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Shed's website address is <https://gosnellsmensshed.org/>

MISSION STATEMENT

The Gosnells Community Men's Shed promotes and fosters men's health and well-being in a friendly and safe environment.

VISION

To be recognised as a progressive community-based organisation working in the community.
To be a place where men of all ages and backgrounds meet in friendship.

VALUES

A respectful and caring environment where participation in activities and contribution to the efficient and harmonious operation of the Shed are recognised as being of equal value.

Diary Dates – Coming Events!

(See details further on in NL)

21st Dec Christmas 'Sundowner' at the Shed. Details have been emailed to all Members

From the Chairman Dec 2023:

Hello to all,

Well, the festive period is upon us thus a very Merry Christmas to you and all those close.

Thanks to the social group for providing a top-notch end of quarter get together. Always great to have our Patron & Mayor Teresa Lyons join us along with such a large contingent of our members.

Hope to see you at the Christmas Sundowner.

Take care and all the best *Scott*.



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Shed open and closing days over Christmas/New Year.

CLOSED – Saturday 23rd December to Tuesday 26th December

OPEN – Wednesday 27th December to Friday 29th December

CLOSED – Saturday 30th December to Monday 1st January

OPEN – From Tuesday 2nd January and continue as normal.

Management Committee:

Vice Chairman; Peter Crane, for personal health reasons, tendered his resignation creating a casual vacancy on the Committee and the position of Vice Chairman.

Robert Wood has been invited to fill the vacancy on the Committee. It was moved by the Chairman, Scott Henderson and seconded by John Podolan that Robert Wood be accepted as a member of the Committee. This motion was carried by all Committee members present.

The Chairman, Scott Henderson then invited all members of the Committee to consider nominating for the vacant position of Vice Chairman. Robert Wood was the only nominee. It was moved by Scott Henderson and seconded by Geoff Bowra that Robert Wood assumes the position of Vice Chairman. This motion was carried by all Committee members present.

Chairman Scott expressed thanks to Peter for having stepped up to take the Vice Chairman's position at the AGM.

See recent Shedlight #115 for the current Management Committee.

Health & Wellbeing

Covid has been on the news and we all need to be very aware particularly when socialising over the Christmas and New Year period.

If any members have any health issues or know of somebody with issues please don't hesitate to contact me. As always if any member is suffering from ill health that keeps them away from the shed we wish them a speedy recovery and would like to see them at the shed as soon as possible even if it's just for a chat and a coffee.

It was good to see Edmund back at the shed recently.

The next presentation will be early February with the topic to be advertised after Christmas. If anyone has a suggestion of a topic for a talk for next year please let me know.

Social Activities

There may be another off site visit coming up but to make any off site visits worth the effort we need members to participate and if anybody has any ideas for future visits please let me know.

There are a few social events coming up within the next couple of months and these will be advertised with an expression of interest form placed in the hallway opposite the kitchen and more details about these events will be advertised shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2024 and if anybody is travelling over the holiday period please travel safe.

Kind regards

Graham Hughes Welfare Officer 0419 514 631
email grahamchrishughes@bigpond.com

MEMBERSHIP:

The Secretary reported that there were there were 160 members as at 11th December, 2023. 27 members did not renew as at the cut-off date of the 30th September.

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Shed's website - address is <https://gosnellsmensshed.org/>

The Secretary indicated more back up assistance with maintaining the website would be appreciated. Please contact Phil if you have the necessary skills / talents to assist in this area.

The Secretary advised that following contact from the State Library we have agreed to have our shed website archived.

Welcome to the following Shedder who have recently joined GCMS:-

Mitchell York:

Can any new members, who have not been photographed, please stop by the Office / computer room so we can arrange to take their photograph for their Name badges.

Members below all recently had their photographs taken – Thank you!



Mitchell York



The comment was made that regarding the average age of members of the shed (75 years) that attracting younger members was an area we should look into.

SHED MANAGEMENT:

Extension of Workshop Hours:

As published in last month's Newsletter: Following representations from members who use the workshop it has been decided to extend the hours it is open. The Shed is open currently on Wednesday afternoon for the music group and Thursday afternoon for the modelling group.

The option will now be provided for the workshop to be open to 4pm on both of these days.

Members using the workshop are reminded that normal safety protocols will apply with a minimum of two members must be present at all times.

Workshop members present will also ensure the workshop is secured prior to leaving the Shed.

Workshop Report:

There are no accidents to report since the last meeting.

The large order for the Langford Primary School has been delivered and confirmation received that they are very happy with the result.

The workshop has been very quiet over the past few weeks with very few jobs coming in from the public. Several members have been busy with their own projects.

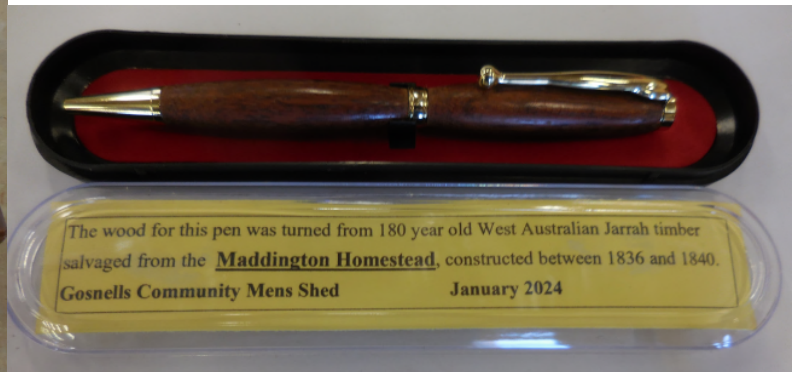
The recycling cupboard has been painted and picked up by Rotary and are quite happy with it.

Chris I'Anson Workshop Manager.

The purchase of the Marimba (stored in the machine shop) was raised. It is thought it had been sold subject to a grant being obtained. Follow up to confirm the purchaser had obtained the grant.

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SOCIAL SCENE **Shed Christmas Function.**



SHED CHRISTMAS FUNCTION THIS YEAR

Will be a Christmas Sundowner

Thursday 21st December 2023

From 4pm to 8pm

Members and Partners are welcome

To share the Christmas Cheer

This will be a BYO drinks and nibbles sundowner

Christmas entertainment will be provided

There will also be free door prizes

The BBQ will be available for those who would like to cook

Fruit juice, Tea and Coffee will be available

Community

The Rotary Club of Southern Districts end of year function will be held at the shed on Tuesday, 19th December from 6pm to 9.30pm. Phil Measday and Geoff Bowra will be in attendance to open up and help prepare for the event. It may include re-arranging tables and chairs. Christmas decorations will also be set up (which may remain for our Christmas Function). Rotary are supplying all food, paper plates and drink etc. for their function. Parking will be recommended to be in the area near the workshop.



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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

End of Month BBQ's

The last EOM BBQ was held on **Friday 01st December** because three monthly would have it clashing with the Christmas / New Year period and Geoff (Master Caterer) was away on 24th November. It was noted that some blokes arrived too late and missed out on the donated sausages. Apart from arriving at noon when start time was advertised as 11:30 it would appear that a number of Members who did attend had failed to let Geoff know they would be attending so he could get the numbers right from a catering perspective. Everybody has a part to play in making these events run smoothly. From my point of view well done Geoff Bowra

Shed Fund Raising Activities

Community BBQ for the City of Gosnells. There will be four this summer. The second was held on the 2nd November at Sorbello Circuit Reserve, Southern River from 3pm to 6pm. Dates for the next Community BBQ will be advised shortly. Thank you to the Members who volunteered on the day.



CGMS Walking Group:

**Walk from the Shed every Monday and Wednesday mornings at 08:00.
All members welcome to join in!**



HOUSE CLEANING:

Cleaning Roster

We are in need of more members to join our merry band on the cleaning roster. There are 16 of us on the roster working in pairs once a week on Mondays. At present, we are roster on once every nine weeks. The cleaning is not onerous and takes no more than one hour to complete.

Please volunteer at the front Office.

Roster for next 5 weeks.

18 th Dec	Alan Gordon	Mick Atkinson
27 th Dec	Martin Troy	Colin Sears
02 nd Jan 2024	Ray Smith	David McLean
08 th Jan	Chris Brown	Arpad Pratsky
15 th Jan	Ken James	John Millar

Please check the roster on the Notice Board to confirm dates!

THANK YOU to the "Blokes" who keep our facilities clean!!

ACTIVITIES

Members who have an interest of playing **carpet bowls, billiards or snooker** may like to consider joining the **Addie Mills Senior Centre** here in Gosnells who provide these activities for their members. We do not want to drive members away from our Shed but just wish to point out they do have those facilities. A number of our Shed Members are already Members of Addie Mills Senior Centre and take advantage of the facilities and activities offered there in addition to our Shed.

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GOLF NEWS Nov/Dec 2023.

Player numbers have been a bit variable this past month, with some still away on holiday. Good to see Robbo and Graham Hughes back having a hit after extended layoffs.

On 17 Nov Lloyd had a win at Armadale with Bill Davis closest to the pin. Eight teed off at Hillview Lakeside on 24 Nov with Barrie Russell the winner and Rob Shewan closest to the pin. We played Hillview Lakeside again on 1 Dec with Robbo having a win on countback from Bill Davis. Robbo was in good form despite having played little golf in the last few months. His win will cost his handicap dearly, but just goes to show our handicap system is working well! On 8 Dec we welcomed Graham Hughes back on to the course at Armadale, but Chris Banting had a great return to form being winner on the day and also being nearest to the pin.

We are back at Armadale this week 15 Dec teeing off at 8.05, followed by our Christmas lunch and presentation of our golfer of the year award at the Gosnells Hotel. I hope all golfers are able to attend.

Warren Standing

Cards and Board Games

The numbers playing games has sadly decreased due to 'circumstances beyond our control'. In an effort to increase participation we are looking at starting lessons in a few new games, possibly Whist first. Members interested in joining with this group can place their name on the sheet in the foyer rack.

Otherwise just rock up on a Thursday morning from 9.00am in the library and join the boys playing whatever is on that day.

CYCLING GROUPS:

GOS GARBAGE CYCLING GROUP

ED: No news from this group this month!

COFFEE CHEETAHS BIKE MOB

Hi Everyone! Our small band of loyal and enthusiastic riders are still riding every Thursday morning, with the only change, is our earlier starting time of 8-00 am, but if everyone thought the same as me, we'd be starting NO LATER than 7-00, so we could be home by 11-00 at the latest, as I'm certainly not a 'sun lover', having constantly visiting my 'skin specialist' to have 'this' and 'that' cut-out. My doctor tells me I'm living in the worst place for someone with my type of skin.still, I do all I can so I can enjoy our weekly outings with my mates at our wonderful shed!

We're averaging about 5 to 6 riders, and welcome anyone to join usso, if you've thought about giving us a go, why not have a 'trial ride' with our 'other group', who have a much shorter, and slower ride, then if you want something a bit more challenging, you could come with our group?

Our most recent outing, last week was to Jandakot Airport and home, about 45 kms return, where we all had coffee, tea and cakes etc., at the impressive Royal Aero Club's building, which overlooks the small trainer aircraft constantly taking-off and landing, with a group of school students 'getting their hours up' in the air.

Other rides have been to Tomato Lake in Belmont, and a wonderful, welcoming new cafe (to us) in Forrestdale which supports people with 'issues', both physically and mentally, with the name 'For Purpose'. We were so impressed with the 'set-up' there, we complimented the staff, with one lady more than willing to take our group photo for us.

G'day Coffee Cheetahs,

Here we have our happy little Vegemite's, with coffee cups at the ready... pic taken of course by our expert resident pic-taker. Notice we're seated behind the latest archaeological find, being an ancient cyclist egg. Today's ride took us along the now-missing Armadale railway line to Lathlain Park for our coffee stop ... this time they didn't wash our money! The circuitous return trip took us through

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Lathlain, Carlisle, Welshpool, Cannington, Beckenham, Kenwick and Maddington along a few, for some of us, previously untraveled roads. We had perfect riding conditions, just Goldilocks. On their bikes today we had David G, Graham R, Greg D, Carole D, Martin T, John V, Rob S and Graeme G. And thanks again to our mobile GPS Robbo. A great day on our bikes.

Cheers, *Graeme G.*



David Gardiner 0417 174 893



Photos Graeme Gurney

Table tennis:



ART GROUP:

As convenor of the Art Group, I have in the past tried to encourage members to stretch their talents into drawing, painting, sculpture, carving, metal work etc. As such – come the New Year, I shall be running a 10 week “Beginner’s Course” so that those who say “I can’t even draw a straight

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line” realise their hidden talents. I shall introduce this with a lecture about the life of Leonardo da Vinci who also could not draw a straight line. He did however invent the ball bearing, helicopter, gears, levers and demonstrate his thought process of his “flying machine”. Universities world- wide now require students to study an introductory art unit whether they intend to enter Science, business, engineering, medicine, chemistry or the humanities degrees. This is because art teaches you to think “outside the square” and enables you to solve many problems in life... This is a challenge for all members of the Shed to give it a go and see the world differently. I shall set up dates for these activities early in the New Year.

Tony Taylor

MUSIC GROUP:

GREETINGS ONE AND ALL!!,

Well another year is quickly coming to an end!! and we have had another enjoyable and productive year of Musicianship.

We lost our Harmonica Player back on the 5th April when Rob Cairns sadly Passed Away and others have had to step in to do the Instrumental Breaks that he used to do.

New SHED member Carlton D'Souza has joined us recently on Guitar and is enjoying the music.

SOME of us will be entertaining those of you who are attending or Christmas Sundowner on Thursday 21st.

FINALLY: We wish you ALL.. a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy 2024.

BEST WISHES,

GEOFF BOWRA



HAVE YOU DATED OR
BEEN INVOLVED
WITH A MUSICIAN?!



MODEL GROUP:

HI FOLKS,

Where on earth has 2023 Gone??? ... Seems like only yesterday we were sitting down for 2022 Christmas Lunch.

The Model Making Group has had a very productive year and many new Creations now adorn the Display Cabinets in the Wiltshire Room.

We will be having a break over the Christmas/New Year period and it will be interesting to see WHO got a New Model Kit for Christmas when we return... i.e. "who's been naughty and who's been nice??"

We had our Pre-Christmas Lunch at the Gosnells Hotel on Thursday 7th. and the Music Group joined us.

That's it from me for this year so on behalf of ALL of us Modellers I would like to wish you ALL a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Safe and Healthy 2024.

Cheers,

GEOFF BOWRA

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Recipe

Tuna, corn and egg pies

10m prep time

30m cook

makes 12



Ingredients:

12 large multigrain bread slices, crusts removed;
15g baby spinach leaves, roughly chopped;
6 eggs; 2 egg whites:

425g can tuna in spring water, drained;
125g can corn kernels, drained;

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease 12 holes of a 1/3 cup-capacity muffin pan. Place bread on a chopping board. Using a rolling pin, flatten slightly. Line muffin holes with bread slices.
2. Combine tuna, spinach and corn in a bowl. Whisk eggs and egg whites together in a jug.
3. Divide tuna mixture between bread cases. Pour egg mixture over fillings. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until egg has set. Stand for 5 minutes. Remove pies from pan. Cool. Wrap each pie in plastic wrap. Refrigerate.

Do you have a recipe to share??

PROBATE:

Just thought this might be worth putting in the Newsletter in order to explain the term **Probate**.

Regards Al G

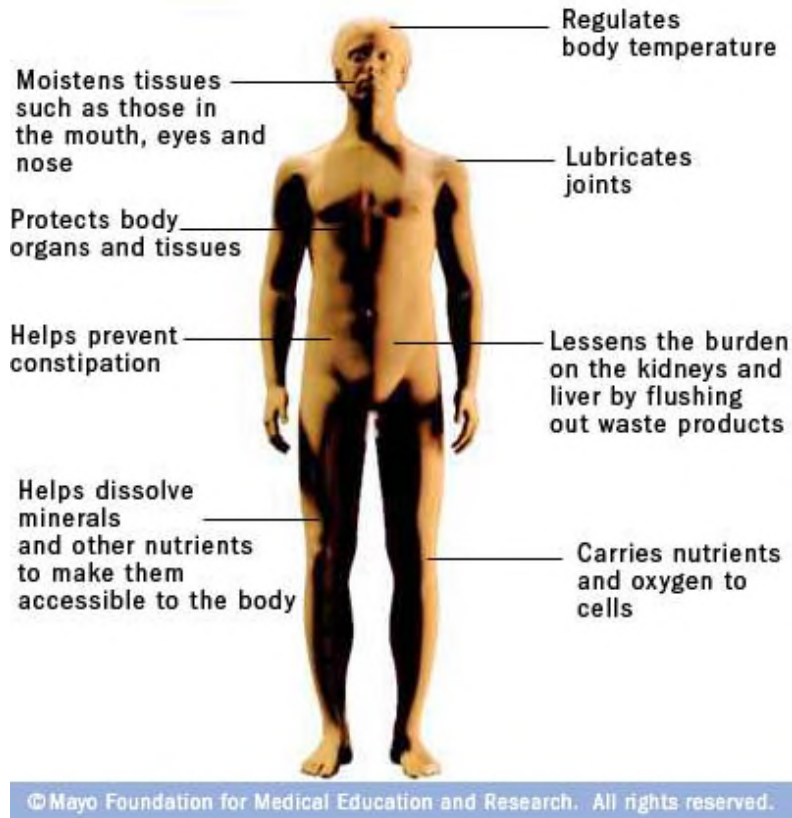
Check out this web site for explanation.

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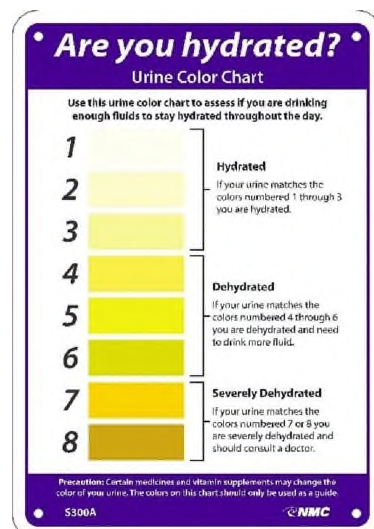
ARE YOU DRINKING ENOUGH WATER?

Jim Ridgwell

At our most recent AGM, I made a short presentation about this very subject. This seems to be an ideal time to remind you of the importance of keeping properly hydrated. These are the benefits of drinking enough water.



I also mentioned the best way to gauge if you are dehydrated and actions to take.



Keep a water source close to you. I.e. water bottle or a fountain
Fruits and vegetables, i.e. watermelon and tomatoes are 90% water
Tea, coffee milk, juices, wine or even beer. BUT these must not be a big part of your fluid intake every day. You can add products like gatoraid", "poweraid" and "hydralyte to help replace electrolytes.

Keep properly hydrated and keep healthy.

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From the Editor.

May you and your loved ones have a very happy and safe Christmas / festive time and may the New Year be rewarding to you all.

Best wishes Gordon & Jen Hamilton



THE TRAVELLING RIDGWELLS

Recently my wife and I have been on an overseas trip which we planned to do pre-Covid. We spent some time in the UK catching up with relatives and sightseeing. We also zipped over to France and Belgium on a bit of a quest. I'll explain soon. Then off to the USA for more rellie time.

Let me start by saying the exchange rate was below 49p in the UK and got down to as low as 60c in the USA. i.e. that meant for every pound we spent it cost us approximately AU\$2 and for every \$US we spent we actually spent AU\$1.60. That didn't make me happy at all! And we were away for 10 weeks.

Rather than bore you with lots of holiday detail I will just focus on places and events I think you may find interesting.

Whilst in the UK we visited their National Memorial Arboretum consisting of 150 acres with over 450 memorials.

To quote from their website, **The National Memorial Arboretum** is a British site of national remembrance at [Alrewas](#), near [Lichfield](#), [Staffordshire](#). Its objective is to honour the fallen, recognise service and sacrifice, and foster pride in the British Armed Forces and civilian community.

One display which made an impact on me was the Shot at Dawn Memorial.

This is exactly what it sounds like. This memorial lists all the British servicemen who received this penalty. They were sent to trial, if found guilty they were imprisoned until the day of their execution. Stripped of any identifying badges of rank, manacled, blindfolded, tied to a post, and shot at dawn, labelled as a coward. Further to that the families endured ridicule back home and loss of any pension. In this photo are wooden posts representing the number of soldiers who suffered this fate.

Ironically, on "7th November 2006 the British Government agreed to give a posthumous pardon to all those executed for military offences in the First World War"

I believe no Australian servicemen suffered this fate.

For further reading on this subject, I have attached a link to my father's Battalion's website where there is a detailed account of just such an event. A British father on an Australian serviceman. <https://2nd4thmgb.com.au/soldier/wx224/>



So to our France/ Belgium section of the holiday.

Something I had on my bucket list for many years was a tour of the Western Front in France and Belgium.

To set the scene, below is an overview of this time from the Australian War Memorial –Memorial articles-

First World War 1914–18

‘By the time the other AIF divisions arrived in France, the war on the Western Front had long been in a stalemate, with the opposing armies facing each other from trench systems that extended across Belgium and north-east France, all the way from the English Channel to the Swiss border. The development of machine-guns and artillery favoured defensive over offensive operations, and this compounded the impasse that lasted until the final months of the war.’

This period was commonly known as WW1, but had other titles, 'The War to End All Wars', The War of the Nations, and 'The Great War'. Basically, I imagine no-one ever expected a repeat. Now there's a thought! For those not familiar, it's one of the places where the Australian armed forces fought alongside the British and the New Zealander's against the German Army. WW1 was where the acronym ANZAC was first coined. Most of us are aware of Australians fighting at Gallipoli, The fighting in France also cost us dearly. However, we earned a solid reputation for being brave, courageous determined and inventive in our methods.

I was put in contact with an Australian guy who had moved over there years ago and conducts tours just for Australians. He concentrates on battles we were involved in and can point out specific battlefields and describes how and where they progressed.

I was fortunate enough he was able to locate the headstones of 2 of my relatives and point out where they fought and identify the area they fell. For me that was pretty special, particularly given I was likely their only relative to visit since they were laid to rest. We are a small family spelling our name this way.

On the first day we were driving out of Arras, the town where we stayed, when he pulled the car over to the side of the road in a bit of a hurry. He got us out and pointed out a WW1 projectile on the side of the road which had been fired from a field gun and still potentially dangerous. About 20cm long and 100mm in diameter. We were fascinated that we got to see a live projectile seemingly abandoned on the side of a busy road with nothing more than fluorescent paint on it to protect passing people from harm. As it turns out there were more. Heaps more. Huge ones, small ones, high explosive ones, and shrapnel shells designed to explode above ground troops, with devastating effect.

Here is a photo of me holding 2x British hand grenades.



Live rounds are stacked like this by farmers for later collection. This pile also has a piece of human bone which was found. Farmers still respect any human remains uncovered.



As it turns out our guide told us that each year, the farmers plough up about 30 tons of this type of explosives every year, plus much more shrapnel. This has been occurring every year since WW1 ended. That's an immense amount of armaments. To the farmers it's just something else to contend with farming their land.

A sadder side to these battles was the immense loss of life on both sides. This was still in the days when the British got their troops out of their trenches, and marched them into Battle. The awaiting German machine guns were devastating. The British were using methods from the last war. Basically, they were employing Napoleonic methods. Losses were astronomical! One incident our guide recounted was the first battle the Australians participated in. They were instructed to join the British and march into battle. They weren't too keen but the top brass decided we should participate as we were fighting under the British. The outcome was the same. The Australians experienced huge losses. From that time on the Aussies refused to participate in "those charges" but instead worked out they could make good progress, with minimal losses by ducking from shell hole to shell hole, moving forward slowly. The Australian Major General John Monash supported this controversial move. Consequently, the Australians built a fearless reputation and Monash went on to acquire an outstanding reputation for intellect, personal magnetism, management, and ingenuity. He also won the respect and loyalty of his troops: his motto was "Feed your troops on victory". Monash was

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regarded with great respect by the British. He later described the recapture of the town of [Villers-Bretonneux](#) on 25 April 1918 after the Germans had overrun the 8th British Division under General [William Heneker](#) as the turning-point of the war.

Towns which exist today were totally obliterated during this period. This photo captures what remained after a battle.



There were a few specific things I learned which may be of interest.

There are over 1300 Commonwealth War Cemeteries in France and Belgium



- Of the 313,814 soldiers who embarked from Australia, 46,000 died in France and Belgium. About 18,000 have no known grave.
- Many Australians were buried, by the Germans in mass graves, often with German soldiers. This was common for them and not intended to be disrespectful. They did the same for their own troops. Many of these mass graves remain in situ to today, undisturbed.
- The word Ypres is pronounced Eeps by the French. No, I don't know why, but there is a Ypres Road in Kelmscott and the pronunciation of that street has always been a mystery to me. Now I know!

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- The movie Beneath Hill 60, was an actual occurrence. We went and saw the immense hole, still there today. If you haven't seen that movie, it is worth a look. Accounting how Australians dug tunnels under German significant sites to set charges beneath them and blow them up. NB the Germans were doing the same to us.



- Most of us have heard of the Red Baron (Manfred von Richthofen) a highly respected German Pilot in WW1. Debate continues today as to who shot him down. Some say it was a Canadian fighter pilot, some say it was ground fire from a British machine gunner, some say an Australian machinegun. We were taken to a plaque on the roadside identifying an Australian rifleman who is credited with the single shot which killed him. The debate continues!
- Germans built bunkers which still exist today, many in farmers' fields. They still exist, mainly because they were built so solidly their removal today is just not feasible. I asked our guide how Germany had access to so much cement. He surprised me when he said at that time Holland was buying all British cement they could, and on selling it to Germany.
- Battlefields were generally confined to a few hundred meters at a time. Very little progress was made for months at a time by either side.
- Many towns in what was "the Western Front" still display the Australian flag and have maps of Australia painted on buildings. They also name some of their streets such as Kangaroo Street etc.



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We finished our last day in Belgium, primarily to be at the Menin Gate at sundown. Every night of the year, since hostilities ceased in 1918 Belgium recognise the soldiers of the Commonwealth by playing the last Post and Rouse at sundown. A very moving service showing the immense respect and gratitude they have for the allies who fought on their behalf.



Not related to France, but a soldier who served in Gallipoli was known as Australia's greatest sniper. Billy Sing. The book, "Gallipoli Sniper" recounts his exploits. It's a great read.

Our last stop was in Los Angeles.

We mainly did tourist things like visiting Hollywood, the Griffith Observatory Warner Brother's studios and the like. We only had 5 days there.

A few things we found out I didn't know;

- An underground train trip lasting approximately 45 minutes cost .75US cents PP. A bargain we thought.
- A Metro bus trip which lasted 90 minutes cost .35US cents PP. Another bargain.
- Adelle hired the Griffith Observatory grounds to perform for her friends and family. It cost her US\$1,000,000/ day and they were there filming a 1hr special, for 3 weeks. Do the maths.
- We arrived there just before sunset. A magnificent way to end our tour of LA.



- Los Angeles is overrun, ever since Covid 19, with homeless people. Hollywood seems to be experiencing more than their share.
- Our guide told us the population of Greater Los Angeles is 25 million people today. That's about Australia's population in one US City.

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And the most often question asked of me was.....

Cost of fuel in our travels.

In the UK we were paying the equivalent of AU\$3.07/L

In the USA we were paying AU\$1.47/L although Beverly Hills prices were AU\$1.67/L

I bought fuel on returning home. At the time of writing this, I paid \$AU1.99.1 / L

Jim and Denise Ridgwell

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Thankyou to Jim for some very interesting and enlightning reading on their holiday.

The following ids to lighten up from the preceding very serious stuff!

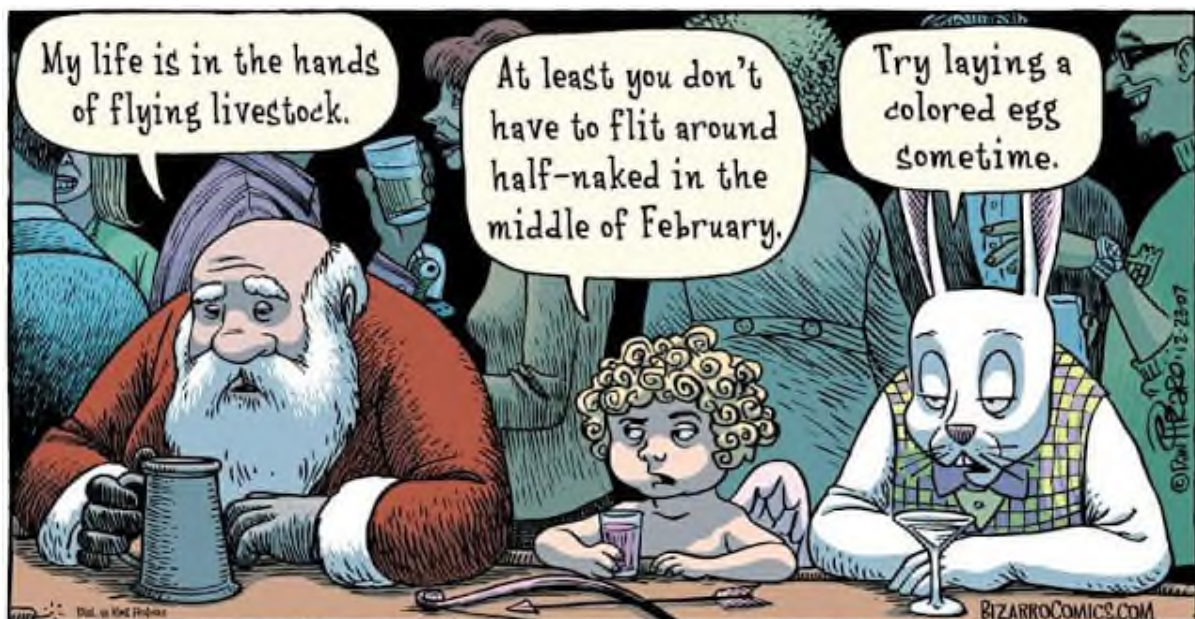


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The Story of Irishman, Michael O'Flaherty a Victim of Modern Day Depression This is a very sad but true story of the depression that can haunt a man. My friend Michael was so sick and tired of the world; of Covid, the Chinese aggression, of Global Warming, of BLM and the rest of the stories that our media deem important to broadcast. Michael drove his car into his garage and then sealed every doorway and window as best he could. He got back into his car and wound down all the windows, selected his favourite radio station and started the car. Four days later, a worried neighbour peered through his garage window and saw him in the car. She notified the police and ambulance and they broke in and pulled Michael from the car. A little sip of water and surprisingly he was in perfect condition but his Tesla had a flat battery.

If you are flying on your holidays!!



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