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Message started by ronaldo on Dec 11th, 2006, 8:12am

Title: **Another interesting Theory**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 11th, 2006, 8:12am**

Hi All

This just came to me from a mate and from where I do not know.

It is a bit long winded but is an interesting article

Ron

Late in the afternoon on the 19th of November 1941, while returning from escort duty to Sunda Strait the Australian light cruiser HMAS Sydney met and fought with the German Raider Kormoran. The resultant battle, at close range, caused the loss of both ships and the entire crew of Sydney. The action happened about two hundred miles west off Shark Bay, half way up the Western Australian coast, on roughly a strait line from Sunda Strait to Fremantle.

Many conspiracy theories concerning this action have been raised over the last sixty years, mainly involving a possible Japanese submarine or the Kormoran committing an act of piracy. The fact that Japan had not yet entered the war, that cooperation between Germany and Japan was very limited at this stage and that there is no evidence what so ever of the involvement of a submarine of any nationality, makes this unlikely.

Kormoran could not have expected to win this fight let alone get the result they got, that is, have the Sydney lost with all hands. I doubt therefore, that they would have taken the risk of doing anything illegal.

So why did a modern and experienced warship succumb to a converted freighter with First World War vintage guns.

Over the last twenty-five years, there have been four books written about the loss of H.M.A.S. Sydney. The first by Michael Montgomery, in 1981, "Who Sank The Sydney?" tells the story of the action and then lists all the theories surrounding it but doesn't come to any conclusions. The second, by Barbara Winter, "H.M.A.S. Sydney, Fact, Fantasy and Fraud", in 1984, also tells of the action but puts paid to a lot of suppositions put forward by Michael Montgomery. The third book by Dr Tom Frame, "H.M.A.S. Sydney, Loss & Controversy", published in 1993, dose not add anything new to the mystery, nor dose he come to any conclusions except to criticize Montgomery for being too pro Sydney, and Winter for being too pro Kormoran. The fourth and last, and in my opinion, the best, by Wesley Olson, 2000, "Bitter Victory, The Death Of H.M.A.S. Sydney", not only tells the story, but also comes up with a theory which I find very credible indeed.

After reading the first two books I realized there were four main questions that needed to be answered that neither author seemed to have been able to answer.

What caused the Sydney to approach so close to the kormoran if she was still unidentified?

Several members of Kormoran's crew mentioned seeing what they called pantry men, leaning against the Sydney's rails watching her approach to the Kormoran. No one on a warship has time to lean on the rails and watch during action stations. Did this happen?

Why did it take the Sydney so long to open fire when she could have done so as soon as Kormoran

Why, when she did open fire, did she miss?

The answer to the first question is fairly simple and it's mentioned in both books. What's more it is the cause of the whole disaster, if it is correct. Every allied warship carries a book containing information on enemy warships supplied by naval intelligence. This book contained a photo of the Kormoran, or as they knew her, "Raider G". Only one, mind you, and of the Kormoran when she was the Steiermark, before her conversion to a raider. This photo showed the Steiermark riding high out of the water, with four sets of Sampson posts instead of the two she had after the conversion but most damning of all, with a stern that looked like a half counter half cruiser instead of the full cruiser stern that she actually had. This photo could have caused the crew of Sydney to miss identify her. However, one ship they did know a fair bit about was the Kulmerland, a very similar looking ship and most important of all, a full cruiser stern and unarmed. They also knew that she was working out of Japan and supplying u-boats and raiders. They could have then, because of the faulty photo, misidentified her as the Kulmerland, an unarmed German supply ship.

The second question took a bit more digging to answer. The four 4" anti aircraft guns, about two thirds along the hull of the Sydney, had no gun shields, and the gun crews wore white leather aprons, gloves and balaclavas. As the Sydney approached the Kormoran the two after turrets would have been trained around to port as far as they would go. If these guns had to fire at this extreme angle the 4" gun crews would have been at risk of injury so they would have been stood down. The logical place for them to go would be the tube space on the deck below. Could these have been what the German crew had taken to be pantry men [cooks and stewards]?

The last two questions [3 and 4] can be answered together as they are connected. If the Kormoran had been misidentified as the Kulmerland, this would change the emphasis for the crew of Sydney. Instead of guarding against being attacked by a possible raider, they would have been looking to stop an enemy supply ship from attempting to scuttle. An accepted means of doing this was to scare the pants off them by giving them a near miss with a full salvo. Consequently, the gunnery officer would have been informed of the situation and warned to aim off and be prepared to give them a full salvo near miss. So when the Kormoran began to strike her colours, Sydney's crew would not have been surprised, as they would have already assumed she was a German. However, when she decamouflaged her guns and opened fire, Sydney's crew would have been caught with their pants well and truly down. Imagine the confusion in Sydney's gun director, when, with all guns loaded and ready to go but aimed off, they were informed that the ship they were facing was a raider and had just opened fire on them. They could not open fire in response until the aim had been corrected and this would take time. It's possible they opened fire too soon, with all the panic, and not only was their response delayed but they missed.

Having all four questions answered by Wesley Olson, let me now put them into the context of the story to show how they affected things.

Shortly after they spotted this strange ship slightly east of south, Sydney's crew noticed her making a large course change and this caused them to turn towards her to investigate. Looking at Kormoran from about nine miles away, they could not see her stern clearly enough to decide if it matched the photo they had of raider G. Turning to starboard and keeping about nine miles distance, they moved around to Kormoran's starboard beam. At this point they were able to ascertain that her stern did not match that in the photo but the whole ship matched a photo of the Kulmerland, an unarmed German supply ship. The thing to do at this point, was to get in close to the Kormoran as quickly as possible and get a boarding party on board her before she could attempt to scuttle with the hope of not only capturing the ship but also any documents that may still be there. With this in mind Sydney moved in quickly turning broad side to the Kormoran at about 1,200 yards distance on her starboard side. Because of the severe angle of approach and the possibility that the aft six-inch turrets may have to fire on the port side the four-inch gun crews would be stood down. Some would be used to lower a boat for the boarding party, the rest would be sent to the port tube space below.

On board Kormoran at this time, the captain would have decided that there was no way out of the situation other than to fight and the order to strike the colours and decamouflage would have been given. The first sign of this for the Sydney's crew would have been the lowering of the Dutch flag from Kormoran's masthead. This would not have alarmed them as they already suspected her of being German, however, her next actions would have. The lowering and raising of covers revealing a multitude of guns was a sure sign of her being a raider. The captain of Sydney would have immediately ordered his main armament to open fire. It took about twenty seconds for Kormoran to

is history, both ships were lost, of the four hundred crew on the Kormoran, eighty were lost and three hundred and twenty were saved. Of the Sydney's six hundred and forty five, none survived.

A bitter victory indeed and all because of a bad photograph.

Title: **Re: Another interesting Theory**
Post by **Joe** on **Dec 12th, 2006, 3:10am**

and why not Ron...'For the want of a nail, the shoe was lost; for the want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for the want of a horse the rider was lost, being overtaken and slain by the enemy, all for the want of care about a horseshoe nail.' (Benjamin Franklin) - stranger things have happened at sea.

Chookas
Joe

Title: **Re: Another interesting Theory**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 12th, 2006, 6:55am**

Joe

The scribes can speculate as to what happened as much as they want, but the end result now, even if they locate and examine the wreck, will they ever find out the truth and if so, does it really matter after all of these years? I personally think no. Let their souls and memories rest in peace.

Ron

Title: **Re: Another interesting Theory**
Post by **Joe** on **Dec 13th, 2006, 4:37am**

Ron

After watching about a hundred different versions of 'Let me solve the crime' cop shows on the TeeVee this last year I think that if they find her they will be able to take a piece of seaweed, a grain of sand, an an shine their magic touch on the hull an an an look at a rusted bit and Bingo ... have the answer just before the final commercial break. Either that or ask a passing Mermaid!! Let them RIP. Lest we forget.

Chookas
Joe

Title: **Re: Another interesting Theory**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Dec 13th, 2006, 11:09am**

Ron and Joe ;)

Maybe it is becoming an obsession with me, but nowadays more so than in the early days of WW2, if something is shrouded in mystery, it is usually because those in higher places do not want us to know.

But as said I tend to be a bit skeptical. :-X

At this stage of development I agree that it is best forgotten and let the old sailors rest in peace :-/

Title: **Re: Another interesting Theory**
Post by **millview** on **Dec 21st, 2006, 4:58pm**

HEAR , HEAR ,and that includes those who went down with H.M.A.S. VOYAGER .

R.I.P.

I have a lot of good mates down there that I will always remember. :-[:-[
And the way the survivors were treated is and always will be a disgrace.

Title: **Re: Another interesting Theory**

Post by **Joe** on **Jan 10th, 2007, 5:33am**

Spot on the money Millview - we all tend to at least remember the dead but often - all too often - forget the living. Take it easy mate and maybe - just maybe 2007 will be the Year of Remembrance For the Living!!

Chokas

Joe

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Thanks

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Message started by ronaldo on Jan 11th, 2007, 8:27pm

Title: **Thanks**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 11th, 2007, 8:27pm**

Many thanks Erica or Doug, or whoever that fixed up the problem. Appreciate you free time & efforts in keeping the site going for all members & visitors.

Ron

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Seasons greetings

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Message started by ronaldo on Dec 17th, 2006, 7:54am

Title: **Seasons greetings**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 17th, 2006, 7:54am**

Seasons greetings to all and all the best for the coming year.

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Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Dec 17th, 2006, 9:27am**

Ron :-[:-[

I'm SHOCKED!!!! :o :o :o

Bloody young'uns riding their bikes on the footpath :) ::)

Geeez.....wot next???? :P :P

Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **sluggo** on **Dec 17th, 2006, 11:31am**

I do that all the time not just at Xmas time,,,,regards,,,,Shep

Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 17th, 2006, 3:45pm**

Wunder if he carries around any more supprises at this time of year. ;D ;D ;DHo Ho Ho!

Ron

Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **Joe** on **Dec 18th, 2006, 2:24am**

Chance for everyone to get some Christmas nuts - wot a cracker!

Ron - you simply must stop going round scaring people - cop a look at the disbelief on the faces of the passers by (..never seen one as small as that before)!!!!

Merry Christmas mate

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 18th, 2006, 7:11am**

;D ;D Good one Joe! Probably the cold weather helped to stiffen poor old Santa up a bit. Arthritis doesn't go down to well with cold weather so I am told. :(

Ron

Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **millview** on **Dec 21st, 2006, 4:49pm**

They maybe shocked , but they are still looking . ;D ;D ;D

Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Dec 22nd, 2006, 10:39am**

;) All members and visitors

Turn up the volume and click on this

<http://www.jacquelawson.com/viewcard.asp?code=0212320003>

Merry Christmas everybody

Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 22nd, 2006, 11:09am**

Good One Doc. I guess us 'birdies will get the blame for doing this.

Ho-Ho-flamen-Ho.....Bloody Jet Jockeys!

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Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Dec 22nd, 2006, 12:40pm**

:) :) Ron

"dingle" "dingle"

"THE POLAR FLIGHT 647 FROM VANCOUVER HAS JUST LANDED" :o :o

"Click"

[smiley=engel017.gif] [smiley=vrolijk_26.gif] [smiley=thumbsup.gif]

Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **millview** on **Dec 22nd, 2006, 1:17pm**

I LOVE IT

I HOPE ALL OF YOU HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

;D ;D ;D ;D ;D ;D ;D

Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **Napper** on **Dec 24th, 2006, 2:05pm**

As a new member, but an old reader of the FESR site I have noted all the Xmas greetings spread around by members. I wonder if in today's society of civil rights and political correctness whether we should be sending the greetings as follows (with tongue in cheek):

"Please accept with no obligation, implied or implicit, my best wishes for an environmentally consciuos, socially responsible, non-addictive, gender-neutral celebratiuon of the winter solstice

practices of your choice (with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others or their choice not to practice such traditions at all). Furthermore, I offer my (non-binding) best wishes for the onset of the generally accepted calendar year of 2007, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures. These wishes are offered without regard to the race, creed, colour, age physical ability, choice of computer platform or sexual preference of the wishee, notwithstanding your political persuasion or otherwise. Happy (if happiness is in your belief system) Holidays (if you recognise them)."

Now I am sure nobody would feel any offence this Xmas with the above, unless you believe that our society has gone too far in pandering too much to the bleeding hearts.

Merry Christmas to all from a 32 year RAN veteran! [smiley=grin.gif] [smiley=evil.gif]

Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 10th, 2007, 5:38am**

Napper

You bloody spoil sport - you stopped us all in our tracks! My own view on political correctness is that they can all go and boil themselves in oil (or any other substance of their choice if oil is not socially or environmentally acceptable)! Happy Late New Bloody Year to you all!!!

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **irish50561** on **Jan 13th, 2007, 8:32pm**

Great stuff gang, two of my grandchildren spotted the Santa send-ups and laughed so much that they nearly wet themselves. All the best to the lot of you for the coming season in 2007. A special vote of thanks to Erica and her crew for allowing us the luxury of being able to communicate with old shipmates near and far on this beautiful website. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 13th, 2007, 9:49pm**

;)Irish

I'll drink to that.....Cheers.. [smiley=beer.gif]ers [smiley=beer.gif] [smiley=beer.gif]

Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 14th, 2007, 7:57am**

Someone say drink...did I miss me shout?

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: Seasons greetings**
Post by **millview** on **Jan 17th, 2007, 8:27pm**

Never mind , Christmas is almost here again , it wont be long . :(:(

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Water Displacement

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Message started by ronaldo on Jan 19th, 2007, 7:50am

Title: **Water Displacement**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 19th, 2007, 7:50am**

If this is true everything in the house should sparkle like new!!!

Something to think about.....

I always knew WD-40 was handy - with that and duct tape you can organise the physical world. (If it moves and shouldn't, use duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use WD-40.) Here are some facts about WD-40.

When you read the "shower door" part, try it. It's the first thing that has cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as glass.

Then try it on your stovetop... Voila! It's now shinier than it's ever been. You'll be amazed.

The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and de-greaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a "Water Displacement" compound. They were successful with the Fortieth formulation, thus WD-40.

The Corvair Company bought it in bulk to protect their Atlas missile parts. The workers were so pleased with the product they began smuggling (also known as "shrinkage" or "stealing") it out to use at home. The executives decided there might be a consumer market for it and put it in aerosol cans. The rest is history. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you.

Here are a few of the 1000s of uses:

- ~Protects silver from tarnishing.
- ~Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
- ~Gets oil spots off concrete driveways.
- ~Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
- ~Keeps flies off cows.
- ~Restores and cleans chalkboards.
- ~Removes lipstick stains.
- ~Loosens stubborn zippers.
- ~Untangles jewellery chains.
- ~Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
- ~Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
- ~Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.

- ~Removes tomato stains from clothing.
- ~Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.
- ~Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
- ~Keeps scissors working smoothly.
- ~Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
- ~Gives a children's play gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
- ~Lubricates gear shift and mower-deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers.
- ~Rids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises.
- ~Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
- ~Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
- ~Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards and vinyl bumpers.
- ~Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
- ~Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
- ~Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons and bicycles for easy handling.
- ~Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps

I am also told it cures colds ::)

Ron

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General >> Bulletin Board >> 007

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Message started by ronaldo on Jan 19th, 2007, 8:19pm

Title: **007**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 19th, 2007, 8:19pm**

Could have been a couple of matelots that I knew..... ;)

A very confident James Bond walks into a bar and takes a seat next to a very attractive woman.

He gives her a quick glance, then casually looks at his watch for a moment. The woman notices this and asks, "Is your date running late?"

"No," he replies, "Q has just given me this state-of-the-art watch. I was just testing it."

The intrigued woman says, "A state-of-the-art watch? What's so special about it?"

Bond explains, "It uses alpha waves to talk to me telepathically."

The lady says, "What's it telling you now?"

"Well, it says you're not wearing any knickers...." The woman giggles and replies, " Well it must be broken because I am wearing knickers!"

Bond smirks, taps his watch and says, "Bloody thing's an hour fast."

;D Ron

Title: **Re: 007**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 19th, 2007, 9:57pm**

:-/ Ron

Yair I get it ;D

He was in Brissy..right??.....and he just arrived from "down south" (EDST)

8-)The name is 8-) BOND.... 8-) James Bond 8-) .am I right ;) ;)

She must have been an agent too :-/ 8-)
She handed him a message written in code

"370HSSV-0773H".....couldn't make it out meself :-? :-?

Title: **Re: 007**

Post by **boots** on **Jan 20th, 2007, 8:33pm**

my next door neighbour is one of those.

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Questions that have been answered

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1169114339>

Message started by **ronaldo** on **Jan 18th, 2007, 7:58pm**

Title: **Questions that have been answered**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 18th, 2007, 7:58pm**

Here are some of the actual maintenance complaints submitted by the Qantas' pilots (as marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (as marked with an S) by the maintenance engineers.

By the way, it is relevant to note that Qantas is the only major airline in the world that has never, ever, had an accident!

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in the cockpit.

S: Something tightened in the cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on backorder.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of a leak on the right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed. Love it!

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume reset to a more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what friction locks are for.

P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right. Ha Ha

P: The number 3 engine is missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after a brief search. Oh dear!

P: Aircraft handles funny. (I love this one!)

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

And the best one saved for last.....

P: Noise coming from under the instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from the midget.

;D

Ron

Title: **Re: Questions that have been answered**

Post by **Joe** on **Jan 19th, 2007, 4:01am**

Can you imagine what the reports from the Irish airlines would be!!

Chookas

Joe!

Title: **Re: Questions that have been answered**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 19th, 2007, 7:18am**

If the all the maintainers & pilots of Air Lingus were similar to the quote below, their aircraft would probably fly backwards!

Quote:

Why do you Irish always answer a question with a question?" asked President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"Do we now?" came New York Mayor Al Smith's reply

Ron ;D

Title: Re: Questions that have been answered

Post by **Joe** on **Jan 20th, 2007, 4:58am**

I understand that Aer Lingus planes all have a sign in the cockpit reading "Fly green side up"!!

Chookas

Joe!

Title: Re: Questions that have been answered

Post by **j.q_fleming** on **Jan 21st, 2007, 9:19am**

An Aer Lingus helicopter crashed into a cemetery. So far 2,987 bodies have been recovered.

Cheers,

JQ.

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Questions that need answering

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Message started by ronaldo on Jan 15th, 2007, 8:41am

Title: Questions that need answering

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 15th, 2007, 8:41am**

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "lisp"?

What is the speed of darkness?

Are there specially reserved parking spaces for "normal" people at the Special Olympics?

If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?

If it's true that we are here to help others, what are the others doing here?

Do married people live longer than single ones or does it only seem longer?

Do you cry under water?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Did you ever stop and wonder.....

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these pink dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?"

Who was the first person to say, "See that chicken there... I'm gonna eat the next thing that comes outta it."

Why do toasters always have a setting so high that could burn the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?

Why do people point to their wrist when asking for the time, but don't point to other things when they ask where the bathroom is?

Why does your Obstetrician, Gynaecologist leave the room when you get undressed if they are going to look there anyway?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

Can blind people see their dreams? Do they dream??

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests? (This one kills me!!!!)

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Stop singing and read on

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him

Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?

Wonder how you would answer these? ;D

Ron

Title: **Re: Questions that need answering**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 15th, 2007, 10:43am**

:P Ron

It is a bit of a quiz eh?.....I think I will pass on the test ;) ;)

Title: **Re: Questions that need answering**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 16th, 2007, 4:47am**

I'm still stuck on the first one - get back to you next year Ron - bugga there goes all me spare time...mumble..mumble..grumble.

Chookas

Joe!

Title: **Re: Questions that need answering**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 18th, 2007, 5:58am**

Answer to the third one is: "Because they are all money grubbing b....rds"! remind me of the grubberment!

Chookas

Joe

PS ...still workin' on the first one....J

Title: **Re: Questions that need answering**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 18th, 2007, 6:55am**

I know that the answer to the last question works. I do it every time!

Ron

Title: **Re: Questions that need answering**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 19th, 2007, 3:57am**

What do you do all the time Ronaldo? Oh...you talkin' 'bout the elevator button? Guess you must be - you aint got no time for nothing else!

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: Questions that need answering**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 21st, 2007, 1:06pm**

Visited the lawn cemetery at Murgon recently to see the plaque that was placed on the B-I-L's grave.
There was this bloke on a tractor/mower outfit running up and down the rows and two other workers with whippersnippers trimming the edges. Created a terrific noise

So why do they put on the plaques/headstones the words "Rest in Peace" ?? or RIP for short.

I could literally hear Mel. (B-I-L) thumping the inside lid of his coffin and shouting

"Sh.. in it you B.....d. I'm trying to get some sleep".

He had a terrific sense of humour.....I would like to think that he IS resting in peace.

Title: **Re: Questions that need answering**
Post by **oldmech** on **Jan 21st, 2007, 9:11pm**

Doc,
You can rest assured that he is, and so can he, otherwise he is carrying a terrific burden if not, (approx 1.5/2 tonnes of it.)

CoIN (no smilies either, as one should never laugh at own puns).

Title: **Re: Questions that need answering**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 22nd, 2007, 3:51am**

Always been a terrible fear of mine...being buried alive in a coffin. Can you imagine waking up...the bloody shock could kill yer!
Chookas
Joe

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Message started by Doug Buchanan R49630 on Aug 16th, 2006, 2:23pm

Title: **Bad Taste**
Post by **Doug Buchanan R49630** on **Aug 16th, 2006, 2:23pm**

I am a member NSW branch just recieved my Newsletter and inside was a copy of Wacka,s resignation letter.Now I will attempt to be polite to the Ignoramus,s that were sending attack emails etc on Wacka.No matter what you thought the man fought for what we were entitled to and as they say every bit helps to be critical of this is down right stupid.As to the Honour Roll I had the privilege of joining on the same day as Robert (Tiddy) Spooner and we were together for the first 15 months of our career I will not elaborate on how he died suffice to say he was on Active Duty and so was entitled to be on the Honour Roll something I was wishing so hard to see,and to be critical of Executive and Wacka for this is hard to believe.I joined up in Perth WA August 1953 always proud to have been a Sandgroper but disgusted these comments come from some one there to all other Sandgroppers I apologise I only direct this at those concerned.In closing Wacka worked hard for us and to him I say Thanks Mate

Title: **Re: Bad Taste**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Aug 21st, 2006, 2:10pm**

Couldn't agree more! Its only a shame that Wacka let those responsible get to him, he has always been revered by the rest of us. These people act like terrorist, why didnt they come to our main notice board and sling their shi@#\$#%? No they wouldn't be game, they are the type, that single out someone that has done in one day, what they wouldn't and couldn't achieve in a lifetime. I was serving aboard Hmas Queenborough when A/B Spooner was Killed and his mate wounded, how anyone could deny A/B Spooner right, to be placed on the WM honour roll is beyond me, or anyone else for that matter whom was killed whilst on active service, serving their country
Ernie "D" :)

Title: **Re: Bad Taste**
Post by **jeffh65** on **Aug 21st, 2006, 4:11pm**

interesting to see if pte. Kovco gets on the Wall

Title: **Re: Bad Taste**
Post by **evilCA** on **Aug 21st, 2006, 5:39pm**

I agree in regard to the Posts concerning Wacka's resignation.

Fortunately 99% of us know of the magnificent work Wacka did on behalf of Veterans and it is a shame that he did not just forward the emails on to the members of the executive and let us call on the person responsible to explain their actions.

Regards...CA.

Title: **Re: Bad Taste**
Post by **stokerB** on **Aug 22nd, 2006, 9:02am**

Call me a conspirational theorist but maybe it serves someones (or somebody) purpose to keep ESO's fractured. We could make a lot of noise united ??

jps

Title: **Re: Bad Taste**
Post by **millview R58328** on **Aug 22nd, 2006, 11:18am**

Very SAD to hear that Whacka has had to resign for personal reasons , but with all of the work he has done , he would be very entitled to have a rest.

I just hope he enjoys it.

All the best Whacka and have some fun ;D ;D ;D ;D ;D

Title: **Re: Bad Taste**
Post by **sluggo** on **Aug 22nd, 2006, 11:48am**

Goodonya Wacka, enjoy your retirement mate you earned it, we will miss you but I still reckon you will be in the background helping whoever is now in your stead,,,
regards,,Shep

Title: **Re: Bad Taste**
Post by **millview** on **Jan 26th, 2007, 8:36pm**

Hey Wacka , if you are still around and reading these pages how about letting us know how the hell you are getting on,I am sure a lot of us would like to know .
Anyway , I certainly hope you are enjoying your life and I personally wish you all the best for you and your's
Regards , Peter. ;D ;D ;D

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Message started by Cyril Doc Rice on Jan 25th, 2007, 3:47pm

Title: **McNaughts Comet**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 25th, 2007, 3:47pm**

:o

I know a few, like Oldmech, were interested in the comet and some like me missed out because of cloud cover.

Don't fret. click on this URL and see it at its best

<http://msowww.anu.edu.au/~rmn/C2006P1new.htm>
8-)

Title: **Re: McNaughts Comet**
Post by **tromb123** on **Jan 25th, 2007, 7:48pm**

Doc, I was standing in my backyard one night, around 1996-7, and had to call my wife, because I thought a damned jumbo-jet was about to land on our property. It was the Japanese comet!! I was amazed at how bright and huge it was !! (can't remember its name) (We were in the Central Burnett, at Gayndah)

Cheers
Barry

Title: **Re: McNaughts Comet**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 25th, 2007, 8:14pm**

;)Barry

It was first discovered by an amateur astronomer , I think it was Yuli or Yuki ::) Hyakutake in Dec 1995
and naturally the comet was named after him. :)

Title: **Re: McNaughts Comet**
Post by **oldmech** on **Jan 25th, 2007, 10:19pm**

Doc,
Thanks for the heads up on the McNaught Comet site. Well worth a look. Cloud cover each evening has stopped us from seeing it here in Toowoomba.
oldmech.

Title: **Re: McNaughts Comet**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 25th, 2007, 10:59pm**

;)Colin

There is another VG website that may well have splendid pictures from the northern hemisphere and if you "google" "Sky&Telescope" (which I will be doing to-morrow) Their astro image library usually carries the latest pics [smiley=thumbsup.gif]

Title: **Re: McNaughts Comet**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 26th, 2007, 11:01pm**

Cyril Doc Rice wrote:

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Done that.....click on the url below. There are some very good ones and pages of them. I chose page 5, but you can scan the lot

<http://skytonight.com/community/gallery/skyevents/5129766.html?page=5&c=y&archive=true>

Happy viewing

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Message started by millview on Jan 26th, 2007, 11:27am

Title: **Prince Charles**
Post by **millview** on **Jan 26th, 2007, 11:27am**

I heard the other day that Prince Charles was walking on the beach the other day , wondering and worrying , as he had just run over 2 of the Queens Corgies and killed them both and didn't know how to tell her when he spotted a Gienie type bottle .
Well , he picked it up shook it to see if there was anything in there , and the Cork top came out and

have 3 wishes .Charlie told him that the first 2 wishes were could he bring the Corgies back to life . The Genie took a look at the dogs pondered a while and said " Sorry , but there is no hope for them they are finished " Naturally Prince Chrles was not very happy about that , but then said , could you make my Wife a bit prettier .
And the Genie said " WHO , Camilla ? " and the Prince said yes ,she is my wife now . The Genie pondered for a while and then said to Prince Charles " Let me see those Dogs again there might be something I can do there , because the impossible I can't do " ;D ;D ;D.

Title: **Re: Prince Charles**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 28th, 2007, 8:01pm**

Know how he feels mate. Just had a great day celebrating youngest g'dorta's 1st birthday. Priblem seems to be some one got piss*d - don't know who that would be but l'km locked in this tinyroom with the 'puta still shouting at the top of me lungs and I don't thik I'm gunna be in the good books tomorrow. Woz zat about? Seems I'm the problemn with the whole b** world - nhota worry - cheerss.
Chookas
joeee

Title: **Re: Prince Charles**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 28th, 2007, 11:34pm**

::)Joe

Hadda birfdee 'ere too :(:(she turned 77 :P

:-/ End arm not as thunk as drinkle pink I am :o

Cheers mate [smiley=beer.gif] [smiley=beer.gif] [smiley=beer.gif]

Title: **Re: Prince Charles**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 29th, 2007, 3:57am**

Happy birthday to all who had them - and Happy Australia Day - Jeez it's good to be a man of sober habits! Just have to wait until the sun comes up now....
Chookas
Joe

Title: **Re: Prince Charles**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 29th, 2007, 7:16am**

Geez, youse blokes are not under the affluence of incohol are you? Now the celebrations of Australia Day are over it's time to get stuck into those jobs that need doing around the house. After the last couple of days of cricket, try this for those paint jobs that need touching up! ;D ;D

Ron

<http://i88.photobucket.com/albums/k198/potac/newaussiepaint.jpg>

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Message started by KevinAbish on Jun 16th, 2006, 7:39pm

Title: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomooloo

Post by **KevinAbish** on Jun 16th, 2006, 7:39pm

Just spent an evening at a restaurant on Finger Wharf, Woolloomooloo. First time I have been down that part of Sydney in 40 years or so. Only place that looks the same is The Bells Hotel. The old Rock and Roll is gone. My first visit there at 17 there was a very well known female raffling herself for two bob a ticket. Finger Wharf on the lower level is all restaurants and higher parts are very expensive Housing Units. The western side that was a shipping terminal is now low level housing units and one massive expensive looking boat marina.

The Blue Peter BP Service Station is still there. Petrol use to be Two shillings a gallon Wednesday night was \$1.45.9 a litre, I was glad to see Harrys De Wheels still there in all its glory but a very different set up. Still heaps of people eating there. Must have been 30 or so bikies with heaps of other well dressed people looking for a feed. It certainly has had a face lift since I last visited there. Cheers.

Title: Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo

Post by **Joe** on Jun 17th, 2006, 7:21am

It certainly has changed over the years. I can now afford to drive thru and have a look but that's about all! Who would ever have thought that area would become "exclusive" to anyone other than sailors and those that love them!

Chookas

Joe

Title: Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo

Post by **KevinAbish** on Jun 17th, 2006, 5:03pm

How true there Joe. I have some fond memories of that part of Australia. Must go back in daylight some time, for a Captain Cook. I did a walk around the northern part of Sydney about 12 months ago. Just taking photos of places that I sort of remembered. Even the Old Johnnies. Only made it from the Quay to King Street and got puffed out. Use to do a sprint from the Quay (Fleet steps) to the Tattler one time Now it would take an hour or so.

;D ;D ;D

Great to be still breathing in and out even if it does hurt at times.

Cheers.

Title: Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo

Post by **ColinS** on Jun 17th, 2006, 6:54pm

I have not been in the Cowper Wharf road or Garden Island area for about 40 years, I would well and truly get lost

What this the Rockers has gone? :(:(:(I will slip on my black arm band. :exclamation

[smiley=thumbsup.gif]

Title: Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo

Post by **ronaldo** on Jun 17th, 2006, 8:00pm

FESR Archive (www.fesrassociation.com)

Documents appear as originally posted (i.e. unedited)

"Rockers", indeed, what next! Lowly General Service Lads. :o A bit of class please like us 'Birdies'.
: :) Governor MacQuarie Hotel if you please.

Ron

Title: Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo

Post by **Joe** on **Jun 18th, 2006, 5:55am**

ColinS

Once 'black' would have been the in colour - and not only the arm or band but the whole bluddy division!! (Reminds me : Knock Knock! Who's there? Mahjong. Mahjong who? Mah Jong The Guard & Band!!!(boom tish)

Chookas

Joe

Title: Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo

Post by **Ernie D** on **Jun 18th, 2006, 12:30pm**

Yes us real sailors from the exclusive seaman's branch, and our 50's lovers, use to hang around de wheels for hours, after a trip ashore to the Bells and Rockers. Can never remember seeing PO's or Cpo's there though! I wonder if the little fenced off block of land is still there? always had 2 palings missing for some reason I recall.

Ernie "D" :-[:-/ ::)

Title: Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo

Post by **irish50561** on **Jun 18th, 2006, 1:49pm**

Ernie old son, good to see you back ondeck. I do the odd run around the inner city from time to time and have noticed the changes to our old haunts that have occurred over time. The tunnel mouth next to the Bells Hotel seems a bit strange although the old pub caters for sailors now in far greater numbers than it did in Jimmy Carruther's day, perhaps because the old Rockers has gone sadly a tad up market. The whole area is soaked in history, remember the Mariposa and Monterey tying up where the rich and infamous now live? The long line of trucks parking down the middle of Cowper Wharf Rd waiting for the wharfs to open and the many early openers to commence trade for the day? Who among you remember AB Rip Marney? The dual wheels of a fully loaded semi ran over poor old Rip's pelvis as he wound his merry way back to GI sometime in the 50's, saw him out at Balmoral in late 58c, top bloke, hope the rest of his life worked out ok. The huge gangs of wharfies that were required in those days to load and unload the vastly different ships of to-day. And what have they done to the old Gunnery School building? I recall squatters taking it over when I managed the Harold Park Hotel in Glebe in the early 80's, they placed their own locks on the doors and had the power put back on, how cools that? The giant Navy carpark sits where the old bond stores used to be and all the sheds are gone on the opposite side of the road. Happily the plaque to commemorate the troops who embarked for the Great War is still there set in the sandstone wall. Johnnies pit bar is still there, sort of, while Royal Navy House has been incorporated into the Sydney Stock Exchange building.

There's a beaut photo of it on GI in the new Naval Exhibit building.

Perhaps an FESR run ashore can be arranged sometime soon?

Regards. Irish.

Title: Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo

Post by **David_A** on **Jun 18th, 2006, 4:24pm**

gone.

Memories, lovely to have. I was the raffle prize at the Roick and Roll one evening. Only sold one ticket and that to a barmaid. Met Bumper Farrel there also. Not such a happy event. The commissioning ships company of the Queenborough spent quite some time in the Rock and Roll, very rarely stepped across to the Bells although I was there one famous night when the boxer met the warfie. Very brief encounter.

David A

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **Joe** on **Jun 18th, 2006, 6:15pm**

'twas with a nameless mate at the Rockers in the early 60's. There was a dusky damsel there with her 10 pin bowling ball in its case. Mate decided she should be the raffle prize - she objected - bang crash - mate got the bowling ball bag across the back of the head!

Up to St. Vinnies quick smart - about 20 waiting so the mate starts with "What a load of malingering no good f**king harl't bas..etc etc etc" Doc came out and couldn't quieten him down. Put 6 stitches in his noggin in the waiting room - no anesetic no pain killer - just stitched him up.

Back to the Rockers in 45 minutes and then the mate punched the damsel out! Early night!

Ahhhh memories.

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **KevinAbish** on **Jun 18th, 2006, 6:44pm**

Yes Irish50561, Remember the two ships you spoke of well. Mariposa and Monteray. Saw them again in 1985 along side the culling wharf in San Francisco. We were parked at a Caravan Park almost under the Bay Bridge there.(Walking distance to the city, but not a very good park) It was sad to see these two wonderful ships as rusty and dilapidated being pulled apart for their metal.

What stories these two ships could tell. Still bigger and better ones took their places.

My first night at the Rockers a well known young lady in later life offered me a raffle ticket for two bob. Being from the back blocks of the Riverland of S.A. as I have previously stated. I wasn't going to be taken for a ride by this young city girl I asked what was being raffled. Answer was me, silly boy. I had never seen this done in my 17 years before. How I got a quick education. I didn't win the raffle that night.

Also remember one night at Johnnies Snake Pit Bar. A Kiwi did a swan dive off the third floor railing. Splat. Never did it again.

The Finger Wharf itself is all units these days for High Fliers. Believe that Russel Crowe, has then end one overlooking the harbour and Garden island.

Memories Good ones too.

Cheers.

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jun 19th, 2006, 7:52am**

Not being one to habituate hotels or that, but I must admit on a warm day I do not mind blowing the froth off & sipping on, a light shandy or three, but it brings back a few old memories. Kevin, wasn't the tatter, up the top end of Pitt Street? I remember it used to be one of my first ports of call walking down from Central Station and calling in for the odd schooner or two when meeting my brother if his ship was in. Have some recollections of entering through the front door and then walking through the main bar area to the saloon where we used to meet up. Could never remember leaving tho!

Also, if in Melbourne, would meet up at Young & Jacksons in the main bar under 'Chloe'. Back in old Sydney town a couple of years later we changed & went up market when I was doing a course at Penguin. We used to meet up at the Mosman wine bar. Now, that was also a place of culture.

footpath and into the bar itself. Around his shoulder supported by a white pussers lanyard was a stainless steel mens hospital p.ss bottle. When inside, the sailor used to take it off his shoulder and order his Port or Muskat and drink it from the bottle. Now that was culture for you and the wine buffs from the North Shore who used to pack the place out on a friday night. Also, a sailor used to do a bit of moonlighting behind the bar. As a result when he found out we were also sailors, the drinks became cheaper & cheaper. Ahh, the memories.

Ron

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Post by **ronaldo** on **Jun 19th, 2006, 7:53am**

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Used to be a bit of a hang out for the bikies. Recall one of them riding his Triumph up on the footpath and into the bar itself. Around his shoulder supported by a white pussers lanyard was a stainless steel mens hospital p.ss bottle. When inside, the sailor used to take it off his shoulder and order his Port or Muskat and drink it from the bottle. Now that was culture for you and the wine buffs from the North Shore who used to pack the place out on a friday night. Also, a sailor used to do a bit of moonlighting behind the bar. As a result when he found out we were also sailors, the drinks became cheaper & cheaper. Ahh, the memories.

Ron

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**
Post by **KevinAbish** on **Jun 19th, 2006, 4:03pm**

G'day Ronaldo. The Tattler was in George Street left side heading towards Town Hall. The first and Last was the first one you would come to after leaving the Man of War Steps Corner of Albert Street and Circular Quay East. Not there any more either. A Big block of Units too it's place. There was a lot of Demos when that was about to be bull dozed. The contactors won the day. Not sure of the one you spoke about in Pitt Street. I Never got that far along the city streets. The Domo were not by the Uni students but people like you and me in their 30s. Good memories going down the drain. Not that I visited there that much. Shame to see it go all the same.
Tattler was good place to meet and greet the young ladies in the 50s. Some a little too young. Still I was only 17 or just 18 myself. Remember taking one home one night, Train to Burwood then a bus to some place that I later learnt to be Mortlake. Sitting on a bench in the front yard the bus was coming back up the hill and told it was the last bus for the night. So had to catch it as I had no idea where I was. A mate took her home the next night and she told him (I am only 14) (Gaol bait) He walked around for hours trying to get back to Garden Island having missed the bus with small talk. Such is life.
Cheers.

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jun 19th, 2006, 4:17pm**

That's right Kevin, it was in George Street. I recall it now. The place I was thinking of was a fish cafe in Pitt Street where sometimes we used to go for a feed. Served up half a snapper & ships, all for a good price. Not the same place now is it. I recall the taxi Club, Journo Club and a few of the

Cross run by the Rev. Nile I think his name was. Gee, you wouldn't be game to do those sorts of things now. Even if you were young as we were then. You would now end up splattered on you back. I recall about 10 years ago I did a bit of a run around the Cross area on a job with your NSW counterparts. I was with a couple of blokes from Brisbane. Showed us a good time. Used to dine a lot at the greek Club who also looked aafter us.

Ron

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Whalf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **Ernie D** on **Jun 21st, 2006, 11:17am**

The Tatler upstairs was a good haunt. I can remember a great sort that use to frequent there called Cazna, a top lassy, but not her real name. Cazna, was Anzac spelt backwards. I havn't seen anyone mention another pusses famous watering places like the "Kings head" pub. And yes Irish would make my day to do a tour of those places you mentioned mate,it would be an honour Irish Regards...Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Whalf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **Ossie_Osborne** on **Jun 22nd, 2006, 11:50pm**

Bloody hell....the 'ROCKERS' gone.....a holy place...to many a sober matlet, including self, thats discusting :-[:(

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Whalf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jun 23rd, 2006, 8:36am**

Hey Ernie, do not forget "Irkara" who also frequented the estabishment. The word was, "she used to go off like a rocket"! :P

Ron

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Whalf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **Ernie D** on **Jun 23rd, 2006, 4:53pm**

Yes Ron

It reminds me of a girl from the rockers, that they use to refer to as Miss Twin 4inch. Yes you guesed it, it was said, after loading a prodgie into the breech, she always recoiled and went off with quite a huge BANG! Funny enough, there was never any mention, or report of the noise of a shell casing, hitting the deck after a prodgie had been fired with much passion.

Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Whalf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **Mex** on **Jun 23rd, 2006, 5:20pm**

Hey Ronaldo, 'Irkara' could not have been a sheila's nickname in the 50's because the rocket assisted torpedo was not even developed until the early 60's and tested on the Stuart in 1963 before being introduced into service. She must have been around in the mid-60's or later.

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jun 23rd, 2006, 8:41pm**

Mex

I never hit the Tattler until the mid 60's. She may have been called a V12 in earlier days and Miss 4 inch in Ernies. Wonder what her name is now with all the younger sailors around? :)

Pussers must have thought we had crook pilots. Apart from using the destroyers and escorts, and sea boats as plane guard during our take offs & landons, they also used our own helos. Not sure what it was now, crook pilots or bad maintainners that kept everyone busy!

Ron

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **irish50561** on **Jan 22nd, 2007, 12:23pm**

Does anyone out there in ex-pussers land remember the name of the pub that stood on the site where the Rockers now stands? Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **Ernie D** on **Jan 22nd, 2007, 4:26pm**

Irish

I think it was called "The Sway me and Tumble Inn" but I cant be absolutly sure of that old mate!

Regards ...Ernie "D"

ps: with tongue in cheek of course :exclamation [smiley=grin.gif]

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **birdiehandler** on **Jan 22nd, 2007, 5:26pm**

:P Ron, I think the pub you may be speaking of in Pitt St. was the Bognor. Also a sailors pub in those days. :-X Ken.

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 23rd, 2007, 8:39pm**

Ken

I do recall visiting the old Bognor on one or two occasions. Just to see what went on in here of course. I seemed to recall going up a set of stairs ;D

Ron

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **Webmaster** on **Jan 23rd, 2007, 10:00pm**

What memories - we used to sit on the top of that hill across from HDeWHeels behind the bushes and give the Gendarmes heaps - I am sure they knew we were there but they went along with the game. Talk about Mariposa and Monterey - I remember a lady was being interviewed as she stepped of Mariposa?? The reason ? She had just won (can't find pounds sign) - anyway the Lottery

enough now - but I'll think of something -" Here was this Sailor a few yards away letting her know he had ideas of what could be done with that money - sadly ignored..Oh well.
Who remembers JVO the old Johannes Van Oldenbarnevelt nearby - ?? Another story ..Regards to all Ross

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 24th, 2007, 3:39pm**

Mr. Webmaster

Do you need a good Advocoate. 10% extra for memory loss. Did not you forget the SS Matsonia? I thinks she visited a few times as well. All three were sister ships & belonged to the Matson line I think from memory. Now..that is showing my age ;D They used to look good tied up at the wharf. Nice white cruise liners compared to our pussier grey.

Ron

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**
Post by **Webmaster** on **Jan 24th, 2007, 6:22pm**

Hi Ron - No I don't remember seeing SS Matsonia but then I guess I may have not realised there was a third member to those beautiful ships..my reference was to the interview with this woman - but that's history now - I would love to be in the position of winning such an amount and have trouble trying to think how to spend it ..Nuff said - Have a GREAT Australia Day weekend .. Ross J

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**
Post by **looseleis** on **Jan 24th, 2007, 6:49pm**

Are you sure the Bognor was in Pitt Street?
As far as i can recall it was Castlereagh Street and after it closed at 10 pm we would go a few doors up on the opposite side and drink at the Royal Standard.

Regards Loose Leis.

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 25th, 2007, 4:21am**

Loose Lies

Being an older man of sober habit, a trait picked up in my (well) spent youth, I think I must agree. The shock of the open air following the tumble down the stairs caused by a bit of a creaky board at the top may have confused me. I must admit I think sometimes I think clearer now than I did then...what was I saying....

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 25th, 2007, 7:43am**

Ross,

all looked sleek and neat compared to others which were around, such as the Orcades Orion and the Acadia. Wonder how many Five quid passengers from the old dart walked down the gangplanks in Sydney in those days.

Joe

Sure you are not getting mixed up with the Taxi clubs stairs in your inebriated condition ;D Another good watering hotele. Blew off many a froth from a light shandy on a hot day inside there. Then the Journo's club wasn't too bad either. I recall being in there in the wee hours one morning talking to the duty manager and when I asked him the closing time, he replied, This place has been open 24 hours per day since in first opened in 1938! I believe it closed down for good a couple of years back.

Have a good 'un

Ron

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **Joe** on **Jan 26th, 2007, 4:36am**

Ron

You sussed me out. Come to think of it after the early opener for a get wellers, the still on the hill to quench a dreadful thirst at lunch time and donning the rig and thundering at 1600 to where ever it was a bit hard to remember where one was - I do remember that they served beer!

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **Bodgie Sefton** on **Jan 26th, 2007, 2:18pm**

Irish, I was in contact with Rip Mahoney a couple of years ago. He is living in Queensland and came over to the West for a visit. we arranged to meet at a pub in Fremantle, but unfortunately there was a mix up. I was waiting in the Newmarket Hotel and Rip was waiting at the Newport about a 5 min walk away, and sadly we missed each other. I was in BNH at the same time as Rip due to a car accident around the corner from "the Rockers", some clown rolled a ute, with the back full of happy Jacks. He was also at my wedding in Sydney in 1960.

I believe he has attended some "sickbay tiffies" reunions as a honorary member, because of the length of his stay in BNH.

Cheers Bodge. ;D ;D ;D ;D ;D ;D

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 26th, 2007, 4:16pm**

Hi all 8-) ;)

Isn't it amazing that of all the "runs ashore" we only re-call the disastrous ones ::)

Being a "two pot screamer" I only had to walk past a pub and I'd be half p.....d. :o :o

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **irish50561** on **Jan 29th, 2007, 11:03am**

Good news indeed Bodgie, made my day knowing old Rip Marney is still amongst us, give me a

was the Lurline, they used to do the San Francisco run via Sydney visiting Hawaii and New Zealand during the fifties.

When in Frisco in 74 on ANL's Allunga, I accidentally stumbled into the Wharf Rat Bar on Fisherman's Wharf while a reunion of former crew and a few passengers from the three vessels was in full swing, lucky to get out alive. I think that all three ships had paid off by then, correct me someone. The upstairs lounge of the Tatler was the place to go, thinker drinkers drank at the St James on the corner of Elizabeth & King, now a bank. Upstairs in lounge of The Royal Standard, [now a tavern but then opposite the fire brigade HQ in Castlereagh St] was my preferred watering hole. Ex-puser's cook, Lou Hewitt [Plats 55] was a firey there when he paid off in the 60's and was hit by a car as he crossed the road to The Royal Standard and broke a leg, anyone out there recall Lou?. The Bogner lounge was up a flight of very steep stairs, I recall AB Ray Mehan and I hurtling down them just on closing time while bluing with a couple of army blokes. The claustrophobic Angel Hotel in Castlereagh St was still there yesterday, possibly the smallest pub in Sydney packed as usual with suits sipping chardonay and latte, place has gone to the dogs, not one pissed stoker or cook, mates, what's happenin'? Had a pint of Guinness in the old Pymont Bridge Hotel at Darling Harbour, great stuff, memories everywhere as I wandered around Glebe and Ultimo. Lots of pubs missing, pulled out like rotten teeth but still enough to make the walk interesting. My old pub, the Harrold Park at the bottom of Ross and Wigram St's on the boundary of Glebe and Forest Lodge is long gone, Carol and I managed it back in 83 as I have, no doubt repeatedly waffled on in the past. Memories, the trams no longer hurtle down Glebe Point Rd past the Astor cinema, before it became the Valhalla on the corner of Hereford Stm the building sadly is now defunct. A walk through the Fish Markets and a stroll over the Anzac Bridge is a must, if only to look at the statue of the WWI digger on the Balmain side. I'll do Balmain on my next visit, God willing, lots of memories there, especially during my Merchant Navy days, The Cat & Fiddle Hotel and Dawn Frazer's old pub, The Harbour View Hotel, to name but a few. etc. To be continued. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **DeeCee** on **Jan 29th, 2007, 4:00pm**

Remember the Mariposa and the Monterey quite well. In the early 60's the crew off them used to drink at the Quarterdeck Bar at the Chevron. The Lurline ended up on the U.S.A. -Vietnam run during the war. The Civic was in Pitt St, the Tattler in George St, The Kings in Pitt st.The Town Hall opposite the Town Hall, The Bognor in Castlereigh St. I never went to any of them so if I am wrong it is because i must have mis understood what the guys in the mess told me. At one stage one of the Sands Boys used to be a bouncer at the Bognor but that is another story. Always had a good band there also. That must have been for us music lovers.

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **thor** on **Jan 29th, 2007, 6:23pm**

Dee Cee

It was Russell Sands I believe,also another boxer who drank there was Kid Rainbow. There didnt seem to be much trouble thers when they were about

Thor

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**

Post by **Ernie D** on **Feb 1st, 2007, 3:37pm**

Havn't heard these mentioned, and I dont wanna be "The First and Last" to say so. I often feel dissappointed and leave somtimes with my "Bat And Ball" although even so, most times im, "Welcome INN" "The Ship INN".....Regards Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Changing Face of Cowper Wharf Road, Woolloomoo**
Post by **birdiehandler** on **Feb 1st, 2007, 6:03pm**

Yes I did say the Bognor was in Pitt St. My mistake but I don't know how to spell Castlereagh Street. :-/

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Message started by sluggo on Feb 1st, 2007, 9:43am

Title: **glasses/sunglasses**
Post by **sluggo** on **Feb 1st, 2007, 9:43am**

VA013 Tuesday, 30 January 2007

CHOICE OF VISUAL AIDS FOR VETERANS EXPANDED

Veterans requiring prescription sunglasses will now be able to join the growing number of Australians choosing acrylic photochromic, or transition lenses, after a decision by the Repatriation Commission to expand the range of visual aids available to eligible veterans.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Bruce Billson announced that eligible veterans prescribed transition lenses will now have the cost covered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

"Previously only those veterans requiring lightweight spectacles for protection from sun glare-usually eye surgery patients with fragile or damaged facial skin-have been able to access transition lenses through my Department," he said.

"With the cost of transition lenses decreasing, and the technology improving with lighter, shatter-proof acrylic material, transition lenses are an increasingly effective and viable treatment option and their prescription can be a valuable prevention measure."

Transition lenses automatically darken as they are exposed to sunlight, and lighten when no longer exposed, so they can be worn indoor and outdoor. Like sunglasses, these lenses reduce glare and protect the eyes against damage by ultraviolet (UV) exposure, which has been linked to a range of ocular disorders, including cataracts, pterygium, cancer of the skin around the eye, photokeratitis (sunburn of the cornea) and corneal degenerative changes.

"The cost of treating the results of UV exposure is significant, with my Department spending more than \$20 million annually on ophthalmology procedures. Veterans are also increasingly requiring treatment for the combined effects of long-term sun exposure and deterioration of skin quality," Mr Billson said.

"My Department is constantly reviewing its range of available optical aids to keep pace with technological advances and provide the highest possible standard of care for veterans."

In determining the Schedule of Prescribable Items, the Repatriation Commission is advised by the Optical Advisory Group, which is an expert panel comprising representatives of optometrical and optical dispensing representative bodies, DVA's Optical Adviser and departmental representatives.

regards,,,,Shep

Title: **Re: glasses/sunglasses**
Post by **sluggo** on **Feb 2nd, 2007, 9:35am**

sorry Les cant help you there, only posted what was emailed to me,,,,also a Les (sluggo)

Title: **Re: glasses/sunglasses**
Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Feb 5th, 2007, 8:22pm**

Les,
I can't see why the distiction between glass lenses and Plastic as being medically required. I have had both glass and plastic lenses and noone has queried this
Ern

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Message started by sluggo on Dec 15th, 2006, 10:57am

Title: **PJM**
Post by **sluggo** on **Dec 15th, 2006, 10:57am**

a friend sent me the following.
As an update on the issue of the PJM for those who applied and did not receive it.

Honours and Awards contacted me last Thursday to state that a further 4000 medals had arrived from Malaysia.

The medals section worked all weekend and it is hoped that all medals will be forwarded by mail in the next few weeks.

If you have not received your PJM by mid January let us know.

regards,,,,Shep

Post by **KevinAbish** on **Dec 22nd, 2006, 6:29am**

My PJM arrived yesterday the 21st. Would have received it the day before but there was no one home to sign for it. Postie left a message in the mail box to attend the Bulahdelah Post Office. Being a 50 Km round trip to pick it up rang him and asked him to bring it the next day. He said he had delivered several same looking packages over the last week or so.

Many Thanks for the organisers and the Mayaysian Government. Nice Christmas present.

Cheers.

Title: **Re: PJM**

Post by **boots** on **Dec 30th, 2006, 2:04pm**

I got my PJM for christmas from the British high Commisioner all very nice, after fifty years waiting.

:D

Happy new year to one and all.

Title: **Re: PJM**

Post by **k markey** on **Dec 30th, 2006, 5:54pm**

Hi All,

Question for "BOOTS"

Would you expand on your posting about PJM,

How did you manage to get it from the British High Commissioner ???

KJM

Title: **Re: PJM**

Post by **boots** on **Dec 30th, 2006, 7:50pm**

I did the required time in Malayan waters in the RN before transferring to the RAN

Cheers

Boots :)

Title: **Re: PJM**

Post by **KevinAbish** on **Jan 2nd, 2007, 12:52pm**

Is there any truth in that the British Government has refused to accept the PJM from the Malaysian Government for its Veterans. I see that Boots stated that he was in the RN then transferred to the RAN. The time in the RAN would have to qualify if the British Government refused acceptance of the medal.

Any truth in this one please. Just interested

Cheers.

Title: **Re: PJM**

Post by **boots** on **Jan 2nd, 2007, 1:35pm**

The British Government has accepted the PJM but it is upto service organisations to gather the information. the Australian coordinator is ..

National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia

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Documents appear as originally posted (i.e. unedited)

C/o St George's Holiday House for ex-Service Personnel
P.O. Box 326
Coolangatta
Queensland 4225
Australia

Application forms are on the NMBVAs web sight.

Title: **Re: PJM**
Post by **KevinAbish** on **Jan 2nd, 2007, 6:24pm**

Thanks for that Boots. My information was sort of correct. But they can obtain the medal. I will pass this onto the chap concerned.

Cheers.

Title: **Re: PJM**
Post by **herbjqmg** on **Jan 4th, 2007, 6:15pm**

Got my PJM late last year in the mail. It was well presented in the box that it came in. Medal, Miniture and a Bar.
Puts the Australian issue on the back foot. just the medal and no Miniture or bar with it.

Title: **Re: PJM**
Post by **oldmech** on **Jan 4th, 2007, 8:30pm**

herb....,
I am sorry mate I am not with you, every medal I have been presented with by the Federal Gov't Honours and Awards Dep't has come in a box complete with Miniature, and in most cases a Ribbon bar, can you be more explicit?
ColN

Title: **Re: PJM**
Post by **boots** on **Jan 4th, 2007, 8:34pm**

That's a bit rough ain't it, mine is complete medal miniture and bar in a nice presentation box.

Title: **Re: PJM**
Post by **thor** on **Jan 4th, 2007, 9:43pm**

Oldmech
I received the NGSM ,without the minature in March 2002.
still have not got it. I cant see it being sent at this later date.

Thor

Title: **Re: PJM**
Post by **Barney_Barnett** on **Jan 6th, 2007, 5:47am**

Thor

The NGSM is an Imperial Medal, and they don't come with a miniature.....you have to purchase the miniature from elsewhere. I can't remember who I bought mine from. Might have been the HMAS Sydney Assoc, or Speeds. You have to show proof of your entitlement.

Regards,
Barney :)

Title: **Re: PJM**

Post by **evilCA** on **Jan 6th, 2007, 10:27am**

Oldmech & Barney.

The NGSM miniature available from just about any medal dealer or if you are having your medals remounted most of the ones doing the mounting can provide it.

There is no proof of entitlement required for replica medals or miniatures of issued medals .

The ones that require proof of entitlement are the specific association medals like the FESR Medal issued by the HMAS Sydney Association.

Regards...CA

Title: **Re: PJM**

Post by **Mex** on **Jan 6th, 2007, 4:20pm**

Personally, I think association and all other types of commemoratives not officially AWARDED by the government should be called 'medallions' rather than medals.

Title: **Re: PJM**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 6th, 2007, 4:48pm**

Mex wrote:

Personally, I think association and all other types of commemoratives not officially AWARDED by the government should be called 'medallions' rather than medals.

Good point Mex

I have a medallion from the Wireless Institute of Australia, which was given as an award, I never wear it nor should I, unless I were invited to an official WIA dinner. (which they never have) ::)

Title: **Re: PJM**

Post by **herbjqmg** on **Feb 8th, 2007, 8:51pm**

Thats great 4,000. How much more does that increase the Vets pension by ??

Title: **Re: PJM**

Post by **Joe** on **Feb 10th, 2007, 5:31am**

Nah Herb - yer got it wrong - Oz grubbermint don't give Vets anything anymore - Vets cost too

enough to try and garner the Vets votes in a few months time - be Alarmed not A Lert!
Chookas
Joe

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Message started by birdiehandler on Feb 10th, 2007, 6:27pm

Title: **70th Birthday.**

Post by **birdiehandler** on **Feb 10th, 2007, 6:27pm**

;D We see that Jill Witt, wife of ex-Qld. Pres turns 70 on Monday, Happy Birthday Jill, and we hope you have many more.

We promise not to tell anyone how old you'll be next year, Jill. ::)

Best Wishes

From Shirley & Ken Staff

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Message started by Bob Witt on Feb 2nd, 2007, 6:32am

Title: **The Mind Boggles**

Post by **Bob Witt** on **Feb 2nd, 2007, 6:32am**

I have always thought that one bought a gun before you bought the bullets???

28 Feb 2006 MIN19/06

NEW MISSILES FOR THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Lockheed Martin's Joint Air-to-Surface Stand-off Missile (or JASSM) has been selected as the new long range air-to-surface missile to equip the Australian Defence Force's F/A-18 Hornet fleet. The acquisition of long range missiles does not represent a change in Australia's defence posture and capability planning. Acquiring a long range air to surface missile has been publicly listed in Defence's Capability Plan since 2001 and specific details were announced in August 2004. The missile is planned to be operational on the aircraft **by December 2009.**

01 Feb 2007 MIN2/07

JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER

Australia's planned acquisition of the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) remains on track.

Initial Operational Capability of the first squadron of JSF is expected **in 2014/2015.**

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**

Post by **tromb123** on **Feb 2nd, 2007, 7:41am**

:o

Now I know what those two big upright poles with the rubber-band between them are for..."Prepare to launch..."

I mean, we've got to spend our money some way or other, haven't we??

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**

Post by **Joe** on **Feb 3rd, 2007, 4:27am**

'Tis the way of the grubberment...next all will receive gold cards before injury!

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**

Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Feb 5th, 2007, 8:24pm**

Joe,

Surely you jest.....The gold card only comes when all other avenues are exhausted

Ern

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**

Post by **Joe** on **Feb 6th, 2007, 5:18am**

Ah you're onto me Ern - it was only a jest. Seriously though we will all be able to brag about our missiles for a full five years before we can use one. Maybe the Ministers mother was frightened by an Irishman? Anyway to be on the safe side you blokes with gold cards keep 'em safely tucked up in the pocket of yer singlet!

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**

Post by **Bob Witt** on **Feb 6th, 2007, 6:26am**

GeeWhiz! ADF are gunna hafta be real careful with them, laying around for years the badies may steal them and adapt them to the u/s rocket launchers they swiped last year. Maybe they can have the Japanese guard them when they are training here visa versa we guarded them in Iraq. Fairs, Fair!

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**

Post by **tromb123** on **Feb 6th, 2007, 7:41am**

There's a good tourist information centre where I live...if we polished 'em up they could sell them for 2/6d as 'souvenirs'...

Or...the local hardware shop...as door stops / paper - weights...

Or...we could have 'em adorning the entrances to our local parks...

Or...we could put a long chain on 'em and use them as anchors...

Cracker night ????

New Year's eve, from the Sydney Harbour bridge?

Put some ink in 'em and use them as giant biros....

Ballast for a super tanker??

Make an artificial reef out of 'em??

Fill 'em up with dried beans as use them as canastas? (Cha-cha-cha).
Bongos??
Weld 'em together, put sails on them and call them tri-marans?
I suppose we could always convert them to torpedos.
Stakes for our tomato plants??
Cover them with bright paint and call them 'garden gnomes'???
Put messages inside them and bury them as 'time capsules'??
Best of all, sell them and give the money to the Salvation Army !

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Feb 6th, 2007, 7:57am**

Maybe, just maybe, the warheads could be filled with sewerage & heavy metals and shot into space instead of being recycled into drinking water for ex-matelots & others to drink, just like di-oxins?
just another thought >:(

Ron

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Feb 6th, 2007, 9:51am**

Whilst we are on the subject of recycled sewage for drinking water, has anyone asked Beatty, how he will remove Aids, HIV, Hepatitis C,B, etc,etc, from the water to make it safe for human consumption?

They say an AID's virus, can live on a plank of wood for up to 14 days in the open air environment.
How is this made safe for human consumption by South eastern Queenslanders??
Just a thought..Regards... Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**
Post by **Joe** on **Feb 7th, 2007, 5:53am**

Beattie's not worried about that mate - Jeez Qld is so backward they haven't even got those nastys up there yet! Toowoomba isn't even thirsty yet as they knocked back the recycled stuff - I know a few places that wouldn't give a dam(n) -(just a little pun) - where the water came from as long as they had it.

Tromb I'm still trying to get the word pictures outta me head - I do like some of the suggestions.

Can think of a couple of places in Sydney where we might use them as 'reminders'!

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Feb 7th, 2007, 7:07am**

I have dim recollections way back in my mind of hopping into a cab once in Sydney, and, believe it or not, the driver was an Australian born and bred. True story! ::) :'(

Ron

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**
Post by **Joe** on **Feb 8th, 2007, 3:37am**

Be buggered - no one's THAT old Ron! Being a cabbie in Sydney these days is an opening to enjoy riches only dreamed of by mere mortals. Even if you get a driver who knows the place you want to go to (read: speaks some English and knows the name of the destination suburb) you will still travel by a devious much, much longer route because of Freeways, No Entry, streets blocked off etc etc. I tell 'em to turn of the meter and haggle - just like SE Asia all over again!

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Feb 8th, 2007, 7:42am**

Joe

Mind you, and I forgot to mention it, that the Australian scabbie, back in those dim dark ages, managed to rip me off just as much as the latest drivers do. Just following in their fathers footsteps I guess! :(

Ron

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**

Post by **Joe** on **Feb 10th, 2007, 5:39am**

Ron

You mean they failed the "bar" test and couldn't practice law? (Marvellous that only 'Professionals' never get it right and have a 'practice!'). The old Oz Sydney Cabbie could spot a 'good' fare a mile away and no doubt passed that on to the kids - where did todays Sydney Cabbies learn it? Their fathers were not cabbies, Camel, Richshaw or Tuk Tuk drivers possibly, but not cabbies!

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**

Post by **standeasy** on **Feb 11th, 2007, 9:00am**

G'day Ron, I'll go one better than your memory. In '64 after a hard night on the slops, it was about 10 minutes to sparrow fart, I was trying to stroll back to GI [no money] and a cab pulled over touting for a fare. He was an Australian and when I told him that I was skint he said to hop in and he'd drop me at the gates because he was going that way anyway. What a saint ! A free ride in a clean and polished cab

was the ducks guts -- all I needed was an Admirals pennant on the bonnet !

Today ?? a vehicle that looks and smells like the inside of an Afghani camel drivers crappy loin cloth ! :P

I think I miss the old days.

Terry ;D

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Feb 11th, 2007, 3:13pm**

My best one I guess was back in '72. I was on *Melbourne* and we were tied up at Princess wharf I think. That evening the Officers' had a cocktail party aboard in 'C' Hangar. When the party had finished, my mate & I, another PO, in rig, decided to go for a run into Melbourne, for a couple of

and put up his thumb. A big brand new Roller eased into the kerb and there was a fairly elderly bloke in the back with a fairly young chick. He asked if we were going to the City and we said yes. He invited us into the Roller and into town we went. :o When we said we were going to the Southern Cross, he said they were going there as well so they would drop us off. On the way in we learnt that he was the British High Commissioner to Oz and he was returning from the Cocktail party on board. He asked us our next Port of call & we told him Hawaii. He said at the base there, there was a big set of gates called the Nimitz gates. They were named after Paul Nimitz, the Admiral. he said I knew Paul really well during WW2. Anyhow, we later pull up in front of the Southern Cross in his Roller, driven by a chauffeur of course, and as the Doorman opened the Roller doors, out comes us on to the footpath in front of a mob of drunken matelots. Did their eyes pop! Anyhow the HighCom Invited us into the Hotel and we went up to a Private Bar on a higher level and he brought us drinks there until about 2am when we left. He and his Lady, were a great couple. True dit this time and not exaggerated for once! Wish all of the 'cabbies' I have met, were all like him and had a good clean cab to go with it! 8-)

Ron

Title: **Re: The Mind Boggles**
Post by **Joe** on **Feb 12th, 2007, 5:48am**

He doesn't count Ron after all he musta been a Pom!
Chookas
Joe

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Message started by birdiehandler on Jan 13th, 2007, 5:26pm

Title: **TRANSITION LENSES.**
Post by **birdiehandler** on **Jan 13th, 2007, 5:26pm**

8-) Effective January 1, 2007, Gold Card holders are now eligible for transition lenses when obtaining new glasses.
That means, frames, multi-focal/bi-focal lenses, plus transition lenses are all on the free list.
Should your optometrist not be aware of the new grant for transition lenses, ask them to contact DVA for confirmation. 8-)

Title: **Re: TRANSITION LENSES.**
Post by **oldmech** on **Jan 14th, 2007, 7:55pm**

birdie,
Excuse my ignorance, but what precisely are transition lenses? I am not really having eye problems at the moment, particularly since having cataracts removed from both eyes, but, it is always nice to keep up to date with the latest information available .

CoIN

Title: **Re: TRANSITION LENSES.**
Post by **oldmech** on **Jan 14th, 2007, 8:05pm**

birdie,
Sorry to sound so dumb. I found the answer on Google. My 'oppy' prescribed them for me sometime last year. For the uninformed they are photochromatic or polychromatic lens'.
CoIN

Title: **Re: TRANSITION LENSES.**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 14th, 2007, 8:56pm**

:-/ :-/Col and ex-birdie

Now I am confused ::)

I know what transition lens are, and that they have been available to gold card holders for while now.

What I don't understand is if what ex-birdie says, I can obtain transition lens combined with my graduation/progressive lens.

My optometrist told me that it is not possible :-?

Title: **Re: TRANSITION LENSES.**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 15th, 2007, 8:19am**

I'm all 'goggled' eyed about all this! ;D

Like you Doc, last year I also had both eyes done for cataracts and new lens inserted. Talk about an improvement. Can see like an 8 year old the old Doc reckons. Only need readers now for the smallest of print. Talk about things now being bright. phssh 8-)

Worst part of it Doc, and also the others out there who have also had the op, were those bloody eye drops for three months every 4 hours or whatever. Well worth it but. ;)

Ron

Title: **Re: TRANSITION LENSES.**
Post by **tromb123** on **Jan 23rd, 2007, 6:30pm**

So, at the end of the day, after all, can we have 'transition' lenses on bi-focals?? or not??

Title: **Re: TRANSITION LENSES.**
Post by **Barney_Barnett** on **Jan 23rd, 2007, 7:37pm**

Tromb123.....my google on transition lenses was that they are the ones that go dark in the sunlight. My bi-focals are therefore transition lenses. My optician also had my last lot made up with DVA frames that had the spring loaded side arms etc.....all at no cost on my Gold Card.

Cheers

Barney. :)

Title: **Re: TRANSITION LENSES.**
Post by **tromb123** on **Jan 24th, 2007, 7:39am**

Thank you for that, Barney. Last year I paid for a pair of transition lenses, because of the glare out here, and because the "add-on" lenses made my glasses too heavy (or it felt that way, if you know what I mean).

At least my next pair should be free.

Cheers

Barry

Title: **Re: TRANSITION LENSES.**

Post by **Joe** on **Jan 25th, 2007, 4:15am**

You blokes will look 'as flash as a rat with a gold tooth' soon! Havta wotch the wimmen!!! (or at least you'll be able to see 'em)

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: TRANSITION LENSES.**

Post by **tromb123** on **Feb 13th, 2007, 6:43pm**

For my next silly question, can anyone tell me just how often CAN you have a new pair of specs???

Title: **Re: TRANSITION LENSES.**

Post by **Ian_McClure** on **Feb 13th, 2007, 7:14pm**

tromb123, you can get new glasses every 2 years.
starvo

Title: **Re: TRANSITION LENSES.**

Post by **k markey** on **Feb 14th, 2007, 11:33am**

Hi, all,

VISITED MY OPTOMETRIST YESTERDAY, ON THE GOLD COAST

I WAS TOLD :-

THAT YOU CAN ADD TRANSITIONS, TO WHAT EVER YOU NEED!

I HAVE READING & DRIVING; LENS & DVA APPROVED FRAMES, FREE

LAST TIME I PAID EXTRA FOR THE TRANSITIONS !

IN THE FUTURE I WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY ANYTHING.

I WAS TOLD THAT SINGLE/BI.FOCAL/TRI.FOCAL

CAN ALL BE SUPPLIED WITH THAT ADDED PROTECTION ???

KJM

Title: **Re: TRANSITION LENSES.**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Feb 14th, 2007, 7:58pm**

Trombie

My optom. told me you can have new specs under the two years if your eyes have changed a fair bit. I guess this make a lot of sense as Vet Affairs would not want you walking around and injuring yourself. There would be too great of a hullabaloo if it got to the media that you were knocked back by them.

Ron

Title: **Re: TRANSITION LENSES.**
Post by **tromb123** on **Feb 15th, 2007, 8:10am**

Thanks fellas, am off to see the ophthalmologist at Armidale next month, so I'll see what he says. (Get a bit sick of the distances to see specialists around here...200km return to Armidale, over 400 return to Tamworth, and over 550 return to Coff's Harbour. Much as we like this area, methinks we are going to move) :-/

Title: **Re: TRANSITION LENSES.**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Feb 15th, 2007, 11:05am**

Tromb123

Hopefully after your visit, you will be able to see where you are going! ;D

Ron

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General >> Bulletin Board >> New Gold Card (s).

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1171501880>

Message started by ronaldo on Feb 15th, 2007, 11:11am

Title: **New Gold Card (s).**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Feb 15th, 2007, 11:11am**

FYI

I received my new 'Gold' card in the mail today with an accompanying letter from the Hon. Bruce Bilson MP which in part says, "Please find enclosed your new TPI Gold card which replaces your Gold card. This new card highlights your TPI status as a TPI veteran.... etc" etc.

The card continues after a para more and says, " This new TPI Gold Card has resulted from representations by ex-servo. orgs. to myself and Government colleagues that TPI vets. should be recognised in a distinctive manner & will remain valid until replaced by the proposed.....access card."

NB. The power of representation to the Govt does work in some instances.

and further in the letter.....

It is intended that the Access Card when issued will replace your TPI Gold Card.....As a current TPI Gold Card holder you will receive a gold coloured Access Card which will also have your TPI status on it...."

Also accompanying the letter, a pamphlet was included shows info re the 'Gold Card'.

this is a general Gold card issued to Vets. over 70). The others have a printed status designation and denote...

TPI
POW
War Widow
EDA
Dependant.

Ron

Title: **Re: New Gold Card (s).**
Post by **Joe** on **Feb 16th, 2007, 4:37am**

Should be very easy for the grubbermint to then change any laws pertaining to "...the Access Card.." without mentioning TPI at all or the effect it might have on Vets. Smoke and Mirrors mates - it's just all bloody Smoke and Mirrors. I bet, at any odds, that the new TPI Access Card (Gold Bronze or any other colour) will have less benefit than the existing one.

Chookas
Joe

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Vendetta re-union

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Message started by millview on Feb 24th, 2007, 9:26pm

Title: **Vendetta re-union**
Post by **millview** on **Feb 24th, 2007, 9:26pm**

G'Day ,
Would someone please supply the dates , and the location in Queensland for the Vendetta re-union some time this year ?
If the dates comply with my other comittments , I would like to go .
Thanks for any info .
Regards , Peter . :-/ :-/ :-/

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General >> Bulletin Board >> OUR FLAG

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Message started by Ernie D on Jul 9th, 2006, 10:45am

Title: **OUR FLAG**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Jul 9th, 2006, 10:45am**

THIS poem was found recently among local poems filed at the Bega Family Museum

Our flag bears the stars that blaze at night
in our southern sky of blue
And the little old flag in the corner
Thats part of our heritage too.

Its for the English, the Scot and the Irish
who were sent to the ends of the earth.
The rogues and Schemers, the doers and dreamers
who gave modern Australia birth.

And you, who are shouting to change it
You dont seem to understand,
Its the flag of our laws and language
Not the flag of our far away land.

There are plenty of people who'll tell you
How, when Europe was plunged into night
That little old flag in the corner
was their symbol of freedom and light,
It doesn't mean we owe allegiance
to a forgotten imperial dream.

We've the stars to show where we're going
And the old flag to show where we've been.

By an unknown soldier
Bega district news, Friday, April 2, 1993
:'(

Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**
Post by **ColinS** on **Jul 9th, 2006, 5:05pm**

The Australian Flag Poem
That waves overhead
I'm woven with crosses and liberty's threads
I'M knitted with knowledge
From values held true
And fashioned with stars on a cloth Royal blue
I'm a Flag for the future
Though I come from the past
So unfurl me, and fly me. high on the mast.

Author unknown

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Post by **Ernie D** on **Jul 10th, 2006, 5:02pm**

I,m sorry I only recognize the true australian flag
The old red white and blue
Its the right flag
Not the wrong flag,
and the whole world knows it too

It has the red we got
and the red we want
in the old red white and blue

Its the right red not the wrong red,
and the old flag knows it too
So, the red we got is the red we want
In the old red white and blue

Hooray Australia, Up the old red Rooster ;D :-* [smiley=thumbsup.gif] [smiley=thumbsup.gif]
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Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **Mick Wheeler** on **Jul 10th, 2006, 6:34pm**

there should be a last verse in Ernie's 1st post. This is the way I have it..

Our Flag wears the stars that blaze at night,
In our Southern skies of blue,
And a little old flag in the corner,
That's part of our heritage too.

It's for the English, the Scots and the Irish,
Who were sent to the ends of the earth,
The rogues and schemers, the doers and dreamers,
Who gave modern Australia its birth.

And you, who are shouting to change it,
You don't seem to understand,
It's the flag of our laws and our language,
Not the flag of a faraway land.

Though there are plenty of people who'll tell you,
How when Europe was plunged into night,
That little old flag in the corner,
Was their symbol of freedom and light.

It doesn't mean we owe allegiance,
To a forgotten imperial dream,
We've the stars to show where we're going,
And the old flag to show where we've been.

It's only an old piece of bunting,
It's only an old piece of rag,
But there are thousands who've died for its honour,
And shed of their blood for OUR FLAG.

Post by **Ernie D** on Jul 11th, 2006, 5:29pm

Thanks Mick

However, my first post was how it came out in the local paper down here and was supposedly located from the local family museum at Bega. however it could have been copied from anywhere I suppose Mick. It seems strang however that the last verse has been left off. I still thought it was a great poem, hence my placing it on the board for all's perusal. It would be good to get the background on it and the autors name and if he indeed was a local from the bega area! Or maybe he jut copied it down from somewhere and accidently left the last verse off or could not remember it
Regards ..Ernie "D"! :-/

Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **ColinS** on Jul 11th, 2006, 6:23pm

Australian National Flag Promise[center]

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I promise allegiance to Australia & our flag of "Stars & Crosses".

To serve my country and all it's people faithfully

and to uphold Australia's laws, values & traditions

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The trouble is not enough carry out this promise, any that done, should be sent packing

Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **Ernie D** on Jul 12th, 2006, 6:02pm

I whole heartedly agree Colin. I think the rot sets in by allowing them to have two passports, one from hence they came and an Australian.
How can you hold allegiance to one country, the country that said you can stay here (Australia), When they still , (Although settled for here) take part in the elections of the country the fled from or migrated from. I think most of them come here tongue in cheek colin
Regards ...Ernie "D" ;) :) [smiley=vrolijk_1.gif] [smiley=2vrolijk_08.gif] [smiley=thumbdown.gif] [smiley=wink.gif]

Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **millview R58328** on Jul 13th, 2006, 1:08pm

Sorry Ernie ,but I disagree with some of that.

I have 2 Passports , but are strictly for ease of travel to some Countries.

I am first and only Australian , and will die as such , but if I am able to make life a little easier for myself while travelling , I intend to do so .

Regards , Peter.

Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **David_A** on Jul 13th, 2006, 3:37pm

Ernie, I have two passports also.

australian children, seventeen australian grandchildren who love the idea of traveling and working on a "Pommy" passport. None of us consider ourselves as anything other than AUSTRALIAN.
David A ;D ;D

Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **KevinAbish** on **Jul 13th, 2006, 8:10pm**

My daughter holds two passports. Australian place of birth and a Canadian one too where she is married and living there. Also runs a computer business there.
Reason being for this is that our present Government permitted this several years back and when she married a Canadian this did not give her citizenship there. Same as when and if she returns here to live it will not give her husband Australian citizenship. It makes it easier for travelling with her business and coming home every couple of years.
She was a resident when she married and when she took up this computer company but could not leave Canada for more then six months. It was very confusing with the work situation. As the songs goes She still call Australia home.
Also had a Great Niece who married in Ecuador following a student exchange there. Big problems there she was about to be deported but had to leave the children behind. Bigger problems when they arrived back in Australia. Poor old Freddy was about to be deported with the children leaving the great niece here. Still as the saying goes Such is Life.
Matter of interest there with the great niece. Every time she submitted papers to any authority there was an official fee then a handling fee to every one that the papers work passed. It was always several times more then the official fee. Pay it or the papers are not processed.

Cheers.

Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **Joe** on **Jul 14th, 2006, 5:06am**

Kevin,
I trust the "processing fee" that had to be paid was at the other end and not Oz.
Also
Some people have two or three passports but in different names but I think that is for a different reason!!!
I can understand that there is occasion to have two passports but I think you can only hold citizenship of one country. I also believe that unless you are a citizen of Oz you should pay higher tax and not receive medicare or any other Government benefits. I have a Kiwi acquaintance (can't make a mate of a Kiwi) who is 60 and came to Oz at 16 and is still not a citizen! I keep telling him to go home but he insists he is home but just won't become a citizen because there is no reason or benefit. Can't wait for the war against NZ when I can have him interned!
Chookas
Joe

Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **Ernie D** on **Jul 14th, 2006, 11:43am**

yeah, well my own son has two passports and is also a citiizen of Denmark were he and my grandchildren live. my grandchildren were born in australia. they as well have two passports. but i still will not change my mind. one citizenship one passport for all
Regards...Ernie "D" [smiley=thumbup.gif] [smiley=grin.gif]

Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **KevinAbish** on **Jul 14th, 2006, 7:30pm**

Yes Joe, that processing fee was in Ecuador and Chile NOT in Aust. My daughter received no benefit from Aust. Just easier to travel in and out of Canada on a Canadian passport with her business. She pays taxes over there and votes there. Uses the Aust one to get to and from home easier to pass through customs here. It's all legal and above board. Kiwi's make good friends and mates know a few who live here permanently.
Go home to vote but do not vote here. Don't know about taxes I guess they do as it is taken out of their wages not like some countries that send in a BILL once a year.
Then again a go for two teams. The one that wears the green and gold for Australia and any team that plays New Zealand. :o :P :-*
Cheers.

Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **irish50561** on **Jan 22nd, 2007, 1:20pm**

This recent furore about our Australian Flag not being allowed at The Big Day Out concert is a little over the top. On closer inspection the casual observer will see that our Nation's Flag has the Union Jack in the left upper canton that comprises the national symbol of England, Ireland, Scotland & Wales. Since pre-Roman invasion days these countries have been magnets to many cultures. Since Roman times Britian has been a very mixed society comprising the peoples of many nations that made up the conscripted Roman Legions as they swept across Europe. I agree with Ernie D on the two passports issue although I enjoyed the benifit of two in the past while serving overseas on flag of convenience vessels. But I also strongly hold the belief that it is the abuse of this privilege that is the problem, abuse by those wankers who call this country home but hold allegiance overseas. Some of these ingrates were even born here yet bag this country that give sanctuary to so many, as a former migrant from an oppressed society I find that concept hard to come to grips with. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **ColinS** on **Jan 22nd, 2007, 8:11pm**

Those that are running this so called concert, should be shot. From the Boer War till the end of the war in Vietnam 102,867 service men and women laid down their lives for our old bit of bunning. (This number is from the National Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial)
Little Johnnie Howard should be standing up for our great National Flag with the Union Jack in the corner the Federation Star under it and the great Southern Cross to the right, for goodness sake he does a hell of a lot of standing up for Bush and the Stars and Stripes.

I dreams of War;

An' wot is paid

By blokes that went

An' blokes that stayed (C J Dennis, Digger Smith, 1918)

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Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **Webmaster** on **Jan 22nd, 2007, 8:42pm**

To All - The Flag is OUR flag and I agree with the sentiments expressed above - Last year I had the honour of being guest speaker at our Anzac Day Service in Port Hedland Western Australia - some of you sent me supportive items especially this poem so here's the closing part of the speech I gave ..

"Recently some events occurred where what I can only call misguided people were allowed to burn this Nation's flag and nothing was done ..

The Ex Services fraternity was shocked ...

Isn't it time we assumed some authority again – some pride in our Nation?

The sycophantic, politically correct attitudes shown by even our political leaders must surely have

I am reminded of a story I read once about an Officer who was the first Negro Commissioned into the United States Navy.. He was walking down a street in New York when several USN Sailors walked in his direction and then went on past without saluting. Obviously they were behaving with a racist attitude.

The Officer called to the men and said " I care not that you won't salute me because of my color but you will not show disrespect for this countries authority and symbol which I wear on my head" So he took off his Officer cap and placed it on the footpath and said "Salute!"

I am told the men threw the best salute they possibly could and walked on - one would hope with a different attitude.

This Officer would not let prejudice get in the way of what was right. Why do we ?

I will close now with a reference to the incident mentioned above..

Its only a small piece of bunting,
Its only a old coloured rag,
Yet thousands have died for its honour,
And shed their Life's blood for this Flag.

It flutters in triumph o'er ocean,
As free as the wind and the wave,
And bondsman from shackles unloosened,
(Stand in) Neath its shadows, no longer a slave.

You may say its a small bit of bunting,
You may call it an old coloured rag,
Yet freedom has made it majestic,
And time has ennobled the (Our) Flag.

God Bless You all and have a great Anzac Day...

Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 22nd, 2007, 9:07pm**

;)Rosco [smiley=dankk2.gif]

Its only a small piece of bunting,
Its only a old coloured rag,
Yet thousands have died for its honour,
And shed their Life's blood for this Flag.

matethat says it all [smiley=thumbsup.gif]

It is our flag, our country and our privelege [smiley=beer.gif] [smiley=beer.gif]

Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **Joe** on **Jan 23rd, 2007, 5:59am**

Colin

I see that John Howard has "stood up and been counted" He has soundly condemned the action.

He also called on Morris Istammer (or whatever) NSW Premier to put a stop to the concert as it falls under NSW jurisdiction.

I think every decent Aussie going to the concert (if it goes ahead - and it will of course) should carry, wear or display the flag. Pauline Hanson also recommends that concert goers do the same.

HONOUR THIS COUNTRYS FLAG - OR GET THE HELL OUTTA HERE!!!!

Chookas

Joe!

(Sorry about the outburst but I feel a little strongly on the issue)

He then continue in his last para of his speeec h and I think it says it all for those of us of Celtic origin and those who came later from other places

Quote:

As you know, I am of ethnic, of Greek, origin. The Union Jack really does not have a great deal of symbolic realism to me. But being born in Australia and being an Australian, having the Union Jack on the flag certainly does symbolise the true heritage of this country. It is for that reason that I would fight tooth and nail to make sure that, if the flag was ever going to be changed, it would be changed only by the will of the Australian community. With those words, I have no hesitation in supporting the amending bill moved by the minister.

The full context of his speeche is at <http://www.ausflag.com.au/info/parl/flags17.html>

Have a great Oz day

Ron

Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **Webmaster** on **Jan 24th, 2007, 6:12pm**

Thanks Ronaldo - I don't know how or where you get the time to keep up on all of this but that Bill is very reassuring - and I hope we never change the flag ..Have a great day all .. Ross

Title: **Re: OUR FLAG**

Post by **millview** on **Feb 24th, 2007, 11:38pm**

There ought to be a penalty for anyone that defaces our flag especially with this rent a crowd . Any one that defaces or burns our flag should be punished , one way or another . Basically our flag should never be allowed to touch the ground. Unfortunately our flag does not carry the respect it deserves , and that is very sad . :(:(:(:(:(

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Bus Trip for pensioners

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Message started by ronaldo on Feb 27th, 2007, 7:47am

Title: **Bus Trip for pensioners**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Feb 27th, 2007, 7:47am**

Senior Citizens Bus Trip

A senior citizens' group charters a bus from Burlington, IA, to Branson, MO. As they entered Missouri, an elderly woman comes up to the driver and says, "I've just been molested!"

The driver felt that she had fallen asleep and had a dream. So he tells her to go back to her seat, and sit down.

A short time later, another old woman comes forward, and claims that she was just molested. The driver thought he had a bus load of old wackos, but who would be molesting those old ladies?

About 10 minutes later, a third old lady comes up and says that she'd been molested too.

The bus driver decides that he'd had enough, and pulls into the first rest area. When he turns the lights on and stands up, he sees an old man on his hands and knees crawling in the aisles.

"Hey gramps, what are you doing down there?" says the bus driver.

"I lost my toupee. I thought I found it three times, but every time I try to grab it..., it runs away...!!"
;D

Ron

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Vale- Brian "Cowboy" Keating

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Message started by Joe_Linaker on Mar 1st, 2007, 7:51pm

Title: **Vale- Brian "Cowboy" Keating**
Post by **Joe_Linaker** on **Mar 1st, 2007, 7:51pm**

Subject: Vale- Brian "Cowboy" Keating

Name: Joe Linaker

Date Posted: Mar 1, 07 - 1:42 AM

Email: geejayel@bigpond.net.au

Message: John Witt has conveyed the sad news that Brian "Cowboy" Keating 65, crossed the bar Sunday 25th February 2007 and was cremated following a well -supported poppy service today in Rockhampton. His ashes will be cast over the sea at Yeppoon tommorrow Friday 2nd March 2007 by family and friends.

"Cowboy" was a warm and friendly LAAH who served in the FESR on HMAS Melbourne. Many shipmates will recall Cowboy's remarkable escape from serious injury when he put "Jumbo" the ships mobile crane into the starboard forad sponson and then he fell some 40' to the wharf, then stood there watching the panic on the Flight Deck. This incident examples the nonchalant easy going nature of a "birdie" who would give you the shirt off his back. Farewell old mate, God Speed and Good Sailing- Lest We Forget

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General >> Bulletin Board >> test run

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1168510255>

Message started by ronaldo on Jan 11th, 2007, 8:10pm

Title: **test run**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 11th, 2007, 8:10pm**

To see if the problem is fixed.

Ron

Title: **Re: test run**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 11th, 2007, 8:16pm**

Yep. That cured the problem. It was my old computer I was using. The Commodore 64. Shat-binned it and upgraded to a Commodore 128. Works a lot quicker ::)

What I originally posted and what didn't come out for all you Aussie cricket fans was.....

Q. What do Geraint Jones and Michael Jackson have in common?

A. They both wear gloves for no apparent reason

Q. What is the height of optimism?

A. An English batsman applying sunscreen.

Q. What does Ashley Giles put in his hands to make sure the next ball almost always takes a wicket?

A. A bat.

Q. What would Glen McGrath be if he was an Englishman?

A. An allrounder.

Q. What advantage do Kevin Pieterston, Andrew Strauss and Geraint Jones have over the rest of their team-mates?

A. At least they can say they're not really English.

Q. What is the English version of a hat-trick?

A. Three runs in three balls.

Q. What do you call an Englishman with 100 runs against his name?

A. A bowler.

Q. What is the most proficient form of footwork displayed by English batsmen?

A. The walk back to the pavilion.

Q. Who has the easiest job in the English squad?

A. The guy who removes the red ball marks from the bats.

Q. Why is Andrew Flintoff the unluckiest English player?

A. Because he was born in England.

Q. What does "Ashes" stand for?

A. Another Sad Horrific English Series.

Q. What's the English version of LBW?

A. Lost, Beaten, Walloped.

Q. Who spends the most time on the crease of anyone in the English team?

A. The person who ironed the cricket whites.

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If you are a pom barracker...tough ;D

Ron

Title: **Re: test run**

Post by **birdiehandler** on **Jan 12th, 2007, 5:11pm**

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:-/ Hey Ronaldo, wh would own up to being a "Pommie" supporter?? :-/

Title: **Re: test run**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 12th, 2007, 8:17pm**

Going by the score at the moment in the tri-series match in Sydney, Aust. 8-)are 2/219 :o chasing the Poms 240. Looks like another whwitewash. Wonder if they will rescind the MBE's! :(

Ron ;D

Title: **Re: test run**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 12th, 2007, 9:01pm**

;) ;)Ron

I don't think that after this debacle that we will remain.....MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE (MBE) :P
Methinks they will kick us out ::)

Title: **Re: test run**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 13th, 2007, 8:10am**

Hey Doc

Looks like we will all be made a penal settlement once again. They won't even let us visit their country now unless we line up at Heathrow in the foreigners' queue. Talking about that, not so long ago wife & I did a trip over that way. Stopped off at Singers for a weeks run and was at Changi Airport about 11pm one eveing to catch the plane to heathrow. Who should be there but none other than Bruce Ruxton. He must have been going business class as upon arrival we did not spot him again. Must have already passed thru immigration. By the time we got to the liene,(the foreigeners), it was about a mile long while all the other gates had no line-up and all the Germans/Foreigeners etc, just walked thru without documents being examined. There was an 80 year old English woman behind us who had spent most of her life in Africa and was going 'home' to visit her elderly sister who she had not seen for about 40 years. They made her line up with us 'foreigners'. I would have liked to have been at the front of the queue when Bruce went thru to hear what he had to say about Oz people, especially WW2 ex-servos, who had to line up as foreigners and immigration allowing those others to pass thru. They deserved a bluddy good flogging and I am most happy ;D ;D that we were able to do it with the Australian xii.

Ron

Title: **Re: test run**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 13th, 2007, 11:01am**

;) Ron

Welcome to the "Colonial Club" ::)

Title: **Re: test run**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 13th, 2007, 4:12pm**

I also meant to say, " Stand fast me old mate Boots!" :-[

Ron

Title: **Re: test run**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 14th, 2007, 4:25pm**

;) Ron :o

Our colonial cousins (The Kiwis) are no better mate :(:(

with a score of 184 and no more ..shut the doorpretty poor :) :) ::)

Title: **Re: test run**

Post by **millview** on **Feb 24th, 2007, 11:28pm**

I totally agree with the comments so far , but what the hell is happening to our team , are they getting too big headed , or are they playing with too many unsuitable players .

What is the betting on the World cup now ??????????????????????????????????

I hope that the selectors pick a team that can at least put up a good show , :(:(:(

Title: **Re: test run**

Post by **Joe** on **Feb 25th, 2007, 6:01am**

Reckon our team needed to have a bit of a lay down to build some odds so we poor Aussie punters could make a good quid on the World Cup! Any other thought is simply too hard to bear - shudder shudder. (I don't even like humble pie!!!!)

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: test run**

Post by **Bob Witt** on **Feb 25th, 2007, 7:04am**

Maybe if we gave the Selectors a pin they maybe able to pick a team

Title: **Re: test run**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Mar 6th, 2007, 9:45am**

:o :o :o

4 days.....and not a single post

Joe.....you were here last . Wot didja do? :) :) ::)

Title: **Re: test run**

Post by **Joe** on **Mar 7th, 2007, 2:58am**

Doc

It 'appens everywhere I go - get invited back twice - 2nd time to apologize!!!!

Chookas
Joe

Title: **Re: test run**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Mar 7th, 2007, 11:43am**

Joe ;)

'Sokay mate. gave the place a spray of Glen 20..... sniff..sniff :P
Glad to see you back :) :) :)

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Can you help

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1173141435>

Message started by Bodgie Sefton on Mar 6th, 2007, 10:37am

Title: **Can you help**
Post by **Bodgie Sefton** on **Mar 6th, 2007, 10:37am**

Could you please send out on your network of contacts a request
For information on Ex Naval Bod, James Mickleburgh.

This fellow has been living in the same area as I live, but I did not get to know him, unfortunately he has passed away and no one seems to know of any Next of Kin or any Relative, and the police have asked me to try and help them with their enquiries.

All I have been able to establish is His Birthdate and some places where he has lived.

Birthdate: 2nd September 1939.

Residences have been

- (A) Site 300 Sunseeker ave
Oaklands Village
Windang NSW 2528.
- (B) 49 Fultons Road
Wentworthville NSW 2145.
- (C) 31 Bartlet Street
Wentworthville NSW 2145

Title: **Re: Can you help**
Post by **ColinS** on **Mar 6th, 2007, 6:56pm**

I have been onto the National Archives web site as a registered researcher and have found;
Mickleburgh. James Henry Parker
DOB 2nd September 1939
R56969
enlisted 11/4/1960

served on Cerberus, Quickmatch, Vampire, Nirimba, Tarangau, Waterhen.
I was not able to read the rest as the writing was very bad.
his address on entry was 12 Brooklyn Rd Brooklyn NSW
NOK was Clifford

The name rang a bell with me, we both enlisted on the same day, therefore we were on the train together from Sydney going south to Cerberus, we did recruit school together, he than did seaman ship,
and I did cookery school. I never saw him again.
I hope that this puts him to rest
Lest We Forget

Title: **Re: Can you help**
Post by **ColinS** on **Mar 7th, 2007, 10:00pm**

I have found out more info of the Mickleburgh family.
James Henry Parker Mickleburgh's father was born 8th May 1896, Lowestoft, England, he served in World War 1 as L/Cpt no 1325, his unit was 6th Light Horse. He enlisted on 28/6/1915 returned to Australia 22/9/1919.
He than enlisted again in W W 2 ,10/7/1941, this time he was a Sergeant discharged 24/10/1945.
James mother's name was Violet
I hope that in a small way I have been able to help, I'll keep searching

Title: **Re: Can you help**
Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Mar 8th, 2007, 6:36am**

I sent the info on to Allen Lewis and he replied last night that they have found James Mickleburg's relatives. Thanks for the effort
Ern

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General >> Bulletin Board >> OK..... This is how it works

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1172367225>

Message started by Cyril Doc Rice on Feb 25th, 2007, 11:33am

Title: **OK..... This is how it works**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Feb 25th, 2007, 11:33am**

;)It was April and the Aborigines in a remote part of Western Australia asked their new elder if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild.
Since he was an elder in a modern community he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like.
Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the tribe should collect firewood to be prepared. But being a practical leader, after several days he had an idea.
He walked out to the telephone booth on the highway, called the Bureau of Meteorology and asked, "Is the coming winter in this area going to be cold?" The meteorologist responded, "It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold."

prepared.
A week later he called the Bureau of Meteorology again
"Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?"
The meteorologist again replied, "Yes, it's going to be a very cold winter."
The elder again went back to his community and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find.
Two weeks later the elder called the Bureau again. "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?"he asked."
Absolutely," the man replied. "It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever."
"How can you be so sure?" the elder asked.
The weatherman replied, "There are reports that the Aborigines are collecting firewood like crazy, and that's always a sure sign."

Shiver me timbers lads!!!!!!!
[smiley=2vrolijk_08.gif]

Title: **Re: OK..... This is how it works**
Post by **tromb123** on **Feb 25th, 2007, 3:48pm**

My wife and I've got tears streaming down our faces. ;D

Title: **Re: OK..... This is how it works**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Mar 12th, 2007, 2:49pm**

;)
Woke up feeling good this morning . Didn't have a shower, because of the water restrictions, but as I strode into the kitchen I announced

"Look Love, I feel so great I am going to make you the happiest woman in the world"
[smiley=engel017.gif]

She says

"That's good of you and to show how grateful I am, I want to let you know I will miss you"
[smiley=kiss.gif]

HELP!!! :o

Title: **Re: OK..... This is how it works**
Post by **Joe** on **Mar 13th, 2007, 5:02am**

Don't know where you spent the night Doc but if you make it to Sydney give us a yell (I know a really good boarding house and the guests always know when it's going to rain...yep open fire!)
Chookas
Joe

Title: **Re: OK..... This is how it works**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Mar 13th, 2007, 1:54pm**

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;)
Joe

The situation is not quite that serious.

It's just that she hasn't forgiven me for pranging the car.. :(:(

never mind the new one arrives to-night and we take delivery of it on Thursday morning..So I expect that once she gets behind the wheel of it, all should be back to normal.. :)

Actually, it's not so bad sleeping in the dog-house.....I've grown accustomed to it :-/ :-/

Title: **Re: OK..... This is how it works**
Post by **boots** on **Mar 13th, 2007, 7:09pm**

bit of old carpet and a sugar bag for blanket, been there :o

Title: **Re: OK..... This is how it works**
Post by **oldmech** on **Mar 13th, 2007, 7:21pm**

And, besides that you can always go to the local RSPCA and get an extra dog when the weather comes round to being a two or three dog night. (Depending upon how many dogs you already own).

CoIN

;D :D

Title: **Re: OK..... This is how it works**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Mar 13th, 2007, 10:12pm**

;)
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Tks. 4 the help mates.....it's getting late and time to turn in :-/

Boots:

not carpet and sugar bags for this little black duck..no sirree :o

a coir mat under a sheep skin thank you...definitely 4 star accommodation :P

Title: **Re: OK..... This is how it works**
Post by **boots** on **Mar 14th, 2007, 12:12pm**

You lucky B all mod cons. ;D :D

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General >> Bulletin Board >> message from Blue Ryan re TPI

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1174198984>

Message started by sluggo on Mar 18th, 2007, 4:23pm

Title: **message from Blue Ryan re TPI**
Post by **sluggo** on **Mar 18th, 2007, 4:23pm**

Dear All,
An explanation from the TPI Federation of the recent index adjustment to war pensions.

Worth reading.

Regards,

Tim McCombe
President
VVFA
vffagran@bigpond.net.au

TO: TPI Federation Directors

FM: Blue Ryan

I have been made aware of some misunderstanding among TPIs concerning the indexation of the TPI Special Rate (SR).

Adjustments to pensions are made twice yearly (March and September).

1. The War Widows (WWP) and the Service pensions (SP) are indexed to Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE) or the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and are not to fall below 25% of MTAWE.

2. Regardless of any adjustment to MTAWE, the WWP and SP automatically receive the full flow on of the

CPI adjustment. It is always granted.

3. It is possible that if the rise in the CPI exceeds the rise in MTAWE it can have the effect of pushing the WWP and SP above 25% of MTAWE.

4. This anomaly is automatically self-adjusting when MTAWE exceeds the CPI. In other words, over time, and despite temporary anomalies, the WWP and SP will find their own level at the designated 25% of MTAWE.

5. This method of CPI/MTAWE indexation for the above pensions commenced in March 1998.

Clarke Report, 60% of the TPI SR was indexed in the same way as the WWP and the SP.

7. The other 40% of the TPI SR remains indexed to the CPI alone.

8. The TPI Federation has argued that the entire 100% of the TPI SR should have been indexed from March 1998 in the same manner as the WWP and SP. To have indexed the SR in this manner would have maintained the parity of the SR and effectively prevented its erosion.

9. In the recent half yearly adjustment (March 2007) TPIs lost, in real terms compared to the other pensions, a further \$7.31 pft.

10. Had the TPI SR been indexed in the same manner as the WWP and the SP from March 1998 it would now be \$92.03 extra pft.

Could you please pass this on to your members.

Cheers

Blue Ryan

TPI National President

,,,regards,,,Shep

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Welcome Bob

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1174020803>

Message started by ronaldo on Mar 16th, 2007, 2:53pm

Title: **Welcome Bob**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Mar 16th, 2007, 2:53pm**

Wellcome back Robert.

They bunged on a good show at Bundy. Hope you received the Commissioning booklet which I posted.

Ron

Title: **Re: Welcome Bob**
Post by **bobbles** on **Mar 19th, 2007, 4:41pm**

Hi Ron,

Yes they did bung on a good show at the commissioning of HMAS Bundaberg, it was very well done. [smiley=cool.gif]

It is good to be back on the net once again.

I will be looking forward to the commissioning of the Maryborough next year and all going well I will be going to that as well.

Regards Bob Bailey(bobbles)

Title: **Re: Welcome Bob**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Mar 20th, 2007, 8:24am**

Bob

looks like you hit the right keys this time and came up with the jackpot ;D Yeah, hope it is Marborough Qld and not like Vic. and not the Childers all over again :D. Welcome back to the site after your absence. Hope those farm animals do not keep you away too much of the time. Sorry had to rush off yesterday but was expecting an urgen call from the Daughter who needed to be conveyed to the car Dr. where her vehicle had been serviced. regards to all

Ron

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Les Anstee

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1170954284>

Message started by Garry Slattery on Feb 9th, 2007, 3:04am

Title: **Les Anstee**
Post by **Garry Slattery** on **Feb 9th, 2007, 3:04am**

Les absconded in 1960/61 from Kuttabul he may have went with his brother to the west and may have worked on rigs, if anyone has any mates who may have worked on rigs could you check if they knew Les, his Daughter would just like to make contact. I first meet him when as a 16 year old on the NSW Railways at Narrandera. Any info would be appreciated

Title: **Re: Les Anstee**
Post by **Mike-Allen R53479** on **Mar 23rd, 2007, 4:01pm**

I remember him Garry he was a sparker wasn't he?

I have got a few mates that either did work on the rigs or still do so I'll ask around mate

Cheers Mike Allen

Title: **Re: Les Anstee**
Post by **Mike-Allen R53479** on **Mar 24th, 2007, 3:58pm**

Spoke to a mate this morning who worked on the rigs for many years,
he said the name rang a bell with him so he is going to ask around
on their network.

He did say that he did not think that Les was a radio operator as he (the bloke I spoke to) was a
radio operator and he said they all knew each other

I know a couple of other blokes so I will keep asking

Cheers Mike

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General >> Bulletin Board >> My Favorite Things.

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1174731547>

Message started by ronaldo on Mar 24th, 2007, 8:19pm

Title: **My Favorite Things.**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Mar 24th, 2007, 8:19pm**

I found this one whilst doing a round of the traps. At 69 years, I know how she feels. :(

To commemorate her 69th birthday on October 1, actress/vocalist Julie Andrews made a special
appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP.

One of the musical numbers she performed was "My Favourite Things" from the legendary movie,
"Sound Of Music".

Here are the lyrics she used:

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts, and hearing aids and glasses,
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak,
When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pains, confused brains, and no need for sinnin',

And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,
When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache,
When the hips break,
The eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.

(Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd that lasted over four minutes and repeated encores.)

;D ;D Ron

Title: **Re: My Favorite Things.**
Post by **millview** on **Mar 26th, 2007, 1:15pm**

:(:(how right she is , no wonder she received a standing ovation , good luck to her , she is great ;D ;D ;D

Title: **Re: My Favorite Things.**
Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Mar 26th, 2007, 7:56pm**

Amen to that....Having just had another op to fix the things that go wrong when you get on I really think she is right on the ball
Ern

Title: **Re: My Favorite Things.**
Post by **oldmech** on **Mar 26th, 2007, 9:27pm**

Ern_Sinfield wrote:

Amen to that....Having just had another op to fix the things that go wrong when you get on I really think she is right on the ball
Ern

Ernie mate,
Hope that you will be back on the ball by November, ready for Ballina.

Regards
CoIN

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Day Light Saving

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Message started by Joe on Mar 25th, 2007, 4:24am

Title: **Day Light Saving**
Post by **Joe** on **Mar 25th, 2007, 4:24am**

Looks like I got up before I went to bed last night.....now to change all the clocks.
Chookas
Joe!

Title: **Re: Day Light Saving**
Post by **millview** on **Mar 26th, 2007, 1:08pm**

Who cares what the clock indicates , I get up whenever I want and go to bed when I've had enough
. ;D ;D

Title: **Re: Day Light Saving**
Post by **oldmech** on **Mar 26th, 2007, 4:27pm**

8-)
Clock ? What Clock ?
;D ;D :D :) ;)
ColN

Title: **Re: Day Light Saving**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Mar 26th, 2007, 6:36pm**

oldmech wrote:

8-)
Clock ? What Clock ?
;D ;D :D :) ;)
ColN

If you had one Col, it would have to be a Grandfather clock, you old so & so

But if you have forgotten, it goes "tick" ..."tock', and you use it when it is overcast and you can't read the sundial and after nightfall. ::)
;) ;)

Title: **Re: Day Light Saving**
Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Mar 26th, 2007, 7:49pm**

Unfortunately, the Queenslanders can't read a clock, and that is why they dont have daylight saving as if you change the light they can't work out what happened.
Ern

Title: **Re: Day Light Saving**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Mar 26th, 2007, 8:34pm**

Yeah, what are clocks?. I stuffed up my Dr. the last visit. He decided to test me for dementia. One of the tests is he gives you a set of numbers, numbered from 1 thru to 12 and aks you to place them all in the position of a clock, in order to check your memory. He is still shaking his head. I told him the only clock that I ever had was a digital watch. :-?

Ron

Title: **Re: Day Light Saving**
Post by **Joe** on **Mar 27th, 2007, 2:24am**

Ah Ron, so young, so very very young and so modern.....

Chookas

Joe

PS You can see that my body clock gets me up when it's time!!!!

Title: **Re: Day Light Saving**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Mar 27th, 2007, 6:09am**

Ern, We don't need them to tell the time or for that matter stretch the sunlight we have enough brains and sunshine :) ;) :D ;D 8-)

Title: **Re: Day Light Saving**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Mar 27th, 2007, 9:13am**

;)

Why does it matter :-/

We all know what to do when the sun goes over the yardarm :) :P

Cheeeers.....my shout next [smiley=beer.gif] [smiley=thumbsup.gif]

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Brian Egan - Aussie Helpers - Legend

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1174926726>

Message started by Joe on Mar 27th, 2007, 2:32am

Title: **Brian Egan - Aussie Helpers - Legend**
Post by **Joe** on **Mar 27th, 2007, 2:32am**

Had a look at Australian Story on ABC TV last evening. Brian Egan ex Pussers Malay/Vietnam Vet. Had a few problems - lost everything PTSD sufferer. Hit rock bottom and spent 12 months in Repat Hospital - tried to top himself etc etc. Trickcyclist told him to find someone worse off than

bless himself with but managed to raise \$250,000 last years and gave it all away to hard doing farmers. Now that is a hero.....BZ Egan
Chookas
Joe!!
PS : Wonder if he'd like to head up the "Help the ex servos" Campaign?

Title: **Re: Brian Egan - Aussie Helpers - Legend**
Post by **oldmech** on **Mar 27th, 2007, 11:00am**

Great to see a bloke like Brian Egan get back up from the 'pits', or as he says "Beat the Beast" and do what he has done with his life.
Congratulations must also go to his wife, Nerida, who, despite all that has happened, has stuck by him as best she could under the dreadful circumstances she too must have gone through in the early stages of his illness and repatriation. Congratulations must also go to Dr John Gibson at Greenslopes who would have had a big hand in pointing Brian in the right direction.
Who said Repat and DVA don't work..

CoIN

Title: **Re: Brian Egan - Aussie Helpers - Legend**
Post by **chilblain** on **Mar 27th, 2007, 11:31am**

Well said, Col. I endorse those comments. Congrats Brian. Congrats also to "Australian Story" for producing.

Chilblain

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Part Pensions

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1175194806>

Message started by Garry Slattery on Mar 30th, 2007, 5:00am

Title: **Part Pensions**
Post by **Garry Slattery** on **Mar 30th, 2007, 5:00am**

Does the New Assets Test to start in September mean Part Pensioners will receive a slight increase.Rgds to all

Title: **Re: Part Pensions**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Mar 30th, 2007, 1:19pm**

Garry Slattery wrote:

Does the New Assets Test to start in September mean Part Pensioners will receive a slight increase.Rgds to all

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As I understand it, there will be a cut from \$3 to \$1.50 for every \$1,000 over the allowable assets, from 20th. September 2007.
Ring 1800555254 (free) and DVA will give you full details