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**November
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2020**

"Rockzette"

Tea Tree Gully Gem & Mineral Club News

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Hi All,

Not a lot to report this month, other than in regard to Christmas. Due to the ongoing COVID social distancing requirements, the Committee has taken the decision to postpone our Christmas break-up lunch to hopefully hold a 'Christmas in July' next year.

For the same reason, the club's Melbourne Cup Lunch (Tuesday 3rd November) is cancelled for this year.

Till next month,

Cheers,

Ian.

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Ian's November 2020 Collection Selections...



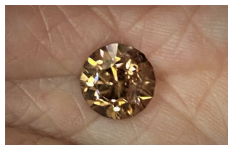
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Meetings

General monthly meetings have not resumed yet due to SA Covid-19 Pandemic physical distancing requirements.

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 Augie Gray (8265 4815 / 0433 571 887).

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 \$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 *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 state.
- 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	

Diary Dates / General Interest

Happy Birthday

Members celebrating November birthdays:

04th – Alan Harris. 23rd – Graham Gill.
 07th – Claudia Gill. 27th – Allan Rudd.

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Augie's November 2020 Jasper Selections...



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Augie's November Birthstone Selections...



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Disaster Peak Picture Jasper

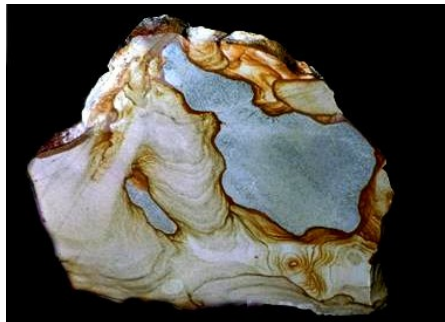
This material comes from Disaster Peak, Malheur County, Oregon, which is just over the border from McDermitt, Nevada.

It is said that the pit this Jasper was mined from was over 20 feet in depth.

Disaster Peak can have colours of blueish grey, orange, tan, reddish brown, or white in a scenic display of rugged mountains and rolling deserts.



Disaster Peak Picture Jasper 01.



Disaster Peak Picture Jasper 02.



Disaster Peak Picture Jasper 03.



Disaster Peak Picture Jasper 04.



Disaster Peak Picture Jasper 05.



Disaster Peak Picture Jasper 06.



Disaster Peak Picture Jasper 07.



Disaster Peak Picture Jasper 08.

Contributed by Augie Gray...

Topaz - Birthstone for November

Topaz is the 3rd hardest of all gemstones, after Diamond and Corundum, making it durable to be worn in jewellery.

Topaz can be found in many colours - commonly colourless, also light to medium blue, light green, yellow, yellowish brown, pink and red.

Most blue Topaz has been irradiated to improve the colour, though natural blue Topaz does occur; Mt. Surprise in Queensland being one example.

Imperial Topaz, an orange-brown colour, is particularly highly valued.

Topaz can occur in very large crystals. The largest found to date, the "El Dorado", from Minas Gerais, Brazil weighed in at 37 kg. in the rough. The "Ostro" blue Topaz is one of the largest ever cut, again from Minas Gerais, with a finished weight of over 9,000 carats.

Topaz is widely distributed and can be found in countries worldwide.

Tech. stuff

Chemical composition: $Al_2SiO_4(F, OH)_2$

Crystal System: Orthorhombic

Crystal Habit: Prismatic, tabular, stubby

Specific Gravity: 3.4 – 3.6

Refractive Index: 1.620 – 1.638

Cleavage: Perfect Basal

Fracture: Subconchoidal to uneven

Lustre: Vitreous



Topaz 01.



Topaz 02.

Topaz - Birthstone for November – Continued...



Topaz 03.



Topaz 04.



Topaz 05



Topaz 06.



Topaz 07.



Topaz 08.



Topaz 09.



Topaz 10.



Topaz 11.



Topaz 12.



Topaz 13.



Topaz 14.

Topaz - Birthstone for November – Continued...



Topaz 15.



Topaz 19.



Topaz 16.



Topaz 20.



Topaz 17.



Topaz 21.



Topaz 18.



22 Mystic Topaz with Azotic coating.

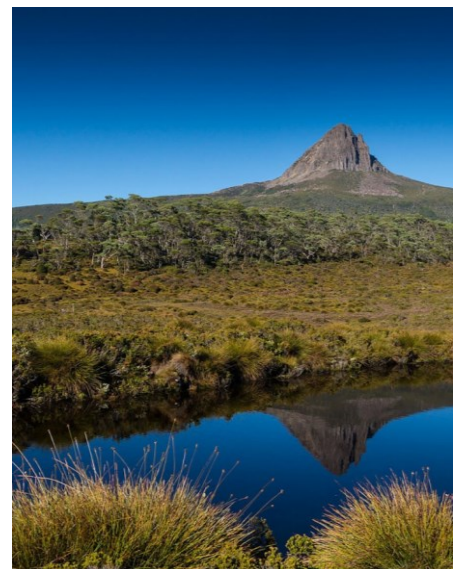
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'Large Snakes of the World' by Anna Conda.

BOOK TITLES

- “Back Row of the Orchestra” by Clara Nett
- “Allergic to Sunlight” by Gladys Nite
- “Much Excitement” By Hugh N. Cry
- “Can’t Make Me” by Ira Fuze
- “Nearly Missed It” by Justin Time
- “Not Hot Enough” by Luke Warm
- “Irish Flooring” by Lynn O’Leum
- “Scandinavian Photography” by Matt Finnish
- “Guide to Gambling” by Monty Carlo
- “Lost Causes” by Noah Vail
- “Irish Dentistry” by Perry O’Dontal
- “Armed Heists” by Robin Banks
- “Latin Dances for Sheep” by Sam Baa



“Exploring the Wild” by Will deNess

Contributed by Ian Everard...



0051 Quartz & Dolomite, Montacute Quarry, South Australia.



0391 Quartz, Ashton Quarry, Ashton, South Australia.



0134 Candle Quartz, Torrington, NSW.



0532 Quartz Smoky on Feldspar, Pinnacles, Arkaroola, South Australia.



0150 Quartz after Flourite, Arkaroola, South Australia.



0689 Quartz & Clinocllore, Arkaroola Bore, South Australia.



0319 Quartz, Ashton Quarry, Ashton, South Australia.



0688 Quartz & Clinocllore, Arkaroola Bore, South Australia.

Contributed by Ian Everard...



0624 Quartz, Torrington, NSW.



0849 Dolomite & Quartz, Riverview Quarry, Highbury, SA.



0687 Quartz & Clinocllore, Arkaroola Bore, South Australia.



0850 Dolomite & Quartz, Riverview Quarry, Highbury, SA.



0691 Quartz & Clinocllore, Arkaroola Bore, South Australia.



0936 Quartz, Ashton Quarry, Ashton, SA.

Contributed by Ian Everard...



1044 Quartz 'Nailhole', Bluemine Creek, Arkaroola, SA.



1204 Quartz, Montacute Quarry, Castamble, SA.



1121 Quartz, Montacute Quarry, Castamble, SA.



1205 Dolomite on Quartz, Montacute Quarry, Castamble, SA.



1145 Dolomite on Quartz, Montacute Quarry, Castamble, SA.



1874 Chalcopyrite & Dolomite on Quartz, River View Quarry, Highbury, SA.

Contributed by Ian Everard...



1207 Dolomite on Quartz, Biggenden, Queensland.



1229 Quartz var Amethyst, Mt Elliot Mine, Selwyn, Qld.



1209 Dolomite on Quartz, Montacute Quarry, Castamble, SA.



2038 Quartz, Mount Gee, Arkaroola, SA.



1210 Quartz (Jap Twin), Montacute Quarry, Castamble, SA.



2923 Quartz, Mount Gee, Arkaroola, SA.



0392 Quartz, Ashton Quarry, Ashton, South Australia.



0328 Quartz, Ashton Quarry, Ashton, South Australia.



1235 Quartz, Mt Elliot Mine, Selwyn, Qld.



0129 Smokey Quartz with Phantoms, Duck Creek, Torrington, NSW.



0937 Quartz, Ashton Quarry, Ashton, SA.



1246 Calcite & Quartz on Diopside, Mt Elliot Mine, Selwyn, Qld.



0131 Smokey Quartz, Torrington, NSW.



1088 Quartz, Mount Gee, Arkaroola, SA.



1443 Quartz, Bridge Road Quarry, Para Hills, SA.



0322 Quartz, Ashton Quarry, Ashton, South Australia.



1447 Quartz, Bridge Road Quarry, Para Hills, SA.



1242 Chalcopryite on Calcite, Mt Elliot Mine, Selwyn, Qld.



1089 Hyalite on Quartz, Mount Gee, Arkaroola, SA.



1448 Quartz, Bridge Road Quarry, Para Hills, SA.



1451 Quartz, Bridge Road Quarry, Para Hills, SA.



1570 Quartz var Smoky, Elsmore, NSW.



1735 Quartz, Blue Mine Creek, Arkaroola, SA.



1823 Quartz with inclusions, Copeton Dam, Inverell, NSW.



1863 Chalcopyrite & Dolomite on Quartz, Riverview Quarry, Highbury, SA.



1875 Chalcopyrite & Dolomite on Quartz, River View Quarry, Highbury, SA.



2342 Calcite on Quartz var Amethyst, Mt Elliot Mine, Selwyn, Qld.



2480 Quartz, Arkaroola, SA.



2884 Quartz var Smoky, Torrington, NSW.

Sample of Ian's 2019 Agate Finds, Agate Creek, Queensland



Agate, Little Simpsons, Agate Creek, Qld.



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Contributed by Chris Browne...

My Recent Lapidary



01 Chris Browne.



02 Chrysoprase, Marlborough, Queensland.



03 Chrysoprase, Marlborough, Queensland.



04 Petrified Wood, Tambo to Springsure, QLD.



05 Petrified Wood, Tambo to Springsure, QLD.



06 Jasp-Agate, near Andamooka, SA.



07 Petrified Palm, unknown location.



08 Petrified Palm, unknown location.



09 Petrified Tree Fern, Wandoan, QLD.



10 Petrified Tree Fern, Wandoan, QLD.



11 Mookaite, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.



12 Petrified Wood.



13 Arrow Head Cabochon - Petrified Wood, Chinchilla, QLD.



14 Chrysoprase, Marlborough, QLD.



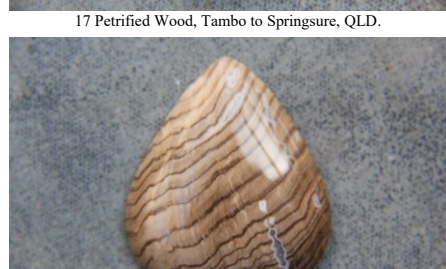
15 Malachite.



16 Petrified Wood, Tambo to Springsure, QLD.



17 Petrified Wood, Tambo to Springsure, QLD.



18 Petrified Wood, Tambo to Springsure, QLD.

My Recent Lapidary – Continued...



19 Petrified Wood, Barcaldine, QLD.



20 Opalised Wood, Springsure, QLD.



21 Opalised Wood, Springsure, QLD.



22 Petrified Wood, Tambo to Springsure Road, QLD.



23 Petrified Wood, Tambo to Springsure Road, QLD.



24 Mookaite, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

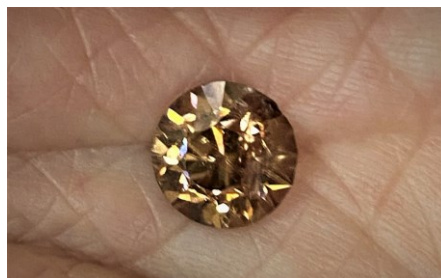


25 Petrified Wood, Emerald, QLD.

Wendy Purdie's Recent Gemstone Faceting Craftwork



Zircon stone sourced from Harts Range (NT) by Bob Cox and faceted by Wendy Purdie.



Zircon stone sourced from Harts Range (NT) by Bob Cox and faceted by Wendy Purdie.



Topaz stone sourced from Mount Surprise (Qld) by Ian Everard and faceted by Wendy Purdie.

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Contributed by Doug Hughes...

A new interpretation of being poor...



Bought vs Homemade

Six year old Annie returns home from school and says that today she had her first family planning lesson at school.

Her mother, very interested, asks: "Oh... How did it go"

"I nearly died of shame!" she answers. "Sam from down the street says the stork brings babies. Sally next door said you can buy babies at the orphanage. Pete in my class says you can buy babies at the hospital."

Her mother answers laughingly, "But that's no reason to be ashamed."

"No... but I can't tell them that we were so poor that you and daddy had to make me yourselves!"

"Can you tie a knot?"

"I cannot!"

"So, you can knot?"

"No, I cannot knot!"

Not Knot! Who's There?

Not Mal Knott: he is not here.



Orroroo. The story goes that during the construction of the Overland Telegraph, Sir Charles Hevitree Todd, Postmaster General of South Australia, was very taken with Orroroo and directed it to be the site of a telegraph repeater station and Post Office.

His foreman is supposed to replied, 'Not a Post Office Sir. You will never get more than two letters out of Orroroo!'

For those of you who have raised concerns about being stuck inside a plane all breathing the same air when the lockdown finishes, I give you "CovidAir"



**WHICH ALCOHOL
MADE YOU SAY
I'LL NEVER
DRINK THAT AGAIN?**



**Sometimes it's all
about the angle.**

I need to re-home a dog. It's a small terrier, and tends to bark a lot. If you're interested, let me know and I'll jump over my neighbor's fence and get it for you.



**My luck is like
a bald guy who
just won a
comb.**

**I'M BORED.
I THINK I'LL GO TO THE MALL,
FIND A GREAT PARKING SPOT
AND SIT IN MY CAR WITH THE
REVERSE LIGHTS ON.**
@REBEL_ORGS

**If you answer
the phone with
"Hello, you're on the air!"
most telemarketers
will quickly hang up...**

**I had my patience tested.
I'm negative.**

**Everyone is talking about
coming out of this
quarantine with a new
skill or side hustle.**

**I'm just sitting here
wondering how I never
noticed there's a turd in
Saturday.**

**Did you know on
the Canary
Islands there is
not one canary?
And on the
Virgin Isles?
Same thing - not
one canary there
either!**

**I REMEMBER BEING
ABLE TO GET UP
WITHOUT MAKING
SOUND EFFECTS...
GOOD TIMES.**

**Sixty might be
the new forty
but 9:00 is the
new midnight.**

**I finally got 8 hours
sleep. It took me three
days, but whatever.**

Contributed by Augie Gray...

**My friend composes songs about sewing machines.
He's a singer songwriter or sew it seams.**

Self testing for Covid-19.

Pour a measure of whisky, gin or rum into a glass, then see if you can smell it. If you can, then drink it and if you can taste it it's reasonable to assume you currently free of the virus.

I tested myself nine times last night and was virus-free each time, thank goodness. I will test myself again today because I have developed a headache which can also be a symptom.



So for season 2... I mean the second wave... can we switch quarantine partners or are we stuck with the same ones from season 1? 😊

**If you think swimming with dolphins is expensive?
You should try swimming with sharks...
Cost me an arm and a leg!**



THAT AWKWARD MOMENT WHEN



YOU HIRE A DOG GROOMER TO SHEAR SHEEP.

Well to be perfectly honest, in my humble opinion, of course without offending anyone who thinks differently from my point of view, but also by looking into this matter in a different perspective and without being condemning of one's views and by considering each and everyone's valid opinion, I honestly believe that I completely forgot what I was going to say.



Goon Sack!

10 More Parts of 81 Crazy Things You Probably Did Not Know About Australia...

- 62. The performance by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at the 2000 Olympics opening ceremony was actually a [prerecording](#) of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.
- 63. The [wine cask](#) (goon sack) is an Australian invention.
- 64. So is the [selfie](#).
- 65. Durack, Australia's biggest electorate, is larger in size than [Mongolia](#).
- 66. The world's [first](#) compulsory seat belt law was put into place in Victoria in 1970.
- 67. Each year, Brisbane hosts the world championships of [cockroach racing](#).
- 68. In 1932, the Australian military waged [war](#) on the emu population of Western Australia. Embarrassingly, they lost.
- 69. Canberra was [created](#) in 1908 as a compromise when Sydney and Melbourne both wanted to be the capital city.
- 70. A gay bar in Melbourne won the right to ban women from the premises, because they made the men [uncomfortable](#).
- 71. In 1992, an Australian gambling [syndicate](#) bought almost all the number combinations in a Virginia lottery, and won. They turned a \$5m purchase into a \$27m win.

BREAKING NEWS... swimming pools to re-open from the 4th July, but due to continued social distancing regulations there will be no water in lanes 1, 3 and 5.....

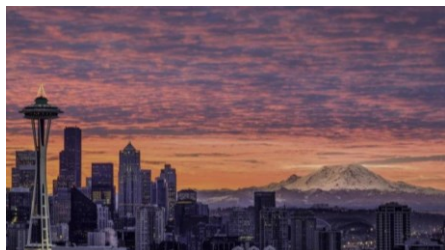
Had I known in March that it was the last time I would be in a restaurant, I would have ordered the dessert

Contributed by Augie Gray...

Great Photography – Part 2



6. This is what Wiltshire, England, looks like.



7. This is what the Seattle skyline looks like.



8. This is what a sunset looks like from above the clouds.



9. This is a volcano in Ethiopia that burns bright blue.



10. This is what lions look like in the rain.



11. This is what a tree farm looks like.



12. This is what a huge rhododendron tree looks like.



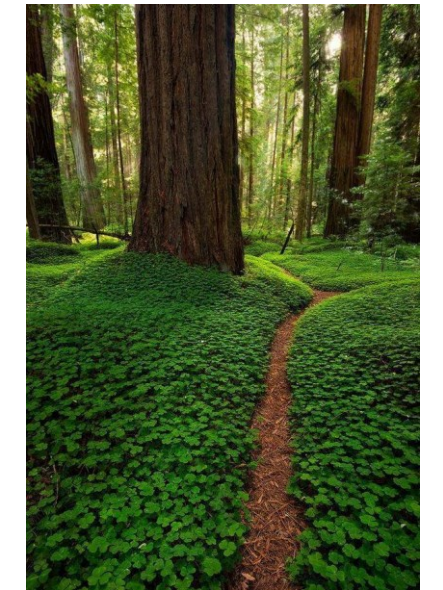
13. This is how massive Tokyo is.



14. This is what a rainstorm over the city of Denver looks like.



15. This is a process called guttation. The plant is expelling water due to a positive root pressure.



16. This is what the clovers that cover the floor of the California Redwood Forest look like.



17. This is what a Russian Red Fox looks like.



18. This is what a castle on an island in Ireland looks like.



19. This is what Venice looks like from above.



20. This is what the Dark Hedges of Northern Ireland look like.



21. This is what the pyramids look like from Cairo street.

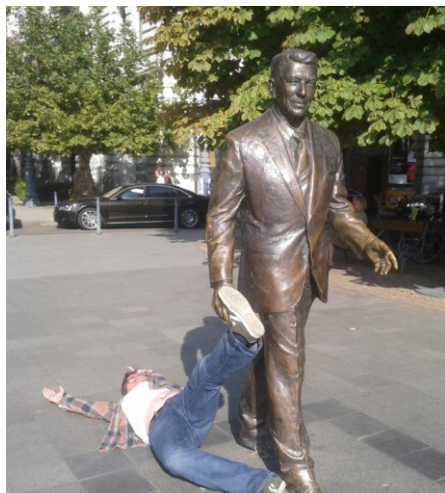


22. This is what two hours' worth of lightning on one pic looks like.

Contributed by Augie Gray...

How Statues Are Fighting Back Part 1.

We have all heard about people taking down statues as a part of protests and riots that have been happening recently. Meanwhile the statues around the world have apparently started to fight back.



Contributed by Doug Walker...



An Amusing Tale...

Adam who lived in the north of England, decided to go camping in Scotland with his buddy, Chris.

So, they loaded up Adam's car and headed north.

After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard.

So, they pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if she had anywhere, they could spend the night to weather out the storm.

'I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge farm house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed,' she explained, 'and I'm afraid the neighbours will talk if I let you stay in my house.'

'Don't worry,' Adam said. 'We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light.'

The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night.

Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great camping trip.

However, about nine months later, Adam got an unexpected letter from a solicitor.

It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the solicitor of that attractive widow he had met whilst heading out to that camping trip.

He dropped in on his friend Chris and asked, "Chris, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our camping trip in Scotland about 9 months ago?"

'Yes, I do,' said Chris.

'Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?'

'Well, um, yes!' Chris said, a little embarrassed about being found out, 'I have to admit that I did.'

'And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?'

Chris's face turned beet red and he said, 'Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy. I'm afraid I did.' 'Why do you ask?'

'She just died and left me everything!!!'

...now I bet you thought that the ending would be little different, didn't you? 😊

I am on a seafood diet.
I see food, and I eat it.

Eating in the 50s

For those of you who are old enough to remember, enjoy...

For the rest treat this as a history lesson!

(Surprising how time and memory has taken its toll. Have things really changed this much in our time?)

1. Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
2. Oil was for lubricating; fat was for cooking.
3. Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves; and never green.
4. Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
5. Eating raw fish was called poverty not sushi.
6. Only Heinz made beans.
7. Pasta had not been invented.
8. Curry was a surname.
9. A takeaway was a mathematical problem.
10. A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.
11. Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.
12. All crisps were plain, the only choice was whether to add salt or not.
13. Rice was a milk pudding, and never part of our dinner.
14. Condiments consisted of salt, pepper, vinegar, and brown sauce.
15. Frozen food was called ice cream.
16. Prunes were medicinal.
17. None of us had heard of yogurt.
18. Heathy food consisted of anything edible.
19. People who did not peel their potatoes were regarded as lazy.
20. Indian restaurants were found only in India.
21. Seaweed was not recognised as food.
22. Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we only saw a photo of a real one.
23. "Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.
24. Water came out of a tap, suggesting bottling it, and charging for it, would have become a laughingstock.
25. The one thing that we never ever had on our table was elbows!





When you get asked to help with the laundry



If you want to save money at Xmas, now's the perfect time to tell the kids that Santa didn't make it through the pandemic

Nine months past Corona:



This is brilliant. Not sure who the photographer is. "Stealing the sun"



My husband purchased a world map.... gave me a dart and said "throw this and wherever it lands I'm taking you for a holiday when this pandemic is over". Turns out we're spending two weeks behind the fridge. 😞

Found a coronavirus mask in the back of this taxi. Smells a bit but I'm taking no chances.

#coronavirus



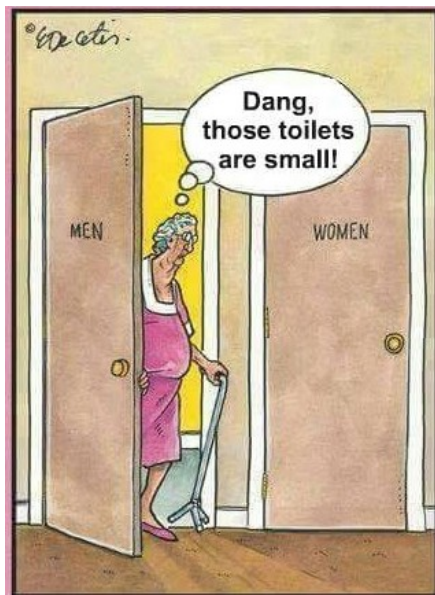
Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly.

Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.

My wife just opened a jar of pickles by herself and I can't help but wonder if my days around here are numbered...

Of course a day without **BEER** Probably won't kill me. But why risk it?

PlanetBeer.net



This is pure speculation, but I think somebody came home early.



EXERCISE???



I THOUGHT YOU SAID "EXTRA PIES!"



They did not think through this water fountain

SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE BIRDS. YOU HELP THEM TO FLY AND ONCE THEY'RE IN THE AIR THEY SHIT ON YOU

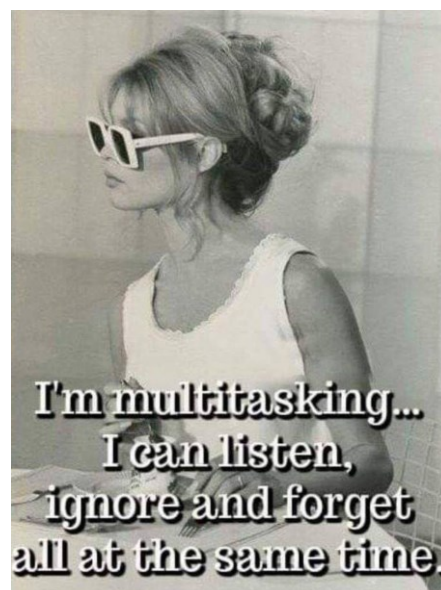


Great Walkers of Australia - Cradle Mountain, Tasmania.



Accidentally stepped on my husband's foot:
"Sorry."

Accidentally stepped on my dog's paw:
"Oh my God, I'm so SORRY! Are you ok buddy? I'm SO, SO sorry. I didn't mean to hurt you. I LOVE you. You want a treat? You're the best boy, yes you are."



I love cholocate.
Raed it agian
Is tihs how you fialed yuor exams

Good to hear the government calling the over 60s elderly and vulnerable when it comes to the corona virus. When it comes to state pension we're young and fit enough to work till we're 66+.

Some people only write lockdown because they can't spell kwarinteen.

Sleeping next to someone you love makes you fall asleep faster, reduces depression, and helps you live longer.
UNTIL THEY START TO SNORE

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Knowing when to shut your mouth...



A king had 10 wild dogs. He used them to torture and kill any minister that misguided him.

A minister once gave an opinion which was wrong and which the king did not like at all. So, he ordered that the minister to be thrown to the dogs.

The minister said, "I served you loyally for 10 years and you do this?"

The king was unrelenting.

The Minister pleaded, "Please give me 10 days before you throw me to the dogs".

The king agreed.

In those 10 days the minister went to the keeper of the dogs and told him he wanted to serve the dogs for the next 10 days.

The guard was baffled, but he agreed.

So, the minister started feeding the dogs, caring for them, washing them, providing all sorts of comfort for them.

When the 10 days were up, the king ordered that the minister be thrown to the dogs as sentenced. But when he was thrown in, everyone was amazed at what they saw. The dogs were wagging their tails playing with the condemned minister; even licking his feet.

The king was baffled at what he saw. "What happened to the dogs?", he growled.

The minister then said, "I served the dogs for only 10 days and they didn't forget my service! Yet, I served you for 10 years and you forgot it all with my first mistake!"

The king realised his mistake and immediately replaced the dogs with crocodiles!

Moral: Once Management has targeted you that is it...that is final!

What is Celibacy?

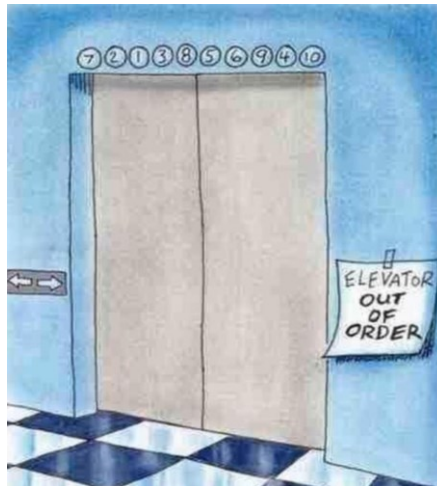
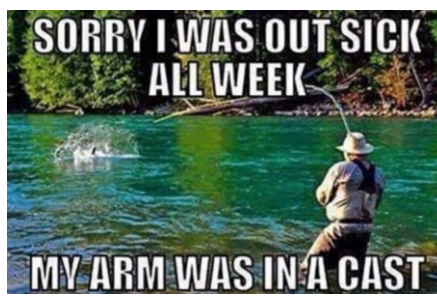
Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by circumstances.

While attending a Marriage Weekend, my wife and I, listened to the instructor declare, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other."

He then addressed the men, "Can you name and describe your wife's favourite flower?"

I leaned over, touched my wife's hand gently, and whispered, "Self-raising, isn't it?"

And thus, began my life of celibacy.



City people in the country.



Skull of a Canadian Mosquito.



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