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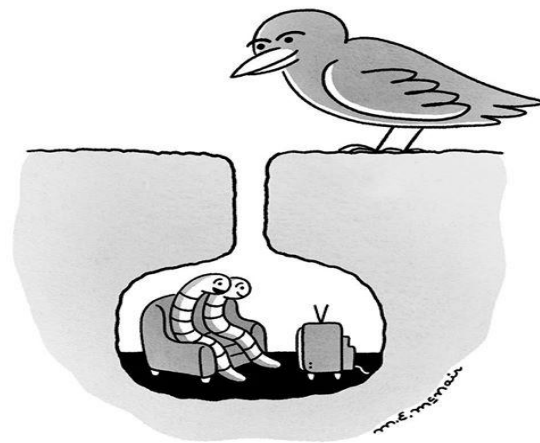
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JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

Well we are still living in a crazy world but it's becoming the normal and in some ways we are starting to like it. No commitments on our time, sleep in as late as you like, wear the same clothes each day the list goes on and on and in many ways it's not too bad. Another month has passed and now we get ready for winter. Putting a newsletter together has become almost impossible. Jokes are being sent to everyone thanks to the persistent work of our dedicated secretary and I must admit, some of them are terrific. Even the general interest items are thought provoking just loved the one about the climbing of the transmission tower, made me go weak in the knees and I had to turn it off and return to it later. The internet certainly does open the world to us in the comfort of our home, no need to get on an aeroplane to visit a different country and the aerial photography is just stunning. Those car collections have to be seen to be believed. So what can we make of the month - member contributions to our newsletter have fallen away to almost nil. Please make an effort for next month and let us all know what you have been doing. Send your article - photo - news snippet to akilby@bigpond.net.au

Even though the shed has been closed over the past few months, you will be pleased to know that the management committee still meet regularly to keep an eye on business.





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Special congratulations:

To Ken & Jude Brown on becoming **GREAT** GRAND PARENTS. A boy, born on Mother's Day. Congratulations to all concerned..... Parents, Grand Parents and especially GGP.



Colin Nash No 59

It is with our sympathy we inform you all of the passing of Colin's wife, Shirley.

The shed is sending Colin a sympathy card.

People can view the service, from Wednesday 27th at 2.15pm for 3 months on the following link <https://vimeo.com/420529580/fof2128f2f>

Who's on the sick list?

Ray Hasting No 55

Ray was sent to hospital again with the same breathing condition. He requires breathing assistance all the time now.

Some information about Ray for the newer members.

Ray is one of our early members and is a very skilled wood worker. He had a building firm and for many years was a partner with our resident plumber Lawrie Carlos where they built house boats.

Before the shed was located at Braeside Park, Ray and Norm made models of our shed that were used as presentation to members of the community and our early retiring presidents. All timber for these small sheds were supplied by Ray.



When the shed received its permanent home at Braeside Park, Ray offered his services as the morning tea organiser, this he did for about 4 years. We thank you Ray for the dedicated service and we are very grateful. We all wish you a speedy and full recovery and look forward to seeing you win the Friday raffle when we all get back together.

Thanks to Bill King for this article.



We certainly hope that the previous occupiers of the shed haven't returned and staked a claim while we have been absent from the shed.

The world has flipped upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors.

At first, I thought I had Covid because I couldn't breathe.



Then I unbuttoned my pants and it was all ok.

Birthday wishes to:

Member #	First Name	Last Name	Day
65	Bernard	Warren	4
271	Ian	Laurent	4
154	John	Maher	6
171	Nikolai	Faizouline	6
283	Gyula (Julian)	Laszlo	7
205	Bob	Ivison	8
40	Douglas	Robertson	11
21	Lawrie	Carlos	12
43	Rob	Isaachsen	12
179	Alan	Rimington	12
160	William (Bill)	Argent	13
300	Graham	Lucas	14
198	Peter	Holt	15
28	David	Robertson	18
162	Des	McCoy	18
59	Colin	Nash	19
303	Henricus	Erftemeyer	24
135	Robert	Muir	25
56	John	Newman	27
200	Graham	Giulieri	30
268	Graham	Osborne	30

Congratulations to Bernard and Peter on becoming OBE

Row row row your boat
Gently down the stream
Don't let your wrinkled
skin and saggy balls kill
your self-esteem!

Happy Birthday!

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"I thought that this might be a good fit for the newsletter.
Might bring back some of those travel memories worth a laugh or two
regards
Warren Duncan"

Gosh those Italians are friendly

My friend and I had just taken our other two travelling buddies to the train station in Rome. I had used the Italian automotive modus operandi to allow us to reach the station in time for them to catch their international express back to Paris and then London.

By modus operandi I mean that if you are caught in traffic, even if there is only one car in front of you (and it's likely you will be moving soon), you MUST push down heavily on the horn.

The chorus of bludgeoning noise created helps to support the sense of urgency that accompanies all forms of transport in the country. I had come to the understanding that Italians always have better things to do and that travel, especially that of the vehicle kind, is just an essential evil in cities. To enable them to reach their destination and then get on with life, whatever that might be. Even on the cobblestoned Appian Way, where speeds beyond 10 kilometers an hour are impossible, use of the horn is just another way for the locals to show off their sense of history, get out of my Empire, I run this place. And, if an accident was to occur they expect to then have a few minutes to exercise, shout and gesticulate, often in the same timeframe.

(Editor's Note: The writer advised that in fact he had a head on collision with an Italian vehicle on the Appian Way and that the combined speed of the two cars involved would have approximated 15 kilometers per hour)

I digress. My friend and I spent our last night in Rome at our camping ground, Seven Hills, and readied our car the next morning for the last leg of our journey south to Bari, on the heel of Italy's boot.

Another day, sunny, warm Greece beckoned. We headed off and before too long (that can mean hours) we found the entrance to the autostrada, the local equivalent of the Monash Freeway except that it had about eight lanes and to your peril, never get caught in the far right lane. Not that it would be an issue for an ageing VW combi with a top speed of 60 going downhill.

As soon as we hit the autostrada we were overcome, once again, by the friendliness shown by Italians. Italy is a breathtakingly beautiful country and so are the people. Once again we were enjoying the joy they were showing us for being in their country. For miles we had cars coming up behind us and giving us massive toots of welcome and good-bye and we even had people on the other side of the highway waving to us vigorously.

I recall saying to Col "... What a country, I love these people." He agreed and then pulled off and then onto a small side road.

The flopping of the plastic roof should have given it away. We just hadn't heard it.

We had the top up.

Warren Duncan 2020

**The end of
stay-at-home orders
doesn't mean the
pandemic is over. It
means they currently
have room for you in
the ICU.**

A man and his NAGGING wife were on holiday in Jerusalem, when the wife suddenly died. The funeral company told the man that it would cost \$45,000 to ship her home or \$500 to bury her in Jerusalem. The husband said, "Ship her home." Shocked, the undertaker asked, "But sir, why don't you bury her in the Holy Land and save the money?" To which the husband replied, "A long time ago, a man was buried here and 3 days later, he rose from the dead....I can't take THAT RISK!"



HAPPY EASTER!!! 🐰

10:58 am

Irish Furniture Dealer.

Murphy, a furniture dealer from Dublin, decided to expand the line of furniture in his store, so he decided to go to Paris to see what he could find.

After arriving in Paris, he visited with some manufacturers and selected a line that he thought would sell well back home. To celebrate the new acquisition, he decided to visit a small bistro and have a glass of wine.

As he sat enjoying his wine, he noticed that the small place was quite crowded, and that the other chair at his table was the only vacant seat in the house.

Before long, a very beautiful young Parisian girl came to his table, asked him something in French (which Murphy could not understand), so he motioned to the vacant chair and invited her to sit down. He tried to speak to her in English, but she did not speak his language. After a couple of minutes of trying to communicate with her, he took a napkin and drew a picture of a wine glass and showed it to her. She nodded, so he ordered a glass of wine for her.

After sitting together at the table for a while, he took another napkin, and drew a picture of a plate with food on it, and she nodded. They left the bistro and found a quiet cafe that featured a small group playing romantic music.

They ordered dinner, after which he took another napkin and drew a picture of a couple dancing. She nodded, and they got up to dance. They danced until the cafe closed and the band was packing up.

Back at their table, the young lady took a napkin and drew a picture of a four-poster bed. To this day, Murphy has no idea how she figured out he was in the furniture business.

Subject: **This months' Quiz**

Which of the following names are you familiar with?

1. Monica Lewinsky 2. Spiro Agnew 3. Benito Mussolini 4. Adolf Hitler 5. Jorge Bergoglio
6. Alfonse Capone 7. Vladimir Putin 8. Linda Lovelace 9. Saddam Hussein 10. Tiger Woods

You had trouble with #5, didn't you?

You know all the liars, criminals, adulterers, murderers, thieves, sluts and cheaters, but you don't know the Pope?

Time to lift your game.

Perspective

For a small amount of perspective at this moment, imagine you were born in 1900.

When you are 14, World War 1 starts, and ends on your 18th birthday with 22 million people killed. Later in the year, a Spanish Flu epidemic hits the planet and runs until you are 20. Fifty million people die from it in those two years. Yes, 50 million!

When you're 29, the Great Depression begins. Unemployment hits 25%, global GDP drops 27%. That runs until you are 33! The country nearly collapses along with the world economy.

When you are 39, World War II starts! You aren't even over the hill yet! When you're 41, the United States is fully pulled into WWII. Between your 39th and 45th birthday, 75 million people perish in the war and the Holocaust kills six million.

At 52, the Korean War starts and five million perish. At 64 the Vietnam War begins, and it doesn't end for many years. Four million people die in that conflict.

Approaching your 62nd birthday you have the Cuban Missile Crisis, a tipping point in the Cold War. Life on our planet, as we know it, could well have ended. Great leaders prevented that from happening.

As you turn 75, the Vietnam War finally ends.

Think of everyone on the planet born in 1900. How do you survive all of that?

A kid in 1985 didn't think their 85 year old grandparent understood how hard school was.

Yet those grandparents (and now great grandparents) survived through everything listed above.

Perspective is an amazing art! Let's try and keep things in perspective! Let's be smart, help each other out, and we will get through all of this.

In the history of the world, there has never been a storm that lasted!

This too shall pass!

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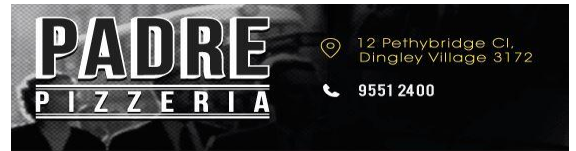
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