

Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. (TTGGMC)

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# "Rockzette"

# Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club News

# President's Report

# Greetings All,

Welcome to 2022. Let's hope it's an improvement on last year, on many levels!!!

The Club Christmas lunch was a great success plenty of good food, good company, and the obligatory quizzes courtesy of Augie.

Peter Rothe was the lucky winner of the raffle - a very nice bottle of Barossa Valley Shiraz kindly donated by an anonymous benefactor.

Classes resume on Jan. 4th. (A reminder that there is no Monthly Meeting in January.)

Stay Covid-free and happy!

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# Diary Dates / Notices



# **Happy Birthday**

Members celebrating January birthdays: 5th - Alan Cook. 11th – Janet Harris. 5th - Dean Smith. 13th Janet Jones.

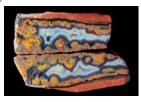
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# General Interest

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# General Interest

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The Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club Inc. is not and cannot be held responsible or liable for any personal injuries, loss, or damage to property at any club activity, including, but not limited to,

An indemnity is to be signed by all participants before each and every field trip activity they attend.

# Club Activities / Fees

**January** 

**Edition** 

2022

# Meetings

Club meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month except there are no meetings in January. Committee meetings start at 2.pm. General meetings start at 2.30 pm.

#### **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.

# Tuesday Faceting/Cabbing

Tuesdays - 10 am to 2 pm. All are welcome. Supervised by Doug Walker (7120 2221).

# Wednesday Silversmithing

Wednesdays - 7 pm to 9 pm. All are welcome. Supervised by Jean Hickman (0419 837 886)

# **Thursday Cabbing**

Thursdays - 10 am to 2 pm. All are welcome. Supervised by Augie Gray (8265 4815 / 0433 571 887).

# Friday Silversmithing

Fridays - 9 am to 12 noon.

All are welcome. Supervised by John Hill (8251 1118).

Faceting/Cabbing/Silversmithing Fees:
A standard fee of \$4.00 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 Policy No. 1 - 20/11/2006.

It is necessary that Health and Safety regulations are adhered to always.

Everyone using the workshop must ensure:

- 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
- that all rubbish is removed and placed in the appropriate bin
- and where applicable, machines are cleaned and oiled or dried.

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.

# **Club Subscriptions:**

\$25.00 Family \$20.00 Family Pensioner \$15.00 Single \$12.50 Single Pensioner \$10.00 Joining Fee

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Contributed by Augie Gray...

# **Pinolith**

Pinolith (or "Pinolite" if you're an American) is a rare metamorphic rock which until recently was known only from one location - the magnesite deposit at Sunk, Styria, Austria, where it was first discovered in 1873.

Pinolith is composed of magnesite crystals in a dolomite and graphite matrix.

Although the hardness is only 3.5 to 5, with care it can be cut and polished into quite spectacular ornamental stones.

Where did the name come from? The magnesite crystals in Pinolith are shaped like pine nuts from the European stone pine tree (Pinus pinea). Pine nuts are small edible seeds from pine trees common to Europe and Asia. They are added to bread, salad, and meat or vegetable dishes. The suffix -lith is from the Greek word lithos, or "stone".

Radiometric dating estimates that this mineral was formed around 500 million years ago.

Now for the exciting part. Although Austria was the only known source of Pinolith for 145 years, a new deposit was discovered just 3 years ago (2018) in British Columbia, Canada.

The Canadian variety of Pinolith also contains minor traces of additional minerals such as Quartz, Zircon, Apatite and Titanite (Sphene).

It is believed that the Canadian Pinolith differs from the Austrian Pinolite in a number of ways. Such examples are that the formation is believed to be older - around 544 million years, the patterns are different (six identified differences) and the presence of Pyrite provides a unique gold color, which is in stones that are oxidized. There is a pending verification from the American Gem Trade Association to state that the Canadian "Pinolite" will be classified as a semi-precious gemstone.



Pinolith 01.







Pinolith 04







Pinolith 07.





Pinolith 09.



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Contributed by Augie Gray...

Pinolith - continued...



Pinolith 11.



Pinolith 12.



Pinolith 13

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Contributed by Augie Gray...

A selection of magnificent Agates from Cubuk, North Ankara, Turkey









Contributed by Ian Everard...

My Quartz Collection Selections for January 2022.



1318 Quartz var. Smoky, Manuka Mine, Cobar Basin, NSW.



1323 Quartz var. Smoky, Manuka Mine, Cobar Basin, NSW.



1324 Quartz var. Smoky, Manuka Mine, Cobar Basin, NSW.



1328 Quartz var. Smoky, Manuka Mine, Cobar Basin, NSW



1329 Quartz var. Smoky, Manuka Mine, Cobar Basin, NSW



2147 Quartz with Haematite inclusions, Kangaroo Creek Dam, Gorge Road, South Australia.



2211 Quartz and Aegerine, Mulanje, Malawi, Africa



2216 Quartz and Aegerine, Mulanje, Malawi, Africa



2292 Quartz var. Amethyst with inclusions, NSW.



3759 Quartz var. Rose with Quartz var. Smoky Scepters, Minas

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# Contributed by Ian Everard...

# My Quartz Collection Selections for January 2022.



1020 Quartz, Calcite and Fluorite, Crystal Hill, Agate Creek, Queensland.



1175 Quartz on Rhodochrosite, Broken Hill, New South Wales.



2555 Quartz, Pannawonica, Western Australia.



2556 Quartz, Pannawonica, Western Australia.



3214 Quartz, White Rock Quarry, Magill, South Australia.



3892 Quartz, Sphalerite, Galena, and Calcite, Krushev dol Mine, Madan, Bulgaria.

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# Ian Everard's Quartz Collection – Page 2 of 2.

Contributed by Ian Everard...

My Quartz Collection Selections for January 2022 - Continued...



3785 Quartz var. (Grape) Amethyst, West Sulawesi, Indonesia.



3788 Quartz var. (Grape) Amethyst, West Sulawesi, Indonesia.



2213 Quartz and Aegerine, Mulanje, Malawi, Africa.



3888 Quartz, Himalayas, Asia.



3889 Quartz, Ashton Quarry, Ashton, South Australia.





3893 Quartz, Broken Hill, New South Wales.



3891 Quartz, Chlorite, Pyrite, and Calcite, Septemvri Mine, Madan Ore Field, Bulgaria.

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# Chris Browne's Cabochons – Page 1 of 2. Contributed by Chris Browne... Some of my recent cabbing craftwork 12 Petrified Wood, Jericho, Qld. 01 Petrified Wood, Emerald, Qld. 07 Petrified Wood, Jericho, Qld. 13 Petrified Wood, Jericho, Qld. 02 Petrified Forest Floor, Taroom, Qld. 08 Petrified Wood, Jericho, Qld. 14 Petrified Wood, Emerald, Qld. 03 Petrified Wood, Emerald, Qld. 09 Petrified Wood, Emerald, Qld. 15 Petrified Wood, Emerald, Qld. 04 Petrified Wood, Emerald, Qld. 10 Petrified Wood, Taroom, Qld. 16 Opalised Wood, Springsure, Qld. 11 Petrified Wood, Taroom, Qld. Tea Tree Gully Gem and Mineral Club Incorporated, Old Tea Tree Gully School, Dowding Terrace, Tea Tree Gully, South Australia, 5091.

# Chris Browne's Cabochons – Page 2 of 2.

Contributed by Chris Browne...
Some of my recent cabbing craftwork – Continued...



17 Petrified Tree Fern, Taroom, Qld.



18 Petrified Tree Fern, Taroom, Qld.



19 Petrified Tree Fern, Taroom, Qld.



20 Petrified Tree Fern, Taroom, Qld.



21 Petrified Tree Fern, Jericho, Qld.



23 Jasper, Emerald, Qld.



24 Jasper, Emerald, Qld.



25. Jasper, Emerald, Qld.



26 Tube Agate, Agate Creek, Qld.



27 Tube Agate, Agate Creek, Qld.



28 Tiger Iron, Western Australia.



29 Tiger Iron, Western Australia.



30 Moss Agate, Western Australia



31 Jade, Cowell, South Australia.

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Contributed by Allan Rudd...

# Travel options during Covid lockdown.

I have been in many places in my life, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You must be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognises you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you must be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends and family. I live close so it's a short drive.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you must jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenaline flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

And sometimes I think I am in Vincible, but life shows me I am not.

People keep telling me I'm in Denial but I'm positive I've never been there before!

I have been in Deepshit many times; the older I get, the easier it is to get there. I kind of enjoy it there.

So far, I haven't been in Continent, but my travel agent says it is on the list...

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# General Interest/Humour.

Contributed by Allan Rudd...

# **More Humour**







"Sorry about the two scars. We had your X-ray upside down for a while."



A pirate walked into a bar and the bartender said: 'Hey, I haven't seen you in a while.

What happened? You look terrible.'

What do you mean?' said the pirate, 'I feel fine.'

Battender: What about the wooden leg? You

'What do you mean?' said the pirate, 'I feel fine Bartender: 'What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before.'

Pirate: 'Well, we were in a battle and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now.'

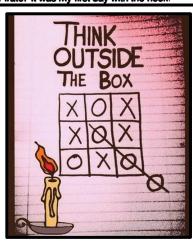
Bartender: 'Well, ok, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?'

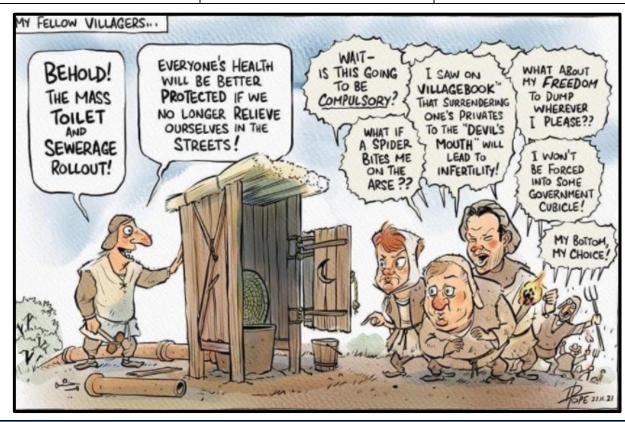
Pirate: We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook. I'm fine, really...' Bartender: What about that eye patch?'

Pirate: 'Oh, one day we were at sea and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up and one of them shit in my eye.'

Bartender: You're kidding, you lost an eye just from bird shit?'

Pirate: 'It was my first day with the hook.





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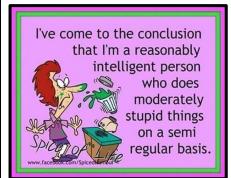
# **Clever Stuff**



The most terrifying moment in life is when the toilet refuses to flush at someone else's house









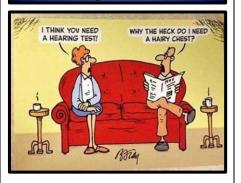
I'm gonna quit my job and travel the world until I run out of money!

I estimate I'll be home again around 10 PM this evening...

# I TOLD MYSELF THAT = I SHOULD STOP = DRINKING

BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO LISTEN TO A DRUNK THAT TALKS TO HIMSELF

I was shocked to read in the papers today that a dwarf had been pickpocketed and I just thought to myself "How can anyone stoop so low?"



Hired a handy man and gave him a list. When I got home, only #1, 3, & 5 were done. Turns out, he only does odd jobs!

Do you ever get the urge to start organizing and then 2 hours later you're just looking around at a mess like... what the heck have I done?



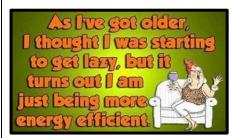


I don't
want to
say I'm
old and
worn
out, but I
make
sure I'm
nowhere
near the
curb on
trash day.

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Contributed by Doug Walker... Clever Stuff - Continued...



I just realized that I haven't done the "Hokey Pokey" in over 10 years. I quess ıen yoŭ get older, you just forget what it's all about.





On this "Senior Edition," the message on the side mirror says, "Objects in mirror wish you Would Speed up." SIZARRO, COM



Contributed by Doug Walker...

# Crazy, I know!!!

The fact that Kansas and Arkansas are pronounced differently bothers me way more than it should.

Pronouncing words that end in 'ough'...Cough, bough, rough, dough, through, though??????? Never the same.

Is the "S" or "C" in scent silent?

Why does fridge have a "D" in it, but refrigerator doesn't?

Why are Zoey and Zoe pronounced the same but Joey and Joe aren't?

You can drink a drink, but you can't food a food.

The word "queue" is just Q followed by four silent letters.

Why is a "W" called double "U" when it is clearly double "V".

The original point and click interface was a Smith and Wesson.

A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up three thousand times the

I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.

Contributed by Doug Walker...



# Deep Thoughts of a Retired Man

I mowed the lawn today, and after doing so I sat down and had a cold beer. The day was quite beautiful, and the drink facilitated some deep thinking.

My wife walked by and asked me what I was doing, and I said, "Nothing."

She then said, "That's what you did yesterday!" I replied, "I WASN'T DONE, SO I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF FINISHING RIGHT NOW.'

The reason I said "nothing" instead of saying "just thinking" is because she then would have asked, "About what?" At that point I would have had to explain that men are deep thinkers about various topics, which would lead to other questions.

Finally, I pondered an age-old question: "Is giving birth more painful than getting kicked in the nuts?" Women always maintain that giving birth is way more painful than a guy getting kicked in the nuts, but how could they know?

Well, after another beer, and some more heavy deductive thinking, I have come up with an answer to that question. Getting kicked in the nuts is more painful than having a baby, and even though I obviously couldn't really know, here is the reason for my conclusion. A year or so after giving birth, a woman will often say, "It might be nice to have another child."

On the other hand, you never hear a guy say, "You know, I think I would like another kick in the nuts."

I rest my case. Time for another beer, and then maybe a nap. It's nice being retired. It gives me time to reflect on some of the important things

Contributed by Wendy Purdie...



Contributed by Allan Rudd...

**More Non-Political Humour** 

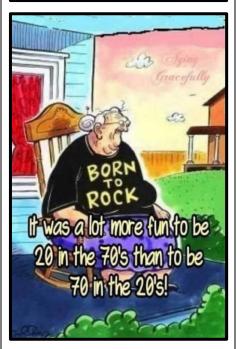


I love seeing stuck up females from highschool built like the lunch lady now

Remember when we used to line up at a fair and pay to see a fat tattooed lady?
Now they're everywhere!

Marriage is a relationship where one person is always right and the other person is the husband.





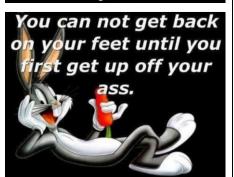
If Chocolate, Licorice, Butterscotch and Vanilla Swirl Ice Cream Could Be a Puppy!!



# JUST BACK FROM A FIELD TRIP TO CHICAGO



Well it's July and almost 100 degrees. Walmart should be putting the Christmas stuff out any day now.





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Ham and eggs:
a day's work for a chook,
a lifetime commitment for a pig.

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# General Interest/Humour.





Wild and Windy.





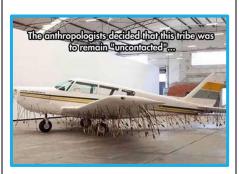
Throne of Mechanics.



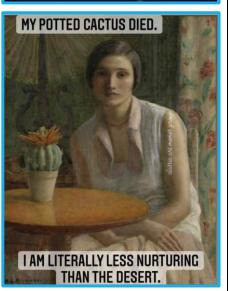


Find the Spring

The key to writing short people jokes is keeping them short!



I met a woman outside the mall crying, she had lost \$200, so I gave her \$40 from the \$200 I found. When God blesses you, you must bless others.





I have come
to the
conclusion
that buying
craft supplies
and actually
using them are
two separate
hobbies.



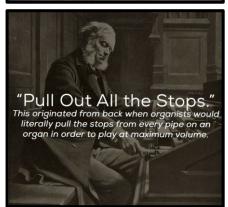
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# **Very Interesting**

Some of the younger generation may not have even heard of these sayings before ... some of us older people may not have known where they came from either.



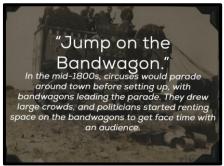


















Contributed by Allan Rudd...

# Car acronyms...

# **AUDI**

Accelerates Under Demonic Influence Always Unsafe Designs Implemented All Un-informed Drivers Insulted All Unnecessary Devices Installed

#### **BMW**

Big Money Works Bought My Wife Brutal Money Waster

# **BUICK**

Big Ugly Indestructible Car Killer

# **CHEVROLET**

Can Hear Every Valve Rap on Long Extended Trips Cheap, Hardly Efficient, Virtually Runs on Luck Every Time

#### DODGE

Damn Old Dirty Gas Eater Drips Oil, Drops Grease Everywhere

#### FIAT

Fix it again Tony

# **FORD**

Fix Or Repair Daily Found On Road, Dead Fast Only Rolling Downhill Fastest On Race Day

# GM

General Maintenance

# **GMC**

Garage Man's Companion

# **HONDA**

Had One Never Did Again Happy Owners Never Drive Anything else.

# HYUNDAI

Hope You Understand Nothing's Driveable and Inexpensive?

# MAZDA

Most Always Zipping Dangerously Along

# **OLDSMOBILE**

Old Ladies Driving Slowly Make Others Behind Infuriatingly Late Everyday. Overpriced, Leisurely Driven Sedan Made of Buick's Irregular Leftover Equipment

# **SAAB**

Send Another Automobile Back

# **TOYOTA**

Too Often Yankees Overprice This Auto

# VOLVO

Very Odd-Looking Vehicular Object

# $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{W}$

Virtually Worthless

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# Contributed by Allan Rudd... **Hats off to the Gardeners – Part 1..**

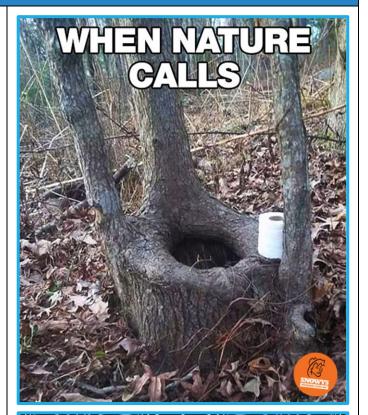
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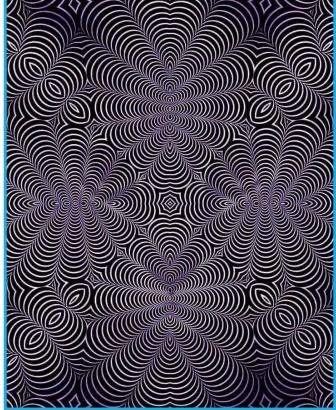












In this picture you will see a cat or a moose, depending on how your brain works, (left cat hemisphere) (right moose hemisphere).

He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless dead.

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#### General Interest/Humour

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# A Car Show to Die For...Part 1



































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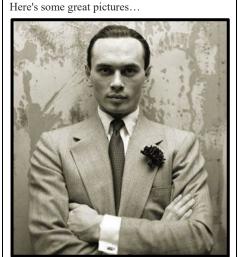
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# General Interest/Humour.

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# Feeling Old...

The Beatles split 52 years ago. The movie Wizard of Oz is 82 yrs old. Elvis is dead 44 years. He'd be 86 today. Michael Jackson's Thriller video is 38 yrs old. Mickey Mantle retired 53 yrs ago. The movie Saturday Night Fever is 44 yrs old. The Ed Sullivan show ended 49 yrs ago. The Corvette turned 68 yrs old this year. The Mustang is 57.









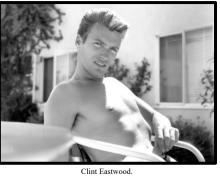
Mae West.



Dolly Parton.

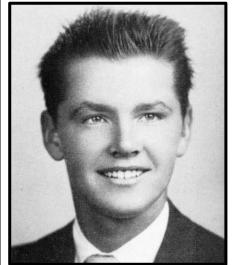


Marlon Brando.

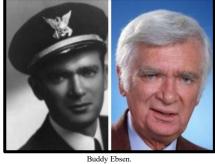


Sean Connery.





Jack Nicholson.



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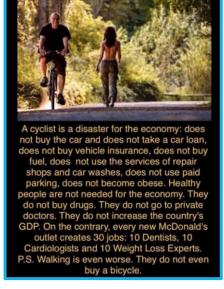
I know this is a show off post but I had to share!!

When you work hard all your life and you are doing so well you can treat yourself right

I can't express the happiness I am feeling. White was the only colour but it doesn't matter.

I've just purchased these four chairs.







# WARNING FISHING POX

VERY CONTAGIOUS TO ADULT MALES
SYMPTOMS:

- CONTINUAL COMPLAINT FOR FRESH AIR
- PATIENT HAS BLANK EXPRESSION
- HAS NO TASTE FOR WORK
- FREQUENT CHECKING TACKLE CATALOG
- MUMBLES TO SELF ABOUT FISH

# TREATMENT:

PATIENT SHOULD GO FISHING AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE TO ALLEVIATE SYMPTOMS

**NO KNOWN CURE** 



Four worms were placed in four separate test tubes:

1st in beer

2nd in wine

3rd in whiskey

4th in mineral water

The next day, the teacher shows the results:

The 1st worm in beer, dead.

The 2nd in wine, dead.

The 3rd in whiskey, dead.

The 4th in mineral water, alive and healthy.

The teacher asks the class:

- What do we learn from this experience?

And a child responds:

- Whoever drinks beer, wine and whiskey, does not have worms.

eee Send it to your friends so they do not have worms 1 de por 1 eee



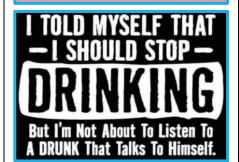


When you open a bottle of wine and someone suggests you, "Save the cork in case you don't finish it all!"



Cat: Yep, nailed it!







# Members' Noticeboard

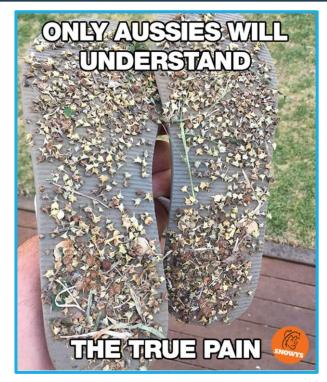
# **Retirement Message**

After seven and half years of editing the TTGGMC Newsletter, I have decided it's time to quit and focus on other interests, in particular, better management of my succulent collection.

I thank all contributors over this period who enabled the newsletter to be presented in a magazine style; highlighting club and general interests along with a good dose of adult humour.

Regards, Mel.

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