



# 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”

*SEPTEMBER - SPRING – 2020. No. 61.*

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### Reviving Memories.

It is just about Spring, at least quite a few trees are in blossom already. I think they have been tricked as we are still experiencing very low overnight temperatures, followed by sunny but cold days, and then the predicted rain.

On Aug 15th Shirley and I participated in the regular Saturday morning ZOOM Coffee Morning Meeting of the Kingswood Club (Bristol – England). PIP Dale Fotheringham (Central Coast) passed on the link and we joined the weekly Kingswood Club Coffee Morning.

Wally Wallington, well known to us in Australia, hosted the ZOOM meeting and we met with Y's Men, some of whom we have known for many years.

There were participants from Scotland, England, France, and Germany plus the Fotheringham's and Unmack's, from Australia.

There were two Breakout Sessions for general conversation, and all participants were able to share life as it is living with the COVID-19 threat to our communities, the greatest global concern since WW2, and affecting so many countries.

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### Television.

You can either like it or hate it !!

During this lockdown forced on us by the COVID-19 virus there is generally some program interesting enough to occupy your attention for an hour or so. Unfortunately, we must suffer the endless stream of ad breaks. There can be anything up to 12 different ads squeezed into these time slots. OK, the ads finance the free to air TV we get from the stations, but the endless repetition of some of the ads leave me wondering about the mind sets of the “creative persons” who come up with the “far out” ideas. Probably, more importantly it makes me think of the company executives who approve these ads. Granted some are clever, but a lot are gratingly ridiculous.

Time to revert to a good DVD from my collection. It is then that I wrestle with the remote to set up my style of watching. I follow the commands to “Play Movie” or include “Subtitles” (to help

overcome my hearing problems) but for some reason the remote control defies me, even fitting new batteries is all in vain. Next time my grandchildren are around, I need a tutorial.

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## Spring – “When a young man’s thoughts turn to other things.”

September 1st is important to Shirley and me, as 58 years ago on this day we started our life journey together. May we have more years to enjoy our children and grandchildren and be part of their lives and exciting times.

September is the first month of our Spring in the Southern Hemisphere and already the trees lining our streets are in full blossom and the shrubs are showing leafy shoots. Our “weeping cherry” tree is absolutely covered in blossom and the lush, green leaf cover is not far away.

I am always happy to see these shoots because it tells me that my inexperienced, hard pruning has not retarded or killed the shrubs.

Unfortunately, some of our original plantings of 15 years ago reached their use by date and major surgery was required.

I have removed the pittosporums which have grown too high and the stumps and root systems proved reasonably easy to remove there being no tap root, only laterals.

Shirley has had a “change of heart” and the shrubs we were keeping have now had their death sentence passed and they have also been dug out.

In fact, about 7 or 8 unattractive pittosporums, a “woody” callistemon and a straggly grevillea bush have also been removed.

Fortunately, we have two Garden Nurseries nearby and we can replenish our plants, together with good advice on how to give them a chance in life.

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## Father’s Day 2020

With the COVID-19 restrictions still in place, this was a quieter than usual day.

Our daughter and son-in-law called in briefly, and I now have a voucher to spend on new shrubs at a major nursery on the outskirts of Bendigo. Phone calls from our other children were long and welcome. Father’s Day was a much more subdued day than normal, but it was still pleasing to catch up with the latest news of our children and grandchildren..

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## A Brain Teaser.

(Answer at end of Bulletin.)

What game begins with a T, has four letters in its name and is played all over the world ?

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## A Date for the Diary

The Australian Regional Conference is scheduled for the weekend of **October 2nd to 4th, 2020.**

Members will be advised of further detail as we get closer. The important thing is to make the commitment to attend by Zoom.

Regional Director – Wayne Cameron – will provide further information as arrangements are finalised. RD Wayne will require the President’s Annual Report for 2019 – 2020, from each Club and any items of business to be placed on the Agenda.

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## A Leisure Break in Retirement.

After a busy day removing shrubs (Sept 7), the next day, a shower or two (or three), decreed a day of leisure. What better way to spend an afternoon than a DVD of Andre Rieu

and his orchestra and singers on a fairy-tale visit to Tuscany in Italy.

Shirley and I are fans of Andre, his Johann Strauss Orchestra, and his excellent soloists/groups, etc, from European countries and AUSTRALIA. (Murisia and Gary Bennett)

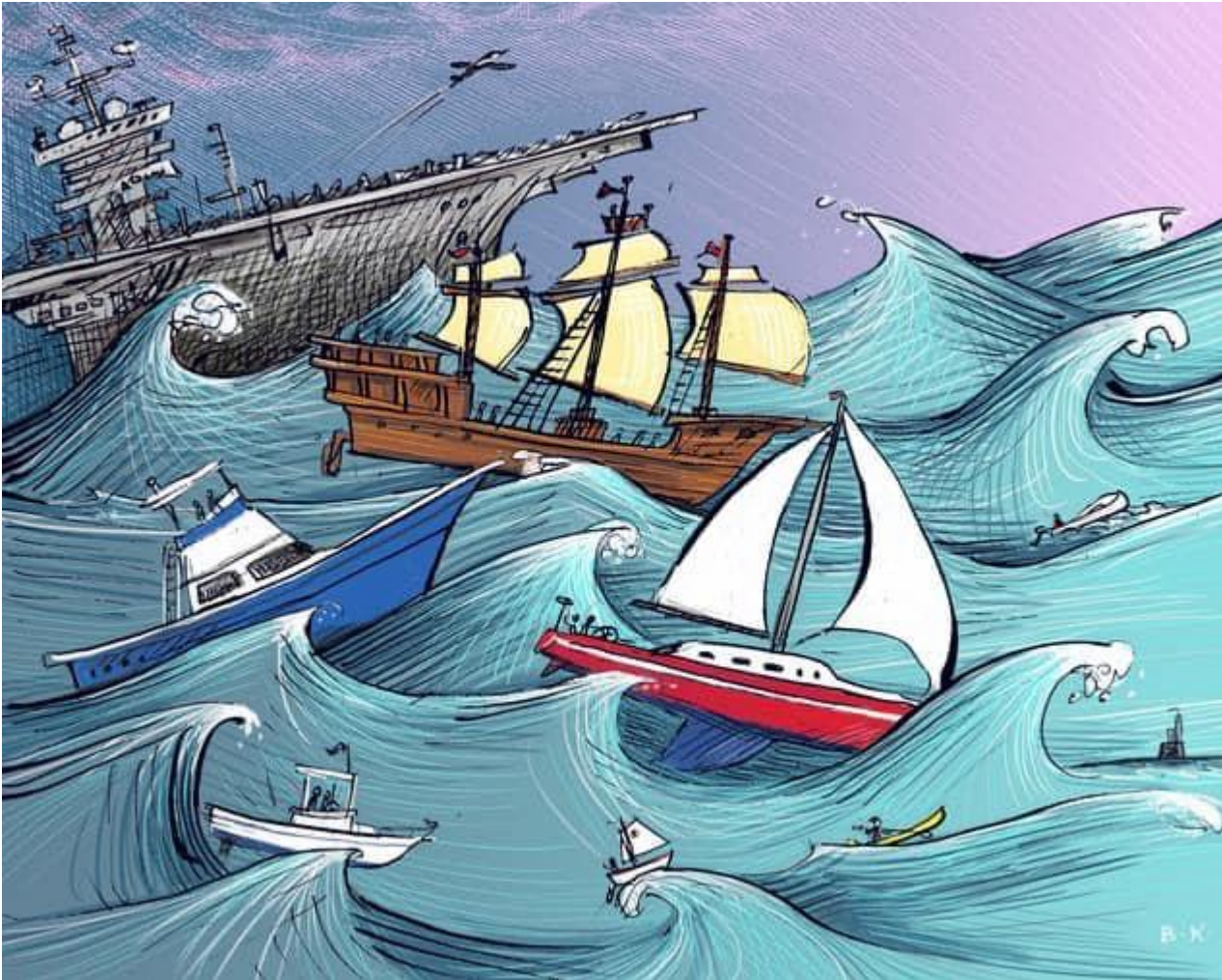
Today we watched and listened to his concert in Cortona, Italy.

After having been to his concert in Melbourne, some years ago, I have been a fan ever since. Andre is a showman and plays his audience wonderfully. This takes nothing away from his ability, and that of his orchestra and soloists to entertain, and that is why I have accumulated a dozen or so DVD's recorded in different countries and, in many cases, with different themes.

Retirement does have its benefits.

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## The COVID-19 Maelstrom



Right now, we're all facing the same storm, but we're all doing so in different boats... Some have yachts, others are in tinnies. Some have a substantial crew on board, others are rowing alone. Some have life jackets (higher resilience, stronger relationships, more optimism, use their strengths and more positivity), others don't even have a working rudder.

"We are not all in the same boat. We are all in the same storm." That summation of our current situation originally came from Damian Barr (the illustration is by Barbara Kelley), who suggested that some of us will sail through this pandemic with our health and jobs intact, yet others will lose one or both, or potentially more.

So, if you're wondering why others are faring better or worse than you at the moment, perhaps it's worth considering what type of boat they are in ?

(With thanks to Anna Glynn – Facebook. Illustration - Barbara Kelley )

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## COVID-19. Lifting of Restrictions for Regional Victoria.

It looks like the light at the end of the tunnel just got brighter. Regional Victoria is now on Stage 3 restrictions from midnight 16.09.20, which will allow much more freedom of movement, allow families to get together, allow shopping more freely and allow the hospitality food and wine sector more options than take – away food, which has been their only outlet.

Masks are still necessary face wear, and travel should be only for essential purposes or family contact. It has been a testing time for all but, provided the infections and contacts remain at the required low level we can see a return to normality.

Considering the devastating effect of the coronavirus on a world scale, we, on our island continent, and with strict border controls, are starting to see the benefit from our Premier's decisions based on advice from the Chief State Health Officer.

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## Simple Arithmetic.

Two little boys were at a wedding when one leaned over to the other and asked, "How many wives can a man have?"

His friend answered, "Sixteen... four better, four worse, four richer and four poorer."

( Courtesy Bendigo Advertiser – Seniors, September 2920

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## Good Advice.

Be careful when you follow the masses. Sometimes the M is silent !!

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## Rich Yet Very Poor.

We have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees; but less common sense; more knowledge, but less judgement; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values .We talk too much, love too seldom and lie too often.

We've learned how to make a living but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbour. We've split the atom but not our prejudice; we write more but learn less; plan more but accomplish less.

We've learned to rush but not to wait; we have higher incomes but lower morals; more food but less appeasement, more acquaintances but fewer friends.

These are the times of tall men and short characters, of more leisure and less fun, more kinds of food but less nutrition. These are days of two incomes, but more divorce, of fancier houses but broken homes.

We spend too recklessly, laugh too little. drive too fast, get too angry too quickly, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too seldom, watch TV too much and pray too seldom.

( Author unknown )

It might be too challenging to measure oneself against the above – but it might be enlightening !!

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(Brain Teaser Answer. GOLF – the first thing you do to start is place the ball on a TEE !! )