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Ginger Lily

Photo courtesy Mark McDermid

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From the President's desk

What a terribly challenging year we are having. We've had devastating bushfires, we've been grappling with drought conditions, and now we have the terrible coronavirus called COVID-19. While bushfires and drought have been heartbreaking for certain sections of the community, COVID-19 is adversely affecting virtually every part of our society. It seems we are all affected in one way or another, some more so than others, and so I would think that this is our greatest Australian (and global) challenge since World War II, if not in living memory, in terms of the economic impact as well as the impact on our health.

Many people are losing jobs, particularly those in "small business", self-employed, casual workers, and the "gig" economy. Massive financial aid from Federal and State governments is being pumped into the economy to try to keep the overall economy going. Centrelink is overloaded with newly unemployed people seeking benefits to help them put food on the table and to pay for essential items such as rent, electricity and water. I can't even imagine how difficult it must be for those that are already homeless.

The pressure on our health systems will be enormous. At the time of writing this (late March), Australia had recorded a **DOUBLING** of COVID-19 infections in the space of **FOUR** days. If this trend continues, there will be a massive increase in the number of hospital ICU beds needed to care for the severely affected. According to the abc.net.au website, Australia sees about 160,000 ICU admissions per year. Yet if 20% (a possibly conservative number) of Australians are infected by COVID-19, we will need 256,000 ICU beds. South Australia only has 188 ICU beds. And with each ICU bed we need a dedicated trained nurse, as well ventilators, masks, gowns, etc. Currently we don't have enough of any of these items, and that's why it is **CRITICAL** that we follow government advice to reduce the number of infections ("flatten the curve") so that our health systems can cope with the anticipated influx of cases.

In order to stay healthy and flatten the curve, we **MUST** follow the government advice which is by and large quite straight-forward. To protect others and stop the spread,

- practice good hygiene: wash your hands frequently, cover your coughs; put tissues straight into a bin; avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth; and

clean regularly used objects and surfaces.

- practice social distancing: **stay at home unless is absolutely necessary**, keep 1.5 metres away from others, avoid physical greetings such as handshaking, hugs and kisses, use tap and pay instead of cash, travel at quiet times and avoid crowds, avoid public gatherings and at-risk groups

- follow the limits for public gatherings (if unsure, go to www.health.gov.au)

Like the times during the bushfires, we're seeing the best and worst of humanity emerge, with acts of kindness are interspersed with acts of greed. I've heard stories of generosity where strangers are giving cash or goods to others. But scammers are trying to rip people off. Here are 2 examples to be wary of:

- people knocking on doors pretending to be bio-security health workers, coming into homes and casing the joint for a future burglary. This is **FALSE** and **DANGEROUS**. Don't let them in.

- people ringing up on the phone saying they are from the government and need your banking details so they can deposit the government's \$750 relief payment into your bank account. **DON'T GIVE OUT YOUR BANKING DETAILS** to these unscrupulous people. If you qualify, you will get the government payment automatically through the usual channels such as Centrelink.

There is a lot of misinformation, opinions, and hysteria flying around, so it's extremely important that we continue to stay current with the COVID-19 situation which is changing rapidly on a daily basis. Always get your information from a **TRUSTED SOURCE**, such as the official government website health.gov.au, or from reliable media sources such as abc.net.au. This is an incredibly serious situation that will be ongoing for an as yet undetermined amount of time. It is serious, so we need to take it seriously.

Given the growing restrictions around social and business interactions, it's hard to say when everything will get back to normal, including the hard-copy publication of this humble newsletter. For now, we are expecting we'll simply publish a digital version. Many thanks to Admin for so kindly posting it on the Echunga Community Chat Facebook page.

In the meantime, stay safe, and stay well.

Mark McDermid



Echunga RSL Sub Branch

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Unfortunately due to the current COVID19 health crisis our Social Nights have been cancelled indefinitely. We will let you know when we are up and running again, so till then, stay safe and well.

Reminder: Subs are now due for your RSL membership.

Please see full notice in this issue of The Times regarding changes to Anzac Day.

New members always welcome.



*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."*

ECHUNGA RSL SUB BRANCH

As everyone would be aware the coronavirus is affecting many aspects of the wider community.

The Anzac Day commemoration service and breakfast has become something of an 'institution' in our small community, but regrettably this year we must cancel proceedings. The health of our wider community is of the utmost consideration and although the government has advised that mass gatherings of 500 persons should be banned, we consider that there is as much risk in a gathering of 100, 200, 300 or more.

We always appreciate the huge support we receive each year and trust that next year everything will proceed as 'normal'.



The Committee, Echunga - RSL Sub Branch.

How to Commemorate Anzac Day at Home

Recite the Ode:

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Recite the names of Echunga's Fallen:

Boer War: Charles Millman

WWI: Stanley Lyons, Frederick Joseph Raggatt, Ernest Miller, John Scott Kent, Bashom Stanley Griffin, Frederick Alexander Lowe, William Cameron, William Horace Gladstone Osborn, Amyas Edgar William (Mick) Smith, Joseph James Septimus (Jim) Woodgate, Walter Leslie Christian, Lyndon Samuel Bigg, Allan Samuel Radford, William Charles Thomas, Ernest Miller, William Japhet James Smith

WWII: Archibald Silvester Anderson, Ronald William Hofmeyer, Harcourt Stanley John Morrison, Henry Oswald Lohmann, Thomas Freer Macgregor-King

Lest We Forget.

Use this link for the Last Post, a minute's silence and Rouse: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muBINEj9ZI>

The Dawn Service at the Australian War Memorial will be broadcast live; however, will not be open for public attendance. Please follow Government health advice when considering your commemoration options for Anzac Day.

Lest We Forget.



battunga weather

Latest Observations, Trends, Graphs, Records and Statistics are updated every five minutes online at battungaweather.com.

Averages and Extremes for the month of March 2020

Data collected from an automatic weather station in Flaxley

Average temperature: 15.7°C
 Maximum temperature: 30.7°C on day 11 at time 14:27
 Minimum temperature: 2.3°C on day 27 at 7:25

Average humidity: 72%
 Maximum humidity: 97% on day 27 at 09:30
 Minimum humidity: 16% on day 19 at 15:09

Average wind speed: 1.2 km/h
 Maximum wind gust: 38.9 km/h from NW on day 29 at 10:37

Rainfall Summary

2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Rain	63.6	25.2	6.4										95.2
Days	8	7	7										22

2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Rain	0.7	15.9	5	3	103.7	117.3	84.4	77.4	70.4	25	1.2		445.8
Days	1	6	2	2	14	16	14	10	8	8	2		82

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 Compiled for publication on 29/03/2020 at 20:00

1920	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Rain	1.3	3.3	35.3	23.1	127.9	177	94.6	165.7	50.2	84.4	67.2	40.9	870.9
Days	1	1	3	5	11	28	19	20	13	10	11	8	130

Data collected by E.D. Davenport at Battunga (Flaxley) between 1884 and 1922. Data published by the Bureau of Meteorology.

Total February 2020 rainfall from local Bureau of Meteorology Stations

Sourced from www.bom.gov.au

Macclesfield: 52.2 mm	Strathalbyn: 42.8 mm	Mt Bold: 44.0 mm
Meadows: 56.8 mm	Mount Barker: 17.0 mm	Kuitpo Forest: 38.8 mm
Hahndorf: 62.0 mm	Mylor: 50.6 mm	Adelaide: 31.0 mm

Monthly Dance

CANCELLED

Given the advice received through regular government updates regarding the Coronavirus, the Echunga Hall Committee has made the decision to suspend the dance for the months of April, May and June (in the first instance).

Echunga Garden Club

On Tuesday March 10th members visited Raywood Nursery, Delamere. Lloyd Mitchell drove the Lofty bus full of noisy ladies, who enjoyed a great day out! Thank you Lloyd for all your help and patience.

First stop was for lunch at the Normanville Beach Café. We all enjoyed the sunshine and food – panko crumbed prawns and chips were the flavour of the day.

The area around Deep Creek Conservation Park enthralled us all. Stringy bark forest with an understory of bracken and a large number of Yackas (*Xanthorrhoea*) or grass trees shining in the sun.

Raywood Nursery is just on the boundary of the park. Many of us had been there 5 years ago so came prepared with boxes to take our purchases away in. We all spread out for a walk around this beautiful natural nursery set in the bush. The very helpful staff, who were all family, labelled all the plants for us and we all went home with something special. The little birds, including blue fairy wrens flew close to us onto the table where the staff were putting small pieces of cheese for them.

No one was in a hurry to go home. The scenery along the coast was so beautiful as it was a calm, sunny autumnal day. Kate thanked Lloyd and we discussed next months garden visit. We will meet on Tuesday 14th April at 10.30 am at the Echunga Hall to carpool and go to Kay Stubbs home, 8 Berry Smith Drive, Strathalbyn. Ph 85363036 for a meeting. Please bring finger food lunch to share. Afterwards we will visit Serenity Gardens in Strathalbyn.

Madeline Kneen.

NB: With the constantly changing Government directives regarding social distancing, please contact Madeline re the status of the April meeting.



SMALL ACREAGE FIELD DAYS POSTPONED

A Government directive late last week called for the cancellation of gatherings of more than 500 people to minimise the impact of the declared COVID-19 pandemic. In light of that, the Rotary Club of Stirling has reluctantly postponed the Small Acreage Field Days planned for Echunga in early April.

The Event Chair, Greg Russell, has stressed, though, that this is a *postponement* and not a cancellation, and planning will continue with a view to holding the Field Days next year once this health emergency is over.

Greg has thanked, in particular, all the exhibitors and sponsors who supported Rotary for this inaugural event. He noted that there were a huge number of other community organisations and bodies which had also put in a great deal of effort to ensure success.

This is certainly a blow to our club, he said, but there are many other people, companies and charitable organisations in the same, or worse, situations, and our focus over the next few weeks and months has to be on looking after each other and keeping ourselves and others safe.

Finally, He wished to thank the broader community in the Hills which has supported Rotary and our projects over the past 45 years and sincerely hoped that will continue well into the future in spite of this serious, but temporary setback.

See you next year!

Major Pandemics of The 20th Century

There have been 3 pandemics in the last 100 years approximately. The so-called Spanish flu of 1918-1919, the Asian Flu of 1957, and the Hong Kong Flu of 1968.

What is influenza?

Influenza, or 'the flu', is a highly contagious respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus that is transmitted from person to person through airborne respiratory secretions. An outbreak can occur if a new strain of influenza virus emerges against which the population has no immunity.

In 15th-century Italy, an upper respiratory infection was considered to be 'influenced' by the stars, thereby giving the disease its name.

There are three types of the virus: Influenza A, B and C, with Influenza A causing the most severe infections. The virus mutates rapidly and constantly, meaning the human population cannot build up an enduring immunity. The flu is estimated to cause up to 3500 deaths in **Australia** each year.

SPANISH FLU of 1918-1919

The 'Spanish flu' pandemic emerged at the end of the First World War in 1918, eventually killing more than 50 million people worldwide according to some estimates. An influenza virus called influenza type A subtype H1N1 is now known to have been the cause of the extreme mortality of this pandemic which occurred in three waves.



It was called 'Spanish flu' not because it originated in Spain, but due to it first being widely reported there. The first wave apparently originated in early March 1918. The virus spread rapidly around the world as soldiers returned from active service at the end of the war.

The virus quickly spread through western Europe, and by July it had spread to Poland. The first wave of influenza was comparatively mild. However, during the summer a more lethal type of disease was recognized, and this form fully emerged in August 1918. Pneumonia often developed quickly, with death

usually coming two days after the first indications of the flu.

The third wave of the pandemic occurred in the following winter, and by the spring the virus had run its course. In the two later waves about half the deaths were among 20- to 40-year-olds, an unusual mortality age pattern for influenza.

India is believed to have suffered at least 12.5 million deaths during the pandemic, whilst in the United States about 550,000 people died.

The Spanish Flu in Australia

Because of its remoteness from Europe, Australia had months to make necessary preparations. But despite a swift quarantine response in October 1918, cases of Spanish flu began to appear in **Australia** in early 1919. Up to 40 per cent of the population were infected with the estimated death toll of 15,000 people representing a death rate of 2.7 per 1000, one of the lowest recorded of any country during the pandemic. Sadly, some Aboriginal communities recorded a mortality rate of 50 per cent.

The first line of defence was to try to prevent the virus reaching the Australian mainland. The Australian Quarantine Service monitored the spread of the pandemic and implemented maritime quarantine on 17 October 1918 after learning of outbreaks in New Zealand and South Africa. Over the next six months the service intercepted 323 vessels, 174 of which carried the infection. Of the 81,510 people who were checked, 1102 were infected.

The federal government's second line of defence was to establish a consistent response in handling and containing any pneumonic influenza outbreaks that might occur. It held a national influenza planning conference in Melbourne late November 1918, at which state health ministers, the directors-general of their health departments and British Medical Association representatives met with Commonwealth personnel.

The conference agreed to the federal government taking responsibility for proclaiming which states were infected along with organising maritime and land quarantine. The states would arrange emergency hospitals, vaccination depots, ambulance services, medical staff and public awareness measures.

The first case of pneumonic influenza appeared in Melbourne, on 9 or 10 January 1919. Early cases were so mild, however, that there was initially confusion

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about whether the virus was the Spanish flu, or simply a continuation of the seasonal flu virus from the previous winter.

This uncertainty delayed the confirmation of an outbreak from Victorian health authorities, which allowed the infection to spread to New South Wales and South Australia by the end of January 1919.

Tensions in the new Federation surfaced as the other states viewed Victoria's delay in confirming the outbreak as a breach of the November agreement made with the Commonwealth. Soon each state made their own arrangements for handling and containing outbreaks, including organising their own border controls.

The experience of pneumonic influenza varied from place to place. The city of Sydney implemented strict measures in an attempt to limit the spread of the disease. This included closing schools and places of entertainment, and mandating the use of masks.

Such measures didn't prevent the spread of the disease, but did manage to slow its growth. Perth's isolation and effective state border quarantine control ensured that influenza didn't appear until June 1919. However, a spike occurred in infections after crowds gathered to celebrate Peace Day on 19 July 1919.



ASIAN FLU of 1957

The outbreak of influenza, called Asian flu of 1957, was first identified in February 1957 in East Asia and that subsequently spread to countries worldwide. It caused an estimated one million to two million deaths worldwide. It was caused by a virus known as influenza A subtype H2N2, or Asian flu virus. Research has indicated that this virus was a mixed species strain, originating from strains of avian influenza and human influenza viruses. After 10 years of evolution, the Asian

flu virus disappeared, having been replaced through antigenic shift by a new influenza A subtype, H3N2, which gave rise to the Hong Kong flu pandemic.

In the first months of the 1957 Asian flu pandemic, the virus spread throughout China and surrounding regions. By midsummer it had reached the United States. By November 1957 the pandemic was also widespread in the UK.

Similar to the 1968 Hong Kong flu, the Asian flu was associated with variation in susceptibility and course of illness. Whereas some infected individuals experienced only minor symptoms, such as cough and mild fever, others experienced life-threatening complications such as pneumonia. Those persons who were unaffected by the virus were believed to have possessed protective antibodies to other, closely related strains of influenza.

HONG KONG FLU of 1968

The Hong Kong flu of 1968 saw a global outbreak of influenza that originated in China in July 1968 and lasted until 1969–70, resulting in an estimated 1 million to 4 million deaths.

The 1968 pandemic was initiated by the emergence of a virus known as influenza A subtype H3N2, suspected of evolving from the strain of influenza that caused the 1957 pandemic. Persons who had been exposed to the 1957 virus apparently retained immune protection against the 1968 virus.

The Hong Kong flu was highly contagious, a factor that facilitated its rapid global dissemination. Within two weeks of its emergence in July in Hong Kong, some 500,000 cases of illness had been reported, and the virus proceeded to spread swiftly throughout Southeast Asia. Within several months it had reached the Panama Canal Zone and the United States, where it had been taken overseas by soldiers returning to California from Vietnam.

By the end of December the virus had reached most parts of the world. The pandemic occurred in two waves - in most places the second wave caused a greater number of deaths than the first wave.

The highest levels of mortality were associated with the most susceptible groups, namely infants and the elderly. Although a vaccine was developed against the virus, it became available only after the pandemic had peaked in many countries.

M.McD. Source: britannica.com, nma.gov.au

The Way We Were

ECHUNGA RACES.

In order to provide some amusement for the inhabitants of Echunga and the neighbourhood on Easter Monday equestrian sports were arranged. The promoters were favoured with splendid weather, and a large number of people, including many of the fair sex, found their way to the course. The scene was about half a mile from the township, in a paddock belonging to Mr. Thos. Hall, but unfortunately, owing to the trees, the spectators were unable to see all round the course; notwithstanding this, all appeared to thoroughly enjoy the sport. Mr. P. B. Coglin, M.P., acted as Judge and Starter. The following are particulars of the events:—

DISTRICT RACE.—Confined to bona fide owners living within the district. Prize, £6 6s. Three horses to start or no race. Distance, twice round the Course, and heats. Catch weights.

Mr. Seaman's Typo	1 1
—Sunshine	2 3
Mr. Masters's Bobby	3 2

Mr. Von Doussa's Cinderella, Mr. Moseley's Dick. This was a gift to Typo, who won both heats easily. Sunshine and Bobby made good running for second place, and Dick came in a good fourth; but Cinderella was nowhere.

ECHUNGA TOWN PLATE.—Open to the colony. Prize £7, with — sovs. added. Distance, twice round the Course, and heats. Weights for age.

Mr. Maloney's Oyster Girl	1 1
Mr. Smallacombe's Polly	2 2
Mr. McEnhill's Flying Dutchman	3 3
Mr. Ferry's Kathleen.	

—Venus. Venus was the favourite; but unfortunately soon after starting in the first heat she fell lame and had to pull up. In the first event Polly came in an easy winner with Oyster Girl second, but the race was declared void by the Judge. In the second heat Polly unfortunately lost

all her chance through some misunderstanding on the part of her jock as to starting, she being some 50 yards behind at the start, consequently Oyster Girl won the heat. There was a very good race in the third heat, but Oyster Girl came in an easy winner.

HURDLE RACE.—Open to the colony. Prize, £7, with — sovs. added. Distance, twice round the Course, and heats, over three hurdles 4 feet 6 inches high. Weight for age. Three horses to start or no race.

Mr. Maloney's Monk (Alford)	1 1
Mr. Ferry's Sambo (Baruh)	2 dis
Mr. Maloney's Oyster Girl.	

The three started well together, but after going a short distance Oyster Girl was pulled up, having evidently only been entered for the purpose of making up a race. The first, second, and third hurdles were taken by the other two horses in splendid style, Monk having a slight lead. On passing the winning-post the first time round Sambo collared his opponent, and a neck-and-neck race ensued to the fourth hurdle, at which both rose simultaneously, but Sambo unfortunately came to grief by making a somersault and sending his rider several yards in advance. Sambo on regaining his legs made tracks for home, taking all the fences in his way in fine style, and was not captured until he had got within three miles of his stable. His rider fortunately did not sustain any serious injury. Monk in the meantime continued his course, taking every fence in capital style. The next heat was a walkover for Monk, who took every hurdle without baulking.

HACK RACE. — Five entered, but Mr. J. Keough's Little Dick proved too fast for the rest and won easily.

A Hurryskurry was won by Mr. _____'s Black Bess, beating three others.

The day's sports were wound up by a Diggers' Purse, won by Nipper.—*Southern, Argus.*

Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Tuesday 26 April 1870, page 3

ECHUNGA, April 25. On Saturday a cricket match was played here between an eleven selected from the local club and a combined team of clubites and residents. It resulted in a draw, decidedly in favor of the club eleven, who, for the loss of four wickets, secured 89 runs, of which 38 were contributed by G. Hampton (captain) and 18 by R. Martin. H. Warland's bowling was successful. For the losing team F. Day secured 29 runs, A. Hall (captain) 20, and J. Anderson 12. The four club wickets taken were caught off C. Fergusson's bowling. During the past season the club lost four matches, drew five (four of which were in its favor), and won eight. During the last few days the weather has been delightful, but it is feared that the severe frost which we have been experiencing during the nights may prove destructive to various kinds of crops.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Thursday 28 April 1898, page 6



The Way We Were

A FINE OLD PIONEER.

AN OCTOGENARIAN.

CAME OUT IN THE RAPID.

[By our Special Reporter.]

One of the most interesting personalities of the fast-diminishing band of pioneers is William Hodges, who came out in the Rapid with Col. Light in 1836, and will next birthday be 81 years of age. This grand old man, who is well up in the history of South Australia from before its foundation, is living with his wife at Stepney. I spent the whole of Monday afternoon chatting away to Mr. Hodges, and it was quite a treat listening to this sturdy, sterling old character recounting the history of the early days of the state.

—The Arrival of the Rapid. —

'You came out in the Rapid?— 'Yes; we sailed from London on May 1, 1836, in the Rapid, the commissioners' surveying vessel, to fix the site of the chief city in South Australia and the best port in the vicinity. I was 14 years and eight months old when I left home, and I was articled to serve under Col. Light for three years. My indentures were drawn up in the commissioners' office, Adelphi terrace, London. We came direct to South Australia, not calling at any ports, and arrived at Antechamber Bay, Kangaroo Island, on August 20 of the same year. That was a Saturday night. On the Sunday Capt. Martin, of the John Pirie, which was anchored at Kingscote, came down in a whaleboat and boarded our vessel. On the Monday we set sail for Nepean Bay. There we found two other vessels, the names of which I forget, and a lot of people belonging to the South Australian Company, who had arrived some days before us. We lay there about a fortnight, during which time I had my fifteenth birthday. When we had made our ship snug for coasting we sailed over to the mainland. The first place we called at was Rapid Bay. We then came up the gulf, landing wherever we could. During the time we were at Kangaroo Island we fell in with one of the islanders, and Col. Light engaged him and his two black women as interpreters, as Col. Light wanted to correspond with the blacks. One of the black women told us that there was a large river up the gulf. She had not visited it herself, but had heard of it from the men belonging to her tribe, Encounter Bay. We found it

after some difficulty, and it is the present Port. We took our boat up the river. There were numerous ducks and black swan on the water, and we knocked some of them over with the oars and boathooks, and brought them aboard. On the first occasion we couldn't find the proper channel. We buoyed the entrance to it with casks, and Col. Light was so impressed with the place that he made up his mind that the settlement must be somewhere in the vicinity of where Adelaide now stands.'

—The First Surveyors.—

"We sailed away to Kangaroo Island, and on our journey we saw a boat making for us somewhere off Noarlunga. Mr. George Kingston and Mr. John Morphett were in the boat, which belonged to one of the islanders. They told us that the Cygnet had arrived with the surveyors and the survey labourers. Among them was Capt. Finniss, as well as wives and children of some of the labourers. We brought them over to the mainland, and formed a temporary depot at Rapid Bay, under the charge of Mr. George Kingston. We left several men, together with their wives, there, it was there the first birth occurred, Mrs. James Beare being deliver-ed of a son. The Cygnet was sent to Port Lincoln to await the arrival of the Buffalo with Governor Hindmarsh on board. I often heard Col. Light say that Capt. Hind-marsh was strongly in favour of Port Lincoln being the place of settlement, and so it was expected that the Buffalo would make there. After we had brought our vessel up the port, Col. Light finally decided that it should be the place of residence. There was no news of the Cygnet or of the Buffalo, so in the beginning of December we went to Port Lincoln. We found the Cygnet still lying there, but no Governor had arrived. On our journey back to Rapid Bay we sighted the Tam o'Shanter. We placed one of our officers, Mr. Pullen, afterwards Admiral Pullen, on board in charge of the Tam o'Shanter, and we conveyed her over to the present Port. We sailed ahead and they were to follow us. When we got as far as Schnapper Point we found that the Tam o'Shanter

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was not following. Col. Light ordered the gig to be lowered and manned. I pulled bow oar. We went to see what detained the Tam o'Shanter. When we got aboard Mr. Pullen reported that Capt. Freeman had taken the charge out of his hands, and run the vessel on to the bar. Our men were sent to lower her upper gear. Next morning Col. Light visited her. Capt. Freeman told Col. Light that she floated during the night. Col. Light was very angry, and said Capt. Freeman should have hove his vessel off the bar, and that he was responsible for his vessel being on shore. "We spent our Christmas in 1836 lying in Port Adelaide."

—First Horses and Early Surveys.—

'Then we were ordered to go to Sydney in the Rapid to fetch bones for the use of the Survey Department. There were no cattle here then of any sort During the time we were away the surveyors were busy laying out the City of Adelaide. After we came back, the town being finished, they started to survey the preliminary sections that were purchased in England. The Rapid was sent home to report progress, and Mr. George Kingston was the one appointed to interview the commissioners are to state how far things had gone on. I asked Col. Light to let me remain with him on shore instead of going home. During the time the vessel was away we were busy surveying the Port road and suburban sections between the city and the Port, and mapping out the harbour. That was the last work Col. light did outside his office.

— Resignation of Col. Light.—

'We were camped on the Thebarton section when Mr. Kingston arrived bark in the Rapid. Col Light resigned office as Surveyor-General, and Mr. Kingston superseded him. When we were in Sydney we chartered a vessel to bring cattle down here. By this tune we were allowed fresh meat two days a week. We had to go to the Government butcher, Mr. Crisp, for it We were camped on the Thebarton section, on the bank of the river, and the men said we had better go and get an order for our meat. The men went to Col. light, and he told them he would give them an order, that it was due, but that they would have to see Mr. Kingston, as he had resigned. Two of the men saw Mr. Kingston, who said — 'Col. light has resigned. so you boys had better join me.' He took the names of the men, and asked them if there was anybody else. They said— There is young Bill Hodges.' I was minding

the tent. Mr. Kingston said—Oh, I must have him.' When they came home I told them that they had no business to put my name down. I think, as near, as I can judge, a couple of days afterwards the men felt uneasy, and they prepared to go and see Col. Light as to what they were to do. I also went. I was the first one to go in to see him. He said he understood that myself and others had. agreed to join Mr. Kingston. I made answer and said I had never seen Mr. Kingston, much less agreed to join his party; He told me that was false. I said if it was a lie, I didn't tell it. He said if I wished, my indentures cancelled I could have it done, - I replied 'Thank you; when will you do it!' He said he would send over 'Mr. James Hurtle Fisher, and that it should be done at 2, o'clock that afternoon, I was summoned 'into-' their' presence, and Mr. Fisher remarked— 'Light, I don't think I can cancel these indentures without the consent of the father.' I was only a lad and felt indignant at being told that I had spoken falsehood and said my father was a long way off, and that I was able and willing to get my living for myself. Mr. Fisher said 'You are; then on that condition I will cancel them.' And so my indentures were cancelled. On the following morning Col. Light, finding that he had made a mistake, sent for me; but I was young and hot-headed and took the silly advice of the oldest man among us, who growled out— 'I wouldn't go and see him again; he blamed you wrongly.' Col. Light had said to me when we were in the field— 'Let me see, Hodges: you didn't get a town acre.' I answered that I was away at Sydney getting horses at the time. Col. Light replied-'Well, we must see and get you one.' Most of the men had one town acre, and one of them had two. If I had gone and seen Col. Light instead of taking the old man's advice I should have got a town acre. When you look back over the past you can see where you have made mistakes."

—Mr. Hodge's Career.—

'Well, I went with Mr. Kingston, and served under him in the Survey Department! After a while was transferred to Mr. Simmons, surveyor. Then I went to the Survey Department under Mr. Cannon. It was about this time we had orders to go and survey Hack's special survey at Echunga. We had a tent, pitched on the acre about where the Labour League Hall is now in Hindley street. I was ordered to take two men by Mr. Cannon, and find a peg at the corner of South and West terrace, and chain down the Bay road— they used to call it the South road then — and re lay out Dr.



The Way We Were

Everard's two sections. Dr. Everard and his son went with us. That is the last day's work I did for the Government. I could not get on with Mr. Cannon. We had two or three tiffs, and I thought it was better for me to sever my connection with the department. Some days after that I articulated myself to Mr. Catchlove and some builders. They were building the old original clubhouse in Hindley street. I was working there with others, when Mrs. Williams, the proprietress, said to me, 'Dear me, William, what fire is that?' I said, 'Where!' I looked out, and add it must be Buffalo row. A young man named Joseph Drew came from the workshop in Waymouth street, and told me that Col. Light's place was burned down, also Mr. Fisher's; We went to the fire, and I found that everything belonging to me had been destroyed, including clothes and all the money I had saved.'

— Col. Light's Grave. —

'Yes, I saw Col. Light's coffin lowered into the grave in Light square, above which the old monument stands. There was a great procession of people at the funeral. There was nobody who did not like Col. Light: but he had many difficulties to contend with, and he was worried to death. You know Governor Hindmarsh thought the capital should have been at Port Lincoln.'

— At the Diggings.—

'The longest spell I have been away from South Australia is 22½ months, but I have always considered South' Australia my home. The week after I got back from California we got news of the goldfield discovery in Victoria. I left my wife and family here, and went to Mount Alexander goldfield. I did fairly well. I had a party of six men and a boy besides myself. I was boss

of the party. In Christmas week of 1851 I washed, cleaned, weighed, and shared with my mates 52 lb. 10 oz. of gold. I had too many mates though. I remember two men leaving for Fry's Creek, and giving their hole to us. We had not gone in 18 inches before we got 21 lb. of gold. That is included in the 52 lb. 10 oz. Well, when I came back I entered into pulchouse business. The first house I kept was the Foundry Hotel. I went to Tot hill's Creek farming, and I kept the Royal Oak up there. I have kept a number of houses in the city.'

—Willing to Work at Eighty-one.—

'But most unfortunate of late, what with one thing and another, I have lost everything I had. I am 81 years of age next birthday. I was independent 40 years ago, but I lost all in speculation and business. I have always worked hard for my living, but now I have no money to go into business. I could do light work behind a counter, but I am too old for manual labour. I thank God that my health is so good at my time of life. Of those who came out on the Rapid the only two left alive are William Jacob and myself.'

—The First Race Meeting—

'Yes; I was present at the first racing meeting at Thebarton, in January, 1838. An entire called Black Jack that we brought down from Sydney, ran there. Cox and Gepp came from Sydney with us, in charge of the horses. I remember Mr. James Hurtle Fisher coming out of the tent at the races and saying, 'There you are, Thorn (that was John Thorn) and Hodges; ask your friends to have a glass of wine with you.'"

*Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929),
Tuesday 22 April 1902, page 6*

PHILANTHROPIC.

Echunga, April 4.—A concert was held in the Echunga Institute Hall last evening in aid of the funds for the floral fair in connection with the Royal Institution for the Blind. The entertainment was promoted by Miss Cleggett, the head teacher of the local state school, and the careful training which the children had received was testified to by the manner in which they contributed to the success of the evening, their action songs and choruses being especially good, valuable assistance was rendered by Mrs. Murphy and Messrs. Day, Odgers, and McCaffrey, the lastnamed gentleman supplying the comic element. Miss Wilson and Miss E. Rice acted as accompanists to the school children. Mr. James Warland presided, and the cheerfulness and brilliancy of the function were greatly enhanced by the excellent illuminating powers of the lamps which this public-spirited townsman recently presented to the institute. In addition to the tickets privately sold, over £3 was taken at the doors.

Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Tuesday 7 April 1903, page 2

Quotable Quotes

“That which does not kill us makes us stronger.” — Friedrich Nietzsche

“Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.”

— Lao Tzu

“We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided.” — J.K. Rowling,

“The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.” — Mahatma Gandhi

“In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer.” — Albert Camus

“Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently.” — Maya Angelou

“Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength.” — Corrie Ten Boom

“Don't be afraid of your fears. They're not there to scare you. They're there to let you know that something is worth it.” — C. JoyBell C.

“You have power over your mind - not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength.”

— Marcus Aurelius

“There is a stubbornness about me that never can bear to be frightened at the will of others. My courage always rises at every attempt to intimidate me.” — Jane Austen

“Better to be strong than pretty and useless.” — Lilith Saintcrow

“Tears shed for another person are not a sign of weakness. They are a sign of a pure heart.” - José N. Harris

“Anyone can hide. Facing up to things, working through them, that's what makes you strong.” — Sarah Dessen

“There is a saying in Tibetan, 'Tragedy should be utilized as a source of strength.' No matter what sort of difficulties, how painful experience is, if we lose our hope, that's our real disaster.” — Dalai Lama XIV

“Focus on your strengths, not your weaknesses. Focus on your character, not your reputation.

Focus on your blessings, not your misfortunes.” — Roy T. Bennett

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HELLO! If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is

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I live locally at

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My phone number is

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If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:

Picking up shopping

Posting mail

A friendly phone call

Urgent supplies

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep.

#ViralKindness

What I'm Watching

Apart from daily updates on Coronavirus swamping our TV broadcasts, and given that the cinemas have closed, I'm watching various streaming programs on ABC iView and SBS OnDemand.

Stateless

Showing on ABC's iView, this Australian drama is inspired by true events concerning "a woman escaping a cult, a refugee fleeing with his family, a father trapped in a dead-end job, and a bureaucrat on the verge of a national scandal" who find their lives intertwined in an immigration detention centre.

The sub-plot of the "woman escaping a cult" is based on the actual case of German citizen and Australian permanent resident, Cornelia Rau, who was unlawfully detained for a period of ten months in 2004 and 2005 as part of the Australian Government's mandatory detention program.

Her detention became the subject of a government inquiry which was later expanded to investigate over 200 other cases of suspected unlawful detention by the Australian government's Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA).

Rau disappeared from Manly Hospital on 17 March 2004, and, in February 2005, it was revealed that she had been unlawfully detained at Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre, a prison, and later at Baxter Detention Centre, located in Port Augusta, after being classified as a suspected illegal immigrant or non-citizen by the Immigration Department when she refused to reveal her true identity.

Rau is played by the excellent Yvonne Strahovski (a key character in SBS' excellent drama *The Handmaid's Tale*), whilst one of the cult leaders partially responsible for Rau's mental breakdown is played by Australian acting royalty, Cate Blanchett.

"A refugee fleeing his family" covers the challenges refugees face when fleeing persecution and violence in their home country. Ameer is a Muslim father of 2 young girls who escapes Afghanistan's hard-line Taliban regime, and dreams of settling his family in the secular and tolerant country of Australia. The Taliban are ruthless in the sexist and violent treatment of women - in what has been called systematic segregation, women are not allowed to work, are not allowed an education after the age of 8, and may be

publicly flogged or executed for violation of Taliban laws.

After various setbacks along the way, including dealing with unscrupulous illegal boat operators in Indonesia, Ameer finally makes it to Australia, only to land in the Baxter Detention Centre. There he struggles to find out if his family has survived a separate illegal journey to Australia.

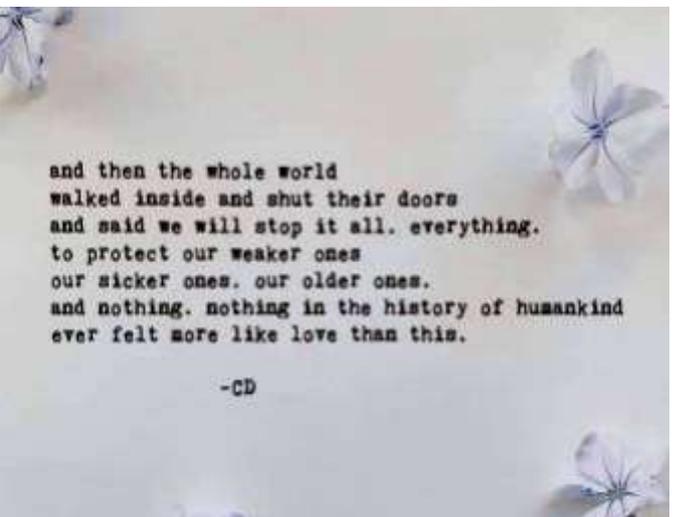
Ameer is played by Lebanese-born Australian actor Fayssal Bazzi who has had numerous supporting roles in many Australian television shows and movies.

In the other main storylines, well-known Australian actor Jai Courtney plays the "father trapped in a dead-end job" who gets a security job at the Detention Centre, and is shocked by the level of treatment dished out by the other security guards to the detainees.

Meanwhile, the ever-competent and Logie award-winner Asher Keddie (*Offspring*, *The Birth of Cleo*, etc) plays Clare Kowitz who arrives at Barton as the new General Manager and is struck by the extent of the facility's dysfunction.

This drama is nicely produced, with good acting, and a strong script which helps us to understand the challenges different parts of our society face. I would rate it 8 out of 10. It is rated 'M' for some violence and bad language. I'm not sure how long this series will remain on iView - episodes 3 onwards appear to be available until April 20 (so episodes 1 and 2 may be available until April 18 and 19 respectively).

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Meadows Vet News



Coronavirus - Important Information from Meadows Vet Centre

As the advice around the pandemic is rapidly evolving, we are adapting to ensure we can continue providing the best possible service to you and your animals, while reducing the risk of transmission as the outbreak widens.

We are committed to maintaining the highest standards of infection control while still providing our essential community services including our in clinic services, our home visits, farm call outs, pet grooming and our 24 hour emergency service.

We want to help protect our clients and staff from the risk of contracting Covid-19. We ask you to please help us in this regard, as without veterinary staff there will not be anyone to see your pets. Unfortunately, in the veterinary field we can't just pack up our laptop and work from home for a few weeks, so maintaining the health and welfare of our staff is also a priority.

For now, we will be introducing a few changes to help maintain social distancing as much as we can, and reduce the time you need to spend here in the surgery. These measures may need to be updated as the situation evolves.

We are changing our staff rosters to a Team A/ Team B approach so that if a staff member on one team is affected that team goes into isolation, Team B will carry on. Please be aware that we may not be able to answer the phone as quickly as previously due to reduced staff numbers but please be assured your calls are important & will be answered as soon as possible. We will continue to provide our usual services including our 24hr emergency service as long as we are able or allowed.

To assist us in keeping everyone safe we are now asking that you do not enter the clinic on arrival but wait in your car. Depending upon circumstances it may be that a nurse or our groomer will take your pet from you so that you do not have to enter. We are

encouraging owners to also drop off their pet where circumstances allow. If you have a problem with your pets or animals, please phone us to see how we may be able to help you.

We are offering a click & collect (over the phone) style service as well a home delivery service for medications, pet food (we have plenty in stock) & pet products for those unable to leave home. Our groomer is also willing to provide a pickup & drop off service for not only her dogs to be groomed but any pet that needs to be seen but can't be brought in by its owner. Our horse & farm calls will continue as normal for the time being, but we request that owners limit those present with the vet & please keep at least 2 arm lengths away!

To help us keep the clinic safe for all, can we please ask that you:

- Not attend our clinic if you have arrived back from overseas in the past 14 days or who have had close contact with any person with a confirmed case of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) for 14 days following the exposure.
- Notify reception if you have been in possible contact with the Coronavirus. Do not attend the clinic if you or anyone in your household have travelled to any high or moderate risk country within the last 14 days
- If you are unwell or experiencing any signs of fever, sore throat, fatigue or coughing, are in self isolation or live with someone awaiting Covid-19 testing results, please **DO NOT** come in to the clinic, but call us first and we will do our best to assist.
- Reschedule your appointment if you feel even slightly unwell.
- Wait in your car upon arrival & we will come out to you
 - Adhere to any other hygiene protocols within the clinic.
 - Protect others from contamination by practicing universal precautions, i.e. effective hand washing technique and cough etiquette
 - Keeping a distance of 1.5m between yourself & our staff
 - Please don't be offended if we ask you to step back a little, or refuse a handshake. While these measures are unusual for all of us, we feel it is our responsibility to be mindful of reducing the risk of transmission as much as we possibly can.
- Always have your dog on a lead and your cat contained in a carrier. Please don't approach other clients or their pets.

- If you need to cough or sneeze, please cover your mouth and nose with your elbow and don't wipe your hands on anything!
- Where possible we would appreciate limiting the number of people attending appointments to one person only and, where possible, refraining from bringing children in to the clinic. These measures will help to reduce the number of people and interactions in the hospital.

FOR REPEAT MEDICATIONS OR OTHER PET PRODUCT PURCHASES please call ahead, pay for them over the phone and we can have them ready to bring out to your car.

FOR SURGERY ADMISSIONS we will be emailing the consent form to you prior to the day of surgery. Please

ensure this is completed at home and brought with you on the day. If you have any questions regarding your pet's procedure we will be more than happy to discuss this with you over the phone prior to admission.

FOR ON- FARM CALLS we would ask that you limit the number of people present to the minimum possible, preferably just one person per animal. Please advise if you are in home isolation when making your appointment

We sincerely appreciate your understanding with these measures we are undertaking to help look after the health and safety of all our staff, patients and clients as best we can.

COVID-19 & YOUR PETS

The Facts...So Far

- Cats & dogs have their own coronaviruses
- In Hong Kong, 1 dog belonging to a COVID-19 patient tested **WEAK** positive
- The dog has **NO** clinical signs of COVID-19
- There is **NO** evidence the dog transmitted the virus to its family
- Major health organizations (including the *World Health Organization*) report pets do **NOT** get sick from COVID-19

What You Should Do...

- Do **NOT** panic!
- Take appropriate precautions, e.g.: proper handwashing
- Stay informed - listen to & watch legitimate & credible sources committed to sharing uncensored scientific **FACTS** about COVID-19 and pets
- Consult with your family veterinarian should you have **ANY** concerns about your pet's health



CriticalCareDVM

Finally, the Centre will be closed for the four days of Easter - we will as usual have a vet on duty for any emergency situations. Just call the Centre's number 83883455 & your call will be diverted directly to the vet on duty. We hope you all have a happy & safe Easter & remember chocolate is toxic to pets!



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G O O D N E W S to our community! You can NOW get a 2020 flu vaccination at Meadows Community Pharmacy. *FREE for Health Partners members! No prescriptions needed.

WALK IN available during our FLU CLINIC sessions:

Every Monday & Wednesday 9-5pm

Every Tuesday & Thursday 1-6pm

Otherwise please RING us NOW at 8388 3110 to BOOK in for other time slots!

Flu Vaccine FAQs

The Influenza (flu) vaccination is the most effective way for preventing and stopping the influenza virus from spreading. It is not 100% effective, but it can...

- keep you from getting sick with the flu
- for some, reduce the severity and complications of the flu if contracted
- be a good prevention for people with chronic health conditions
- reduce flu associated hospitalisations for all ages
- help protect women during and after pregnancy help protect those more vulnerable around you i.e. babies, older people and people with chronic health conditions.

How do you get the flu? The flu spreads from person to person through the air when someone sneezes, coughs or talks. Surfaces can also become contaminated with the influenza virus if these surfaces are contaminated by droplets spread through sneezing or coughing, or if these surfaces are touched by unwashed hands. If you then touch a contaminated surface you can infect yourself if you subsequently touch your mouth, or nose.

I am fit and healthy. Why should I get a flu shot?

Influenza is not just a bad cold – it is highly contagious, with symptoms ranging from mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death, particularly in the elderly (over 80 years of age). It can cause normally healthy people who contract the virus to suffer symptoms like extreme exhaustion, high fever, runny or stuffy nose, sore throat, headache, cough with muscle and joint pain that can remain for weeks. Given how highly contagious it is, you'll have to take time off work and household duties, and some people are even hospitalised.

Is the flu vaccine safe? Each year the Influenza Vaccine Committee approves the use and composition of flu vaccines in Australia, as they vary from year to year. Flu vaccines in Australia do not contain any live viruses and stringent safety testing is conducted to ensure the new vaccine is safe for use. Your pharmacists at Meadows Community Pharmacy will also check your suitability for a flu vaccination prior to vaccinating you.

Why do I need to get a flu shot every year? As the strains of viruses responsible for seasonal influenza change each year, the vaccine composition is modified, and therefore must be given annually to offer the best protection against the flu strains that are circulating at the time.

How long does the vaccination last? In Australia, peak flu season is in the winter months, and the flu shot will normally provide you with immunity during this time. The Australian Government's Immunisation Handbook states that, "optimal protection is within the first 3–4 months after vaccination. Deferring vaccination to the beginning of winter may result in greater immunity later in the season, but may also result in missed opportunities for vaccination and lack of protection if the influenza season starts early"¹.

I've heard getting the flu shot makes you sick – will it give me the flu? This is a common misconception. There is no live virus in the vaccines used in Australia. In rare cases, if someone is exposed to the flu virus just before having their vaccination, it may still develop as the vaccine takes about two weeks to develop full immunity. Otherwise, if you get a runny nose, or a sore throat following your jab, you might have just had some bad luck and caught a cold, not the flu.

What is the National Immunisation Program? The National Immunisation Program (NIP) is an Australian Government initiative that offers free vaccinations under Medicare at different stages of life, or to certain members of the community, such as pregnant women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and those with specific health conditions. To meet the anticipated demand for seasonal influenza vaccines in 2020, the Australian Government will be securing the largest supply of seasonal influenza vaccines ever through the NIP.

When should I get the flu shot? The best time to vaccinate is in autumn, but the flu vaccine can be given at any time during the flu season while the vaccine is available. It is effective from 2 weeks post vaccination for approximately 4 months.

Who gives the vaccination? Our specially trained pharmacists (Alyssa & Rachel) are able to administer flu vaccinations. In South Australia, pharmacists are now able to vaccinate people over the age of 10.

How long does it take?

The injection itself will be done before you know it, but it is recommended you stick around for about 15 minutes afterwards, so you can be monitored by pharmacy staff in the unlikely event of a reaction.

Are there any side effects or precautions? Most people will just experience some soreness around the injection site, but some will also experience a mild



fever, tiredness or body aches³.

For any mild side effects that are experienced, they can often be reduced by:

- drinking extra fluids
- resting
- taking paracetamol as per the instructions on the packet/bottle
- not overdressing if you are already hot.

Depending on the severity, people with an egg allergy, including a history of anaphylaxis, can be safely vaccinated with the influenza vaccine. We recommend that you chat to your pharmacist to discuss your allergy.

What vaccine is used for the flu shot 2020? All funded vaccines available for use in Australia for the 2020 influenza season align with the World Health Organisation recommendation, and are Quadrivalent (four strains- two influenza A and two influenza B) containing the following strains:

- an A/Brisbane/02/2018 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
- an A/South Australia/34/2019 (H3N2)-like virus
- a B/Washington/02/2019-like (B/Victoria lineage) virus and a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like (B/Yamagata lineage) virus

If you are over 65 The Australian government funds the cost of vaccinations for people at high risk of influenza and its complications via the NIP. If you are over 65, you're eligible to have a free flu vaccination under the NIP at your local GP clinic.

The flu vaccine provided for people over 65 years of age is different to the vaccination provided to the rest of the population and is only administered in a GP clinic. This vaccine is adjuvanted, which means it is designed to boost the immune response and provide better protection for this age group. Supply of this vaccine will be available in April.

People over 65 can have the pharmacy based Quadrivalent vaccine, however it is highly recommended that they see their doctor to be assessed for any other medical conditions prior to receiving the adjuvanted vaccine.

Can my child get a free flu shot? In March 2020, the South Australia Health Department permitted pharmacists to vaccinate children over the ages of 10 (it was 16 years). This means that we can vaccinate children over the age of 10.

Children between 6 months and 5 years are also free as part of the NIP. Children aged between 5 and 10, if they are medically at risk are eligible for a free vaccination under the NIP, however all other children in this age group will need to see their GP as a normal visit.

Flu vaccination & the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Given the current national and international concerns with COVID-19 there may be questions around the flu vaccine and this new disease. Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that can make humans and animals sick. They cause illnesses that can range from the common cold to more severe diseases.

COVID-19 is most likely spread through:

- close contact with an infectious person
- contact with droplets from an infected person's cough or sneeze
- touching objects or surfaces (like doorknobs or tables) that have cough or sneeze droplets from an infected person, and then touching your mouth or face

If you become unwell and think you may have symptoms of COVID-19, seek medical attention, however call ahead of time to book an appointment. Tell your doctor about your symptoms, travel history and any recent close contact with someone who has COVID-19. If you must leave home to see your doctor, wear a surgical mask (if you have one) to protect others.

Can the flu vaccine protect against COVID-19? No, the flu vaccine cannot protect against COVID-19, as the virus is completely different to the influenza viruses, even though symptoms might be similar.

How can the flu vaccine help? The flu vaccine won't protect against COVID-19, however it may help to reduce the severity and spread of seasonal influenza, which can lower a person's immunity and make them more susceptible to other illnesses.

Having the flu vaccine helps protect yourself and those around you especially those who are too sick, or too young to be vaccinated as well as other people including, people over 65 years of age and pregnant women.

Having a flu vaccination may also help to take pressure off a health system (that could be inundated with COVID-19 cases), which could lead to delays in service for other patients. Health authorities are keen to avoid people presenting at GP clinics or their local hospital with seasonal flu, which could put them at risk of catching another viruses including COVID-19.

What else can I do to protect myself? Everyone should practice good hygiene, which includes:

- washing your hands often with soap and water
- using a tissue and cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze
- avoiding close contact with others, such as touching.



Saint Mary's, Echunga

Anglican Parish of Mount Barker Diocese of The Murray

We praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. Everlasting Father, all the world bows down before you.

All the angels sing your praise the hosts of heaven and all the angelic powers, all the cherubim and seraphim call out to you in unending song:

Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God of angel hosts. The heavens and the earth are filled with your majesty and glory.

The glorious band of apostles, and the noble company of prophets, the white-robed army who shed their blood for Christ, all sing your praise.

And to the ends of the earth your holy Church proclaims her faith in you: Father, whose majesty is boundless, your true and only Son, who is to be adored, the Holy Spirit sent to be our Advocate.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, Son of the eternal Father. When you took our nature to save mankind you did not shrink from birth in the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the power of death opening the Father's kingdom to all who believe in you.

Enthroned at God's right hand in the glory of the Father, you will come in judgement according to your promise. You redeemed your people by your precious blood,

Come, we implore you, to our aid. Grant us with the saints a place in eternal glory.

Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance. Rule them and uphold them for ever and ever.

Day by day we praise you: we acclaim you now and to all eternity. In your goodness, Lord, keep us free from sin. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

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When Loving Your Neighbour Means Keeping Your Distance

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Keith Dalby

To say that we live in interesting and difficult times is as big an understatement as one can make at the moment. Not only is our nation having an incredibly testing time, in our diocese we will also be tested. The COVID-19 pandemic is asking a lot of us as a society and as a church.

I understand that it has been 100 years when the Spanish Flu pandemic was sweeping the world was the last time churches have had to suspend services. While we have to suspend our services, it does not mean that spread of the Gospel is suspended, it does not mean that our care and love for one another is suspended. We are called to continue to be the people of God, and indeed it is even more important than ever that we be the people of God in our faith communities. The reality is, our church buildings are not the church, we are, and we need to be the church in the world that seems to be falling apart.

These times are testing, and they will test us as well. I am reminded of the parable of the Sower. It appears in Matthew, Mark and Luke, so it is an important parable. As you may remember the sower goes out to sow seed. Some falls on the path, and the seed is immediately taken up by the birds of the air, some falls on rocky ground, and sprouts, but when the heat of the sun and lack of moisture sets in the plant wilts and dies, other seed falls



St James, Blakiston; St Mary's, Echunga; Christ the King, Mt Barker; St John the Baptist, Macclesfield; St John the Evangelist, Mylor

among weeds, and is choked, and bears no fruit, but some falls on good soil and produces a harvest, some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred fold.

The reality is that our world is like this at the moment. Actually, it has always been like this, but at times like this its reality is brought into sharper focus. What sort of field are we going to be to allow the word of God to germinate in our world. Are we like the unrelenting resisting path, are we like the rocky ground, that when the going gets tough we wilt, or are we choked and strangled by the overwhelming nature of what is going on around us, or are we like the good soil, allowing a variable harvest according to our abilities?

This is the question we are being asked by God at the moment. I have no doubt that the weeks and months ahead are going to be incredibly challenging for each and every one of us. However, we must remember that God is in charge. When Peter saw Jesus walking on the water, he asked Jesus to call him to himself, and Jesus called him. He stepped out of the boat and keeping his eyes on Jesus he commenced a walk across the water to Jesus. Keeping his eyes on Jesus allowed him to overcome the impossible, that is to walk on the water. Only when he took his eyes off Jesus and allowed himself to be distracted by the wind and the waves he was overcome by his surroundings and started to sink.

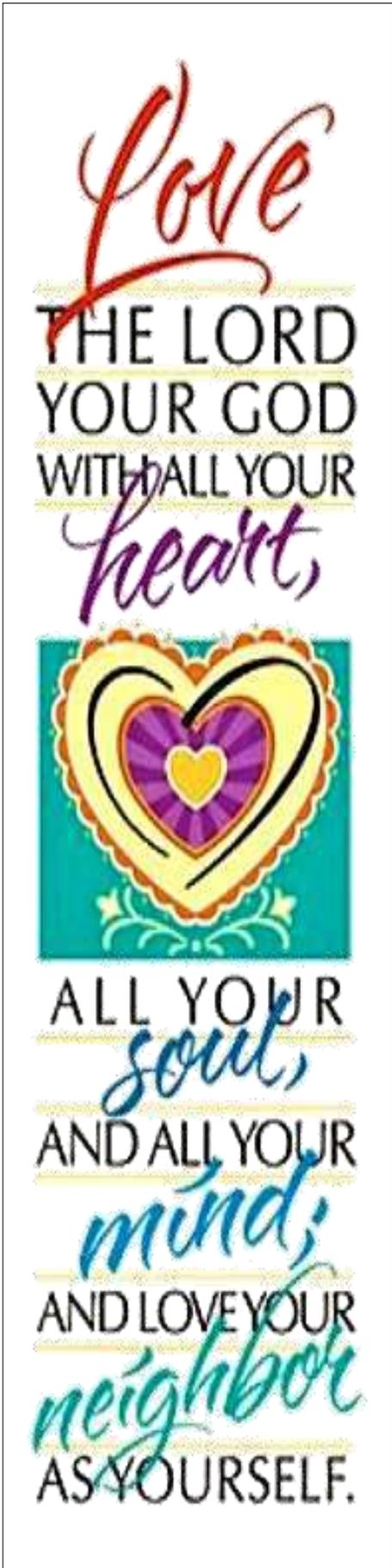
We need to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and by having faith that Jesus is able to overcome the world then we will be able to ride out this storm, but we have to keep our eyes on Jesus and we have to have good soil to allow the word of God to take root.

I encourage all the clergy and the people of the diocese to work together to seek how we might weather this storm together. Here in the diocese we are doing our best in a rapidly changing environment to give you the best information we can as it comes to hand and to co-ordinate all our efforts as best we can. Continue to say your prayers, tune into the livestreams, do your bible study, be the people of God, and as long as we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith we will overcome, because Jesus has already overcome the world.

Yes, Easter will look very different this year, yes Lent is looking very different this year, yes Holy Week is looking different this year, but God is still the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Keep the faith, keep your eyes on Jesus, and keep saying your prayers, every day. You are in mine, please keep me in yours.

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus, bless, preserve and keep you until his coming again in glory. The Lord be with you.

Please visit our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/anglicanmtbkr - at 9:30am Sunday morning for a live-streamed service of Morning Prayer.





To the Echunga community,

We live in uncertain times, adjusting to a 'new normal' in this season. This has affected us all in one way or another, including the cancellation of significant events and the loss of jobs.

As a church we have temporarily closed the doors on our buildings, but want you to know that we have not ceased to be a community of hope and light in this difficult time. We believe that Jesus came to offer life in its fullness, and this is an important truth to hold on to as we are navigate life's storms.

Our services have moved online each Sunday at 10:00am, and you are very welcome to join us. You will find details on our website including services from previous Sundays.

If you have specific practical needs during isolation please don't hesitate to reach out. We will be using technology including video conferencing and the good old fashioned telephone to keep each other and the community connected, so if you would like to link in with others please don't hesitate to be in contact.

If there are any specific needs you require - in prayer or practically - my details are listed below.

May you find peace and comfort during this time, and while physically isolated stay socially connected. Let's continue to look out for one another - we are all in this together.

Richest blessings,

Rev Matthew Carratt

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Easter Services

Good Friday 9:00am - Radio broadcast on Hills Radio 88.9FM or <http://hillsradio.com.au>

Easter Sunday 10:00am - <https://echunga.online.church>





The Garden in April

Now is the time to put in good soil preparation for new roses. Prepare the soil with a good deep dig and add animal manure and blood and bone. Water the area well and leave until planting in July.

Soil can also be prepared for the planting of azaleas and camellias. Dig in plenty of mulch and cow manure.

Citrus can also be planted this month before the cold weather. Do not feed until new growth in October.

Cinerarias should be planted now and fed well to bring on growth. Good care of them now will ensure a spectacular spring display. You must get them growing well before the cold weather.

Planting Guide

The Flower Garden

Poppy, pansy, viola, primula, polyanthus, nemesia, cineraria, sweat-pea, wallflower, calendula, lobelia, antirrhinum

The Vegetable Garden

Silver beet, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, lettuce, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, onions and broad beans

Plant of the Month - Parsnip

The **parsnip** (*Pastinaca sativa*) is a root vegetable closely related to carrot and parsley; all belong to the family Apiaceae. It is a biennial plant usually grown as an annual. Its long, tuberous root has cream-coloured skin and flesh, and, left in the ground to mature, it becomes sweeter in flavour after winter frosts. In its first growing season, the plant has a rosette of pinnate, mid-green leaves. If unharvested, in its second growing season it produces a flowering stem topped by an umbel of small yellow flowers, later producing pale brown, flat, winged seeds. By this time, the stem has become woody and the tuberous root inedible.

The parsnip is native to Eurasia; it has been used as a vegetable since antiquity and was cultivated by the Romans, although some confusion exists between parsnips and carrots in the literature of the time. It was used as a sweetener before the arrival in Europe of cane sugar.

The parsnip is usually cooked, but it can also be eaten raw. It is high in vitamins and minerals, especially potassium. It also contains antioxidants and both soluble and insoluble dietary fibre. It should be cultivated in deep, stone-free soil. It is attacked by the carrot fly and other insect pests, as well as viruses and fungal diseases, of which canker is the most serious. Handling the stems and foliage can cause a skin rash if the skin is exposed to sunlight after handling.

Like carrots, parsnips are native to Eurasia and have been eaten there since ancient times. Plant geneticist, Daniel Zohary and archaeobotanist, Maria Hopf, note that the archaeological evidence for the cultivation of the parsnip is "still rather limited", and that Greek and Roman literary sources are a major source about its early use. They warn that "there are some difficulties in distinguishing between parsnip and carrot (which, in Roman times, were white or purple) in classical writings since both vegetables seem to have been sometimes called *pastinaca*, yet each vegetable appears to be well under cultivation in Roman times". The parsnip was much esteemed, and the Emperor Tiberius accepted part of the tribute payable to Rome by Germany in the form of parsnips. In Europe, the vegetable was used as a source of sugar before cane and beet sugars were available. As *pastinache comuni*, the "common" *pastinaca* figures in the long list of comestibles enjoyed by the Milanese given by Bonvesin da la Riva in his "Marvels of Milan" (1288).

Parsnips resemble carrots and can be used in similar ways, but they have a sweeter taste, especially when cooked. They can be baked, boiled, pureed, roasted, fried, grilled, or steamed. When used in stews, soups, and casseroles, they give a rich flavour. In some cases, parsnips are boiled and the solid portions are removed from the soup or stew, leaving behind a more subtle flavour than the whole root, and starch to thicken the dish. Roast parsnip is considered an essential part of Christmas dinner in some parts of the English-speaking world and frequently features in the traditional Sunday roast. Parsnips can also be fried or thinly sliced and made into crisps. They can be made into a wine with a taste similar to Madeira.

Source: Wikipedia

What's Cooking

Leek, Chorizo, Cauliflower And Chicken Bake

300 gm cauliflower, cut into small florets
200 gm chorizo, halved lengthways, coarsely chopped
10 garlic cloves, separated
2 leeks, cut into 3cm rounds
½ lemon, thinly sliced
¼ cup (loosely packed) oregano, plus extra to serve
¼ cup (loosely packed) flat-leaf parsley, plus extra to serve
80 ml olive oil
8 chicken thighs (about 160gm each), skin scored

Preheat oven to 220C. Combine cauliflower, chorizo, garlic, leeks, lemon and oregano in a large bowl, drizzle with half the olive oil, season to taste and toss to combine. Transfer to a large baking tray and roast, turning occasionally, until starting to colour (10-15 minutes).

Meanwhile, heat half the remaining oil in a large frying pan over medium heat, add 4 chicken thighs, skin-side down, and fry, turning once, until browned all over (2-3 minutes each side). Remove from heat, wipe pan and repeat with remaining oil and chicken. Place thighs on cauliflower mixture and roast until cooked through (10-12 minutes). Scatter with extra herbs and serve.

Gourmettraveller.com.au

Greek Meatballs

1 red onion, grated
500g / 1 lb beef mince (ground beef) (or lamb!)
200g / 6.5oz pork mince (ground pork), or more beef
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup / 60g panko breadcrumbs (or use normal)
1 egg
1/4 cup fresh parsley, finely chopped
6 large mint leaves, finely chopped (spearmint if you can, it's authentic)
1/2 tsp dried oregano
1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
3/4 tsp salt
Black pepper

Cooking:

1/2 cup flour any white
3 tbsp olive oil
Finely chopped parsley optional, for garnish
Tzatziki (Note) or Greek yoghurt

Grate the onion straight into a large bowl, then add remaining Meatball ingredients. Use your hands to mix well for a few minutes until the mixture is quite smooth and very well combined.

Optional: Refrigerate for 1 hour - makes them easier

to roll + retains round shape when cooking.

Measure out heaped tablespoons and dollop onto a work surface - should make around 32 - 35. Then roll into balls.

Heat most of the oil in a large skillet over medium high heat (medium if you have a strong gas stove). Use enough oil to cover the surface of the skillet.

Cook in 2 to 3 batches: Dredge meatballs lightly in flour, shaking off excess, then place in the skillet. Roll them around and cook for 5 - 6 minutes, until nicely browned all over. Remove onto plate, cover to keep warm and repeat with remaining meatballs.

BAKING: Alternatively, spray generously with oil (preferably olive oil) then bake at 180C/350F for 20 minutes or until browned. The pan frying method is the traditional way and the meatballs are slightly juicier.

Serve as a starter as part of a mezze platter with pita bread and tzatziki, or make dinner plates by adding a salad like a Greek Salad!

Tzatziki: 2 Lebanese cucumbers (grated with juice squeezed out), 1¼ cups / 300g plain Greek yoghurt, 2 tsp white wine vinegar (or red wine or apple cider vinegar), 1 tbsp lemon juice, ½ garlic clove, minced, 1 tbsp extra virgin olive oil, ½ tsp salt, Black pepper. Mix ingredients and set aside 30 min. *Recipetineats.com*

Butterscotch Sauce With Burnt-Butter Bananas And Ice Cream

1/2 firmly packed cup (125g) brown sugar
150g unsalted butter, chopped
1/2 cup (125ml) pure (thin) cream
4 firm, ripe bananas
Juice of 1/2 lemon
8 small scoops vanilla ice cream
1/2 cup (75g) salted peanuts, roughly chopped

Place 4 dessert bowls in the freezer to chill. Place sugar and 100g butter in a saucepan over medium heat and cook, stirring, for 2-3 minutes until sugar dissolves. Whisking constantly, slowly add cream (mixture may spatter), then cook for a further 1 minute or until smooth and combined. Remove from heat, add 1 tsp salt flakes and stir to dissolve. Set aside and keep warm.

Melt another 25g butter in a frypan over medium heat until foaming. Peel 2 bananas and slice lengthways. Add half the lemon juice and banana slices to the pan. Cook on each side for 1-2 minutes until bananas are softened and light golden, but still holding their shape. Set aside and keep warm. Repeat with remaining 25g butter, lemon juice and bananas.



What's Cooking

Remove the bowls from the freezer and place 2 scoops of ice cream in each. Add 2 banana slices to each bowl, then top with warm butterscotch sauce and chopped peanuts to serve. *Delicious.com.au*

Lemon Semolina Cake

125g unsalted butter, softened
 1 tablespoon finely grated lemon rind
 1 cup caster sugar
 2 eggs
 2/3 cup semolina
 1 1/2 cups self-raising flour, sifted
 1/2 cup milk
LEMON SYRUP
 1 cup caster sugar
 1/2 cup lemon juice, strained
 1 small lemon, thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Grease a 6cm-deep, 20cm round (base) springform cake pan. Line base and side with 2 layers of baking paper.

Using an electric mixer, beat butter, lemon rind and sugar on high speed until pale and creamy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating between each addition. Stir in semolina, flour and milk.

Spread mixture into prepared pan. Bake for 45 to 50 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.

Meanwhile, make lemon syrup: Place sugar, lemon juice and 1/2 cup cold water in a saucepan over low heat. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until sugar has dissolved. Add lemon slices. Increase heat to high. Bring to the boil. Boil, without stirring, for 4 to 5 minutes or until mixture thickens.

Transfer lemon slices to a plate. Pour half the syrup over cake. Stand for 15 minutes. Turn out on to a plate. Arrange lemon slices over cake. Serve with remaining syrup. *Taste.com.au*

Fig Sponge Pudding

250g butter, softened, plus extra for the dish
 5 tbsp golden syrup
 4 tbsp honey
 8 fresh figs
 4 large eggs
 250g golden caster sugar
 250g self-raising flour
 1 tsp baking powder
 1 tsp vanilla extract
For the topping
 4 tbsp full-fat Greek yogurt
 2-3 thyme sprigs (optional)

extra virgin olive oil or honey, for drizzling (optional)
 Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Butter a 20 x 22cm ovenproof dish, then pour in the golden syrup and honey. Trim the stalks from the figs, then cut a deep cross in the top, just so they open out a bit, but be careful not to cut all the way through. Sit the figs upright on top of the syrup and put them in the oven to bake for 15-20 mins until softened and starting to caramelize a little at the edges.

While the figs are cooking, make the sponge mixture. Put the eggs, sugar, flour, baking powder, vanilla and butter in a bowl and use an electric whisk to beat until smooth.

Remove the dish from the oven, scoop the figs out with a slotted spoon and set aside. Once the syrup mixture has cooled in the dish, take spoonfuls of the sponge batter and gently place them on top of the syrup. It's best to do this all the way around the edge first, then end in the middle – this helps keep the syrup mixture separate. Smooth the batter out very gently to cover any gaps and seal the syrup mixture in. Bake for 35-40 mins or until the sponge springs back when pressed. Allow to cool for around 5 mins or until just warm, then seconds before serving, dot the surface with eight small dollops of the yogurt. Top each mound with a baked fig, then scatter over some thyme leaves and drizzle with extra virgin olive oil, if you like. *BBCGoodfood.com*

Anzac Slice

1 cup (90g) rolled oats
 1 cup (125g) plain flour
 2/3 cup (135g) brown sugar
 2/3 cup (65g) desiccated coconut
 125 g butter chopped
 2 tbs golden syrup
 2 tbs water
 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda

Preheat oven to 160°C/140°C fan-forced. Grease and line a standard sized slice tray (approximately 17X28cm) with baking paper.

Combine the oats, flour, sugar and coconut in a bowl. Place butter, syrup and 2 tablespoons cold water in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir for 2 minutes or until butter has melted. Stir in bicarbonate of soda.

Stir the butter mixture through the oat mixture.

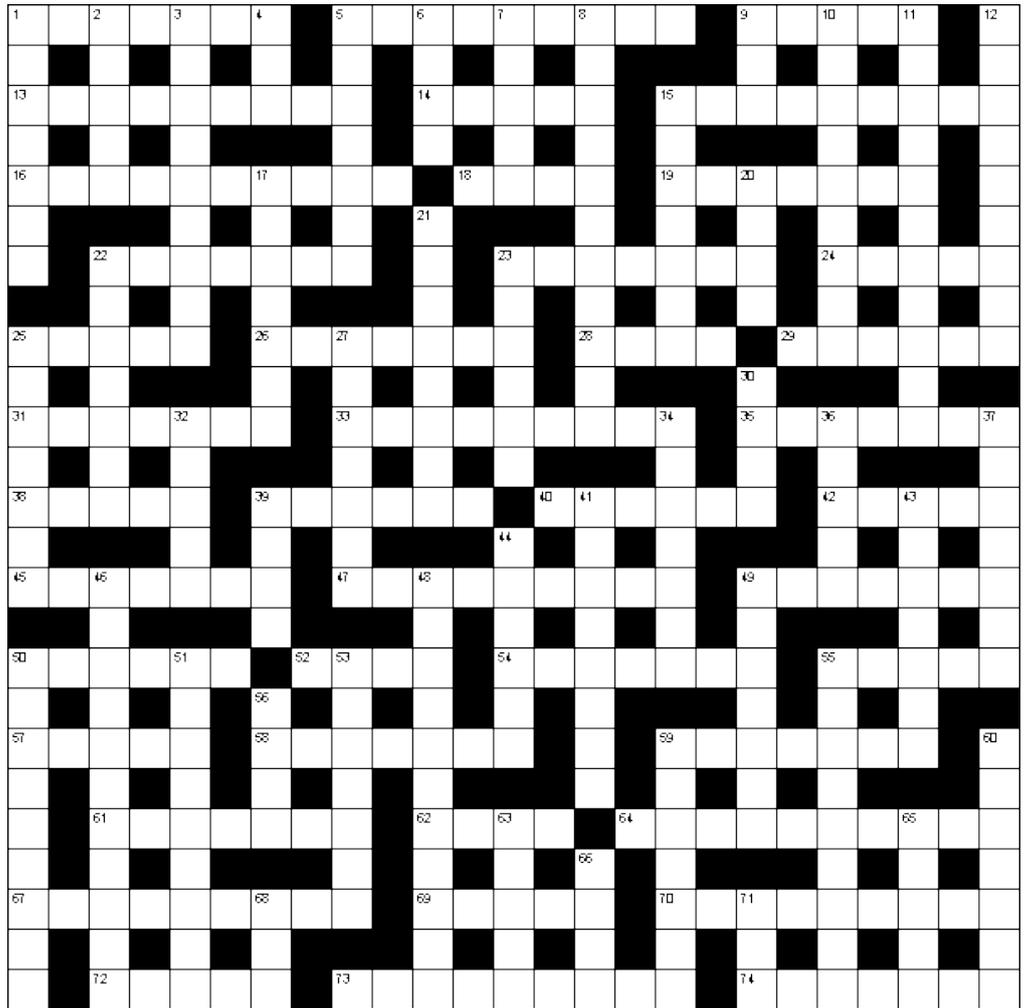
Place the mixture into the tray and press down firmly. Bake for approximately 25 minutes or until lightly golden brown. Leave in the baking tray to cool for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely. When the slice has cooled completely, cut it into slices. *Bakeplaysmile.com*

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Giant Crossword 1

Across

1. Vegetable (7)
5. Blandished (9)
9. Titled peer (5)
13. Remember (9)
14. Units of time (5)
15. Escapade (9)
16. The study of insects (10)
18. Ship's steering device (4)
19. Cautious (7)
22. Entourage (7)
23. Lands surrounded by water (7)
24. Piece of furniture (5)
25. Rescued (5)
26. Mythical beast (7)
55. Cake topping (5)
57. Freight (5)
58. Reproduction (7)
59. Patron (7)
61. Irritated (7)
62. Tight (4)
64. Cut (10)
67. Held sacred (9)
69. Hoard (5)
70. Pragmatic (9)
72. Dig (5)
73. Accumulated (9)
74. Superimposed (7)
28. Olfactory organ (4)
29. Lets in (6)
31. Nipped (7)
33. Wrong (9)
35. Lower limit (7)
38. Skilful (5)
39. Up-to-date (6)
40. Fraudulence (6)
42. Ringlets (5)
45. Not paid on time (7)
47. Inventions (9)
49. Memory loss (7)
50. Physically strong (6)
52. Grain store (4)
54. Candidate (7)



Down

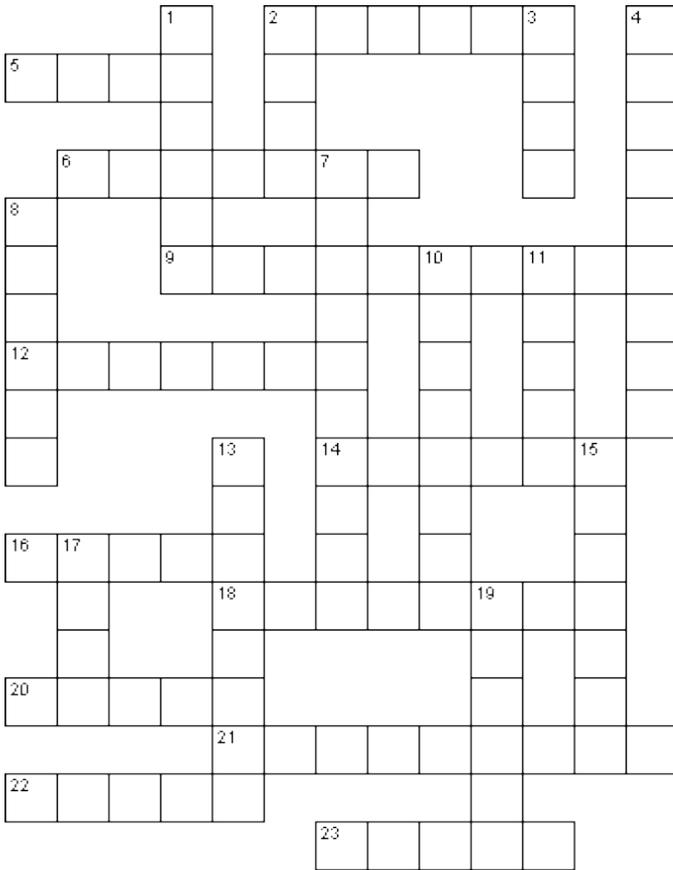
1. Theft (7)
2. Implied (5)
3. Without bounds (9)
4. The night before (3)
5. Weariness (7)
6. Dull pain (4)
7. Cease-fire (5)
8. Similarity in appearance (11)
9. Month, in short (3)
10. Gained (9)
11. Equipoise (11)
12. Adolescents (9)
15. Dialects (7)
17. Lackadaisical (7)
20. Hazard (4)
21. Bills (8)
22. Income (7)
23. Disregard (6)
25. Female singing voice (7)
27. Insanely irresponsible (7)
30. Leave out (4)
32. Detested (5)
34. Perfidy (7)
36. Synthetic fabric (5)
37. Type of horse (7)
39. Security interest (4)
41. Tremendous (8)
43. Teller (7)
44. Part of a poem (6)
46. Abashed (11)
48. Conceited (11)
49. Wondrous (7)
50. Advocate (9)
51. Villain (9)
53. Hindered (7)
55. Immediately (9)
56. Quarry (4)
59. Exchanged (7)
60. Ignited (7)
63. Male relative (5)
65. Become liable to (5)
66. Dexterous (4)
68. Indicating maiden name (3)
71. Whole (3)

Thought For The Month

I suspect there will never be an edible version of a crossword, but if there is, I'll eat my words.

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Capital Crossword 23



Across

- 2. Canada (6)
- 5. Fiji (4)
- 6. Kenya (7)
- 9. Ethiopia (5,5)
- 12. China (7)
- 14. Iran (6)
- 16. Cape Verde (5)
- 18. Chile (8)
- 20. South Korea (5)
- 21. Pakistan (9)
- 22. Bulgaria (5)
- 23. Jordan (5)

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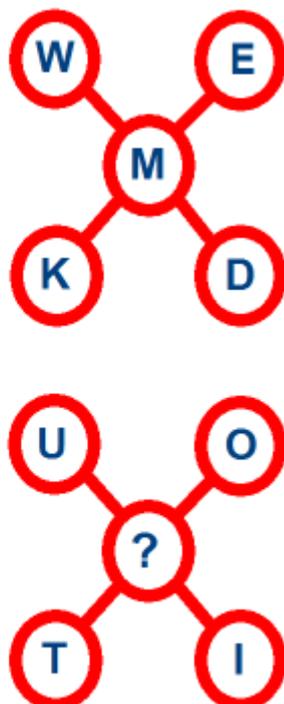
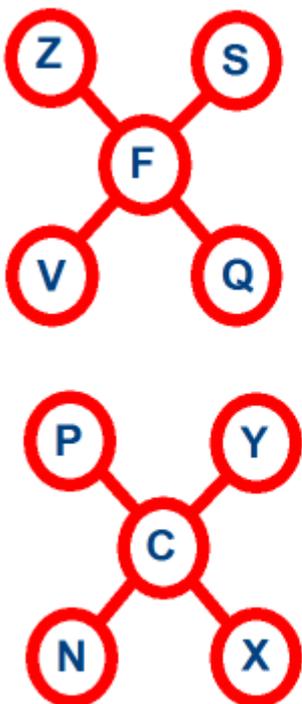
- 1. The Philippines (6)
- 2. Norway (4)
- 3. Samoa (4)
- 4. Iceland (9)
- 7. Barbados (10)
- 8. Portugal (6)
- 10. United Arab Emirates (3,5)
- 11. Ghana (5)
- 13. Brazil (8)
- 15. Cyprus (7)

All puzzle solutions can be found on page 29

Went to a fancy dress party as a jigsaw piece but didn't like it. I just didn't fit in.

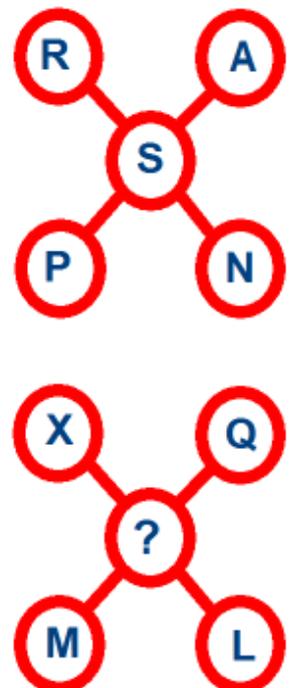
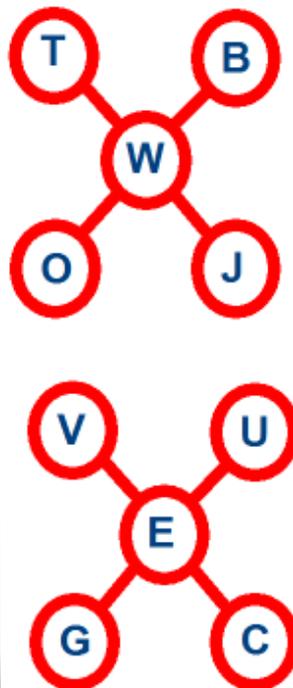
Mind Over Matter 01

Break the code to discover the missing letter.
Hint: A-Z = 1-26



Mind Over Matter 0

Break the code to discover the missing letter.
Hint: A-Z = 1-26



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Tradespeople Jokes...



An electrician dies in a fishing accident on his 40th birthday and finds himself greeted at the Pearly Gates by a brass band. Saint Peter runs over, shakes his hand and says "Congratulations!"

"Congratulations for what?" asks the electrician
 "Congratulations for what?" says Saint Peter. "We are celebrating the fact that you lived to be 160 years old."

"But that's not true," says the consultant. "I only lived to be forty."

"That's impossible," says Saint Peter, "we added up your time sheets!"

The homeowner was delighted with the way the electrician had done all the work on his house. "You did a great job." he said and handed the man a cheque. "Also, in order to thank-you, here's an extra £80 to take the missus out to dinner and a movie." Later that night, the doorbell rang and it was the electrician. Thinking the electrician had forgotten something the man asked, "What's the matter, did you forget something?" "Nope." replied the electrician. "I'm just here to take your missus out to dinner and a movie like you asked."

While electricians were working outside the old house I had just bought, I busied myself with indoor cleaning. I had just finished washing the floor when one of the workmen asked to use the toilet.

With dismay I looked from his muddy boots to my newly scrubbed floors.

"Just a minute," I said, thinking of a quick solution.

"I'll put down newspapers."

"That's all right, lady," he responded. "I'm already trained."

Four surgeons are discussing who makes the best type of surgery patient.

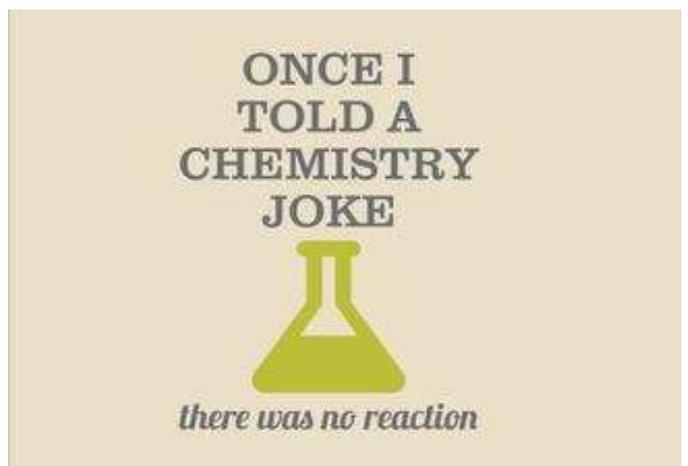
The first surgeon says, "I like to see accountants on my operating table, because when you open them up, everything inside is numbered."

The second responds, "Yeah, but you should try electricians! Everything inside them is colour coded."

The third surgeon says, "No, I really think librarians are the best; everything inside them is in alphabetical order."

The fourth surgeon chimes in: "You know, I like construction workers - they seem to understand when you have a few parts left over at the end and when the job takes longer than you said it would."

A chemist, a biologist and an electrician were on death row waiting to go in the electric chair. The chemist was brought forward first. "Do you have anything you want to say?" asked the executioner, strapping him in "No," replied the chemist. The executioner flicked the switch and nothing happened. Under State law, if an execution attempt fails, the prisoner is to be released, so the chemist was released. Then the biologist was brought forward. "Do you have anything you want to say?" "No, just get on with it." The executioner flicked the switch, and again nothing happened, so the biologist was released. Then the electrician was brought forward. "Do you have anything you want to say?" asked the executioner. "Yes," replied the engineer. "If you swap the red and the blue wires over, you might make this thing work."



The strong young man at the construction site was bragging that he could out do anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of one of the older workmen. After several minutes, the older worker had had enough. "Why don't you put your money where your mouth is," he said.

"I will bet a week's wages that I can haul something in

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a wheelbarrow over to that outbuilding that you won't be able to wheel back."

"You're on, old man," the braggart replied. "Let's see what you got."

The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles.

Then, nodding to the young man, he said, "All right, Get in."



An electrician walks onto a job site of a large company and hands the foreman his application.

The foreman begins to scan the sheet, and notices that the applicant has been fired from every job he has ever held. "I must say," says the foreman, "your work history is terrible.

You've been fired from every job." "Yes," says the sparky. "Well," continues the foreman, "there's not much positive in that." "Hey!" says the guy as he pokes the application. "At least I'm not a quitter."

What is another name for an electrical apprentice?
Shock absorber

Why are the electricians always up to date?
Because they are "current specialists".

Why did Mr Ohm marry Mrs. Ohm? Because he couldn't resistor!

What kind of car does an electrician drive? A Voltswagen

Two atoms were walking down the street.
Atom One: Oh no - I've lost an electron!
Atom two: Are you sure?
Atom one: Yes... I'm positive.

Musician Jokes...

(PLEASE NOTE: These are meant to be light-hearted jokes, not meant to upset any musicians out there!)

A young child says to his mother, "Mom, when I grow up I'd like to be a musician." She replies, "Well honey, you know you can't do both."

Q: How many conductors does it take to screw in a light bulb? A: No one knows, no one ever looks at him.

Q: What's the difference between Terrorists and Accordion players? A: Terrorists have sympathizers.

Q: How many Folk Singers does it take to change a light bulb? A: One to change it and 5 to sing about how good the old one was.

Q: What do you call a drummer in a three-piece suit?
A: "The Defendant"

Q: What did the drummer get on his I.Q. Test?
A: Saliva.

Q: What do you call a guitar player without a girlfriend? A: Homeless.

Q: What's the difference between a banjo and an onion? A: Nobody cries when you chop up a banjo.



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Q: What do you get when you drop a piano into a mine shaft? A: A Flat Miner

Q: What's the similarity between a drummer and a philosopher? A: They both perceive time as an abstract concept.

Q: Why was the musician arrested? A: He was in treble

Q: What is the difference between a drummer and a vacuum cleaner? A: You have to plug one of them in before it sucks.

Q: Why do some people have an instant aversion to banjo players? A: It saves time in the long run.

Q: What's the difference between a folk guitar player and a large pizza? A: A large pizza can feed a family of four.

Q: What's the difference between a jet airplane and a trumpet? A: About three decibels.

Q: What's the definition of a minor second interval? A: Two Soprano Sax players reading off the same part.

Q: What is another term for trombone? A: A wind driven, manually operated, pitch approximator.

Q: What is the dynamic range of a bass trombone? A: On or off.

Q: What's the definition of perfect pitch? A: When you toss a banjo in the dumpster and it hits a piano accordion.

Q: Why do people play trombone? A: Because they can't move their fingers and read music at the same time.

Two drummers walk past a bar...

Q: What do you call a guitar player that only knows two chords? A: A music critic.

Q: How do you keep your violin from being stolen? A: Put it in a viola case.

Q: What's the difference between a saxophone and a chainsaw? A: You can tune a chainsaw.

Q: What will you never say about a banjo player? A: "Look, that's the banjo player's Porsche."

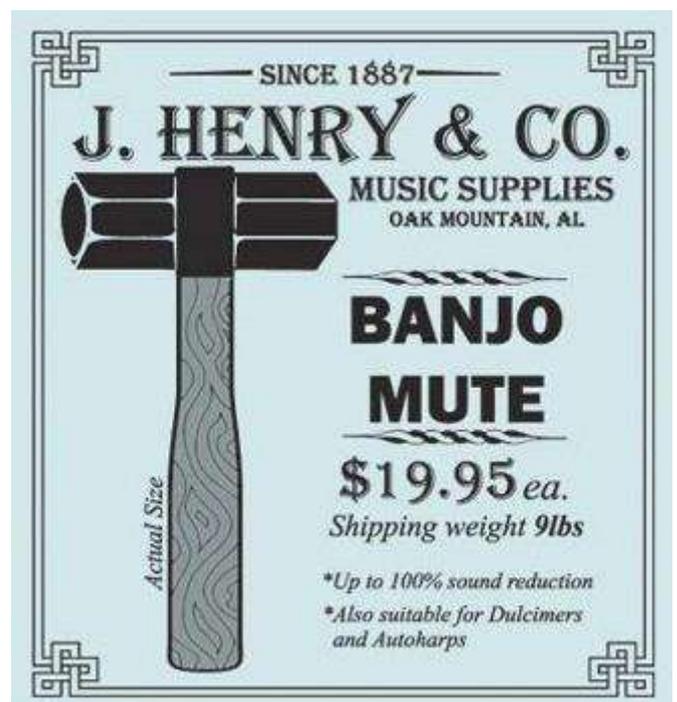
Q: What do a viola and a lawsuit have in common? A: Everyone is relieved when the case is closed.

Q: Why are harps like elderly parents? A: Both are hard to get into and out of cars.

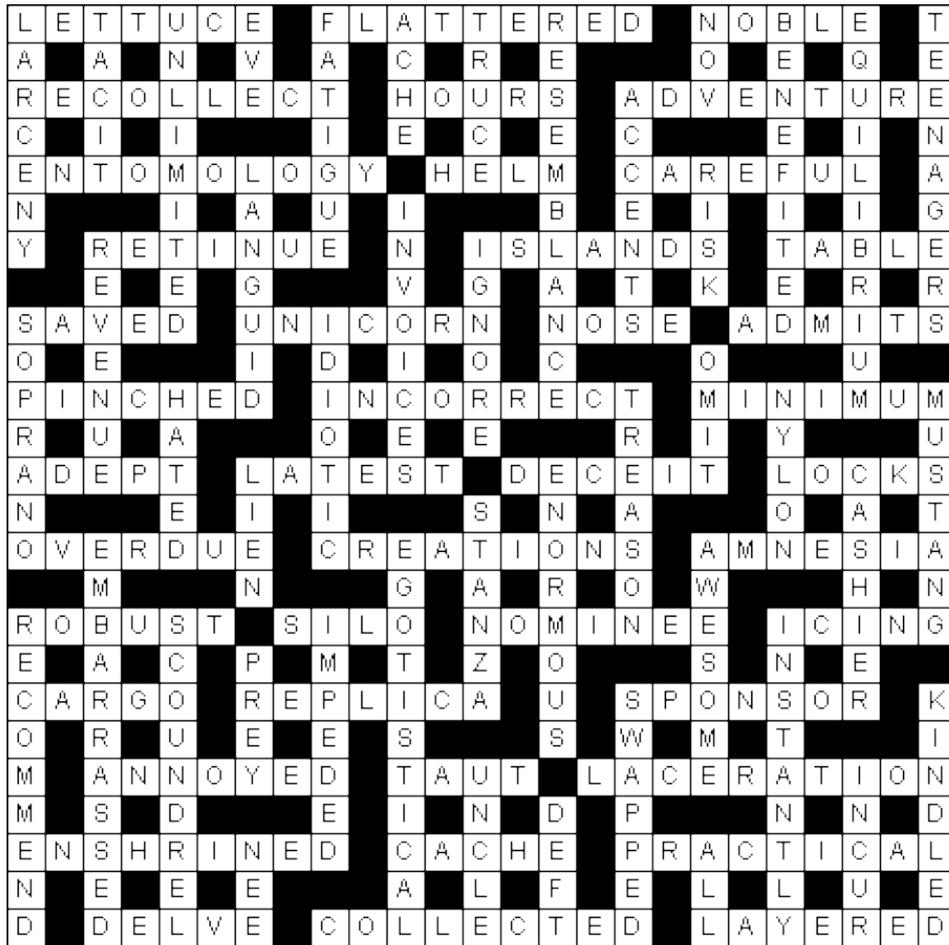
Q: What's the difference between an oboe and a bassoon? A: You can hit a baseball further with a bassoon.

Tuba Player: "Did you hear my last recital?"
Friend: "I hope so."

Q: What's the difference between alto clef and Greek? A: Some conductors actually read Greek.



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Capital Crossword 23 Solution



Mind Over Matter 01

The letters A-Z are valued 1-26. In each set, the difference between the top and bottom values on the left, plus the difference between the top and bottom values on the right, equals the middle value, so the mystery letter is G (7).

Mind Over Matter 02

The letters A-Z are valued 1-26. In each set, the difference between the two top values, plus the difference between the bottom two values, equals the middle value, so the mystery letter is H (8)

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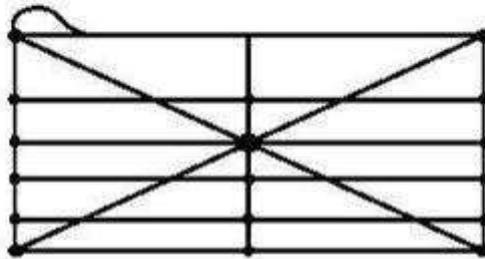


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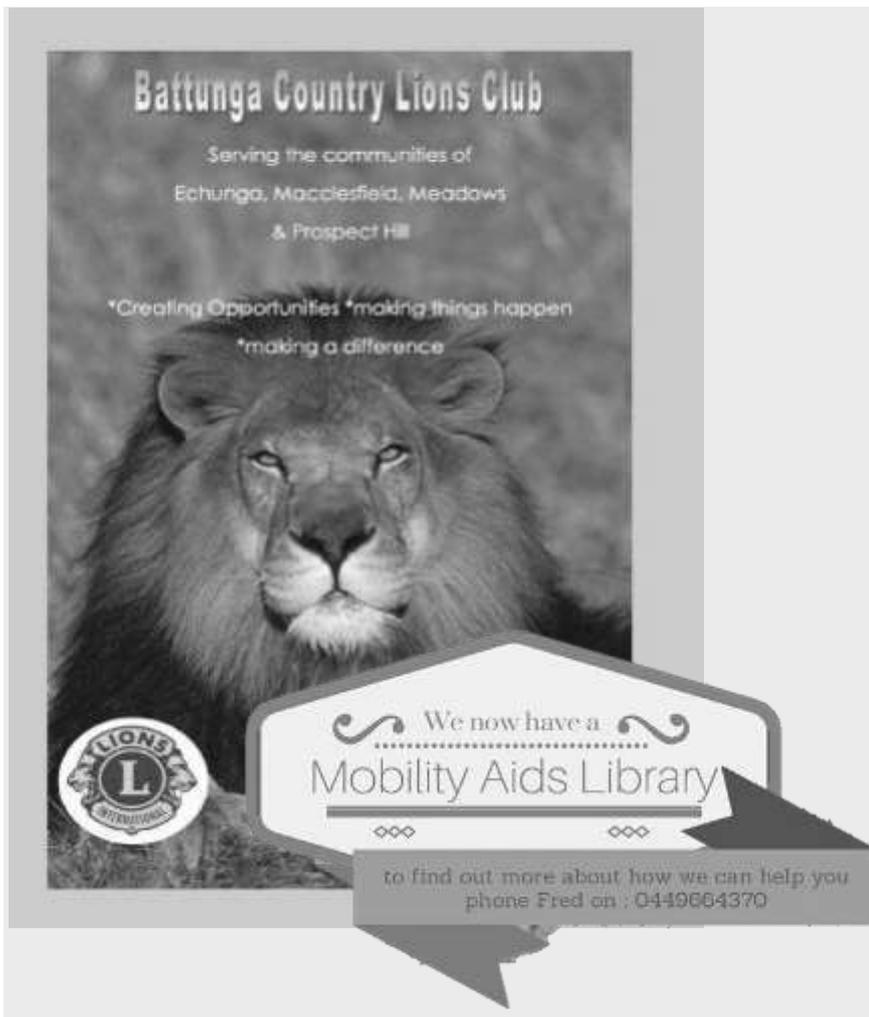
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