



## Y SERVICE CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH. Inc.

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*“To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right.”*

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## “SOUTH SCUTTLEBUTT”

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### A New Year – a New Face at the Top Table..

July 1st saw the start of a new year in the life of Our Club.

We are into re-cycling, with Pres. Peg and VP Valmai stepping up to President and Vice President, respectively. Rod Ellis is continuing as Treasurer and Peter Unmack as Secretary and Public Officer.

### Makes You Stop and Think

#### **Where Does the Carbon Dioxide Really Come From?**

**Ian Rutherford Plimer** is an Australian geologist, professor emeritus of earth sciences at the University of Melbourne, professor of mining geology at the University of Adelaide, and the companies. He has published 130 scientific papers, six books and edited the Encyclopedia of Geology

**PLIMER:** "Okay, here's the bombshell. The volcanic eruption in Iceland, since its first spewing of volcanic ash has, in just FOUR DAYS, NEGATED EVERY SINGLE EFFORT you have made in the past five years to control CO2 emissions on our planet.

All of you, of course, you know about this evil carbon dioxide that we are trying to suppress - it's that vital chemical compound that every plant requires to live and grow and to synthesize into oxygen for us humans and all animal life.

I know it's very disheartening to realize that all of the carbon emission savings you have accomplished while suffering the inconvenience and expense of driving Prius hybrids, buying fabric grocery bags, sitting up till midnight to finish your kids "The Green Revolution" science project, throwing out all of your non-green cleaning

supplies, using only two squares of toilet paper, putting a brick in your toilet tank reservoir, selling your SUV and speedboat, vacationing at home instead of abroad,

Nearly getting hit every day on your bicycle, replacing all your 50 cent light bulbs with \$10.00 light bulbs.....well, all of those things you have done have all gone down the tubes in just four days.

The volcanic ash emitted into the Earth's atmosphere in just four days - yes, FOUR DAYS - by that volcano in Iceland has totally erased every single effort you have made to reduce the evil beast, carbon. And there are around 200 active volcanoes on the planet spewing out this crud at any one time - EVERY DAY.

I don't really want to rain on your parade too much, but I should mention that when the volcano Mt Pinatubo erupted in the Philippines in 1991, it spewed out more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere than the entire human race had emitted in all its years on earth. Yes, folks, Mt Pinatubo was active for over one year - think about it.

Of course, I shouldn't spoil this 'touchy-feely tree-hugging' moment and mention the effect of solar and cosmic activity and the well-recognized 800-year global heating and cooling cycle, which keeps happening despite our completely insignificant efforts to affect climate change.

And I do wish I had a silver lining to this volcanic ash cloud, but the fact of the matter is that the bush fire season across the western USA and Australia this year alone will negate your efforts to reduce carbon in our world for the next two to three years. And it happens every year.

Just remember that your government just tried to impose a whopping carbon tax on you, on the basis of the bogus 'human-caused' climate-change scenario.

Hey, isn't it interesting how they don't mention 'Global Warming' anymore, but just 'Climate Change'- you know why? It's because the planet has COOLED by 0.7 degrees in the past century and these global warming b\*\*\*\*\*t artists got caught with their pants down.

And, just keep in mind that you might yet have an Emissions Trading Scheme - that whopping new tax - imposed on you that will achieve absolutely nothing except make you poorer.

It won't stop any volcanoes from erupting, that's for sure.

**But, hey, relax..... and have a nice day!"**

Professor Ian Plimer could not have said it better!

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**Professor Plimer** has an impressive list of qualifications and the following list gives the credibility to any statement he makes.

Aged 73, he has Australian Nationality and lives in Australia.

His fields of interest include:

Our Earth, Science, Geology, Mining and Engineering

He has association with the following Universities, New England, Adelaide, Newcastle, Melbourne, New South Wales and Macquarie/University He was awarded The Eureka Prize 1992 & 2002, Centenary Medal 2003, Clarke Medal 2004.

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### What can you do with a toothpick?

The most obvious answer is to pick at your teeth, but these little wooden sticks can do so much more. Stan Munro, a 38-year-old man from Syracuse, New York, USA who has been turning toothpicks into fantastic works of art.

Stan has been using toothpicks for his art since his fifth year in school and has turned that passion into his profession.



The iconic Sydney Opera House is one of his projects and his attention to detail and scale is excellent.



**Stan Munro's toothpick creation.**

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### Beautiful Photography.

Our Area President, Hiroyuki Tanaka, is an avid photographer, especially of flowers and the beautiful colours of the different species.

In an e-mail to him., I congratulated him on the standard of his work, and enquired about the equipment he used. As can be expected, his camera and lenses are top quality and his photographs well worth a look. Hiroyuki posts regularly on Facebook.,



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### JOY & HAPPINESS – A QUOTATION.

Not only is there a right to be happy, there is a duty to be happy. So much sadness exists in the world that we are all under obligation to contribute as much joy as lies within our powers.

*John Sutherland Bonnell*

## Humour

From the Bulletin of Central Y Service Club – Hawaii.

Help wanted ad that ran recently in a local newspaper.

### CONSTRUCTION WORKERS NEEDED

Please do not apply if you oversleep, have Court often, do not have a baby sitter every day, have to get rides to work later than our work day begins, experience flat tires every week, have to hold on to a cell phone all day, or will become an expert at your job with no need to learn or take advice after the first day. Must be able to talk and work at the same time. Must also remember to come back to work after lunch and should not expect gold stars for being on time.

(I wonder how many applications were received?)

Aloha Phil. You can certainly pack a lot of information onto two pages. Peter U.

### YMI HARD COPY.

Despite e-mails to the distribution manager of our International Magazine, there has been no result. It would appear that, in the big picture, our Club with only a few members has been forgotten, or the distribution manager is ignoring our request. I will keep trying !!

### Is Your Home Safe ?

It has been decided that, due to my chronic balance problems, our home needed assessment by a professional Occupational Therapist.

I agreed that the inspection go ahead, as I felt that a house on a flat block of land, with paved and concreted areas outside, was as good as needed. How wrong can you be !!

After the OT's inspection, I found that there were many areas to be rectified "to bring our house up to standard".

I have three, four-wheeler walking frames – One in our car, one in our house and one for outdoor use. The outdoor model needed the brake cables adjusted (done) and the others passed her inspection.

The step outside to our back patio needs a platform at the step height and a ramp (1 – 14 is the recognised gradient) to allow stability when exiting.

The step up from the garage into the house needs a platform and ramp (! – 14) for stable egress. These platforms and ramps need to be sturdy and weight bearing. My drinks fridge in the garage may have to live in the corner of this

platform, to allow the ramp to be positioned correctly.

The front doorstep needs an additional piece of timber to create a larger, flatter surface, for better stability entering and leaving.

One toilet has a grip rail, which passed inspection, but the toilet wall in our en-suite needs a similar rail.

The en-suite shower base required treatment to make it non slippery. This now has a plastic, multi suction cup mat which works well. There was already a grip rail fitted, which passed muster.

The laundry sliding door, with a step to the outside, is off limits as I will have to use the ramped, platform fitted doors, to exit the house.

My shed passed, despite the lady's dislike of power tools, etc. It was agreed that the shed was tidy with clear access to the tools and exit doors.

Of course, there are other rules.

- No use of ladders allowed.
- No trying to carry too many garden items.
- No lifting of heavy articles – trolley must be used each time.
- No sudden movements. Getting out of bed or an easy chair to be slow and deliberate to allow blood pressure to stabilise.
- Sturdy flat soled, preferably rubber soled, footwear.

And, the list goes on for about two A4 sheets. I must agree this is all in my best interests, but one does feel their independence being eroded. This feeling is probably a "man thing", or is that another word for "pride"?

### Volunteering – From YMI No 2, 2018 / 2019

"What is the essence of life ?  
To serve others and to do good"

Spoken by Greek philosopher Aristotle over 2000 years ago, one of the most ancient quotes about volunteering offers proof that giving back to the community is hardly a new concept.

With so many people less fortunate than those of us who can afford to travel, and with fund raising for social services being brutally slashed, volunteering is becoming increasingly important these days.

From immigrants escaping violent conflict and under-privileged kids needing education, to homeless people in need of housing, there are no shortage of ways volunteers can help make a difference. The greatest thing about volunteering may be the benefits it offers to individual recipients, their communities, and the volunteers themselves.

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## Quotehanger

"Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of going it. Remember, you don't live in the world all of your own". – **Albert Schweitzer**.

"If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever". – **Kofi Annan**.

"life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?"

**Martin Luther King, Jr,**

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away,"

**William Shakespeare**

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## Downsizing – What a Task.

No, Shirley and I are not re-locating and a better term might be **De-Cluttering**. It is a task that we have been putting off for some time, but we have started.

We have amassed boxes of photos, family ones are OK, but we have discarded and shredded hundreds, some of which we cannot recall where the places are, or why we took the picture at all. Our families are going to thank us (?) when they each receive a box of photos relevant to their children, home, or whatever. Shirley has done a great job but keeps finding more tucked away in drawers and our large cupboards in the garage.

Children's books, jigsaw puzzles and 45 rpm records are also on the way out. Our Market Sale Stall will certainly gain new items from our discards. You must be ruthless at times !!

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## How right they were !

Tomorrow is the most important thing in life.

Comes to us at midnight very clean.

It's perfect when it arrives, and it puts itself in our hands

It hopes we've learnt something from yesterday.

(John Wayne, 1907 – 1979. American Screen Actor)

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The only limit to our realisation of tomorrow will be our doubts of today,  
Let us move forward with strong and active faith,

(Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1882 – 1945. President of the United States of America)

## .The Game of Gentlemen!

(With due recognition of the ladies now playing, and very well also. )

I refer, of course, to the noble game of Cricket. With the current Ashes series having started, the actions of the crowd have been interesting. Steve Smith took to the Ground to a loud sustained booing from the predominantly English crowd.

Of course, this was triggered by the infamous ball tampering incident, in which he was involved.

He has served his penalty, away from Australian cricket for 12 months, plus the loss of Captaincy of the Test side.

I was pleased that he was selected in the team to contest the Ashes Series, as I regard him as one of the best batsmen of our era. I confess that when he was at the crease., I stayed up to watch up to see both of his innings.

It was a pleasure to watch, as it was to see the frustration of the English bowlers. It was magic that Steve made 144 runs in the first innings, but there was still the rowdy reaction from the crowd as he walked to the Australian rooms.

His second innings was another story. There was still the unsportsmanlike noise from the crowd – perhaps not as much as his first entrance, but nevertheless, still audible.

Steve looked composed and gave no reaction to the crowd.

He then set about to show the English side how a batsman should play at the International level.

The frustration of the bowlers was evident as he played every stroke in the book. Another magnificent innings of 142 runs and again, the anchor for Australia.

When he left the ground, the crowd was noticeably subdued, the booing was gone, and they had to acknowledge the skill of Steve Smith.

The icing was on the cake when his batting partner also reached his "ton". Mathew Wade, absent from Test Cricket for about 6 ½ years was called up and he certainly did not let the side down. Well done to both of them !!

By now you will have realised what an unbiased cricket fan I am, but that I am a staunch Australian supporter,

To my Australian readers – How did you react to the game !!