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THE FRONT COVER

Echunga Garden of
Remembrance

Photo courtesy Mark McDermid

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From the President's desk

The situation with the coronavirus in Australia has significantly improved over the past month, which is certainly encouraging as we all look to an end to the restrictions that have been imposed. In light of this situation, I thought the words of Wing Commander Brown, quoted in the ABC News as part of the Anzac Day coverage of the national event in Canberra, were very pertinent when she said that we Australians can do more today than just honour those who have defended the nation.

"In this time of crisis, let us realise the innate capacity within each of us, to do the same" she said. "To unite and protect the more vulnerable among us. To realise that the qualities for which we honour the Anzacs live on in each of us - endurance, courage, ingenuity, good humour, mateship and devotion to each other, to Australia - lest we forget"

Here in South Australia, we've "flattened the curve" significantly, but we're not yet out of the woods. Before we see relaxed restrictions and a shift to normality, we need to carefully assess the situation, and be wary that we don't experience a second wave, or even a third wave, of infections that would surely wreck our economy far more destructively than before.

We've seen what can happen if restrictions are eased too soon. For example, in Singapore, their first COVID-

19 case was reported on Jan 23, and by March 16 they only had 243 cases. They were seen as a good model of how to get on top of the virus and flatten the curve. However, in the next 5 weeks, their number of cases has dramatically surged to over 13,000!

So let's be sure to continue to follow the government's guidance which is based on the best possible medical advice. If we can all play our part properly, we will see a continuation of the good results we've had so far, and our lives will gradually get back to normal. We're all in this together!

One tool the government has recently announced is the new COVID-19 contact tracing app called "COVIDSafe" which can be downloaded on to any smart phone: the purpose of this app is that if there is an outbreak of the virus, anyone who has been in contact with an infected person can quickly be traced so they can get tested. This means the health authorities can quickly clamp down on any infection before there is further mass spreading in the community. And it should help us to open up society more quickly. Note: There are significant security measures with this new app to ensure privacy is maintained, and it is NOT mandatory.

In the meantime, be well and stay safe.

Mark McDermid

Quotable Quotes

Elizabeth Peters: The way to get on with a cat is to treat it as an equal – or even better, as the superior it knows itself to be.

Pam Brown: Cats can work out mathematically the exact place to sit that will cause most inconvenience.

Abraham Lincoln: No matter how much the cats fight, there always seem to be plenty of kittens.

Terry Pratchett : Cats will amusingly tolerate humans only until someone comes up with a tin opener that can be operated with a paw.

Paula Poundstone: The problem with cats is that they get the same exact look whether they see a moth or an axe-murderer.

Dan Greenberg: There is, incidentally, no way of talking about cats that enables one to come off as a sane person.

Anna Quindlen: I have a cat, the pet that ranks just above a throw pillow in terms of required responsibility."

Terry Pratchett: In ancient times cats were worshipped as gods; they have not forgotten this.

Henry James: Cats and monkeys; monkeys and cats; all human life is there.

Eddie Izzard: Cats have a scam going - you buy the food, they eat the food, they go away; that's the deal.

Robert A. Heinlein: Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

Khalil Gibran: Faith is an oasis in the heart which will never be reached by the caravan of thinking.



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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."*



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 April 2020

Data collected from an automatic weather station in Flaxley

Average temperature: 13.6°C

Maximum temperature: 27.8°C on day 14 at time 16:02

Minimum temperature: 2.3°C on day 13 at 07:27

Average humidity: 80%

Maximum humidity: 97% on day 09 at 09:25

Minimum humidity: 22% on day 14 at 17:06

Average wind speed: 1.9 km/h

Maximum wind gust: 53.7 km/h from NNE on day 19 at 23:47

Rainfall Summary

2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Rain	63.6	25.2	6.4	79.1									174.3
Days	8	7	7	13									35

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 29/04/2020 at 17:00

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 March 2020 rainfall from local Bureau of Meteorology Stations

Sourced from www.bom.gov.au

Macclesfield: 7.6 mm

Meadows: 9.6 mm

Hahndorf: 7.2 mm

Strathalbyn: 6.2 mm

Mount Barker: 7.4 mm

Mylor: 4.4 mm

Mt Bold: 4.8 mm

Kuitpo Forest: 8.0 mm

Adelaide: 3.8 mm

Monthly Dance

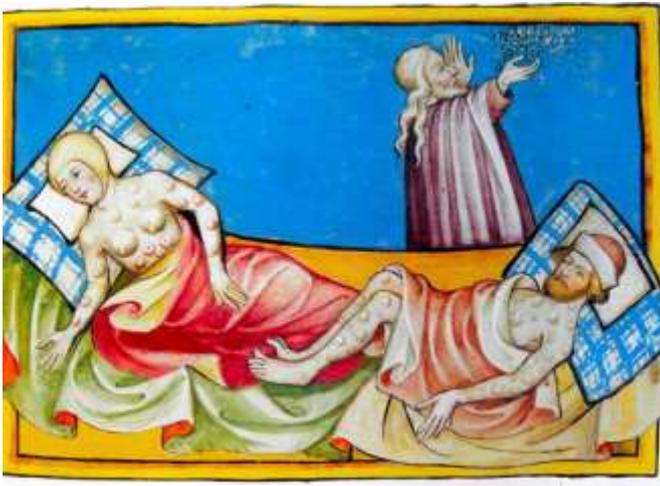
CANCELLED

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).

The Black Plague

The Black Plague, also known as the Black Death, was a devastating global epidemic of bubonic plague that struck Europe and Asia in the mid-1300s.

The Black Plague was the second disaster affecting Europe during the Late Middle Ages (the first one being the Great Famine) and is estimated to have killed somewhere between 30% to 60% of Europe's population. In total, the plague may have reduced the world population from an estimated 475 million to 350–375 million in the 14th century. It took 200 years for Europe's population to recover to its previous level. Outbreaks of the plague recurred at various locations around the world until the early 20th century.



The Black Death probably originated in Central Asia or East Asia, from where it travelled along the Silk Road, reaching Crimea by 1347. From there, it was most likely carried by fleas living on the black rats that travelled on Genoese merchant ships, spreading throughout the Mediterranean Basin and reaching Africa, Western Asia, and the rest of Europe via Constantinople, Sicily, and the Italian Peninsula.

Specifically, it is thought the plague arrived in Europe in October 1347, when 12 ships from the Black Sea docked at the Sicilian port of Messina. People gathered on the docks were met with a horrifying surprise: Most sailors aboard the ships were dead, and those still alive were gravely ill and covered in black boils that oozed blood and pus. Sicilian authorities hastily ordered the fleet of “death ships” out of the harbor, but it was too late: Over the next five years, the Black Death would kill at least 20 million people in Europe.

The plague spread considerable distances by rat fleas on ships. Infected ship rats would die, but their fleas

would often survive and find new rat hosts wherever they landed. Unlike human fleas, rat fleas are adapted to riding with their hosts; they readily also infest clothing of people entering affected houses and ride with them to other houses or localities. This gives plague epidemics a peculiar rhythm and pace of development and a characteristic pattern of dissemination.

The fact that plague is transmitted by rat fleas means plague is a disease of the warmer seasons, disappearing during the winter, or at least lose most of their powers of spread. In the plague history of Norway from the Black Death 1348-49 to the last outbreaks in 1654, comprising over thirty waves of plague, there was never a winter epidemic of plague. Plague is very different from airborne contagious diseases, which are spread directly between people by droplets: these thrive in cold weather.

The frightening name, however, only came several centuries after its visitation (and was probably a mistranslation of the Latin word ‘atra’ meaning both ‘terrible’ and ‘black’). Chronicles and letters from the time describe the terror wrought by the illness. A Florentine chronicler relates that, *All the citizens did little else except to carry dead bodies to be buried [...]* *At every church they dug deep pits down to the water-table; and thus those who were poor who died during the night were bundled up quickly and thrown into the pit. In the morning when a large number of bodies were found in the pit, they took some earth and shovelled it down on top of them; and later others were placed on top of them and then another layer of earth, just as one makes lasagne with layers of pasta and cheese.*

According to the English chronicler, Geoffrey the Baker, *“The seventh year after it began, it came to England and first began in the towns and ports joining on the seacoasts, in Dorsetshire, where, as in other counties, it made the country quite void of inhabitants so that there were almost none left alive.... But at length it came to Gloucester, yea even to Oxford and to London, and finally it spread over all England and so wasted the people that scarce the tenth person of any sort was left alive.”*

MMcD: Source: wikipedia.com, history.com, historytoday.com

Factoids About The USA

The USA is nearly always in the news for one reason or another (eg. President Trump, terrible coronavirus cases, etc) but here are some lesser known yet interesting factoids about the world's biggest economy:

More people live in New York City than in 40 of the USA's 50 states.



There is enough water in Lake Superior to cover all of North and South America in one foot of liquid.

In 1872, Russia sold Alaska to the United States for about 2 cents per acre.

It would take you more than 400 years to spend a night in all of Las Vegas's hotel rooms.

Western Michigan is home to a giant lavender labyrinth so big you can see it on Google Earth.



There's an island full of wild monkeys off the coast of South Carolina called Morgan Island, and it's not open to humans

Kansas produces enough wheat each year to feed everyone in the world for about two weeks.

Oregon's Crater Lake is deep enough to cover six Statues of Liberty stacked on top of each other

The entire Denver International Airport is twice the size of Manhattan.

The total length of Idaho's rivers could stretch across the United States about 40 times.

In 1893, an amendment was proposed to rename the country to the "United States of Earth."

A highway in Lancaster, California plays the "William

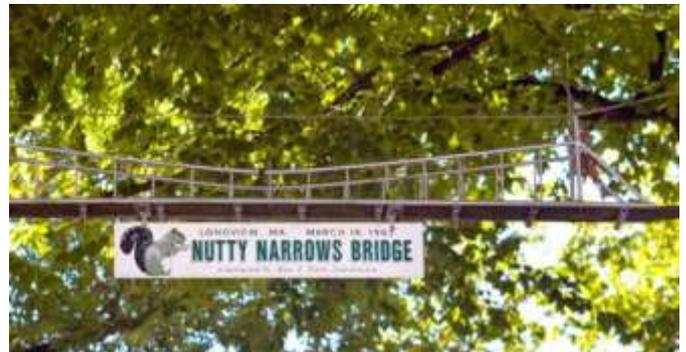
Tell Overture" as you drive over it, thanks to some well-placed grooves in the road

The entire town of Whittier, Alaska lives under one roof.

The Empire State building has its own zip code.

The Library of Congress contains approximately 838 miles of bookshelves—long enough to stretch from Houston to Chicago.

There's a town in Washington with treetop bridges made specifically to help squirrels cross the street.



In 1922, a man built a house and all his furniture entirely out of 100,000 newspapers. The structure still stands today in Rockport, Massachusetts.

There's enough concrete in the Hoover Dam to build a two-lane highway from San Francisco to New York City.



The town of Centralia, Pennsylvania has been on fire for 55 years.

The one-woman town of Monowi, Nebraska is the only officially incorporated municipality with a population of 1. The sole, 83-year-old resident is the city's mayor, librarian, and bartender.

The number of bourbon barrels in Kentucky outnumbers the state's population by more than two million.

The Way We Were

REMINISCENCES OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA IN 1850.

Several persons having told me that they had felt much interested in my 'Reminiscences of Brazil' in your paper of January 21. and asked me to write something more for their amusement, it has occurred to me that some incidents connected with my arrival in this colony may not be devoid of interest to some of your readers. It was on April Fool's Day, 1850, that I first tempted Australian mosquitoes at Schnapper Point, Le-fevre's Peninsula, and they showed me clearly that, like a good many people in this world, they could not resist temptation, and had to pay penalty for their indiscretion. We had had fever, and measles, and whooping cough on board the barque Trafalgar, and in consequence were placed in quarantine (partial) on Le-fevre's Peninsula, nearly opposite the present Quarantine Station on Torrens Island, and on April 1 I went to attend the sick who were arranged in tents. Including my wife, myself, and attendants we were twenty-nine in number, and a curious sight it seemed to see the double row of tents all pitched on the sand in that wild spot, and the large wood fire blazing away.

On the 8th my career in South Australia was very nearly settled, for I barely escaped stepping on an adder which was close to the tents. I luckily managed to kill it, and hung it up in the bushes as a warning to others. On rising early on the 10th I found that there was no water for breakfast, so I went across the river to Torrens Island to get some from a small native well, taking two men with me. After filling our casks we found that the boat was high and dry. Fortunately one to the islanders (Mr. Yeo, I think) had just killed a pig, so we had pork chops and tea, with delicious cream, and returned to the tents as soon as the tide would permit. A Yankee woodcutter (Darbin Goodhill), who lived in a wurley half a mile off, came and spent the evening at our fire, and he told me that he could earn from £3 12s. to £4 a week by woodcutting on the Peninsula and sending it per boat to the Port, and as he had no wife or family he could and did save about £3 per week. Another woodcutter — Stanley— who sprang from a celebrated tribe of gipsies— also used to come and spin yarns at our fireside. On the 14th poor Mr. Le Messurier Gretton, the father of Captain Gretton, died from fever. The captain was not born for two or three months, I think, after his father's death. His father and mother and Mr. and Mrs. Sismey were

our fellow passengers. On the 17th I had my first, and almost last, experience of a journey to Adelaide in a tandem cart, and I never shall forget the shaking I received. There was no regular road, and carts were going in all directions over mounds and through ruts and holes, and I had to hold on tight by the side of the cart to avoid being pitched out. What a contrast between that ride and one in the express train now? Only fancy, one of the horses attached to the cart I returned in had never been in harness before, and constantly turned round to face us!

April 20. Rose early and took a boat across to the island to see if I could procure some food for breakfast (so very considerate was the Government of that day), and luckily secured some new milk, a loaf, and some eggs and bacon; and after breakfast rowed up to the Port to get some provisions for the sick, and to complain that we had no fresh water. On my return to the encampment at 4 p.m. I learned that one of the sick men, who was recovering from fever, had been driving away some pigs that daily came to steal our provisions, and wandered away from the tents and could not be found. With another man I started off in pursuit of him, and fired off guns, and called out his name until night overtook us, and, not having found the poor fellow, I took a man with me and rowed again to the Port and reported the matter to Dr. Duncan. Took back three policemen to help me to search for the lost man, and went to bed at 12 o'clock at night quite knocked up. Next day the police started early in search and returned some hours after, saying that they could not find the man; neither could Sergeant (Lorimer, I think) and I, although we rambled round the tents for miles. About 3 p.m. a number of natives came to hunt for the man who was lost, and among them was a well known black — 'Big Rodney' — and he frightened Mrs. Wylde as he looked unutterable things at her and said, 'What for white woman not watch?'

Next day, April 22, I went up to town and called to see the Chief Secretary, Captain Sturt, who commended me for the steps I had taken and reporting so promptly, and on my return to the encampment I had the pleasure of hearing that the man had been found two miles from the tents by old Mr. Germein and his dog. He was nearly exhausted, having been forty-eight hours without food and water. He was taken to the



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Hospital in Adelaide. I did not see that man again for twenty-five years (about), when one day I was driving through Victoria square I saw a German wagon with the man's name thereon, and I stopped the driver and asked him if he was the man who was lost on the Peninsula in 1850. He said that he was, that he was married and had eight children, and lived at Balhannah.

The wandering pigs were the cause of much trouble to me on the 25th. I was near the fire, skinning a black swan, when I noticed that they were just about to eat some vegetables that were in the tent that formed my parlour. I threw a stick which was lying near the fire at them, and in about a quarter of an hour I noticed a flame creeping up a piece of fir tree which formed an ornamental doorpost to my parlour. I instantly rushed in and took out my gun and a box of clothes, and this was all I could do, for the double tent and part of a fine old teatree at the back, were burned down in five minutes, together with my easy chair, swingtray, two dozen of my brother Harry's shirts, several waistcoats and pairs of trousers, also petticoats, bonnets, gowns, stuffs, shirts, and shoes belonging, to a poor girl and her brother, Kate and Pat Courtney, who were staying with us. Our sleeping tent was a short distance from the burned one, and the fire was fast creeping up my teatree pathway to it, but by the exertions of my Yankee and gipsy friends and myself we contrived to pull it down and bury it in sand, not before it was burned in many places, and the blankets, sheets, night gowns, &c, had many holes burned in them. Soon after the fire began I saw flames creeping towards my brother Henry's tent, where he was ill with fever. So I rushed to the tent, pulled him out of bed, and left him on the sand outside; pulled down his tent and then took some blankets and laid on the sand for him. I went to the port and reported the matter to the authority, and then returned, and my woodmen friends and I soon set up my brother's and my tent again, and then sat down on a log to dinner; which we managed in the best way we could, all the knives and forks having been burned.

On Friday, May 3, I found that our large water cask, which had been supplied to us, had been carried away by the tide, and was nowhere visible, so I went over to the island to tell the waterman of our loss. In crossing the river a squall arose and we were nearly capsized, and it continued to blow so hard all day that I was unable to get back to the tents and was obliged to put myself under the protection of one of my kind hut

friends ; and while in her house one of the hens hopped on to the sofa and laid an egg, which was forthwith transferred with some bacon to the frying pan and made a capital dinner for me. At night a bed was made for me on the locker in the kitchen, and the sheets were scrupulously white and should have tempted one to sleep; but, alas! this was out of the question, for innumerable little gentlemen in brown coats (*Pulex irritans* believe the charming creature is called) commenced an onslaught on this unoffending victim, and after capturing twenty I beat a retreat to the banks of the river. Sheridan used to tell of a bed in which he once slept where the fleas were so numerous that he believed that if unanimous in their determination to do it they could have lifted him out of bed. In the case now mentioned they were so numerous that they might (I dare say he would have said) possibly have carried away me and the locker also.

Next day I went to the Port and brought back provisions for the sick, myself and wife, and among other things a forequarter of lamb, price 1s. 9d., and attended my first private patient, a Mrs. Scott, wife of a man who had built a wooden public-house between the Port and North Arm. Pat Courtney slept in the next tent to me, on a palliass placed on trusses of straw, and during the night of May 14 I heard Pat anathematizing something at the top of his voice, and, suffering as I was from a bad boil on my knee at the time, I could not resist laughing at the situation when I went outside to see what was the matter, for sundry cows were trying to eat Pat's bed from under him, and had upset his tent completely, and left him exposed to the rude elements.

On the 30th May I started on an excursion to Hurtle Vale to see an old colonist whose sister came out as an emigrant under my care. On reaching town I got into the mailcart (tandem), and was nearly being upset twice, and the leader, having perhaps been thirsty, tried to bolt into Reid's brewery, I decided on going no further in the cart, and started off by the 10.2 coach, and halted for the night at the Flagstaff Hotel, at the foot of Tapley's Hill, and found that Mr. Lewis, who kept it, was a Wolverhampton man, and that he knew my old schoolmaster, the Rev. Dr. Bowley, of Bridgenorth (with whom also Captain Walcot's father went to school), and had put up a black marble mantel piece in the doctor's library ; and I was glad to see Mr. Lewis looking as ' blooming as a peony in buxom May' not long ago. Next day I went to see the farmer at

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Hurtle Vale (dead long since), and caught the first centipede I ever saw. My dormitory was the store room, my companions mice and some insects, and my furniture sacks of corn, pie melons for a seat, &c., and I received a hearty welcome there, and a polite reception at Morphett Vale from a French R.C. priest, to whom I had a letter of introduction. I may mention one or two curious things in connection with my emigrant and the man she married out here. Once, when I was attending her with bronchitis, she wished to impart a secret to me. She thought her husband wanted to get some money she had in her box, and would be only too glad to get rid of her, but said she— 'I am lying on a pillow of pigeons' feathers, and can't die while it is under my head ; so don't you tell him, or he will soon remove it, ' She left him soon after, and went to New Zealand. He continued his drinking habits, had his leg broken one night, and died in the Accident Ward at the hospital.

On the 1st of June I walked to Adelaide (fourteen miles), and then rode to the Port and intended going on foot to the tents on the Peninsula. As it became dark I lost my way, and did not know what to do. Luckily Mrs. Wylde suspected something of the kind and had a blazing fire made, and I soon saw it. I was standing up to my ankles in water, as the tide was coming in, and I started off straight for the fire, walking through scrub and water till I reached the encampment; and did not I finish the dinner that evening!

On June 14 I bid adieu (pro tem.) to tent life, after having had ten weeks of it, and reached Walkerville in the evening and laid our beds down on brick floors, and slept well. Next day we enjoyed the luxuries of chairs and table at dinner for the first time since our arrival in South Australia!

On the 9th of July my brother Henry and I started on a visit to Hurtle Vale, and after walking from Walkerville to the top of Tapley's Hill we halted for the night at an inn there. In the bedroom were two single and one double beds, and the latter, it seemed, had been engaged by a wandering Jew (a jeweller). Whether he was Eugene Sue's original I cannot say, but this I know that he had taken his coffee too strong, and after my brother and I had been in bed for an hour he came in, not 'profecto ipse,' as he ought to have been, but 'defecto tipsy,' as he ought not to have been, and I had to bundle him on to his bed, boots and all, and then give him the basin — for ' he was uncommon ill, as if he'd been investigating a private still — and after

he had recovered a little he proceeded to expatiate in a very hiccuppy manner upon a journey he had once made to Jerusalem, and became such a nuisance that I told him if he did not cease talking I should turn him out of the room, whereupon he said— 'Well, I will, Mr. Watsoname, but let me tell you it will be a long time before you will have the pleasure of sleeping in the same room with a man who has been to Jerusalem.' I told him that I hoped it would if it was likely to be as big a nuisance as he was.

On the 23rd we started on foot to Mount Barker, and after walking as far as Hahndorf we stopped at an inn kept by an Englishwoman. I cannot forget how clean and nice everything looked, and how well the food was cooked —a great contrast to a wretchedly kept inn at Echunga. Next day we walked to Mount Barker, and then on to Strathalbyn, and stopped at a capital hotel, where we met Mr. Crawford the brewer (I forget which) and Mr. Tom Guy (of Guy & Fowler), and we dined together, and we were invited down to the sheep station near the Lake Alexandria. On the following day Mr. Crawford and Mr. Guy, who had horses, rode on, and we followed on foot, but lost our way, and late at night found ourselves at a hut near Stirling's Station on Lake Alexandria;- and the promptness with which chops, frying pan, and tea were produced was wonderful, and 'with such' a hearty welcome that I nearly felt a blessed martyr to fleas and smoke, as I tried, to sleep on sheepskins that night. Next day we were put on a track (ploughed) which led to near Guy and Fowler's station, and the hospitality we there received it is my delight to chronicle. There we met Mr. Fowler, just returned from Sydney;- Mr. Rankine, Mr. O'Flaharty, and several other cheery gentlemen, and returned to Walkerville after a two days' stay, walking through Macclesfield and Echunga.

I must not tire my friends, so I will sit down at Walkerville while; but, before I forget it, must give to the world a valuable receipt I had from a lady in England (in the fifties) for

HOMEOPATHIC SOUP.

Take a robin's leg :

Mind, the drumstick merely

Put it in a tub

Filled with water nearly.

Set it out of doors

In a place that's shady ;

Let it stand a week.

(Three days for a lady).



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Put a spoonful in
To a five-quart kettle ;
It should be of tin,
Or, perhaps, bell metal.
Fill the kettle up,
Put it on a boiling,
Skim the liquor well,
To prevent its oiling,
Let the liquor boil
Half an hour or longer
(If 'tis for a man
You may make it stronger),
Should you now desire
That the soup be flavoury,
Stir it once around

With a stalk of savoury.
When the soup is done
Set it by to jell it;
Then three times a day
Let the patient smell it.
If he chance to die,
Say 'twas nature did it;
But should he get well,
Give the soup the credit.

Who can tell how far this wonderful soup has been the means of preserving to a green old age, your obedient servant, R. T. Wylde.

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900),

Monday 26 May 1890, page 66

DEATH OF DR. R. T. WYLDE.

Dr. R. T. Wylde, one of the oldest and most widely respected medical men in the state, was found dead in his bed at his residence, South Esplanade, Semaphore, on Friday, Nov. 27. On Wednesday he visited Mount Lofty, and appeared to be in his usual health on Thursday, although he complained of feeling tired, and he retired to bed at night somewhat earlier than usual. On Friday morning, however, he failed to appear at his customary hour, and when his room was entered shortly before 11 o'clock he was found to be dead. Dr. Corbin, who had been attending him lately, gave a certificate of death.

Dr. Wylde was the son of a naval chaplain, and was born at Claverton Vicarage, Warwickshire, on December 11, 1820, and therefore was nearly 83 years of age. He was educated at the Rev. Dr. Rowley's school at Bridgenorth, Shropshire. He studied for three years at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and obtained his M.R.C.S. degree in 1843. He came to South Australia in 1850 as medical officer of the 600-ton barque Trafalgar. He was registered as a medical practitioner in Adelaide on July 2, 1850...

...In the midst of his professional duties he found time to interest himself in various philanthropic movements, and he was particularly conspicuous in the work of the Home for Incurables and the Semaphore Convalescent Home. He was a devoted disciple of Izaak Walton when his medical duties would permit, and as a florist he attained a notable reputation. He was passionately fond of gardening and was a prominent exhibitor in floral displays of those days. About 25 years ago he retired from the active pursuit of his profession and went to the Semaphore to reside. In 1895 he paid another visit to the old country, whence, after remaining for seven years, he returned thirteen months ago. He was heartily welcomed back by many friends, and often since he had expressed his pleasure at the warm reception he received and his gratification at being back in South Australia again. Recently he had resided with his niece, Miss S. Wylde, at Semaphore, and he was often to be seen taking a quiet walk in the vicinity of his home.

The deceased was one of the founders of the Adelaide Crematorium, and in accordance with his wish, his body was conveyed there on Saturday afternoon. The conversion was the third of its kind in Adelaide, and the process was completely successful. This is a better record than was achieved with the first crematorium in England, established at Woking...The ashes were buried in close proximity to the Crematorium.

Adelaide Observer (SA : 1843 - 1904), Saturday 5 December 1903, page

Thought For The Month

Napoleon may not have designed the coat he wore, but he did have a hand in it.



What I'm Reading

Married to a Bedouin by *Marguerite van Geldermalsen*

New Zealand born nurse Marguerite van Geldermalsen first visited the lost city Petra with her friend Elizabeth in 1978 on a sightseeing tour of the ancient world. Already looking forward to her beach holiday at the end of the trip, little did Marguerite know she was about to meet the man she would marry, the charismatic Mohammad Abdallah Othman, a Bedouin craftsman of the Manajah tribe.

A life with Mohammad meant moving into his ancient cave and learning to love the regular tasks of baking shrak bread on an open fire and collecting water from the spring. But as Marguerite feels herself becoming part of the Bedouin community, she is thankful for the twist in fate that has led her to this contented life.

Marguerite's light-hearted and guileless observations of the people she comes to love are as heart-warming as they are valuable, charting Bedouin traditions now lost to the modern world.

Having visited Petra twice, I really enjoyed this book because there was so much that I recognised - the landscape, sunset over the Petra Mountains, the long, hot walk through the Siq and the first glimpse of Al-Khazna, the tombs and caves, the souvenir shops, the young Bedouin men with kohl lined eyes, their horses and their camels and the rebab player in their modern day contemporaries that I had seen.

In fact, while I was reading this wonderful auto-biography, I felt a very strong longing to visit Jordan and Petra again.

So, will I ever revisit Petra? Who knows. The world as we know it is so different at the moment and I suspect that travel as we knew it could also be so different post COVID-19.

Falastin by *Sami Tamimi and Tara Wigley*

With an evocative collection of over 110 unforgettable recipes and stories from Sami Tamimi and Tara Wigley, Falastin is a love letter to Palestine

Travelling through Bethlehem, East Jerusalem, Nablus, Haifa, Akka, Nazareth, Galilee and the West Bank, Sami and Tara invite you to experience and enjoy unparalleled access to Sami's homeland. As each region has its own distinct identity and tale to tell, there are endless new flavour combinations to discover.

The food is the perfect mix of traditional and contemporary, with recipes that have been handed down through the generations and reworked for a modern home kitchen, alongside dishes that have been inspired by Sami and Tara's collaborations with producers and farmers throughout Palestine.

With stunning food and travel photography plus stories from unheard Palestinian voices, this innovative cookbook will transport you to this rich land.

Sami Tamimi was born and raised in Jerusalem and was immersed in food from childhood. He started his career as commis-chef in a Jerusalem hotel and worked his way up, through many restaurants and ethnic traditions, to become head chef of Lilith, one of the top restaurants in Tel Aviv in the 1990s.

Sami moved to London in 1997 and worked at Baker and Spice as head chef, where he set up a traiteur section with a rich Middle-Eastern and Mediterranean spread. In 2002 he partnered with Noam Bar and Yotam Ottolenghi to set up Ottolenghi in Notting Hill. The company now has four stores and two restaurants, NOPI and ROVI, all in central London.

In his position as the executive head chef, Sami is involved in developing and nurturing young kitchen talents and creating new dishes and innovative menus.

Alongside Yotam Ottolenghi, Sami Tamimi is co-author of two bestselling cookbooks: Ottolenghi: The Cookbook and Jerusalem: A Cookbook.

Tara Wigley spent a decade working in publishing – at the Abner Stein Literary Agency in London and then Simon & Schuster – before going to cookery school in Ireland when her twins were 18 months old. She met Yotam Ottolenghi in 2011 and has been writing in collaboration with him ever since. She began by developing, testing and writing recipes for Yotam's weekly column in the Guardian magazine and his longer monthly column, in 2017, for the New York Times. Plenty More. NOPI: The Cookbook, SWEET and Ottolenghi SIMPLE were all written with Tara.

What I'm Watching

MYSTERY ROAD

The new murder mystery series from ABC sees the return of Detective Jay Swan (Aaron Pedersen) who first appeared in 2018. In the 1st series, two young farmhands went missing from an outback cattle station, one being a local indigenous football hero and the other a white backpacker. Swan works together with the local police sergeant to uncover drug trafficking in the town, illegal activity by the local Council head, and an historical injustice and tragedy involving the local Aboriginal people of the area.

As explained on the ABC website, in this 2nd series, "Detective Jay Swan takes on a grisly case in a new town, a coastal community where the desert meets the ocean and secrets past and present run deep. Jay must reconcile the law and deep lore and confront a dangerous enemy."

This second "Mystery Road" series is again set in 'outback' Australia, where white and black Australians come together. The first episode starts off with iconic scenery of Australia's coastal outback, mangrove swamps and sunsets, where the discovery of a decapitated body draws Detective Swan to the secretive township of Gideon. He needs to work with local policewoman Fran to try to solve the case, and while the murder is possibly related to an earlier ice drug-bust, it becomes apparent that solving the mystery is not going to be quick or easy, given the town doesn't talk easily. Gideon is a place on the edge of society, filled with broken souls, people who are hiding, and people who are starting again.

There's a parallel sub-plot involving an archaeological dig which strays into unauthorised territory. I'm not sure how this storyline links to the murder yet, but no doubt all will be revealed in the ensuing episodes. It does however serve to raise questions about modern Australia's understanding and connection with ancient Australia's history, a theme which has consistently been raised in the various Mystery Road series.

As in the first series, Detective Swan is a man of few words. He goes about his crime-solving observing much but saying little. It seems he is struggling with inner demons relating to his failed marriage, and his wayward daughter. As it turns out, his ex-wife appears in Gideon, raising painful memories for Swan, who it seems has not been the most reliable father to their young adult daughter.

This series of Mystery Road is directed by two excellent Indigenous Australian film-makers: Warwick Thornton (Samson and Delilah, Sweet Country) and Wayne Blair (The Sapphires, Cleverman). It is set in the fictitious coastal town of Gideon, filmed in the stunning locations of Western Australia's Broome and the Dampier Peninsula.

Rated M for some bad language and adult themes, for the first 2 episodes I'd rate it 8 out of 10.

It's available for a limited time, for free, on ABC's iView.

INFORMER 3838

A spin-off of Channel Nine's Underbelly series, this 2-episode series is about the astounding but true story of Nicola Gobbo, a Victorian defense lawyer who was recruited by the police as an informer and played both sides in the Melbourne Gangland War which peaked in the early 2000s.

The first episode covers Gobbo's early life studying law at university where she was a star performer, and her early successes in representing some of Melbourne's most notorious underworld figures - drug traffickers, murderers, and Mafia - including the infamous Carl Williams and Tony Mokbel.

Coming from a legal family dynasty that includes her uncle Sir James Gobbo, a former Supreme Court justice and Governor of Victoria, Gobbo was highly idealistic and ambitious. She used her good looks and sharp intelligence to advance her career and her standing with both sides of the law!

When the identity of 'Informer 3838' was ultimately identified, Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews called for a royal commission, which was only just completed late in 2019. A series of major criminal convictions could be quashed as a result of the scandal. Several high-profile criminals, including Mokbel, are considering appealing. Like the other Underbelly series, 'Informer 3838' is flashy and sensationalist, but it is otherwise quite rivetting given the gobsmacking real-life scenario! It is rated MA15+ due to language, nudity, drugs, adult themes etc. I rate it 7 out of 10. It's available to watch on 9Now.com.au.

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Meadows Vet News

We would like to thank all our clients for abiding by our Covid19 safety procedures. This means that we have been able to continue to provide all our services in a safe manner. Like everyone we are hoping that if the good news continues, we will be able to return to our normal way of life sooner rather than later!

In the meantime, we are still offering a home delivery service for all your pet care products, pet foods and medications as well as home visits as well as a pickup & drop off service. Please make sure if you want to pick up items from the clinic that you phone ahead to give us plenty of warning to have things ready!

During May we can also offer to you a **FREE POSTAGE** service for your Pet Medications. This service is being supported by 4CYTE who are assisting us in ensuring you have continued access to products you would normally purchase from us without leaving the safety and comfort of your own home.

We all hope that soon you will again be able to come visit the team again in clinic. We truly value your loyalty and support and are delighted to offer you this service. Call the Clinic today to organise payment and delivery of your Pet's Medication to your door... Free!

May is National Arthritis Month!

Did you know that approximately 90% of dogs will be affected by arthritis? Just like humans, dogs, cats, and horses may be affected by this disorder. Often, we hear that a dog is lame or limping because he is getting old and that is just part of aging. Well if any animal is lame or limping that is a sign of pain. Any human with arthritis will attest to how uncomfortable and downright painful arthritis can be!

Signs that may indicate your animal/pet is suffering from arthritis.

- Reluctance to walk, climb stairs, jump or play
- Limping/lameness/stiffness
- Lagging behind on walks
- Difficulty rising from a rest position
- Yelping in pain when touched
- A personality change
- Licking of the affected joints



These signs become more obvious as arthritis progresses, and the pain becomes much worse. As a result of the changes that have occurred in the

affected joint/s, arthritis is not a condition that can be cured. But the pain and discomfort can be very effectively controlled and managed. Early detection and preventative management are greatly beneficial! These days there are a huge number of options, treatments including therapies such as Cold Laser Therapy and products available to keep animals out of pain! We have seen incredible results with the use of products such as, Epitalis 4cyte and Pentosan as well as our Cold Laser Therapy. Please phone us for further information or check out our website.

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Closed Doors, Open Hearts

In a recent sermon, our minister Matt Carratt shared that while our church's doors are closed, our hearts remain open.

We read from Acts 4 where the early church was known for their open hearts to the Holy Spirit and to take the good news of Jesus to the world.

Their hearts were open both to receive and to give love. Just like them we are called to be generous and shine light in this time and beyond.

While we can't connect in some of the usual ways, we can open our hearts to those in our extended circle, whether family, friends or neighbours, with gifts, food, phone calls and above all prayer. Don't forget the many people who were affected by the summer fires too.

We may not all be in a position to give and if we have needs we musn't be afraid to reach out for help.

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Online Church 10am Sundays

Links to previous online services can be found here:
<https://echunga.ucasa.org.au/welcome/#services>



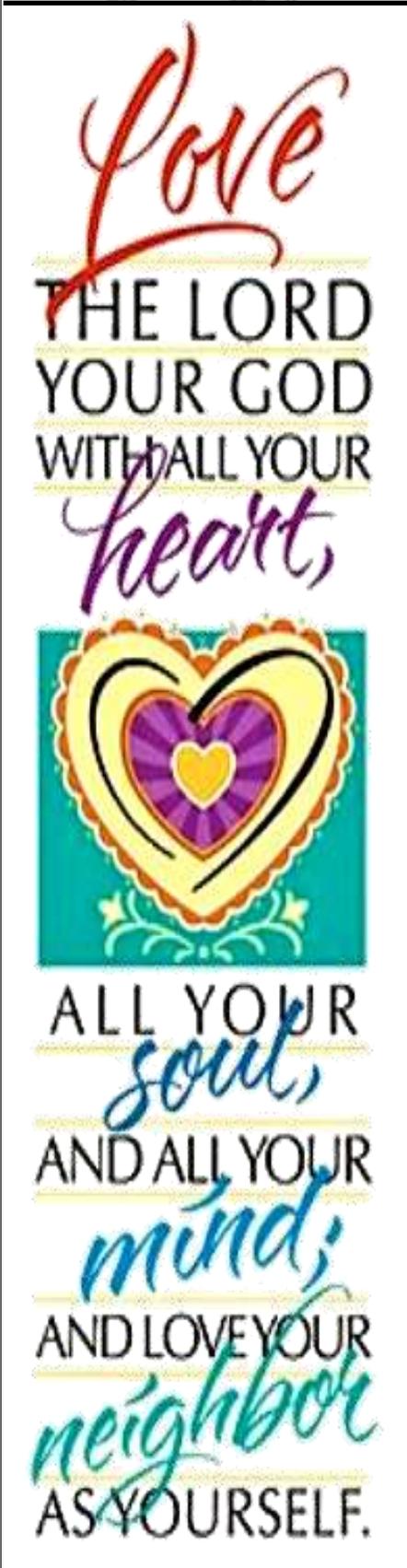
Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers on Sunday 10th May



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When Loving Your Neighbour Means Keeping Your Distance

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all acts of public worship in the Diocese have been suspended until further notice. However, this does not mean that we have ceased being a church nor ceased worship.

Worship Times

Sundays EUCHARISTIC SERVICE

9:30am every week live on our Facebook page and later on our website.

Tuesdays ZOOM MORNING PRAYER

9:30am every week beginning. Any queries about how to join should be directed to Fr Daniel, 0415 448 355 or dan1105500@gmail.com. (see next page for link).

Thursdays MORNING PRAYER

9:30am live on our Facebook page and later on our website

Social

10:00am every Wednesday **LADIES' ZOOM MORNING TEA**

9:30am every Friday **MEN'S ZOOM MORNING TEA**

Please contact Margie Philpott 0437 738 069/8398 4249 (see next page for link).



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

How to Join our Zoom Morning Prayer

Via PC or Tablet

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Meeting ID: 818 6368 8562

How to Join the Ladies' Zoom Morning Tea

Via PC or Tablet

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I Pray We Don't Go Back To Normal...

I pray that the next time a friend grabs me and pulls me in for a hug, I actually take the time to appreciate the gift of their embrace.

I pray that when school resumes and people are dropping kids off, they take the time to thank the staff for the amazing gift that they give to our community.

I pray that the next time I'm sitting in a crowded restaurant I take the time to look around at the smiling faces, loud voices and thank God for the gift of community.

I pray that the next time I'm standing in church listening to the voices of praise and worship that I take a moment to thank God for the gift of congregation.

I pray that the next time I see a person or situation that needs prayer, I hope I pray as passionately and fervently as I have these past few weeks.

I pray that when I am at the grocery store that I take a moment to thank God that He provides us with the necessities of life and the amazing people who work so hard to keep us supplied.

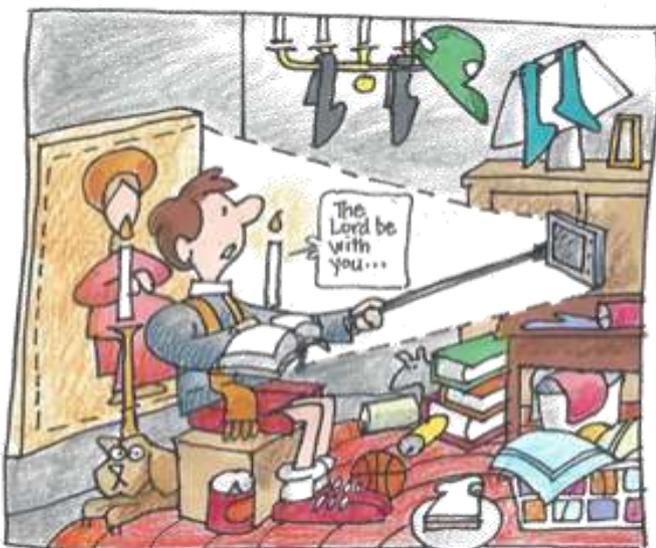
I pray that I never again take for granted the ability to hop in the car and visit a friend, go to the mall, go to a gathering, etc.

So, truth is, I don't want things to return to the way they once were. I pray that we take the lessons and challenges of the past few weeks and create a new normal. My goal is to pray more, love harder, and truly appreciate the daily abundance of blessings that were so easily overlooked just a mere few weeks ago. Have a blessed day!

A 20-Second Prayer During Handwashing

by Rabbi Joseph Meszler

As I take up my hands to wash them and reassure my heart, I pray for healing and wholeness for the whole world. I remember that every life is unique and of infinite value: from those living on the most remote part of the globe to those in our cities to our neighbours and family members. Let me use my hands for good to help bring love and compassion to others. "Let us lift up our hearts and hands to the Eternal." (Lamentations 3:41)



THE PRIEST CARVES OUT SACRED SPACE AT HOME IN ORDER TO RECORD LITURGY FOR SUNDAY.

What's Cooking

Roasted Tomato Risotto

6 large ripe tomatoes
1 bulb of garlic
½ a bunch of fresh thyme , (15g)
olive oil
1.2 litres organic vegetable stock
1 onion
1 bulb of fennel
2 knobs of unsalted butter
450 g Arborio risotto rice
150 ml dry white vermouth
80 g Parmesan cheese

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas 4. With a knife, cut the cores out of the tomatoes, then place cut side down in a snug-fitting baking dish with the whole garlic bulb, and scatter over the thyme sprigs. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon of oil, season with sea salt, and roast for 1 hour, or until starting to burst open (the juices will add game-changing flavour later on).

Bring the stock to a simmer. Peel and finely chop the onion and fennel, reserving any herby tops, then place in a large, high-sided pan on a medium heat with 1 tablespoon of oil and 1 knob of butter. Cook for 10 minutes, or until softened but not coloured, stirring occasionally, then stir in the rice to toast for 2 minutes. Pour in the vermouth and stir until absorbed. Add a ladleful of stock and wait until it's been fully absorbed before adding another, stirring constantly and adding ladlefuls of stock until the rice is cooked – it will need 16 to 18 minutes. Beat in the remaining knob of butter, finely grate and beat in the Parmesan, then season to perfection and turn the heat off. Cover the pan and leave to relax for 2 minutes so the risotto becomes creamy and oozy.

Divide the risotto between warm plates, place a tomato in the centre with a little sweet garlic and the herby fennel tops, then drizzle over the tasty tomato juices.

Jamieoliver.com

Chicken in Pepitoria

1.6 kg Chicken – approx. 1 whole chicken, cut into pieces
2 Brown onion – finely chopped
1 Carrot – finely chopped
2 Eggs – boiled
2 cloves Garlic – peel and crushed
2 slices Bread – toasted
1 pinch Saffron – toasted
15 Almonds – toasted
250 ml White wine

250 ml Chicken stock
100 ml Extra virgin olive oil
1 Bay leaf
Salt flakes
Freshly ground black pepper
1 sprig Fresh parsley

Cut your chicken into medium-sized pieces. Remove the skin –except for the wings– to avoid fat excess when we cook the chicken. Season and reserve.

Brown the chicken in a very hot heavy-bottomed saucepan with a little olive oil until the pieces get a lovely golden colour all around. Remove from the heat and reserve.

Chop the onions and the carrot. Crush and peel the garlic cloves. Place in the same pan we used for the chicken and cook for 10-15 minutes until soft and transparent, scratching any caramelized bits from the bottom of the pan.

In the meantime, boil the eggs and reserve the egg yolks. Toast the almonds slightly using a small pan, then the saffron and finally the bread. Reserve.

With the help of a pestle and mortar, make a pasta using the egg yolks, the almonds, the bread and the saffron. This is called a 'majado'.

Stir in the chicken and the 'majado' to the pan with the vegetables. Add the glass of white wine and cook to evaporate the alcohol for 3-4 minutes. Then add the chicken stock, the bay leaf and cook for approx. 35-40 minutes or until the chicken is soft and tender.

Serve immediately, topped with a mixture of chopped egg white and fresh parsley.

Like most stews, this recipe tastes better if you prepare it the day before, as it gives the flavours the chance to settle down and blend with the other ingredients appropriately.

Holafoodie.com

Pumpkin, fennel & Taleggio Galette

700g pumpkin or 1 small squash
5 tbsp olive oil
grating of nutmeg
2 small fennel bulbs
juice ½ small lemon
½ tsp fennel seeds, toasted and coarsely crushed
470g spinach, coarse stalks removed
15g unsalted butter
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 egg yolk mixed with 2 tsp milk (to make an egg wash)
200g Taleggio (or vegetarian alternative), sliced
375g puff pastry



What's Cooking

Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Peel the squash, then halve and deseed it before cutting the flesh into thick wedges and halving them again to make quarters. Put the slices in a roasting tin with half the olive oil, the nutmeg and seasoning, and toss to coat. Roast for 30 mins, or until tender and a little caramelised.

Halve the fennel bulbs lengthways and remove the tops and tough outer leaves from each piece. Trim the base and cut each half into thick wedges, keeping them intact at the base. Put the wedges straight into a bowl and toss with the lemon juice to prevent discolouring. Add the fennel seeds, remaining olive oil and some seasoning, then toss well. Spread the fennel in a roasting tin large enough to hold it in a single layer and cover with foil. Roast the fennel (at the same time as the squash) for 20 mins, or until tender with pale -gold undersides.

Wash the spinach and cook in a covered pan over a medium heat for 1-2 mins. When wilted, drain in a colander and leave to cool. Squeeze the excess moisture out of the spinach, chop roughly and season. Melt the butter in a frying pan and quickly fry the spinach with the garlic for 3 mins. Set aside.

Roll out the pastry to make the base of the tart, ending up with a piece measuring roughly 28 x 38cm. Put the pastry base on to a floured metal baking sheet. Create a border all the way round by lightly running a knife 2cm from the edge. Prick the rest of the pastry all over with a fork. Put a rectangle of baking parchment, the size of the inside of the border, over the pastry. Weight it down with baking beans. Knock up the sides of the pastry by holding a small knife at a right angle to the pastry and making small indentations to release the layers. This will give you a better rise. Paint the border with the egg wash.

Put the pastry in the preheated oven and cook for 25 mins, removing the beans and paper after 15 mins. Take the partially cooked tart base out of the oven and, if the centre has risen, gently flatten it with the back of a wooden spoon. Turn the oven up to 200C/180C fan/gas 6.

Spoon the spinach onto the pastry, then put the squash and fennel on top. Distribute the cheese over the top, too. Put the tart back into the oven and cook for a further 25 mins. The cheese should be golden in patches and the pastry should be cooked and golden, but not too dark.

Bbcgoodfood.com

Easy Biscuits

125 g butter melted
1 cup self-raising flour
1/2 cup custard powder
1/2 cup sugar
1 egg
1 cup coconut
0.125 cup sprinkles

Combine the first 6 ingredients well and roughly shape into walnut-sized balls.

Flatten balls between palms or with a fork and space evenly on a tray lined with baking paper.

Decorate as you wish with either jam, choc bits, sprinkles or nuts.

Bake at 180C for 10-15 minutes or until golden brown.

Cool before removing from trays.

Bestrecipes.com.au

Apple & Blueberry Muffins

1 large Granny Smith apple (200 g)
1 cup self-raising flour
¾ cup wholemeal self-raising flour
1 tsp ground cinnamon
⅓ cup rolled oats
½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed

1 cup frozen blueberries

1 egg

1 cup buttermilk

⅓ cup tick-approved salt-reduced margarine, melted, cooled

Extra 1 tbsp rolled oats

Line a 12-hole muffin pan (1/3-cup capacity) with paper cases.

Peel and coarsely grate apple, you will need 1 cup.

Sift flours and cinnamon into a large bowl. Return husks to bowl. Stir in oats and sugar. Gently stir in frozen blueberries and apple.

Whisk egg, buttermilk and margarine in a jug until combined. Stir into flour mixture until just combined. (Don't over-mix). Spoon about 1/3-cup batter into each case. Sprinkle with extra oats.

Cook in moderately hot oven (190C) for about 20 to 25 minutes, or until cooked when tested. Stand for 5 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

Newideafood.com.au

just for fun

24 Game

Object of the game: Make the number 24 from the four numbers shown. You can add, subtract, multiply and divide. Use all four numbers on the card, but use each number only once. You do not have to use all four operations. All number nines have a red centre, so you can tell a nine from a six. Games are ranked in order of difficulty. *Solutions can be found on page 25.*

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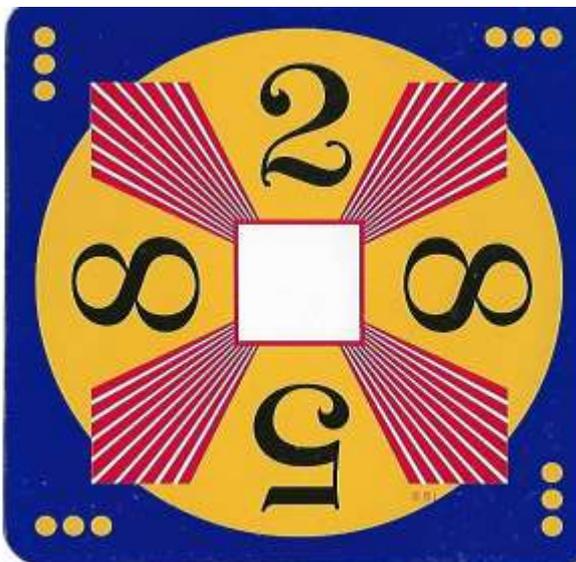
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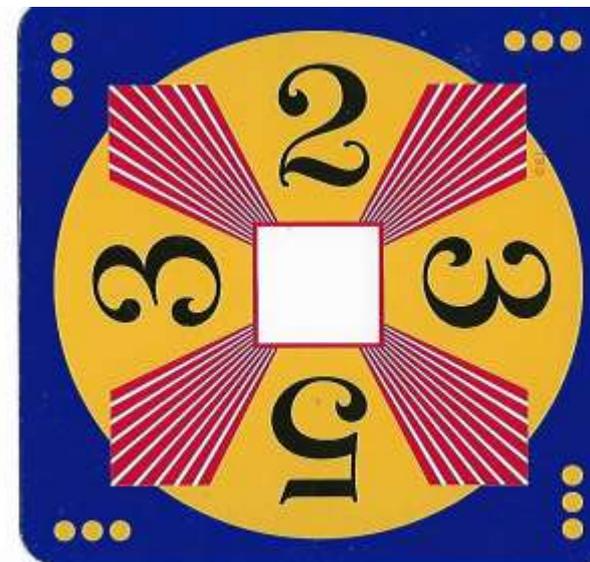
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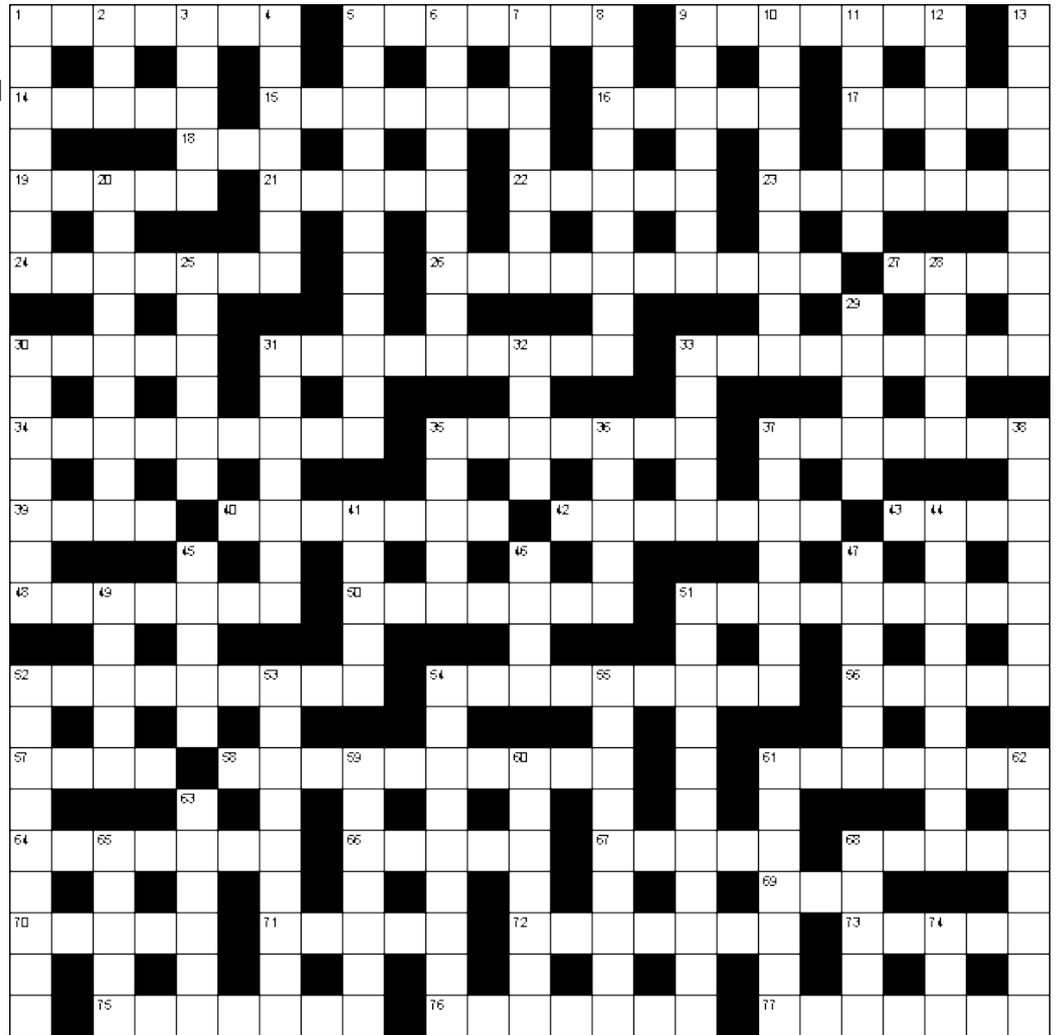


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Giant Crossword #2

Across

- 1. Ignited (7)
- 5. Express strong disapproval of (7)
- 9. Intense emotion (7)
- 14. Stitched (5)
- 15. Changed (7)
- 16. Angry (5)
- 17. Mediterranean fruit (5)
- 18. Joke (3)
- 19. Elevate (5)
- 21. Departing (5)
- 22. Highway (5)
- 23. Oblivious (7)
- 24. Chuckled (7)
- 26. Extra (10)
- 27. Tight (4)
- 30. Evade (5)
- 31. Thumb a ride (9)
- 33. Treasured (9)
- 34. Large church (9)
- 35. Make ready (7)
- 37. Consultant (7)
- 39. Tenders (4)
- 40. Hide (7)
- 42. Administration of the law (7)
- 43. Weapons (4)
- 48. Sweepstake (7)
- 50. Go before (7)
- 51. Persuaded (9)
- 52. Clapped (9)
- 54. Atoms (9)
- 56. Successors (5)
- 57. Tallies (4)
- 58. Increase speed (10)
- 61. Reproduction (7)
- 64. Sincere (7)
- 66. Coarse (5)
- 67. Attempts (5)
- 68. Trainee (5)
- 69. Average (3)
- 70. Deport (5)
- 71. Dens (5)
- 72. Repose (7)
- 73. Male relative (5)
- 75. Conference (7)
- 76. Conundrums (7)
- 77. Pills (7)



Down

- 1. Kind of falcon (7)
- 2. Novel (3)
- 3. Ridge (5)
- 4. Hauled (7)
- 5. Prejudicial (11)
- 6. Group of sentences (9)
- 7. Commanded (7)
- 8. Protocol (9)
- 9. Inert medication (7)
- 10. Take a risk for profit (9)
- 11. Meteorological indicator (6)
- 12. Currency of Nigeria (5)
- 13. Forestalled (9)
- 20. Swamped (9)
- 25. Paid close attention to (6)
- 28. Dull pains (5)
- 29. Strainer (5)
- 30. Unit of sound intensity (7)
- 31. Concordance (7)
- 32. Notion (4)
- 33. Top line of a hill (5)
- 35. Serenity (5)
- 36. Entertain (5)
- 37. Goes up (7)
- 38. Dwells (7)
- 41. Roman god of love (5)
- 44. Remedied (9)
- 45. Commenced (5)
- 46. Rend (4)
- 47. Chess piece (6)
- 49. Lukewarm (5)
- 51. Famous people (11)
- 52. Astonishment (9)
- 53. Athletic contest (9)
- 54. Harbinger (9)
- 55. Exactly the same (9)
- 59. Previously (7)
- 60. Stuck (7)
- 61. Deference (7)
- 62. Female performer (7)
- 63. Buy back for money (6)
- 65. Used to control a horse (5)
- 68. Small piece of bread or cake (5)
- 74. Pool stick (3)

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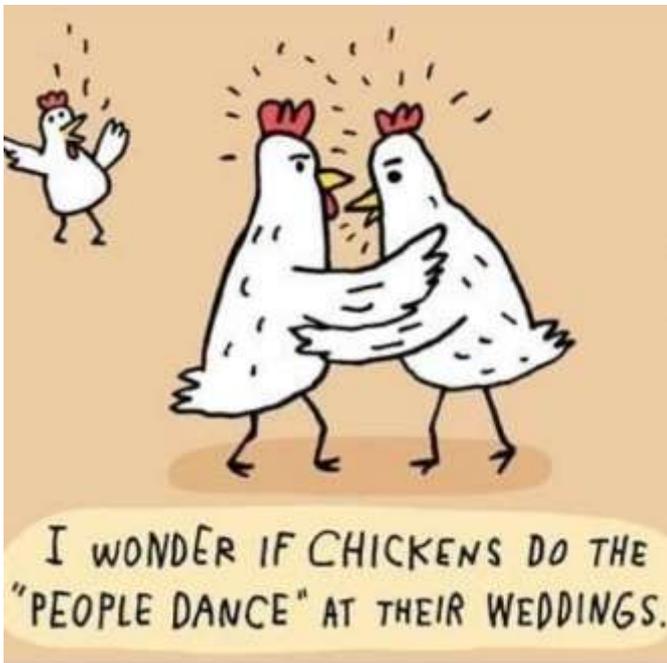
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Fun, Wacky & Trivial Holidays For May 2020

- 1 May Batman Day
- 1 May No Pants Day
- 1 May Space Day
- 2 May Astronomy Day
- 2 May Brothers and Sisters Day
- 2 May Herb Day
- 2 May Free Comic Book Day
- 3 May Garden Meditation Day
- 3 May Lumpy Rug Day
- 4 May National Candied Orange Peel Day
- 5 May Oyster Day
- 6 May Beverage Day
- 6 May No Diet Day
- 8 May No Socks Day

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- 10 May Clean Up Your Room Day
- 11 May Twilight Zone Day
- 11 May Eat What You Want Day
- 12 May Limerick Day
- 13 May Frog Jumping Day
- 14 May Dance Like a Chicken Day



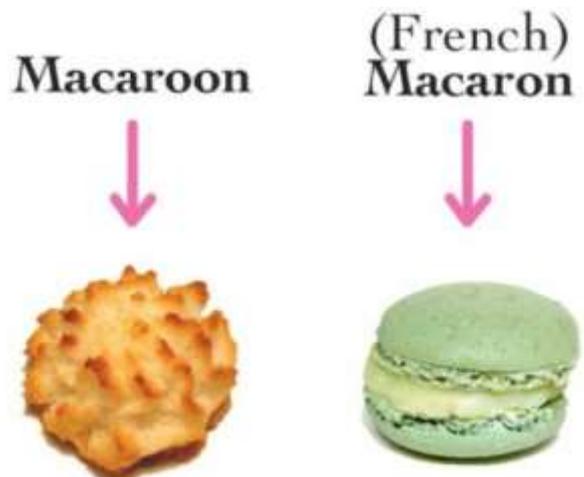
- 15 May Chocolate Chip Day
- 15 May Pizza Party Day
- 16 May Love a Tree Day
- 17 May Pack Rat Day
- 18 May No Dirty Dishes Day
- 19 May World Plant a Vegetable Garden Day
- 20 May Be a Millionaire Day
- 21 May Talk Like Yoda Day



- 22 May Buy a Musical Instrument Day
- 22 May World Goth Day
- 22 May Buy a Vanilla Pudding Day
- 23 May International Jazz Day
- 24 May National Escargot Day
- 25 May Sing Out Day
- 25 May Towel Day
- 25 May Wine Day
- 25 May National Tap Dance Day
- 27 May Sun Screen Day
- 28 May Hamburger Day
- 29 May Learn About Composting Day

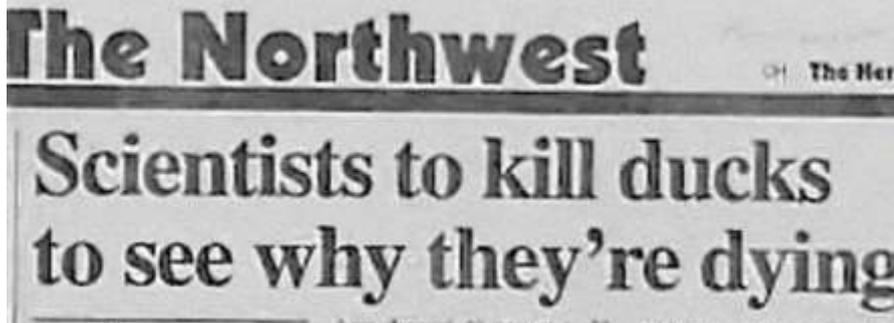


- 30 May My Bucket's Got a Hole Day
- 30 May Mint Julep Day
- 30 May Water a Flower Day
- 31 May Macaroon Day



Source: <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/>

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Amusing Media Reports

Time Magazine, June 2000

A Canadian judge was rebuked for denying a native New Yorker, who has lived in Montreal since 1944, Canadian citizenship for not speaking English well enough.

The Adelaide Advertiser, Dec 2016

...to celebrate the milestone anniversary, the couple went on a cruise of Hawaii, before heading to the Little Vegas Chapel, Las Vegas, to renew their vows.

The Advertiser, Nov 2016

Headline: NZ sinking, 5 dead

Breckenridge Journal, Nov 1992

A Vail woman sued the Avon Wal-Mart, claiming she was injured by objects falling off a store shelf last January. She claims she suffers from extreme headaches, mental anguish and a fear of shopping.

The Advertiser, April 2017

Nepal's only international airport has been briefly shut down after a leopard was seen on the runway. (It) was closed yesterday morning as soon as the animal was spotted.

Time Magazine, August 1998

I Aim at the Stars was the title of Wernher von Braun's memoir (he invented Hitler's Vengeance Rocket, the V-2). Comedian Mort Sahl's suggested subtitle was "But Sometimes I Hit London."

Daily Tribune, Colorado, March 1999

According to the NRA (National Rifle Association), an armed society is a polite society. If you disagree with that statement, Charlton Heston will knock on your door and shoot you.

Reader's Digest, Nov 2014

Life's Mysteries: Questions on Yahoo that will destroy your faith in humanity.

Can I safely look at a picture of the sun?

How can I be sure I'm the real mum of my kid?

How do you get spaghetti stains out of underwear?

Sky-Hi News/Daily Tribune, March 2005

Does Sheriff Johnson think illicit drug use is more prevalent in Grand County than elsewhere?

"I think the newest thing here is amphetamines," he said. "But I don't think we're higher than other communities."

Sky-Hi News, Jan 2001

The woman was arrested and charged with harassment. During the booking process she told deputies she needed medication because she'd been hit in the head with a meteorite and it had killed her neurons.

Rocky Mountain News, Nov 1991

A good driver in America is one who, after seeing a terrible wreck, drives carefully for the next three blocks.

Time Magazine, July 1989

Convicted:

Patrick Swindall, former two-term Republican Congressman, of nine counts of lying to a federal grand jury about a money-laundering scheme.

Sky-Hi News, March 1994

From an article about why locals won't shop locally: Dusty merchandise, dirty shelves and floors, fowl odors.

Rocky Mountain news, June 1995

None of the researchers suggests we should give up our supermarkets, and return to hunting and gathering. Their lives were short, difficult and often prematurely ended by diseases we could now treat with medicine or predators.



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More Funnies

I bought some shoes from a drug dealer. I don't know what he laced them with, but I've been tripping all day.

I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.

Two clowns are eating a cannibal. One turns to the other and says "I think we got this joke wrong"

My wife told me I had to stop acting like a flamingo. So I had to put my foot down.

What's the difference between in-laws and outlaws?
Outlaws are wanted.

I bought my friend an elephant for his room. He said "Thanks" I said "Don't mention it"

I poured root beer in a square glass. Now I just have beer.

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo?
One is really heavy, and the other is a little lighter.

My friend says to me: "What rhymes with orange"
I said: "no it doesn't"

What do you call a Frenchman wearing sandals?
Phillipe Phillope.

What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot.

What do you call a dog that does magic tricks? A labracadabrador.

So what if I don't know what Armageddon means? It's not the end of the world.
How do you get two whales in a

car? Start in England and drive west.

A blind man walks into a bar. And a table. And a chair.

Why did the old man fall in the well? Because he couldn't see that well.

I bought the world's worst thesaurus yesterday. Not only is it terrible, it's terrible.

This is my step ladder. I never knew my real ladder.

My friend asked me to help him round up his 37 sheep. I said "40"

I've found a job helping a one armed typist do capital letters. It's shift work.

I went bobsleighing the other day, killed 250 bobs.

Living in a COVID World

We want to make it clear that COVID-19 is not a laughing matter and in no way are we making fun of the disease or its terrible consequences. However, humour can help to relieve anxiety about worrying issues. Here are some Corona jokes that we hope will give you a chuckle in these days of self-isolation and social and physical distancing.

This quarantine made me realize I have no real hobbies besides going out to eat and spending money.



With all this talk of Corona Virus, the people who make sanitising gel are rubbing their hands together.

They said that a mask and gloves were enough to go to the supermarket. They lied, everyone else has clothes on.

My body has absorbed so much soap and disinfectant lately, now when I pee, I clean the toilet.

Day 3 without sports. Found a lady sitting on my couch yesterday. Apparently, she is my wife. She seems nice.

2020 is a unique leap year. It has 29 days in February, 300 days in March and 10 years in April.

Back in the day the only time we started panic buying was when the bartender yelled "last call"

To the people who bought 20 bottles of soap leaving none of the shelves for others, you do realise that to stop getting Coronavirus, you need other people washing their hands too.

The science community has figured out that the spread of Coronavirus is based solely on two things.
1. How dense the population is
2. How dense the population is

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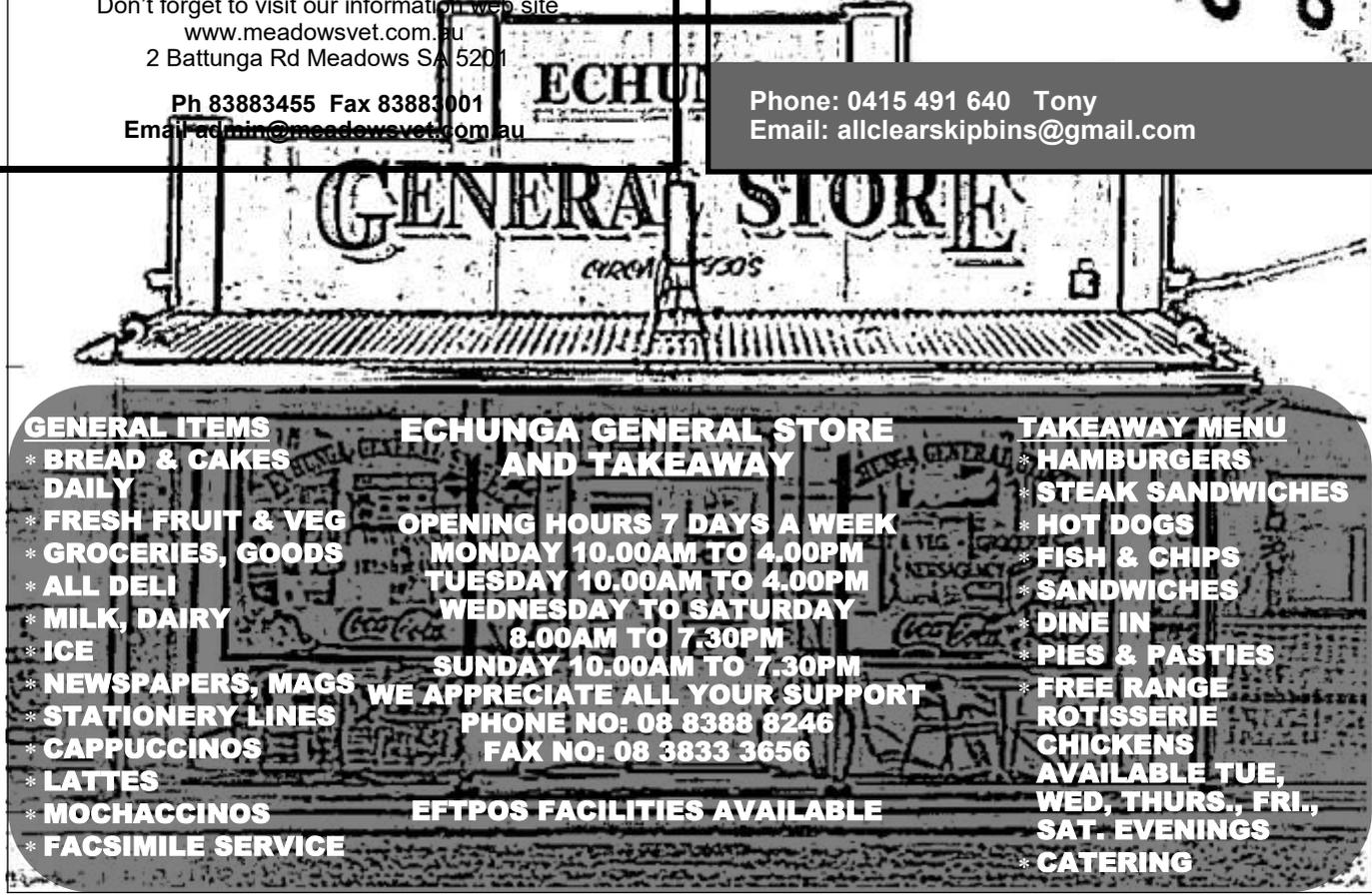
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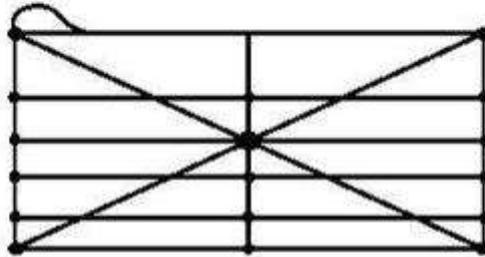
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