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"Rockzette" Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club News

President's Report	Notices / General Interest	Club Activities / Fees						
<p>Hi All, Not much to report this month. Monthly meetings are still on hold as we can't fit more than 10 people in the meeting room and still comply with social distancing rules. Tuesday and Thursday classes are pretty much at full capacity also, with about 8 people attending. A heads-up that Membership Subs will be due next month - September, but there is nothing to stop you renewing early. As there probably won't be a monthly meeting, there is the option to pay by cheque or Direct Deposit to the Club bank account. Fees are listed at the bottom right corner of this page. If you wish to DD, contact Augie for bank account details. Until next month. Cheers, Ian</p>	<p>My contact details are e-mail:- bruce_henderson@bigpond.com and mobile phone (message bank) 0400 103 898. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Kind regards, Bruce Henderson President, Flinders Geology, Gem and Mineral Club Port Pirie SA ***</p> <p>Pages 2 and 3: Augie's August 2020 Jasper Selections...</p>  <p>Page 3 and 4: Augie's August 2020 Peridot Birthstone Selections...</p>  <p>Pages 5 to 7: Ian's August 2020 Collection Selections...</p>  <p>Pages 8 to 10: 'Newcastle and Rail - The Never-ending Story' ...</p>  <p>Pages 11 to 20: General Interest, humour, etc...</p>  <p>Page 21: Members' Noticeboard, puzzle, and G & M Links... ***</p>	<p>Meetings General monthly meetings have not resumed yet due to SA Covid-19 Pandemic physical distancing requirements.</p> <p>Library Librarian - Augie Gray There is a 2-month limit on borrowed items. When borrowing from the lending library, fill out the card at the back of the item, then place the card in the box on the shelf. When returning items, fill in the return date on the card, then place the card at the back of the item.</p> <p>Tuesday Faceting/Cabbing Tuesdays - 10 am to 2 pm. All are welcome. Supervised by Doug Walker (7120 2221).</p> <p>Wednesday Silversmithing Wednesdays - 7 pm to 9 pm. All are welcome. Supervised by Augie Gray (8265 4815 / 0433 571 887).</p> <p>Thursday Cabbing Thursdays - 10 am to 2 pm. All are welcome. Supervised by Augie Gray (8265 4815 / 0433 571 887).</p> <p>Friday Silversmithing Fridays - 9 am to 12 noon. All are welcome. Supervised by John Hill (8251 1118).</p> <p>Faceting/Cabbing/Silversmithing Fees: A standard fee of \$3.00 per session applies - to be paid to the session supervisor. In the interest of providing a safe working environment, it is necessary to ensure everyone using the workshops follow the rules set out in <i>Policy No. 1 - 20/11/2006</i>. It is necessary that <i>Health and Safety</i> regulations are adhered to always. Everyone using the workshop must ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that all club equipment (e.g. magnifying head pieces, faceting equipment, tools, etc.) used during the session, is cleaned, and returned to the workshop after usage. • that all workstations are left in a clean and tidy state. • that all rubbish is removed and placed in the appropriate bin. • and where applicable, machines are cleaned and oiled or dried. <p>NOTE: The Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. will not be held responsible or liable for any person injured while using the club machinery or equipment.</p> <p>Club Subscriptions:</p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>\$25.00 Family</td> <td>\$20.00 Family Pensioner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$15.00 Single</td> <td>\$12.50 Single Pensioner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$10.00 Joining Fee</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	\$25.00 Family	\$20.00 Family Pensioner	\$15.00 Single	\$12.50 Single Pensioner	\$10.00 Joining Fee	
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<p style="text-align: center;">Happy Birthday</p> <p>Members celebrating August birthdays: 06th - Gerry Dillon. 27th - Jean Hickman. 16th - Tony Bailey. 27th - Terry Mabbitt. ***</p> <p>Good Morning All, Hope all is well and that you are managing OK given the current restrictions. We were hoping to go to Casino again this year for the Faceters Guild Seminar however it has unfortunately been cancelled. So, no "Winter Wanderings" for us this year. For some time, I have been searching for information on two items of Lapidary Equipment that were manufactured by Brisbane based Companies circa 1960s and 1970s. These items are very well manufactured and were built to perform and to last. Having these good qualities, I am hoping that some Clubs may still have them in use. The first item is an Agatemaster 14 Inch (355mm) Diamond Slabbing Saw and it was manufactured by J.F.W. Engineering. The second item is a 15 Inch (380mm) Lapcraft vibrating flat lap manufactured by K.J. Precision Engineering. I have tried a number of avenues to obtain user instructions for these two items and to date I have had no success. Continued next column...</p>								
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Contributed by Augie Gray...

Bruneau Jasper

Bruneau is one the most recognizable and iconic “porcelain” Jaspers of North America, renowned for its brown and caramel colouring and its pronounced orb formations.

It comes from a remote canyon near the Bruneau River in western Idaho, a State which has produced many other premium Jaspers.

Mining claims for Bruneau Jasper were first filed in the 1950s.

The Bruneau jasper flow is the most silica-rich rhyolite flow in the area and is the source of silica that resulted in the predominantly reddish brown and caramel Jasper.

Bruneau is highly sought after and can command very high prices.



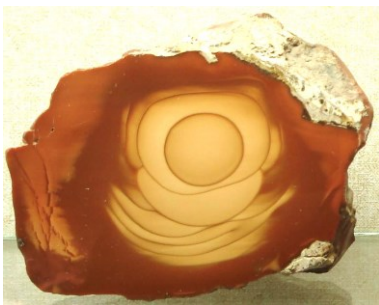
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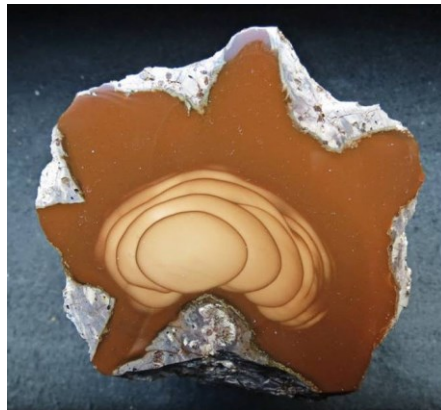
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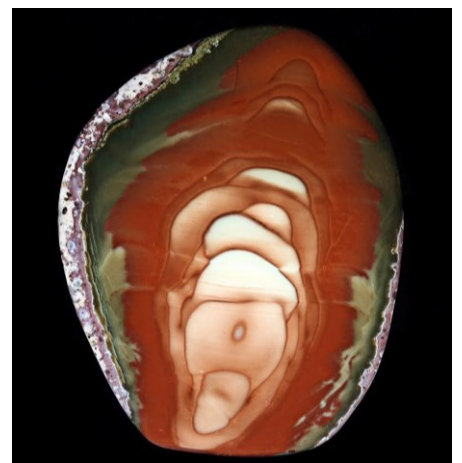
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Peridot - Birthstone for August...

Peridot (pronounced Per-i-doe) is the gem version of the mineral Olivine.

Olivine is generally found to be volcanic in origin and is also present in chondrite and pallasite meteorites.

Peridot is a gem characterised by its gorgeous leaf green colouration.

It is a gem which has been used in jewellery for thousands of years, and was popular with the ancient Egyptians, being mined on Zabargad (St. John's) Island in the Red Sea.

Found in a number of countries, Peridot is now sourced mainly from Pakistan, Myanmar, Afghanistan, China, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, and Arizona.

Tech. Stuff

Chemistry: $(MgFe)_2SiO_4$

Crystal System – Orthorhombic

Hardness: 6.5 – 7

S.G. – 3.27 – 3.48

R.I. – 1.65 – 1.71



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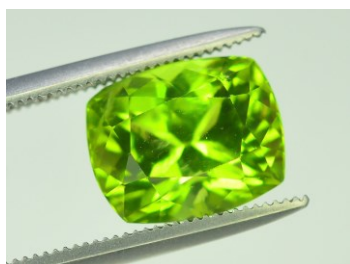
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Peridot is found in Australia at two main locations: (Click/tap on links for more information)

1. [Chudleigh Park, on the Kennedy Development Road, North of Hughenden, Queensland.](#)
2. [Mount Shadwell Quarry, Mortlake, Victoria \(150 kms west of Geelong along the Hamilton Highway\).](#)

I have successfully fossicked at both locations – Mel.



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Contributed by Ian Everard...



0835 Quartz, Nazik, INDIA.



0838 Apophyllite on Quartz, Nazik, INDIA.



0871 Quartz, Tormig Gilgit Baltistan, PAKISTAN.



0883 Quartz with Brookite, Dara Ismael District, Sth Waziristan, PAKISTAN



0887 Quartz Faden, Dara Ismael District, Sth Waziristan, PAKISTAN



0890 Quartz with Brookite, Dara Ismael District, Sth Waziristan, PAKISTAN.



0898 Quartz with Fuchsite Inclusions, Wana Waziristan, PAKISTAN.



0964 Apophyllite on Quartz, Poona, INDIA.



1037 Quartz after Calcite, INDIA.

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1087 Quartz, Crystal Hill, Agate Creek, QLD.



1350 Anatase and Quartz, Kharau Baluchistan, PAKISTAN.



1648 Quartz, Poona, INDIA.



2029 Quartz Faden, Dara Ismael, South Waziristan, PAKISTAN.



2030 Quartz Faden, Dara Ismael, South Waziristan, PAKISTAN.



0880 Quartz with Fuchsite Inclusions, Wana Waziristan, PAKISTAN.



0891 Quartz with Fuchsite Inclusions, Wana Waziristan, PAKISTAN.



0964 Apophyllite on Quartz, Poona, INDIA.



1359 Brookite and Quartz, Kharau Baluchistan, PAKISTAN.

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2028 Quartz Faden Dara Ismael, South Waziristan, PAKISTAN.



0873 Quartz with Fuchsite Inclusions, Wana Waziristan, PAKISTAN.



X0875 Quartz with Fuchsite Inclusions, Wana Waziristan, PAKISTAN.



0834 Quartz, Lonavala Pune, INDIA.



0874 Quartz with Fuchsite Inclusions, Wana Waziristan, PAKISTAN.



0876 Quartz with Fuchsite Inclusions, Wana Waziristan, PAKISTAN.



0839 Stilbite and Quartz, Jalgaon, INDIA.



0885 Quartz with Fuchsite Inclusions, Wana Waziristan, PAKISTAN.



0886 Quartz, Dara Ismael District, Sth Waziristan, PAKISTAN.



1360 Quartz, Kharau Baluchistan, PAKISTAN.



1353 Quartz, Zard Kharan, Baluchistan, PAKISTAN.



0884 Quartz with Fuchsite Inclusions, Wana Waziristan, PAKISTAN.



0892 Quartz with Fuchsite Inclusions, Wana Waziristan, PAKISTAN.



1354 Quartz, Zard Kharan, Baluchistan, PAKISTAN.



1355 Quartz, Zard Kharan, Baluchistan, PAKISTAN.

Contributed by Mel Jones...

‘Newcastle and Rail – The Never-ending Story’ by Garry Reynolds Part 22 of 24...



The Newcastle City waterfront today where Aborigines once fished from canoes, convicts hewed coal and a railway system developed and disappeared over a period of 160 years. Source: *Familypedia*.



Locomotive 3812 roaring up Hawkmount on the Newcastle Flyer in mid-winter 1967. Source: *John Graydon*.

Refocusing on passenger expresses

Newcastle was dominated by its coal trade, and so was the focus of the Railways entering 1929.

However, passenger traffic gained increased attention when the earliest version of what was to become the famous “Newcastle Flyer” was launched. Until this time, the northern city’s image was very much a long second to that of Sydney. Newcastle was the working class grimy unattractive sister.

In 1929, the new Pacific Highway replaced the circuitous route of nearly 260 kms using much of the old Great Northern Road. The new more direct route shortened the distance by 90kms down to 170kms. This was about the same length as the ‘Short North’ railway line between Newcastle and Sydney.



Locomotive 3820 hauls the Newcastle Flyer over the top of the grade at Hawkmount. Source: *John Gaydon*.

What caused the change of image with the railway service?



C32 class locomotives double-heading out of Newcastle in the 1950s. Source: *A.R. Lyell*.

The road travel time now matched the rail timetable of 3 hours 15 minutes. Suddenly spurred to rise to the competitive challenge, the NSW Government Railways (NSWGR) successfully trialed a C32 Class express locomotive hauling a light six-carriage train with a brake van – totalling a trailing load of 140 tons. It sped over the 168 kilometres with a running time in both directions slicing 30 minutes off the trip - taking it down to a very respectable 2 hours 45 minutes.



The last regular steam Flyer service in 1967 about to depart a sodden Newcastle. Source: *John Gaydon*.



The Newcastle Flyer between Booragul and Fassifern on the last regular steam service. Source: *John Gaydon*.

However, aspirations that new carriages would be constructed were shattered when the Great Depression hit in the same year.

The best that could be done was to rebuild some older carriages. Still, to capture the marketing limelight, the first new express was launched on 5 November 1929 by using six of the blue carriages from the “Caves Express” designed to service the Jenolan Caves traffic through the Blue Mountains. Two dark red carriages were added, taking the seating to 250 passengers. The ‘new’ launch train not only looked the part, it even managed to clip three more minutes off the trial timetable.

The regular express service was conducted with a select group of C32-Class locomotives. Not surprisingly, many improvements had been made over the years since the later 1890s including superheating. The newly refurbished L type carriages were painted in a dedicated red and cream livery and from 1933 the locomotives received a maroon livery.



A railway hostess in the buffet car in 1948. Source: *State Archives*.

Breathlessly, the ‘Newcastle Herald’ reported: “The carriages which will form the Newcastle express trains...have been completely altered with one object in mind, the comfort of the passengers. The trains have been fitted with a small table between each seat and refreshments will be served aboard the train., thus eliminating the need for a refreshment stop at Gosford.” Source: ‘Our Region Our Railway’ *McKillop & Sheedy*.

The train was popularly known as the “Inter-City Flyer” while the railways timetabled it as the “Inter-City Express”. The name “Northern Commercial Limited” was also introduced, aiming to appeal to the business market where passengers could take the express train to Sydney, do their business and return in the one day.



Heritage locomotive 3642 hauling a train through Maitland Yard in 1990. Source: *David Johnson*.

In 1934, new 36 class locomotives were introduced accompanied by improved carriages in the form of refurbished wooden Pullman cars.

Two years later, the ‘Northern Commercial Limited’ was renamed the ‘Newcastle Express’

and in 1937 the first non-stop service was introduced with a point to point journey time of 2 hours 20 minutes.

Just prior to WW,2 in 1939, new steel NCR rolling stock was introduced. However, in the following year a 10 week coal miners' strike forced the NSWGR to employ the Silver City Comet diesel rolling stock to operate the Newcastle service for a short time.



The Silver City Comet. Source: YouTube.



The big streamlined 38-class locomotive. Source: Bing Images.

New powerful and fast C38 Class locomotives were gradually introduced onto the Flyer in 1944 during WW2. They were complemented with 36 class locomotives until in 1947 it was all 38-Class. The following year, seven-car sets of all-steel air-conditioned HUB carriages were added with the best travel time shaved down to 2 hours 18 minutes.



A HUB set car at Maitland in 2014. Source: Wikipedia.



The Newcastle Flyer pulled by 3801 blasts out of Sydney Central. Source: Christian Today.



The view from the 38-Class cab. Source: John Gaydon.



Locomotive 3803 accelerates the Newcastle Flyer towards Nara. Source: State Archives.



The Flyer enroute to Sydney through Cowan pulling 500-ton car consist. Source: State Archives.



The 38-Class-hauled Flyer pulling up through Cowan. Source: State Archives.



The Flyer powering up from the Hawkesbury led by a streamlined 38-Class. Source: State Archives.



Hardworking 3803 powering through Ourimbah in 1967 with the Flyer. Source: John Adamson.



Locomotive 3810 in full blast on the Flyer at Fassfern Bank. Source: YouTube.



Locomotive 3809 bursts into the sunlight with the Flyer at Hawkmount in 1967. Source: HighlandRob.



Locomotive 3813 climbing Hawkmount with the Flyer. Source: NSW Rail Rambler.



Locomotive 3813 on the Flyer departing Gosford in 1969. *Source: HighlandRob.*



Locomotive 3822 on the Flyer departing Gosford in 1970. *Source: John Gaydon.*



The Flyer crossing Wallarah Creek on the 110kph section between Warnervale and Wyee. *Source: John Gaydon.*



Locomotive 3830 being turned at Gosford to head back to Newcastle on the Flyer. *Source: John Gaydon.*



Three 38 class locomotives queued up ready to pick up north-bound Flyers at Gosford. *Source: John Gaydon.*



The Flyer flying through Kotara in 1967. *Source: John Gaydon.*



The Flyer bursting through waiting trains at Sulphide Junction. *Source: Bing Images.*



The Flyer travelling at 110kph approaching Tuggerah. *Source: John Gaydon.*



A heritage Flyer pulling out of Newcastle. *Source: Flickr.*



Another angle on 3801 hauling the re-created Flyer out of Newcastle. *Source: Flickr.*



Heritage locomotive 3642 emulating the days of the Newcastle Flyer. *Source: Trip Advisor.*

From 1956, the Flyer was sometimes hauled by diesel locomotives, but the 38-Class remained the usual motive power.

When electrification to Gosford was completed in 1960, the Flyer was usually hauled between Sydney and Gosford by 46-Class electric locomotive imported from England. A 38-Class steam locomotive took the Flyer to Newcastle until diesels replaced them from 1970.



The most powerful locomotive in Australia for many years - the 46-Class. *Source: Wikipedia.*

In 1984, the fully electrified line to Newcastle was opened and the Flyer was now hauled by 86-Class Australian-built electric locomotives until 1988 when the train was replaced by double-deck electric interurban carriages called V-sets.



The Newcastle Flyer pulled by an 86-class electric locomotive. *Source: Silverwater Plumbing.*

As the double-decker stainless steel sets possessed superior speed and comfort to the locomotive-hauled service, patronage of the long-established Flyer started to decline. Its consist decreased from 7 cars to 5 in 1985 as did the number of named Flyer services until the Flyer appeared to be eliminated in 1988.

However, there was a pseudo revival of the name on some V-set services from 1992 to 1996. Since then, it has only been heritage excursions between Sydney and Newcastle which have carried the iconic Newcastle Flyer nameboard.



An Intercity electric V-Set once labelled the Newcastle Flyer. *Source: Wikipedia.*

Watch some videos that I took in 2017 in the Maitland – Newcastle Area (Hunter Valley Region, NSW) ...

2017 Hunter Valley Steamfest

[Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 2017-04-07](#)

[Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 2017-04-08](#)

[Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 2017-04-09](#)

[Train Enthusiast's Video Diary 2017-04-10](#)

Contributed by Mel Jones...

Unfortunately, the invitation over the last two months for club members to contribute an article titled, "*Amazing Things I've Achieved Around My Home During Lockdown*" has not been taken up.

So, I have decided to share some pictures of activity I have engaged in over the past six months. (NOTE: I am not suggesting that this is 'Amazing', it is simply a hobby that I enjoy engaging in around the house.)

Replacing vegetable wicking-beds with free draining succulent beds and propagating succulents, etc.



Wicking bed...

A wicking bed is a raised garden bed with a water reservoir below the level of the soil. Water is drawn up from the reservoir to the soil above via capillary or wicking action. Moisture level in the soil is maintained at a constant rate over extended periods.

In the picture above the blue and black tubs are wicking beds I am currently using for growing either rhubarb or garlic.

The tall wooden box and some lower, longer wooden boxes, mainly out of site to the left, are lined with black plastic sheeting and are used as wicking beds for growing rhubarb. (All rhubarb beds are covered with wire mesh to prevent rats and/or possums from eating and stripping the plants to the ground.)

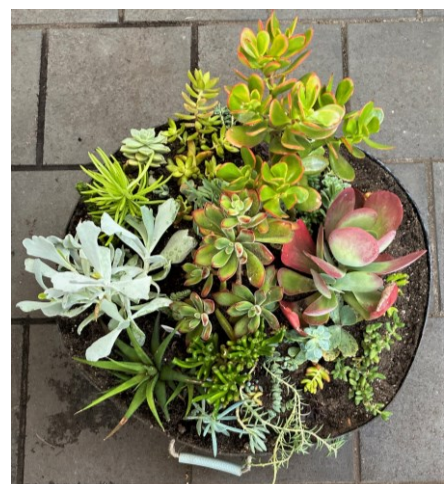
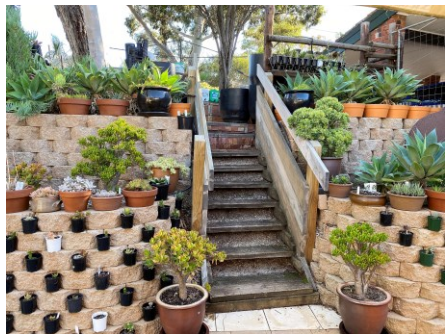
The remaining wooden boxes (ex-wicking beds) have the plastic removed and no bottoms. The potted succulent plants are raised on weldmesh beds to enable free drainage. The beds are supported by plastic buckets which collect some of the drained water which in turn evaporates up around past the plants.

The succulents are propagated and grown in the open and are subjected to fluctuating weather conditions which results in some damage and losses. Despite this, most plants survive but may not be as glamorous and flaw free as those grown in nurseries.

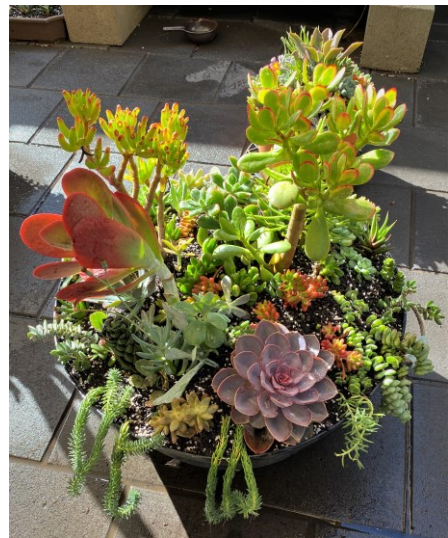
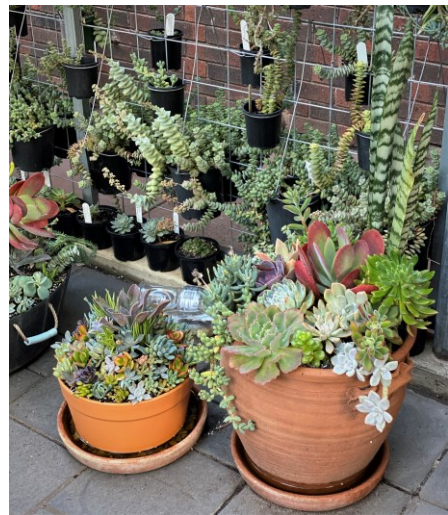
Hope the following pictures are of interest.



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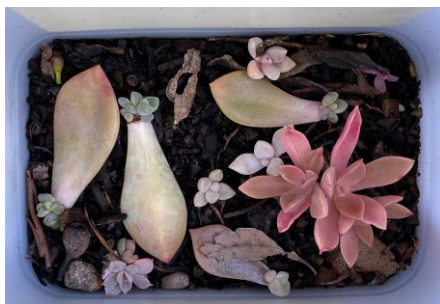


Propagating Succulents...

There are four primary ways to propagate succulents:

1. [Succulent stem propagation](#) - the vast majority of succulents can be propagated from stem cuttings.
2. [Propagating succulents from leaves](#) - many succulent varieties can be propagated from a single leaf.
3. [Propagating succulents by division](#) - dividing succulents works with a good number of varieties.
4. Sowing succulent seeds – nearly all succulents will grow from seed if you have the patience for it.

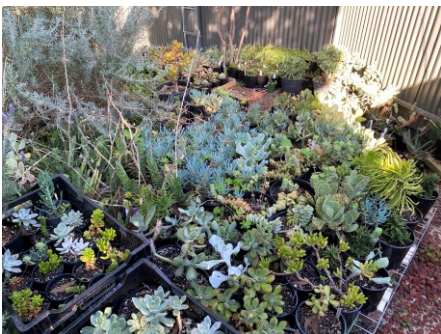
I use methods 1, 2, and 3.



Front Yard View



Replacing vegetable wicking-beds with free draining succulent beds and propagating succulents, etc. *Continued...*



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One day, a man came home and was greeted by his wife dressed in a very Sexy nightie. 'Tie me up,' she purred, 'and you can do anything you want.' So, he tied her up and went golfing.

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OH SHIT! EVERYBODY RUN!



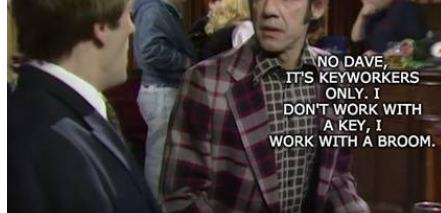
IT'S THE CORONA BUG!

WE MUST MAKE PEOPLE SCRAP THEIR VEHICLES



TO STOP THE CAR OWNER VIRUS.

ALRIGHT TRIG, NOT IN WORK TODAY?



NO DAVE, IT'S KEYWORKERS ONLY. I DON'T WORK WITH A KEY, I WORK WITH A BROOM.

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SICK WIFE ASKS HUSBAND TO MAKE HER PLAIN TOAST



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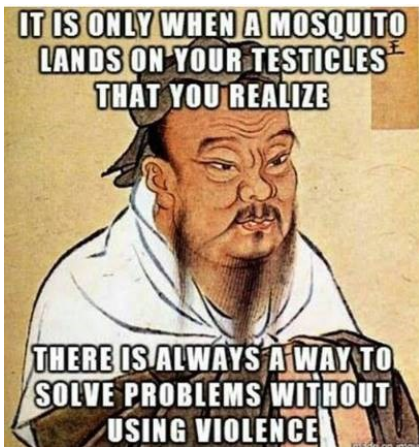
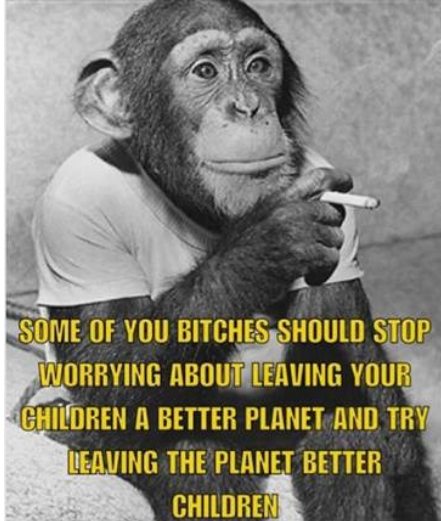
Returned from the grocery store with the hubby. Took masks off. It turned out it was the wrong hubby! Be attentive!

Duct Tape is NOT the solution to EVERY problem!



What's the difference between Wuhan and Las Vegas? What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.

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A Bank Loan to A Scotsman

A Scotsman (wearing his kilt and a bonnet) walks into offices of private bankers Coutts & Co in the Strand, London (Bankers to the Royal Family since 1820) and asks to speak to the manager.

He informs him that he is going abroad on business for two weeks and needs to borrow £5,000. The Manager tells him that Coutts & Co would be delighted to meet his requirements, but that he should understand that since he is not a client of the Bank, it would need some modest security for the loan.

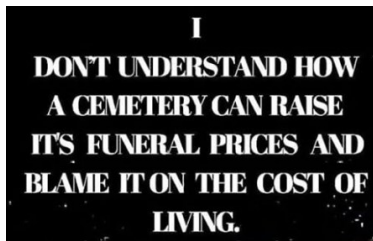
So, the Scotsman opens his sporrán, takes out the keys and documents of a brand-new Ferrari parked in front of the bank and hands them to the manager saying, "Will this do?" He also produces the car's logbook and after a phone call everything checks out fine. The manager agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan; the cashier hands out £5,000 while the bank's porter drives the Ferrari into the bank's underground garage for safe keeping.

Over lunch, the manager tells his colleagues the amusing little story of how a simple minded Scot from North of the Border secured a loan for £5,000 offering a £120,000 Ferrari as collateral and they all enjoy a good chuckle as they sip their port.

Two weeks later, the Scotsman returns, repays the £5,000 and the interest, which comes to £15.41. The manager says, "Sir, we have been more than happy to have had your business and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are just a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are in fact a wealthy property investor. What puzzles us is why would you bother to borrow £5,000 from us?"

The Scotsman replies: "Where else in London can I park my Ferrari for two weeks for only £15.41 and expect it to be still there when I return?"

Aaah! - those canny Scots!

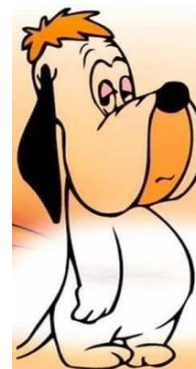


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Stages of Quarantine



I bought a little bag of air today...
The company that made it was kind enough to put some potato chips in it as well.



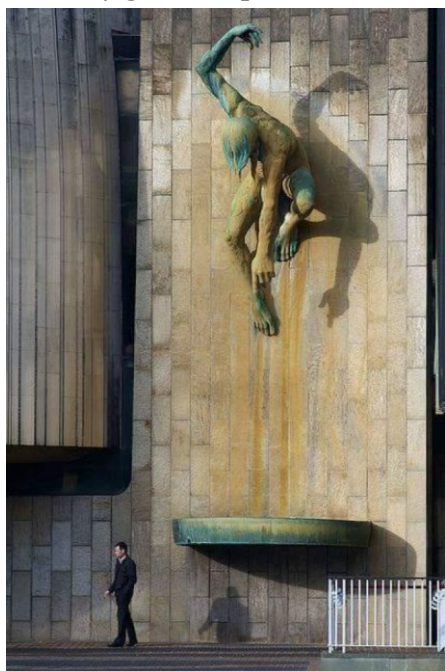
How did we survive?
Our mothers wiped our faces with spit on a hankey not an antibacterial wipe.

Facebook.brining humor to your day with love

Hey Sweetie, I'm at work. Dinner is on the stove, you only have to light it, the gas is already turned on.
Love you XXX

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So many good sculptures (part 2) ...



Contributed by Doug Walker...

10 of 81 Crazy Things You Probably Didn't Know About Australia.



- 42) Sir John Robertson, a five-time premier of NSW in the 1800s, began every morning with half a pint of rum. He said: "None of the men who in this country have left footprints behind them have been cold water men."
- 43) The Box jellyfish has killed more people in Australia than stonefish, sharks and crocodiles combined.
- 44) Tasmania has the cleanest air in the world.
- 45) The average Aussie male drinks 96 litres of beer per year.
- 46) 63% of Australians are overweight.
- 47) Australia is ranked second on the Human Development Index (based on life expectancy, income and education).
- 48) In 2005, security guards at Canberra's Parliament House were banned from calling people 'mate'. It lasted one day.
- 49) In Australia, it is illegal to walk on the right-hand side of a footpath.
- 50) Australia is the only continent in the world without an active volcano.
- 51) Aussie Rules footy was originally designed to help cricketers to keep fit in the off-season.





Contributed by Doug Walker...

The Economy Is So Bad That....

My neighbor got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.
 CEO's are now playing miniature golf.
 Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 Congressmen.
 I saw a Mormon with only one wife.
 McDonald's is selling the 1/4 ounce.
 Angelina Jolie adopted a child from America.
 Parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their children's names
 A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico.
 A picture is now only worth 200 words.
 When Bill and Hillary travel together, they now must share a room.
 The Treasure Island casino in Las Vegas is now managed by Somali pirates.
 And finally,
 I was so depressed last night thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my savings, Social Security, retirement funds, etc., I called the Suicide Hotline. I got a call center in Afghanistan, and when I told them I was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked if I could drive a truck.

Contributed by Augie Gray...

Book Titles



"Strong Winds" by Gail Force

- "Outdoor Activities" by Alf Resko
- "The Life of Quasimodo" by Belle Ringa
- "A Perfect Breakfast" by Chris P. Bacon
- "Fisticuffs" by Donny Brooke
- "The Politician" by Eli Solways
- "H.R. Manager" by Hiram N. Firem
- "The Burglar's Creed" by Jimmy de Locke
- "Bad Language" by Kirsten Swaw
- "Music of the Sea" by Lawrence Whelk
- "Why Cars Stop" by M.T. Tank
- "The Great Flood" by Noah Zark
- "In the Soviet Union" by Perry Stroika
- "The Auto Salvage Business" by Rex Tode
- "Songs from South Pacific" by Sam & Janet Evening

Contributed by Allan Rudd...

Missing Wife

Husband: My wife is missing. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home!
 Officer: Age?
 Husband: I'm not sure. Somewhere between 50 and 60. We don't do birthdays.
 Officer: Height?
 Husband: I am not sure. A little over five-feet tall.
 OFFICER: Weight?
 Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat.
 OFFICER: Color of eyes?
 Husband: Sort of brown I think Never really noticed.
 OFFICER: Color of hair?
 Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown now. I cannot remember.
 OFFICER: What was she wearing?
 Husband: Could have been pants, or maybe a skirt or shorts...don't know exactly.
 OFFICER: What kind of car did she go in?
 Husband: She went in my truck.
 OFFICER: What kind of truck was it?

Husband: A 2017, manufactured September 16th, pearl white Ram Limited 4X4 .with 6.4l Hemi V8 engine ordered with the Ram Box bar and fridge option, led lighting, back up and front camera, Moose hide leather heated and cooled seats, climate controlled air conditioning. It has a custom matching white cover for the bed, Weather Tech floor mats. Trailing package with gold hitch, sunroof, DVD with full GPS navigation, satellite radio, Cobra 75 WX ST 40-channel CB radio, six cup holders, 3 USB ports, and 4 power outlets. I added special alloy wheels and off-road Toyo tires. It has custom retracting running boards and under-glow wheel well lighting.

At this point, the husband started choking up.
 OFFICER: Take it easy sir, We'll find your truck.



A woman enroled in nursing school is attending an anatomy class.

The subject of the day is involuntary muscles.

The instructor, hoping to perk up the students a bit, asks the woman if she knows what her asshole does when she has an orgasm.

"Sure!" she says, "He's at home taking care of the kids..."

Contributed by Augie Gray...

it's not going to end well





Oh, what a tangled language English is and how easy it is to misconstrue.

A man takes a lady out to dinner for the first time. Later they go on to a show.

The evening is a huge success and as he drops her at her door, he says "I have had a lovely time." "You looked so beautiful; you remind me of a beautiful climbing rose."

"May I call on you tomorrow?"

She agrees, and a date is made.

The next night he knocks on her door and when she opens it, **she slaps him hard across the face.**

He is stunned. "What was that for?" he asked.

She said, "I looked up beautiful climbing rose in the encyclopaedia last night and it said, 'Best suited for rooting against a brick wall or fence, no good in an open bed.'"



(First Day as a Pilot)

Control Tower: 'Can you give me your position?'

Me: 'I'm next to a cloud that looks like a lion.'

Control Tower: 'Can you be more specific?'

Me: 'Simba.'

Contributed by Doug Walker...

Due to perceived racism
Master cylinders
and slave
cylinders are to
be removed from
all cars
immediately.

The amount of jokes
about coronavirus
virus has reached
worrying numbers.
Scientists claim we
are in the middle of a
pundemic

BREAKING NEWS



I WONDER WHY WE ARE
SO OBSESSED WITH
TRYING TO FIND
INTELLIGENT LIFE ON
OTHER PLANETS, WHEN
WE CAN'T EVEN FIND
INTELLIGENT LIFE HERE

now that we have washed our hands, how the hell do we get them out Karen?



**I swear we are
fighting two
pandemics.
Coronavirus and
stupidity.**



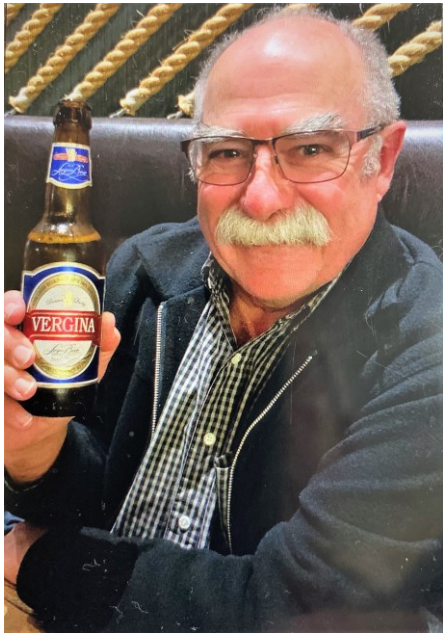
On average, a Panda feeds for approximately 12 hours per day.
This is the same as an adult at home under quarantine, which is why we call it a "Pandemic"



This is how the post WW2 refugees who arrived in Australia lived
**No handouts no welfare
No free rides .. just hard work**
They did not try to change a thing
And contribute they did

Contributed by Chris Browne...

Anybody for a Vergina



Chris enjoyed three 'verginas' when dining out recently.

Interesting...as I typed this into the newsletter, Microsoft Word thought I had misspelled said word and wanted to replace it with 'Virginals'

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginals>

A virginal is a smaller and simpler rectangular or polygonal form of harpsichord with only one string per note running more or less parallel to the keyboard on the long side of the case. Many, if not most, of the instruments were constructed without legs, and would be placed on a table for playing. Later models were built with their own stands.

<https://www.thefreedictionary.com/virginal>

1. chaste, pure, maidenly, virgin, immaculate, celibate, uncorrupted, undefiled She had always been a child in his mind, pure and virginal.
2. immaculate, fresh, pristine, white, pure, untouched, snowy, undisturbed, spotless linen tablecloths of virginal white.

'Get on with it...Please Explain'

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aegai>

Vergina is a small town in northern Greece, part of Veroia municipality in Imathia, Central Macedonia. Vergina was established in 1922 in the aftermath of the population exchanges after the Treaty of Lausanne and was a separate municipality until 2011, when it was merged with Veroia under the Kallikratis Plan. Vergina is best known as the site of ancient Aigai (Aiyat, Aigai, Latinized: Aegae), the first capital of Mace...



So, where did Chris find beer with a label associated with Vergina?



OUR STORY

"Our executive chef aims to provide a fresh modern twist to traditional Greek cooking. Whilst savouring traditional flavours, he wishes to arouse your palate with his contemporary approach. Our relaxed friendly setting, coupled with his hand-picked team are here to provide you with the most enjoyable dining experience."

Menu

3/160 King William Rd, Hyde Park SA 5061

0405 171 160



"I'm not sure about having a vergina, but a good red and some of the food above is a good reason to book in soon." Janet and Mel.

Contributed by Dog Walker...



Apart from being exhausted, financially unstable, nearing a mental breakdown and being fat, everything is great. Thanks.

Be honest, if people heard what you are thinking half of the time, you would either be in jail or a mental hospital.

Contributed by Doug Walker...



I Can't Wait 'Till The Pubs Open Again, So I Can Cut Down On My Drinking!



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MY BODY ABSORBED SO MUCH SOAP AND DISINFECTANT LATELY THAT WHEN I PEE IT CLEANS THE TOILET

THERE IS NO BETTER SUNSCREEN THAN SITTING INSIDE A PUB.



Gardening season is off to a great start: I planted myself in front of a TV four weeks ago, and I've already grown noticeably.

GLASNEVIN Barber Shop Driving past B and Q yesterday. I asked my wife how big the queue was.



She said that it was big and orange and about the same size as the B

WHAT EVER IT TAKES



I'M GOING FISHING!

Dumb Asses

The King wanted to go fishing, and he asked the royal weather forecaster the forecast for the next few hours. The palace meteorologist assured him that there was no chance of rain.

So, the King and the Queen went fishing. On the way he met a man with a fishing pole riding on a donkey, and he asked the man if the fish were biting.

The fisherman said, "Your Majesty, you should return to the palace! In just a short time I expect a huge rainstorm."

The King replied: "I hold the palace meteorologist in high regard. He is an educated and experienced professional. Besides, I pay him very high wages. He gave me a very different forecast. I trust him."

So, the King continued on his way. However, in a short time a torrential rain fell from the sky. The King and Queen were totally soaked.

Furious, the King returned to the palace and gave the order to fire the meteorologist. Then, he summoned the fisherman and offered him the prestigious position of royal forecaster.

The fisherman said, "Your Majesty, I do not know anything about forecasting. I obtain my information from my donkey. If I see my donkey's ears drooping, it means with certainty that...it will rain."

So, the King hired the donkey. And thus, began the practice of hiring dumb asses to work in influential positions of government.

The practice is unbroken to this date.

Tomorrow, there's a protest in London about cake decorations. Police are expecting hundreds and thousands to turn up!

I RAN THE NUMBERS DAD



WE CAN AFFORD A PONY

"I USED TO BE STRESSED OUT A LOT UNTIL I DISCOVERED YOGA. I'M FEELING MUCH BETTER NOW."



MOM look i'm a UNICORN!



IT'S GOOD TO GET THE WIND IN YOUR FACE ISN'T IT DEREK?



Contributed by Wendy Purdie...

How many bird chicks can you find?



(Do not peep for an answer before making a count...then go see page 15)

Mineral boxes and flats for sale

Mineral box sizes

Sold in bundles of (10) or 100

3.5 x 3.3cm.....	(\$1.50)	\$12.00
4 x 4cm.....	(\$1.50)	\$13.00
5 x 5.2cm.....	(\$2.00)	\$15.00
6.2 x 7.5cm.....	(\$2.50)	\$18.00
7 x 7cm.....	(\$2.50)	\$19.00
7 x 9.5cm.....	(\$2.50)	\$20.00
8.5 x 9.5cm.....	(\$3.00)	\$22.00
9.5 x 9.5cm.....	(\$3.50)	\$23.00
13 x 9.5cm.....	(\$4.00)	\$25.00
13 x 12.5cm.....	(\$4.50)	\$30.00

Flats sizes

395 x 265 x 50mm....	\$2.50
400 x 270 x 75mm....	\$3.50 NEW SIZE
398 x 290 x 98mm....	\$4.00

Greg Vort-Ronald

0413796279 or luv2paint@iprimus.com.au

all boxes and flats are folded together, no staples required
(Prices subject to change)

Contributed by Augie Gray...

The future of t-shirts



When leaving the house...

2019:

Keys, Phone, Purse/Wallet

2020:

**Keys, Phone, Purse/Wallet, Mask,
Hand Sanitizer, Samurai Sword,
Garlic, Written Will, Salt, Silver,
Rabbits Foot, Hornet Repellent,
Martial Arts Abilities, Stress Ball,
Holy Water**



WARNING!!!

Do NOT let supermarket staff scan your forehead to take your temperature. it erases your memory...
My wife asks me for some bread and milk and I came out with whiskey, wine, and some chips instead!!

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