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“To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right.”

“SOUTH SCUTTLEBUTT”

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Memories of Childhood.

I remember the corned beef of my childhood
And the bread we cut with a knife,
When the children helped with the housework
And the men went to work not the wife.

The cheese never needed a fridge,
And the bread was so crusty and hot.
The children were seldom unhappy,
And the wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the bottle
With the yummy cream on the top.
Our dinner came hot from the oven,
And not from a freezer or shop.

The kids were a lot more contented,
They didn't need money for kicks,

Just a game with their friends in the road,
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.

I remember the slap on my backside,
And the taste of soap if I swore.
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of
And we hadn't much choice what we wore.

Do you think that bruised our ego?
Or our initiative was destroyed?
We ate what was put on the table
And I think life was better enjoyed.

Share if you remember 2 or more.
Author – Unknown.

The Coronavirus Pandemic Continues.

As an older person (81+). I am in the group most sensitive to this deadly virus.

Conforming to the isolation restrictions formulated by our Government, we (Shirley and I) are adhering to the instructions made in our best interest.

The pandemic has had a major effect on retail, hospitality, and entertainment industries, and all the industries which feed our everyday life.

We can accept this situation and are fortunate to have family members close by who can shop for our everyday needs,

The restrictions imposed have been shown to be effective, but I must admit that being confined to my home and four walls can become boring.

However, I can live with this, but there is an element in our society all too ready to flout the official line and create disturbances in our cities by flouting the laws, made in their best interests, but they

are prepared to ignore this for some fleeting notoriety. Whatever penalty is available to the authorities, it should be used against this minority.

From all these “negative” aspects of this pandemic, I have been part of a new aspect of technology, the ZOOM capability of communication and the holding of a “virtual” meeting. After a practice night, the Y Service Club of Bendigo, of which I am a member, conducted their Business Meeting online, via the ZOOM capability.

It was strange to be able to interact with our Club executive and members, via the square screen in front of me.

I congratulate the Executive of Bendigo Club for activating this ZOOM technology.

MG CAR CLUB VICTORIA - MONTHLY MEETING.

Having navigated this new (to me) technology. I was pleased to see that another organisation, of which I am a member is going down the same track, holding meetings via ZOOM

I have belonged to the MG Car Club of Victoria for about 15 years, or thereabouts., but being approx. 170 Km from the Club meeting room, it has not been practical to attend the monthly meeting. Today (11/05). I received notification that the next meeting will be carried out with the ZOOM technology. I intend to participate.



I have owned an MGB Mk II Roadster for around twenty years and this will be the first personal contact with the Club other than official signing of registration papers, etc. I must confess that at present the car is not registered due to my missing the Registration date but, after some work on the car, that will be rectified, complete with a new Roadworthy

Certificate,

The meeting ran smoothly, and I found it interesting to put faces to and hear the various officers of the Club speak. The Club provides an excellent monthly magazine “Wheel Spin” and this is an enjoyable read. The various Registers, (“A Register” “B Register” etc.) provide interesting insights into the various activities arranged and, of course, the breakdowns which can occur on their “runs”.

AN ON-LINE GAME.

The Bendigo Club successfully conducted their meeting, via ZOOM, on 21/5/20.

Participation was easy, thanks to the guidelines sent out to members by e-mail or 'phone contact.

Our program was an on-line version of **Scattergories**.

The following is a reprint of the rules and procedure.

SCATTERGORIES

The Game

1. In the online version we will play, a computer will randomly choose one letter from the alphabet and choose 10 categories.

2. The idea is to provide **one answer** to each category that **must begin** with the chosen letter.

For example if the chosen letter is **C** and the first category was "Found in a lunchbox" a possible answer would be **Carrots**.

3. You are allowed 3 minutes to complete each round comprising 10 categories.

4. At the end of the 3 minutes, people in the group give their answers in turn, so that everyone in the group knows what each person has chosen.

5. The team with the most points is the winner - see below.

The Rules

1. The articles 'A', 'An' and 'The' cannot be used as key letters.

For example: if 'B' is the chosen letter and 'Movie Title' is the category 'A Beautiful Mind' is OK. If 'P' is the chosen letter and 'Book' is the category, then 'The Pelican Brief' is OK.

2. The same answer cannot be used more than once in the same round.

For example: if 'T' is the chosen letter, and category 3 in the list was 'Presidents of the USA' and category 8 was 'A member of the International Stable Genius Association' you could use 'Trump' for one answer but not both. 'Truman' for one and 'Trump' for the other would be OK.

3. When answering with proper names you can use first or last name.

For example: if the category was 'Pop singer' and the chosen letter was 'P' you could have 'Presley, Elvis' or 'Peter, Paul and Mary'

4. For each correct answer you get one point, but **ONLY** if no other person in the group has chosen it. In the example above if 'Presley, Elvis' was chosen by other people, no points are awarded to those people. In other words, you need a unique answer to get a point.

5. If the answer given has the chosen letter at the beginning of two or more words you get more points.

For example: in the above example 'Peter, Paul and Mary' would get you 2 points for Peter and Paul.

OUR ZOOM VERSION OF THE GAME.

As two brains are better than one, I would suggest that members invite wives, partners, etc to form a Zoom team for the night, but only ONE answer is to be used for each category. That is, the team members must agree on which word is chosen.

It is not often that people can find a word for each of the 10 categories, so don't be concerned if you can't think of some words for categories in the 3 minutes.

SOLID THINKING.

The best careers advice to the young is:
'Find out what you like doing best and get someone to pay you for doing it'.

Kathleen Whitehorn. B 1926. English Newspaper Columnist

A Project to Help Nature.

A New Bird Feeder Station.

The old feeder has seen better days and has been subject to the birds stripping off the paint and "chewing" at the roof edges and the feeding tray itself.

The mounting post has a drunken lean and if not replaced soon, the feeder will be a "walk up" ground model.

The scale of the new feeder will be slightly larger to allow more space, as the birds seem to always come in pairs.

We are regularly visited by galahs, crested pigeons, and Indian mynah birds. Some smaller varieties appear occasionally, but they fly in and away quickly, so it is almost impossible to tell their species. Only one Rosella has visited our feeder station to date.

Native Galahs



There is a definite pecking order, the Galahs being the dominant species, followed by the Crested Pigeons (highest number of visitors) then the Mynah birds may get a chance but, if they try to intervene whilst the others are feeding, there is a real flurry and they are sent packing. They seem to scratch a bit of seed onto the ground and this becomes an entree before the main course. Because of the popularity of the feeder, we purchase 10Kg of "Wild Bird Seed" each time, to keep them fed and put. on a display for us

Indian Mynah Bird



Crested Pigeon



Eastern Rosella



AN INTERESTING PROGRAM

This program was part of a ZOOM meeting.

Participants were asked to select 2 or 3 “**Man Made Structures of Significant Note**”.

My choices were **Sydney Harbour Bridge**, an iconic bridge structure that is recognised around the world, and the awe-inspiring faces of four **American Presidents carved from the granitic rock of Mount Rushmore** in the Black Hills of North Dakota, USA.

If required, my third choice was the symbol of Paris, the **Eiffel Tower**. (Will feature in a later edition of “Scutt;ebutt”).

SOME STATISTICS ABOUT SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE.

- Completed in 1932 after 8 years of construction with a workforce between 2500 – 4000 members
- An all steel arch bridge approximately 1149 metres long including the approaches.
- 95,000 cubic metres of concrete and 52,800 tons of steel were used, the arch needing 30,000 tons of steel.
- About 6 million rivets were used, the heaviest 3.5 Kg and 395 mm long.
- The arch spans 503 metres.
- The top of the arch is 134 metres above water level
- Clearance for shipping is 49 metres
- The Bridge was built from each side as supports could not be used in the water.
- A test load of 96 steam locomotives was used in different configurations on the road surface of the bridge.
- The bridge has 8 vehicle lanes, 2 train lines, 1 footway and 1 cycle lane.
- Cost of the winning tender was 4,217,721 pounds.
- Vehicle traffic in 1950 was 32,000 per day. By 2001 it had increased to 160,000 vehicles daily.
- On opening day (10.03.32) a “Walk Across” took place, and on its 50th Anniversary in 2001 this was again allowed
- The Hell Gate Bridge in New York City inspired the final design of the bridge.
- 30,000 litres of paint are needed for each painting. A special fast drying paint is used. Any drops which fall have dried before reaching any vehicles or the bridge surface.
- On the day of the formal opening, Francis de Groot, wearing a military uniform and mounted on horseback, slashed the ribbon at the north southern end before the Official Opening by the Premier. De Groot was arrested, convicted, and had a fine of five pounds imposed.



MOUNT RUSHMORE.

- Originally the “Black Hills were ceded to the Sioux Indians in 1803. After gold was discovered in the 1870’s, many white settlers arrived in the territory.
- The Federal Government forced the Sioux Indians to relinquish the Black Hills.
- Originally it was planned that the sculptures would reach waist level, but funds were not available for this part of the project.
- A model of the Presidents sculpted to waist length had been produced.
- The sculptures were completed over five years – 1927 – 1934.
- The faces are 18 metres (60 ft) in size and depict George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln.
- The 4 presidents represent the nations birth, growth, development, and presentation.
- Sometimes referred to as “The Shrine of Democracy”, annually over 3 million visitors visit the Memorial.
- Conceived as a tourist attraction the project cost USD\$ 989,992.00.
- Sculptor, Gutzon Borglum created the design and oversaw the project from 1927 to 1941. After his death, his son finished the work in 1941.
- 400,000 tons of rock were blasted off the mountainside. Finer work was done by drilling small holes and removing the granite using hand tools.
- In 2005, Alfred Karcher conducted a free cleaning operation over several weeks. Pressurised water at 93 degrees Celsius was used. The main problem is the lichen which grows on the roughened granite surface.
- Mount Rushmore is now a National Monument Area and has fulfilled the original concept of attracting tourists.



A POCKET POSITIVE

“I studied the lives of great men and famous women, and I found the men and women who got to the top were those who did the jobs they had in hand, with everything they had of energy and enthusiasm and hard work.”

Harry S. Truman, 1884 – 1972 -- President of The United States of America

HOW WILL WE BE WHEN NORMALITY RESUMES?

The COVID-19 pandemic has seen the biggest changes to our lifestyles than ever. In Australia, the regulations are being relaxed, by the different States in an orderly and safe manner, and soon we will be able to meet as a group for normal club meetings.

It is our hope that all members are ready to resume Club life and eager to meet with friends and, once again, experience the camaraderie that has been missing for months.

Home isolation has been tolerable but there is nothing to compare with a good healthy Club atmosphere.

Australia, as an island continent, has been able to gradually control the virus and its deadly effects. Certainly, we have had infection “hot spots” and, sadly, we have had a death toll, but nothing remotely as bad as many other countries. The loss of lives in some of the epicentres has been staggering and our thoughts and prayers go to all persons and families involved.

just as the habit of attending our Clubs on a regular basis has been broken, we are almost at the stage (in Victoria) of being allowed to meet in groups of more than 20 persons. I look forward to this decision being announced.

The next phase of recovery will be to allow groups up to 50 persons to meet. This number will be large enough to cover the membership of our clubs. Perhaps when extra persons are invited, say on a mixed night with wives, partners, etc. the 50 persons may still be adequate.

It is a case of following the staged return to normality being controlled by our respective State Premiers. Unfortunately, the announcements are not made at the same time which is leading to confusion.

NORMALITY WILL RESUME.

SCHOOLYARD JOKES.

- “I’m not going to school today’ said Alexander to his mother. “The teachers bully me and the boys in my class don’t like me. Why?”
“Firstly you’re 35 years old” replied his mother, “and secondly, you’re the Principal!”
- “I hope you’re not one of those boys who sits and watches the school clock”, said the Principal to the new boy. “No Sir” he replied, “I’ve got a digital watch that beeps at three – fifteen!”

MEDITATIONS FOR MEN WHO DO TOO MUCH.

Nice guys finish last, but we get to sleep in. ----- EVAN DAVIS.

Who said life was one big race?

Who really cares who comes in first anyway ?

Too many of us get professional sports mixed up, with our professions.

Competition in life, in all aspects of it is totally draining.

It leaves us without any emotional or intellectual reserves.

What’s the deal with speed ? Does everything have to be measured ? Calibrated ?

How many miles did you run ? How long did it take you ? How fast does your car go ?

Did you get there first ? Why can’t we just run the Marathon for the exercise ?

Nice or not, I don’t want to be measured by my peers, or by myself every time I undertake a project at work or at home.

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I won’t compare my performance today against anyone else’s. I’ll work or play at my pace.

MEMBER WOES.

I use the word woes because the Squire session at our meetings is really a forum to let other members know what has happened to them in their daily life. This can be quite hilarious, but it is also an insight into some of the problems they have encountered. In hindsight we can laugh at these situations but, at the time they occurred they were of concern.

Our members are generally in good health, but some have faced life changing events.

We think of Tom as he battles the after- effects of diabetes. The photos that Valmai posts on Facebook always show him in good spirits, still with his ever-present smile.

Other members may have problems not communicated widely, but our membership shows concern for all. This is an important reason for our membership. Past Pres. Lindsay recently phoned all members, just to keep in touch, His calls were appreciated. Oh’ to be back to our normal routine.