign our club shirts. But wait! There's more! They have also redesigned our caravan and car club sticker and I have attached photos. A big THANKYOU to Angie and the team. I have attached photos of the shirts and sticker. We will be announcing on our club facebook page shortly a size chart, prices and how to order. The van stickers will be free and one will be sent with each shirt order. The shirts are long sleeve allowing you not to be bitten by insects which is a great idea. We are sure you will love the new design.



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LUCK OF THE IRISH:

Mark and Glenda Pollard were having a great time travelling around enjoying the sun along the east coast and while staying at a caravan park came across the Irish comedian Jimeoin. A luck Glenda also managed a dance with him. Here's her story.

"Waltzing Jimeoin along with Channel 10/G'day parks undertook a comedy tour of the sunny east coast and we were lucky enough to arrive at one of our favourite parks in Airlie Beach - Island Gateway Holiday Park not knowing Jimeoin was to perform there.

The next morning, just relaxing around camp and who waltzes (pardon the pun !) down our street but the man himself and immediately picks up on the van name "Royal Flair" and royal banter continued. He was working the park to invite all campers to his performance that night. We find Island Gateway a little quieter of the "noisy nomads" !! and the park has free bird feeding, puts on weekly bbq's/shows etc, also very yummy food vans visit the park each week, with a permanent morning coffee van as well.

The show that night started with an amazing musician Kev and Jimeoin coming up a couple of times and getting a certain someone up to dance !! We were entertained by comedian Jacques Barrett before Jimeoin hit the stage, such a funny man and yes with many a joke aimed at "the olds" , surprise, surprise!

Airlie Beach we find a great destination with beautiful beaches, the Whitsundays of course, day trips to the famous Whitehaven Beach, great walks, bike paths, markets, food etc., be as busy or relaxed as you like.

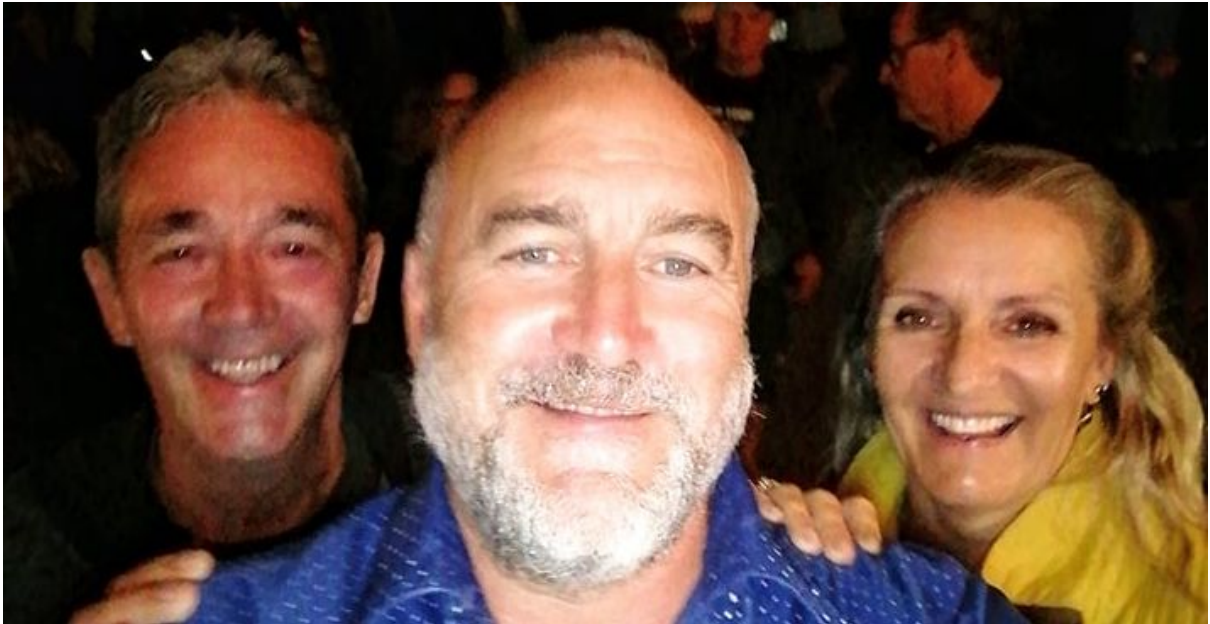
Gotta love Airlie especially with a comedian or 2 thrown in”.

Thanks Glenda and Mark for the item and photos.



Mark and Glenda enjoying a visit from Jimeoin.

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Well, talk about luck of the Irish.

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**Good things come in little packages.
Oh, and they taste good too!**

As we mentioned on our club facebook page we have a new sponsor, Aussie Biscuits. In 1976 as a delightfully small and very Aussie biscuit business, they began in regional NSW with a single mission: to create employment for people with a disability. The same opportunity most of us don't even think twice about.

From a single Jam Drop, lovingly made with a recipe donated by Forbes local Noelene Hudson, Aussie Biscuits grew and grew. In 1976 their employees hand-made 600 Jam Drops a day. By 2018 they had outgrown their original factory and moved into a brand-new location, allowing them the opportunity to create more jobs, and even more delicious bikkies!

Do they taste good? Club member Petrina Palmer says they are great. Here's what she told me.

"Hi John, ordered a box of these delicious Aussie Biscuits. After reading the back story to this Australian Company, I did not hesitate in sending off an order. We received our box of assorted biscuits 3 days after placing order, can't do better than that. The staff are chomping in at morning tea time, absolutely devouring them. Probably won't be long till we need another box. Thanks Aussie Biscuits, keep up the good work".

[Tour the Aussie Biscuits factory](#)

Aussie Biscuits are back in action after a brief factory closure during Covid lockdowns. The Factory Shop is open 9-3 Mon-Fri to buy our famous Aussie Biscuits straight from the factory, as well as macadamia and other products from Summerland Farm, another business of Aruma. We've got some great hampers and gift bags ready to go for Christmas ideas.

Tours will be operating again from 8 November 9.30am-2pm Mon-Fri – no charge – we just want you to buy our biscuits 😊. Please book ahead to avoid disappointment on 1300 399 522 or email aussiebiscuits@aruma.com.au. There is a maximum of 10 people each tour so book well ahead please.

(Covid requirements: Tours dependent on current government guidelines. All visitors must wear a mask, sign in and show proof of double vaccination to provide a safe environment for our Biscuits team).

If you can't get to Forbes, don't fret. All our great products are available online at www.aussiebiscuits.com.au with free shipping for a limited time. We're about to launch some gift lines online in time for Christmas too so check it out and of course follow us on

facebook for all updates. If it's a big order you need for you club, event or caravan park retail outlet just email us at aussiebiscuits@aruma.com.au for our wholesale pricing.



Aussie Biscuits has a brand new look...




OK, that's all for our October issue. Apologies for the delay but as I have said before, it's difficult to drain the swamp when you are up to your backside with Crocs. (lol) We had storm damage down here including no power and no internet, so I guess it is what it is. It just meant draining the swamp took a little longer.

Until our November issue, keep safe and enjoy your new travels. Please remember to support all our sponsors as listed below. Cheers, safe travels and keep safe!


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