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Good-Bye...

Well it's time to say good-bye

The past two and a half years have proven to be very eventful—Polocross Carnivals, Astrofest, Australasian Safari, dust storms, hail storms, flooding, drought, MRO, holes in roadhouse ulp tank, intermittent generator and water issues—the list goes on and on!
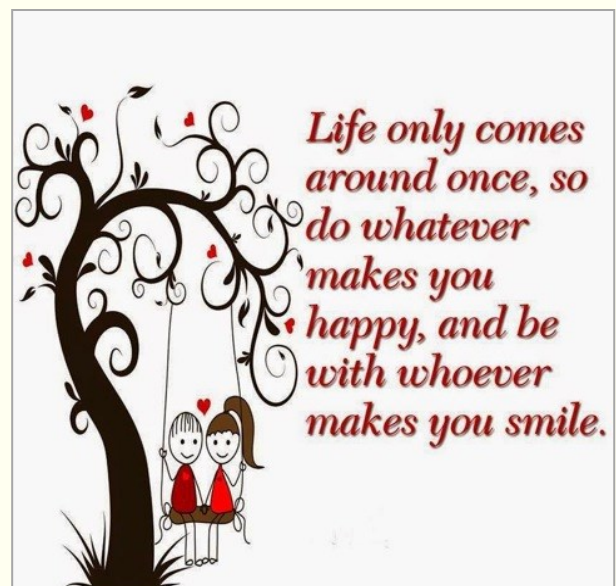
Through it all we've met some great people and been involved in a great community. When everyone works together it is amazing what can be achieved. Murchison is truly a unique experience.

We're heading south—I think the summer heat has proven too much after 20 years in the district and the pom is coming out in us.

Hopefully we are at least leaving you with a new bridge—which you can all get over time and time again—even in the floods!

Thank you

Jenny & Steve Goodbourn

Life only comes around once, so do whatever makes you happy, and be with whoever makes you smile.

Anzac Centenary Grant

The Shire of Murchison's CEO Jenny Goodbourn applied for an Anzac Centenary Grant under the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program and was successful in obtaining $5,000. We had scheduled our first busy bee for the 14th of March but unfortunately this was cancelled due to cyclone Olwyn. As you can see from the photo below we have managed to make a start on the project with thanks to Brian and the shire crew. We still have a few things to do, lemon tree, shrubs and a Memorial Arch that our mechanic Trevor Barndon made to place at the entrance . As the years go by we should have a lovely place at the Murchison Settlement to honor our fallen soldiers.

Over the following pages is a small bit about each of the wars that our Australian soldiers fought in.   Peta Panting

FAREWELLS

For more than a century, Australians have gathered at docks and railway stations and , more recently, airports to farewell loved ones bound for war. Too often the farewell was the last time a mother saw her son, a wife her husband or a child their father.

BOER WAR

The War in South Africa was the last in which Australians served in colonial contingents, and the first in which they served in uniforms of Australia's armed forces. Some 16,000 Australians fought in South Africa and some 600 lost their lives. It was on the South African veldt, rather than the scrub covered hills and gullies of Gallipoli just over a decade later, that the idea of the Australian bushman being a natural soldier first gained currency.


FIRST WORLD WAR

Australians greeted the declaration of the First World War with a mixture of apprehension and enthusiasm. But as the years passed and the casualty lists lengthened, it became increasingly difficult to find volunteers. More that 60,000 Australians lost their lives on Gallipoli, in the Middle East or on the Western Front.

At home , few families were untouched by loss. When the war ended after four years, people clung to the belief that the sacrifice in the 'war to end all wars' had not been in vain.

SECOND WORLD WAR
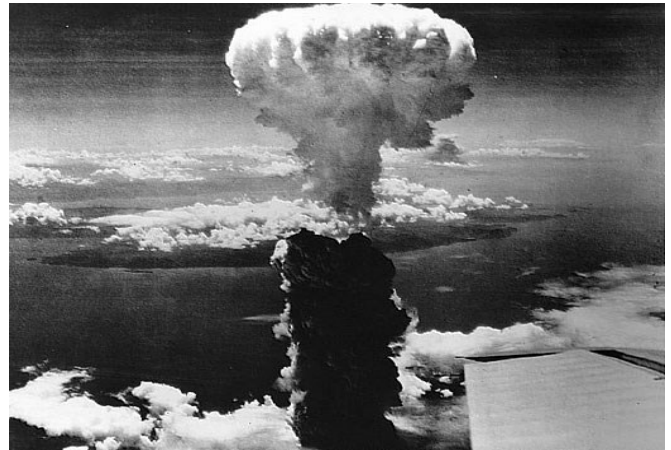
In September 1939 Australians learned that they were once again at war against Germany. The conflict that began with Australian forces fighting in campaigns around the Mediterranean ended with them fighting the Japanese in the south-east Asia and the Pacific.   After Japan's entry into the war, Australia turned to the United States for support, signalling the beginning of a move away from the country's traditional reliance on Britain for security. Some 40,000 Australians lost their lives in the Second World War.

KOREAN WAR

In 1950, following the North Korean attack on the South, Australia joined a United Nations force to repel the invasion. After eighteen months, during which China entered the conflict as an ally of North Korea, the war of movement that had seen both sides seemingly poised for victory gave way to a stalemate along the line that now forms the borders between the two Koreas. Although the fighting ended in 1953, the Korean War has yet to formally end.

MALAYAN EMERGENCY

Australia forces became involved in the British effort to quell a communist insurgency in Malaya in 1950. While each of the three services were involved, the bulk of Australia's effort was borne by the Army. Soldiers patrolled the Malayan jungle in search of communist camps, usually finding little sign of an elusive enemy. The emergency ended in 1960, by which time 51 Australians, including fifteen who died on operations, lost their lives.

INDONESIAN CONFRONTION

In the early 1960s Australian forces were committed to an undeclared war between the newly federated Malaysia and neighbouring Indonesia. Known as the Confrontation, the war sparked fears that Australia would become embroiled in a wider conflict with its northern neighbor. When Australian forces were committed to the fighting on Borneo, all operations on the Indonesian side of the border were subject to strict secrecy. 23 Australians lost their lives before the Confrontation ended in 1966, seven of whom were killed on operations.
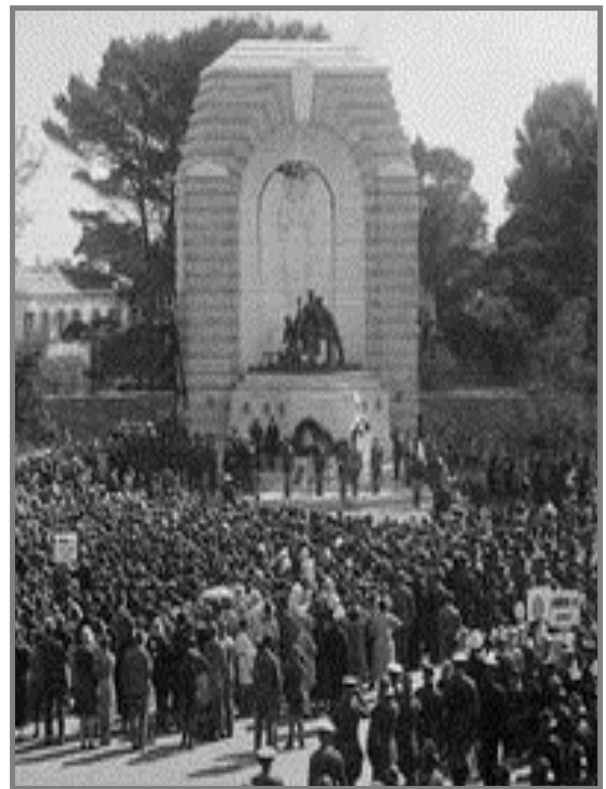
VIETNAM WAR

The Vietnam War was Australia's longest twentieth century conflict. Beginning in 1962 with the deployment of a training team, Australia's commitment to the war escalated to include a task force which remained in action until 1972. In the war's final years domestic opposition, particularly to the use of conscripts, resulted in large public protests. In 1975, several years after the last Australian combat troops left, and with North Vietnam on the cusp of victory, the RAAF returned to Vietnam to evacuate Australians and locals during the war's final days.

PEACE OPERATIONS

Australia's first peacekeeping mission in 1947 ushered in an era of extensive involvement in such operations. Some like those in Cambodia, Somalia, Rwanda and East   Timor, have received considerable public attention, but many others, like those in Kashmir, the Iran—Iraq border or Mozambique, have gone largely unnoticed by most Australians. Often overshadowed by our participation in war, peacekeeping operations have given Australians military personnel and civilians the chance to help improve the lives of people affected by war and conflict around the world.

IRAQ WAR

 When Iraqi forces invaded Kuwait in 1990, Australia joined a multinational force to liberate the country. Fighting began in January 1991 and ended forty-three days later with an Iraqi withdrawal. Australia's involvement was dominated by the navy, but small elements of the army and air force also took part. A second war in Iraq, began in 2003 by the United States and a 'Coalition of the Willing' to oust the dictator Saddam Hussein, proved deeply controversial and led to widespread protests in many countries, including Australia. Hussein was quickly overthrown, but the war continued. In the aftermath of the coalitions withdrawal, Iraq remains beset by a civil conflict that threatens to split the country.

AFGHANISTAN WAR

The war in Afghanistan began in response to the terrorist attacks on the United States in September 2001. A coalition led by the United States invaded Afghanistan that October and soon drove the ruling Taliban regime from power. Special Forces troops were at the vanguard of Australian involvement, but personnel from each of the three services have served in Afghanistan, some in combat roles and others as trainers and mentors. Forty-one Australians have lost their lives in Afghanistan and several hundred have been wounded.

WELCOME HOME

Having been reunited with loved ones after a separation that may have lasted years, service personnel often face a long period of transition from war to peace. Some require ongoing medical or psychological treatment, and the Australian repatriation system, established during the First World War, continues to assist veterans returning from war or conflict. In times past the end of a deployment often meant the end of one's service and with it the loss of the comradeship that sustains so many service people. But a modern-day military career might mean many deployments and many homecomings. Regardless of the circumstance, the welcome home is one of service life's most longed for and anticipated moments.

DID YOU KNOW?

Anzac as a word is the acronym for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

All Anzacs were volunteers.

25th of April which is commemorated by Anzacs every year, was the day the Anzacs landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula in 1915.

25th of April was officially named as Anzac Day on the world in 1916.

Anzacs were on Gallipoli peninsula for 8 months.

Anzac day is a public holiday in New Zealand today but it was not till 1921.

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Gallipoli Peninsula is very close to the famous ancient city of Troy.

Gallipoli is called in Turkish as Gelibolu by Turks and it is a little fishing village on the Gallipoli Peninsula, by the strait of Dardanelles.

Gallipoli gets its name from the Greek word "Kallipolis" which means "Beautiful City".

The killed casualties at Gallipoli were: Turkey 86.692, Australia 8.709, New Zealand 2.701, Britain 21.255, France 9.798, India 1.358 and Newfoundland 49.

Beside red poppies rosemary can be worn on Anzac Day. Rosemary which grows wild in Gallipoli has particular significance for Australians and has been used as a symbol of remembrance since ancient days.

More than 15000 Australian, New Zealander and British people visit Gallipoli peninsula every year.

Anzac biscuits were part of the rations given to Anzacs during World War I and they had a long shelf life.

Anzac was not just Australians and New Zealanders it was included officers from Ireland, Britain, Zion, Ceylon, India and Pacific Islands.

Alec Campbell was the last surviving Anzac and he died on May 16, 2002.

In Sydney there is an Anzac Bridge and it was given its name in memory of the Anzacs.

During the war soldiers' popular game was two-up and it is only legal on Anzac day today. And it is known as National Game of Australia.

Reveille

The custom of waking soldiers to a bugle call dates back to the Roman Legions when the rank and file were raised by horns playing Diana's Hymn. To this day the French term for *Reveille* is 'La Diana'.

When bugle calls were officially introduced into the British System by George III, a special call was written for the waking of troops. This was known as *Reveille* meaning 'to wake again', from the old French. Joseph Hayden is generally regarded as the composer of the calls which exist substantially unchanged today.

At ANZAC Day dawn services, Reveille breaks the silence that follows the playing of the Last Post, symbolising the awakening of the dead in the next and better world. The bugle call Rouse should be played after Last Post on all subsequent occasions or ceremonies during the day.

Last Post

The bugle call *Last Post* is inextricably part of the end of day traditions which include Beating the Retreat and Tattoo.

Retreat is the older custom dating back to the 16th Century and consisting of prolonged drum beating at sunset to warn the night guard to mount and also to give notice that the gates of the town walls were about to close. This custom was also part of the end of day battle procedure when volleys were fired and a hymn played in honour of those who had fallen during the day. At this time of evening the colour would be trooped. Today this latter activity is replaced by the lowering of the National Flag.

There is some confusion over the 'post' calls. It seems that the 'First Post' and 'Last Post' came into being in the early part of the 19th Century. The 'First Post' was sounded as the orderly officer, the orderly sergeant and a drummer (with a bugle) started the Tattoo. They then marched from post to post with the drummer beating his drum. Upon reaching the final post the drummer would sound the *Last Post*. (This is why drummers carry a bugle.)

The *Last Post* was really the end of the day (a hard day's fighting and a hard night's drinking).

This bugle call has been passed down through the centuries in many countries of the world as an accompaniment to the impressive rites of a soldier's farewell - the closing bars wail out their sad valediction to the departing warrior.

The Rising Sun Badge

One of the mainsprings of an army is its esprit-de-corps - that spirit which gives a soldier purpose and the endurance to carry on when others might give up.

In the prolonged and bitter struggles of World War 1 and World War 2, the soldiers of the 1st and 2nd AIF (Australian Imperial Forces) had this esprit-de-corps, and its focal point was a humble badge. The so-called 'Rising Sun' badge, worn on the up-turned brim of a slouch hat, typified the Spirit of ANZAC - the camaraderie of Australian soldiers to fight for the Crown and the British Empire.

In 1902 a badge was urgently sought for the Australian contingents raised after Federation for service in South Africa during the Boer War.

The most widely accepted version of the origins of this badge is the one that attributes the selection of its design to a British officer, Major General Sir Edward Hutton, the then newly appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Forces.

Hutton had earlier received as a gift from Brigadier General Joseph Gordon, a military acquaintance of long-standing, a 'Trophy-of-Arms' comprising mounted cut and thrust swords and triangular Martini Henri bayonets which were arranged in a semi-circle around the Crown. To General Hutton the shield was symbolic of the co-operation of the naval and military forces of the Commonwealth.
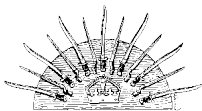
A refurbished replica of the shield is on display in the main foyer of the Army Office in Canberra.

The original design, which was created and produced in haste, was modified in 1904. This badge carried a scroll inscribed AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES and it was worn throughout both World Wars.

In 1949, when corps and regimental badges were re-introduced into the Army, the inscription on the scroll was changed to read AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

In 1991 a new design was produced which is now on issue. The inscription on the scroll now reads - THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY.

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Jim Browns Ashes Returned to the Murchison

Suzie Brown and her son Casey returned to the Murchison to scatter Jim Browns ashes on Wooleen Station in February. Due to the hot weather Suzie wanted a quiet time.

Jim was the founder of the Murchison Roadhouse in the early 1980's which he and Suzie ran for many years. He was a well sort after resident carpenter in the shire and many a homestead has had his skills applied to one of his famous quotes.

"If looking at it will help I will look at it all day" he was from Washington state in the USA, a very skilled carpenter and he loved fossicking on station tips and in the bush.

In his later years he made many crooked walking sticks from Minneritche trees, David Pollock is carrying on making his walking sticks now.

Jim worked for many years at Erong Station building the homestead.

Once he sold the Roadhouse he based himself between Milly Milly, Moorarie and Wooleen Stations.

Suzie, Casey, the Pollock family and Mel and Erica Pirrottinna placed Jims ashes under a minneritche tree at Irrida Pool north of the Wooleen Lake at sunset.

Back in the 80's no need for excavators or loaders a few sticks of dynamite and you have a hole.

Hard hats were for whims only.
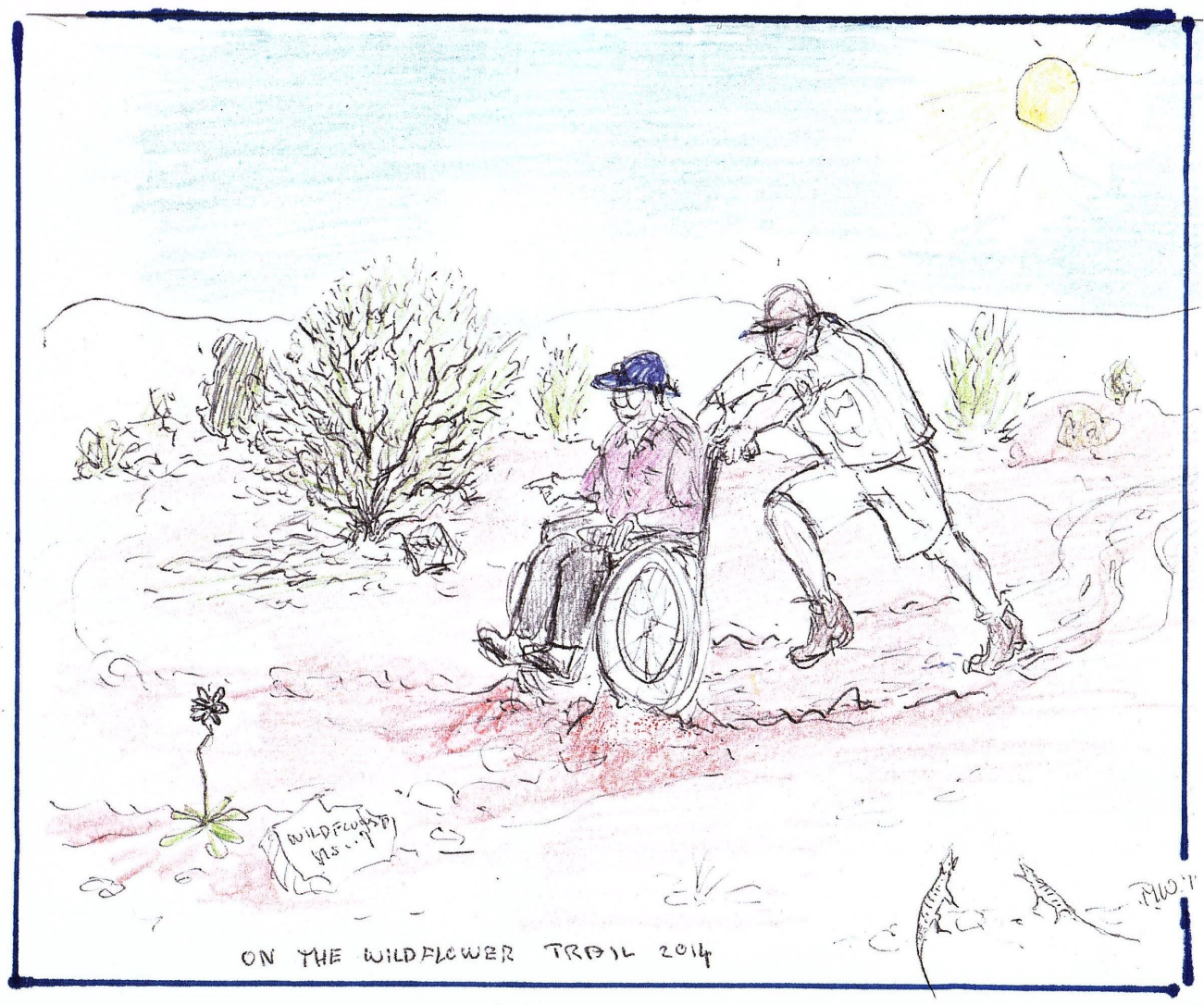

You have to love the red dirt
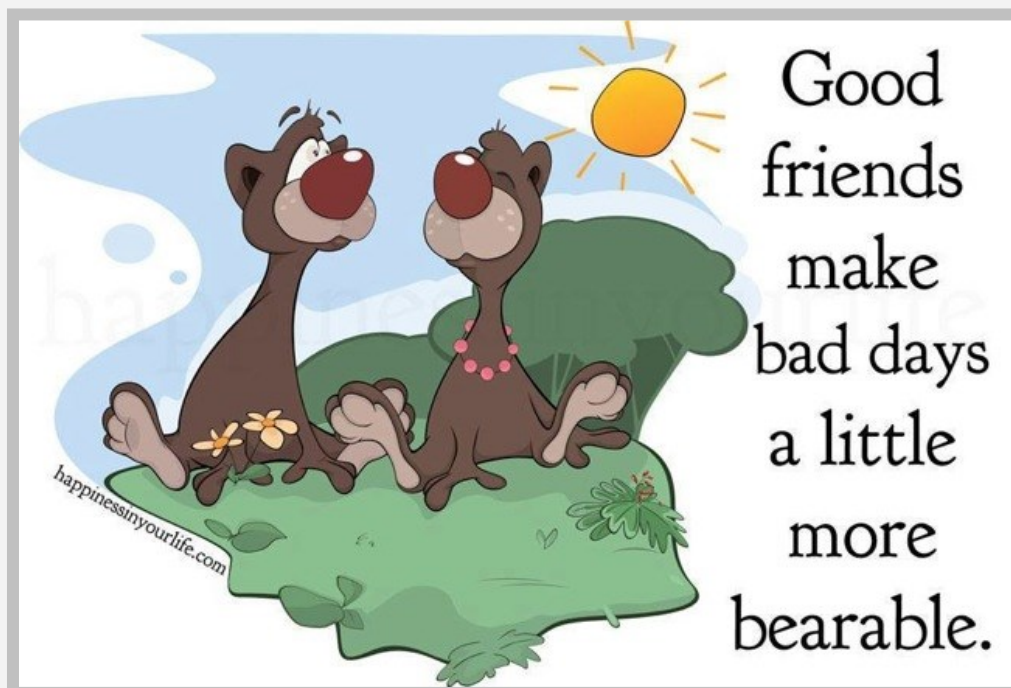

There she is proudly standing

By Brett Pollock

RIP

ON THE WILDFLOWER TRAIL 2014

This is a drawing by Marie Wendland of David Pollock pushing her around the botanical walk at the Shire of Murchison last year when it was opened in August 2014.

Good friends make bad days a little more bearable.

A tribute to Simon Keogh by his son Kim

The passing of a Murchison Icon who's legacy lives on through his early development of Byro Station and his dedication to the Murchison Shire and its community.

Dad was born in Subiaco on June 26th 1926. His elder brother David proceeded him by 5 yrs and their sister Pamela by 3 yrs. Pamela tragically died from enteritis aged one and is buried in the old Mullewa cemetery. Australia's outback is littered with small graves. If infants fell ill they invariably died.

Dad's story is inexorably linked to Byro Station where he was raised and lived until 1974. During Dad and David's early years on the station there was no radio or telephone, no refrigeration, septic tank or mail service (and definitely no I phones!) Dad's parents— particularly his mother Sue had a wonderful relationship with the Aboriginals on Byro which transcended the generations of Keoghs at Byro.

When Dad was owner/manager he paid the aboriginal staff wages many years before it was mandatory and when he built a new homestead at Byro in the early sixties he provided new houses for them as well. His great mate Jimmy Ryan, a full blood aboriginal, grew up with dad on the station, and later on as head stockman, he was Peter, Rick and my first boss.

Dad was fired off to boarding school at Guildford Grammar aged 8. He often recounted the he and David would travel back to school on the Mail truck to Mullewa a distance of 200 miles and that they would open the 22 gates in between by jumping off the running board of the truck opening the gate and shutting it without the truck coming to a full stop. He was pretty proud of that but I wonder what work safe would think of it today. They would then jump on the train to Perth with the whole trip taking nearly 3 days.

On the whole dad enjoyed school, he admired a number of his house masters, did well at sport and was a prefect. After dad completed school he returned to Byro and in 1950, after his father Joe was tragically killed in a vehicle roll over near Meeberrie Station he assumed the management of Byro.

He then met and ultimately married Bea Cooke in 1951 and they subsequently produced Peter in 1952, me 14 months later and Rick 3 years beyond that. Dad remarried in 1971 to Sue Russell and the arrival of two daughters Janice and Libby, following 3 sons was very clever indeed. We boys grew up with the Aborigines on the station and after a short stint of school of the air we were fired off to boarding school at the age of 8, so the whole cycle was repeated.

The 1960's at Byro were wonderful years because it rained. That meant endless wild-flowers and countless picnics at Belang pool or Iniagi claypan with dad bent over his meat tray, set on the coals, cooking chops or steak with can in hand. It also meant fat cattle and big wool cheques and was the last decade of the golden era of the pastoral industry.

Those of you who knew our bother Pete would know that he was inclined to be some-what obsessive. He once bought the equivalent in size of a tea chest of sun cream because he got wind that it may no longer be produced.

Dad may have passed that gene to him because in the sixties dad bought and sold 5 cars starting with an EJ Holden, then a Rambler Classic, followed by a Chev Impala, then a Nissan Cedric and finally settling on a Datsun 260 C. He reckoned that after 5 goes he had finally found a car that didn't leak dust. It was his pride and joy and he would proudly wipe his finger across the dash, hold it up and say—"see no dust".

But that car was destined for a short life. Very surprising, and plainly in a weak moment, he decided to lend it to Peter and me to take to Tom Seaman's 21st birthday at Melangatta Station about 250 kms south east of Byro. Peter was 17 and had just got his license. No problem on the way down but on the way home after a pretty big night Pete needed a sleep and somehow reckoned that I was an option to take the wheel. After about 10mins of me at the controls and on the long straight between the Baraweerie airstrip and the Wooleen woolshed we parted company with the road, and that car cut a swathe through the mulgas, miniritchies and ant hills for about 100 metres . That had the effect of waking us up but we were in complete shock in antici-pation of the wrath that was to befall us as we surveyed the wreck that was once dad's dust-proof pride and joy.

After about an hour someone and I can't recall who—we were still in shock came along to give us a lift to Wooleen station. We tossed to see who would ring the old man. I won so Pete made what he thought was to be the worst call of his life. Dad flew down from Byro to pick us up and he was strangely calm which completely baffled us. (Jimmy Ryan told me later that when he and dad finally saw the car he threw his hat on the ground and jumped on it) It wasn't until many years later that dad let it out that he and David at roughly the same age had also parted company with the road on the way back from the Murgoo races in Joe's Dodge ute with the same effect of reducing it to a pile of junk. All I can say is thank god for that!

Through all this dad was a successful pastoralist, and businessman. He followed his father by serving a long period as a Murchison shire councilor and 2 terms as president. He was also a major contributor to his community. For example, he with Ted

Officer founded the Murchison Sport Club and he kicked it off with a donation of 10 heifers the proceeds of which went towards its initial funding.

But for all his achievements at Byro and beyond, in my mind, the three things that defined Dad apart from his enduring love for his family were (1) his laugh (2) his love of test cricket and (3) his devotion to keg beer.

You always knew where dad was in a room or at an event by the hyena like peels of laughter that emanated from him. I have never heard the like of it, and expect that I never will.

His love for cricket was engendered by his father Joe, also a cricket nut and whose lifetime membership badge is displayed in the WACA museum. Dad began listening to test matches being broadcast from England at an early age and Joe bought him a lifetime WACA membership for his 21st birthday that cost 20 pounds. Dad rarely if ever missed a day of a test match in Perth until quite recently when back pain made it impossible for him to sit for any period of time. He began taking us to the shield matches at the WACA in the early sixties. The rules were very clear. Never leave or return to your seat until the end of the over and no speaking or eating until the over was completed. The many hours of watching cricket together over 50 years at the WACA will be an everlasting memory for me with dad at his most contented.

Dad and his old mate and neighbour Les Keynes worked out a way of cooling a 5 gallon keg before the days of 240 power and walk-in cool rooms. If you cut out the lining on the inside of a kero fridge there was just enough room to stuff the keg in with the door shut with a small hole drilled through it for the beer line. Mission accomplished, the sight of them sitting back in the Curbur bough shed with a full jug of Dad and Les' favorite draft at hand, was another vision of complete contentment.

With 240 power in 1962 dad built a special 2 room walk-in cool room in the homestead that almost always contained an 18 gallon keg in the inside room with a line connected to a beer tap on the verandah. On at least one occasion during a New Year's eve party it was used for washing feet.

One final love of dad's was that for hot English mustard. As he lined the rifle up on an unsuspecting bullock he would mutter "this one will make mustard taste good".

The Energy in your Daily Draft

All real Aussies enjoy a drink at the end of a hard day – don't they? Nothing like a few red tins or a nice big G&T to knock off a grueling day spent steering the header, or writing those long emails eh? All jokes aside, it can't be denied that most Australians, particularly we country dwellers, enjoy an alcoholic beverage or 5 on the regular occasion. But what may seem like an innocent evening relaxant is in fact probably doing you more harm than good.

The average 375 mL can of full strength beer (or 120 mL of white wine) contains approximately 450 kilojoules, or just over 100 Calories. Multiply this by an (conservative) average of 2 a night for your average country Aussie, and this clocks up to a daily consumption of 900 kJs worth of alcohol.

To put this figure into relative terms, let's equate it to food. For the same amount of energy in those two cans of beer, you could consume: 3 cups of blueberries, 11 carrots, 3 red apples, or 1 ½ cups of fat free natural yoghurt – to give you just a few examples. Extend this to a month, and our Aussie pal's beer consumption will amount to the equivalent of: 3.4 liters of vanilla ice-cream, 1.2 kilos of chocolate, 2.6 kilos of hot chips, or 21 cups of potato crisps. On the flipside, if 2 cans of full strength beer were removed from the daily diet, one could lose over 9 kilos in a year. Even if this beer intake were only reduced by one can, this could still amount to a considerable 4.5 kilos of weight lost.

If keeping off the kilos is not enough incentive to lay off liquor, then perhaps the health risks might be. In addition to the commonly known risks of liver disease, poor nutrition, and reproductive issues, there is also strong evidence to suggest that alcohol consumption can cause cancer. For more information on alcohol and the health risks, visit https://www.drinkwise.org.au. So, before reaching into your fridge for that second drink, I urge you to first consider: is it really worth the energy?

Fran Foulkes-Taylor

Nutritionist

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Farmer John

Farmer John once lived on a quiet rural highway but as time went by, the traffic slowly built up and eventually got so heavy and so fast that his free range chickens were being run over, at a rate of three to six a week.

So Farmer John called the local police station to complain, "You've got to do something about all these people driving so fast and killing all my chickens," he said to the local police officer.

"What do you want me to do?" asked the policeman.

"I don't care, just do something about those crazy drivers!"

So the next day the policeman had the Council erect a sign that said:
SCHOOL CROSSING

Three days later Farmer John called the policeman and said, "You've still got to do something about these drivers. The 'school crossing' sign seems to make them go even faster!"

So again, they put up a new sign:
SLOW: CHILDREN AT PLAY.

That really sped them up. So Farmer John called and said, "Your signs are no good. Can I put up my own sign?"

In order to get Farmer John off his back said "Sure. Put up your own sign.

The phone calls to the Police Station stopped, but curiosity got the better of the Officer, so he called Farmer John, "How's the problem with the speeding drivers. did you put up your sign?"

"Oh, I sure did and not one chicken has been killed.

The policeman was really curious and thought he'd better go out and take a look at the sign. He also thought the sign might be something the Police could use elsewhere, to slow drivers down..

So he drove out to Farmer John's house.

His jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign.

'NUDIST COLONY'
'Slow down and watch out for chicks!'

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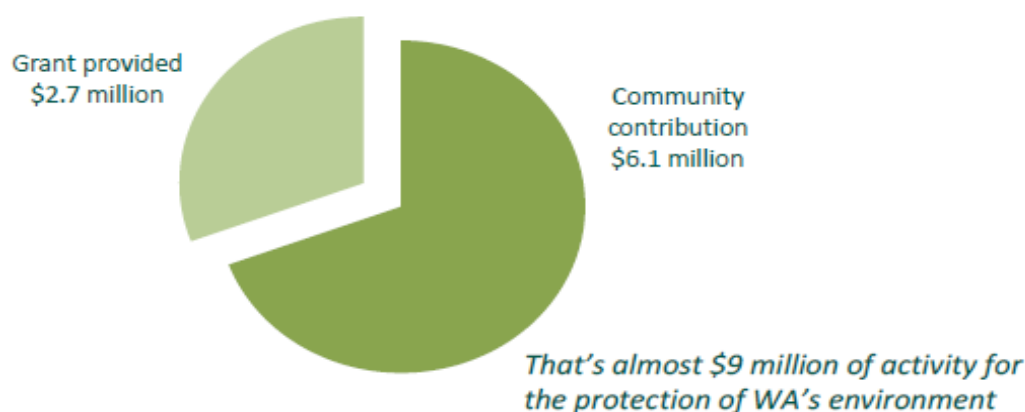
The State NRM Program is a Western Australian Government initiative that provides funding to protect and conserve WA's environment and natural resources.

On 24 December Ministers Baston, Jacob and Davies announced recipients of the 2014 State NRM Program community grants - 98 projects received $2.7 million in funding.

Coastal and marine; agricultural, pastoral and urban; river and estuarine; and natural bush environments throughout WA will be conserved and restored by these projects.

In addition to their environmental impact, these projects provide social and economic benefits to each local government area, engaging local services and suppliers and supporting local community groups. Co-contributions made by project applicants also multiply the impact of grants provided.

Government and community investment in the 2015 Program

Grant provided
$2.7 million

Community
contribution
$6.1 million

That's almost $9 million of activity for the protection of WA's environment

Past project snapshot: Upper Gascoyne erosion and sediment control demonstration

Long-term degradation in the arid environment of the Upper Gascoyne has left a legacy of reduced perennial vegetation and bare soils that are prone to erosion. Reduced vegetation has also caused loss of habitat and biodiversity. This project aims to improve pastoral land management by demonstrating new and innovative ways of preventing, controlling and repairing stream bank, gully and sheet erosion (project 13067).

Grant: $37 500
Project delivered by: Upper Gascoyne Land Care District Committee
Project duration: December 2013 to June 2014

## NEW 2014/15 community projects in the Shire of Murchison

Nicholson Range conservation and restoration project: stage two B (project 14215)

Nicholson Range Management Committee

Nicholson Range is the watershed between the Roderick and Sanford River systems which are tributaries of the Murchison River in the mid-west rangelands. The range is considered significant by many prominent botanists and ecologists for particular plant and animal species that live on the breakaway system. This project will complete construction of an electric fence around the full perimeter of the range (5400ha), ensuring complete control of grazing pressures. Feral goats, unmanaged livestock and red plains kangaroo's will be removed from the fenced area. This work will help protect the ecology of the ranges and reduce erosion and sediment entering the Murchison River system.

Grant: $32 000

More information on State NRM Program funded projects can be found at nrm.wa.gov.au

District Easter Picnic
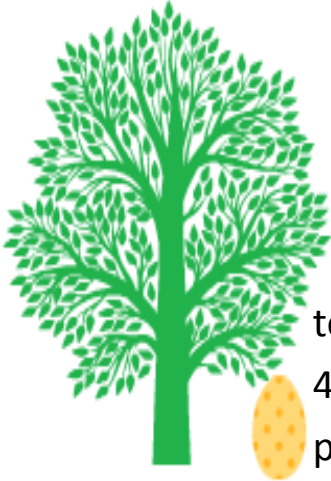
Everyone is invited to a picnic from 11.30am to 4.30pm at Boolardy Bottom Shed on Saturday 4th April. The pool is full and looking lovely so please bring your swimming gear and join us for a get-together. The turn off is south of the homestead and will be marked by a drum.

We will be holding a number of wet novelty events over the afternoon and there will be scones, jam and cream with billy tea to end the day. (before the mozzies carry us all away.

There will be a bbq hotplate on site

BYO drinks and food

Mark, Carolyn and family

Wild Dogs Bounty Scheme

Pastoralists

The shire of Murchison has developed a wild Dog Bounty Scheme to aid in the control of wild dogs on properties. Details as follows:-

The Shire of Murchison Wild Dog Control Bounty Scheme has been developed to offer a bounty of $100 per dog for every wild dog killed.

Doggers and professionals are excluded from the scheme.

It covers all stations within the shire of Murchison except for those covered by the state's trial scheme which is being established in conjunction with the Meekatharra Rangelands Biosecurity Association. Bounty payments for dogs killed on those stations can be claimed under that scheme.

All claims are to be made by the station owner/manager. Persons destroying the dog must take the scalps to the property owner/ manager. The property owner/manager makes their own arrangements with the person who destroyed the dog regarding payment.

Scalps are defined as the two ears and the strip of scalp connecting them.

Property Owner/Manager must complete the form with all details and verify number of scalps.

Property Owner/Manager is then responsible for getting the forms and the scalps to one of the three regional coordinators for authorization.

Once regional coordinators have authorized payment the form is to be sent to the Shire of Murchison who will make the payment to the claimant and maintain a data base of all the details.

Regional Coordinators are:-

Mark Halleen

Boolardy Station Tel: 08 9963 7987

Andrew Whitmarsh

Byro Station Tel: 08 9961 3870

Reg Seaman

Murgoo Station Tel: 08 9963 7985

Scalps are not to be taken directly to the Shire of Murchison

Wild dog bounty scheme 2015.

Milly Milly 2 dogs

Pinegrove 1 dog

Muggon 1 dog

Update from our local doggers for 2015:

Reg Seaman 15 dogs.

Sandy has been busy with strategic baiting but can also add another dog to the tally.

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Where Experience Counts

Written by
Greg and Maxine Beaton

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Murchison Oasis Roadhouse

Proprietors: John Farrell and Marcia Rowlands

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Monday to Friday 7am - 7pm

Saturday 8am - 6.30pm

Sunday 9am - 12 noon

(Sunday opening hours from mid April will be extended 8am – 6pm)

Kitchen open during opening hours

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Accommodation

Units: One double motel room @ $85 per night for up to two people.

Two single units with three beds. First bed @ $75 per night $10 extra per person after that. i.e. 3 people = $95 per night

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($5 per extra person per night)

Unpowered sites @ $15 per night for 2 people

($5 per extra person per night)

Shower only (no accommodation) $5 per person.

Free BBQ available in gazebo.

Meals

New meals include T bones, Surf & Turf with creamy garlic sauce, sweet chilli mango chicken with rice and salad, and grilled snapper. Any sit down meals—please order by lunchtime for preparation.

Groceries and ice also available

Phone: 08 99613875

Fax: 99613876

Email: murchisonoasis@westnet.com.au

Best steak sandwiches ever...just call up on channel 7 to order

LCDC and CRBA Report

Hi All, just giving a brief run down on what is happening in the area. Firstly, Bill Mitchel has resigned as chairman of Rangelands NRM and are currently in the process looking for a replacement. This is due to a potential future conflict of interest with Bill's carbon company. Jim Sullivan (Wheat belt NRM) has been appointed WA rep for Australian Wild Dog Co-ordinated Working Group. Department of Water has announced $40m funding program, Water for Food initiative.

Secondly, The WoNS outlier project (Billabalong) has had approval to extend the area to include a Coral cactus infestation (below) on New Forrest. This project will be completed by the 30 June 2015.

Photo Courtesy of Reg Seaman.

NRM WA are also in the process of putting together a program to fund community coordinators/ EO. Details are supposed to be finalized at the end of April. This could be an opportunity to get an EO that could be shared with Murchison Shire and the CRBA. CRBA will have been completed by the time this goes out but will give a report in the next monologue.

If anyone has any project ideas please get in touch with myself or

Mez Clunies-Ross |

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All the best

Andrew Whitmarsh

Hon Martin Aldridge MLC
Member for Agricultural Region

THE NATIONALS
for Regional WA

Media Release   9 February 2015

Aldridge urges safety-conscious remote travel

A Nationals MP has urged people heading into Western Australia's remote areas to take precautions which could save their lives.

Member for the Agricultural Region, Hon Martin Aldridge MLC has this week called on tourists and locals alike to carry Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) with them if they intend to travel throughout our vast state.

Mr Aldridge said the beacons were becoming increasingly inexpensive when compared to the cost of a life or an emergency response to find a missing person.

"For less than three hundred dollars people can have access to an EPIRB which could save your life if you end up stranded and unable to contact help," Mr Aldridge said.

"I urge everyone intending to travel through regional and remote WA to have an EPIRB for their own safety and their family's piece of mind."

Mr Aldridge pointed to recent tragic incidents in WA's regions, in which people have become lost or suffered a vehicle break down and had sadly not survived.

He also urged employers and Government departments to supply EPIRBs to employees and public servants travelling in remote areas for work purposes.

"It should be every employer's responsibility to ensure a safe workplace and this should extend to being adequately prepared for travel in our remote parts of our state." Mr Aldridge said.

"It is our collective responsibility to ensure that people travelling in remote areas for work or leisure arrive home safely."

Some tips on travelling in remote Western Australia include:

- Plan your trip well in advance and ensure you have detailed maps;
- Take plenty of food and water, including three days' emergency supply;
- Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you expect to be back;
- Carry appropriate safety equipment and ensure your vehicle is serviced, well maintained and appropriate for the conditions;
- Get a first aid certificate and carry an adequate first aid kit.

More tips on travelling in WA's remote regions can be found at
http://www.lands.wa.gov.au/Publications/Documents/Travelling_in_Outback_Western_Australia.pdf

For more information on emergency beacons visit
http://beacons.amsa.gov.au/index.html

For media enquiries please contact Martin Aldridge MLC on (08) 9324 3155 or email
martin.aldridge@mp.wa.gov.au

Yalgoo Jockey Club

ANNUAL RACE MEETING
Saturday 11 APRIL 2015

come & try the delicious free Mocktails from the LDAG stall!

Entertainment "DJ Rev"
Men's & Women's "Fashions on the Field"
(sponsored by Leon Baker Jewellers - Geraldton)
Sky Channel, Bookies & Tote Facilities
"Jillaroo" & "Jackaroo" Races - "Mikey's Cup" for the kids
Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Raffle & AUCTION
St John Ambulance Breakfast 8:30am Sunday
Exhibition by Wirnda Barna's Yalgoo Artists

New!!

meet Billy Bungarra

6 Race Program
First Race: 1:10pm
Last Race: 4:50pm
Gates Open: 11:00am
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Please contact Susanne Graham on 99629591

Mucky Duck Bush Band
BUSH DANCE

2nd May, 2015
Cue Community Hall
Community Dinner from 5.45pm to 6.45pm
Band will commence playing at 7.30pm until 10.30pm
All Welcome
Free Community Event

Australia Computer Terminology - Getting ready for Broadband in the bush!!

LOGON: Adding wood to make the barbie hotter

LOG OFF: Not adding any more wood to the barbie.

MONITOR: Keeping an eye on the barbie.

DOWNLOAD: Getting the firewood off the ute.

HARD DRIVE: Making the trip back home without any cold tinnies.

KEYBOARD: Where you hang the ute keys.

WINDOWS: What you shut when the weather's cold.

SCREEN: What you shut in the mozzie season..

BYTE: What mozzies do

MEGABYTE: What Townsville mozzies do.

CHIP: A pub snack.

MICROCHIP: What's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips.

MODEM: What you did to the lawns.

LAPTOP: Where the cat sleeps.

SOFTWARE: Plastic knives and forks you get at Red Rooster.

HARDWARE: Stainless steel knives and forks - from K-Mart.

MOUSE: The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.

MAINFRAME: What holds the shed up.

WEB: What spiders make.

WEBSITE: Usually in the shed or under the verandah.

SEARCH ENGINE: What you do when the ute won't go.

CURSOR: What you say when the ute won't go.

YAHOO: What you say when the ute does go.

UPGRADE: A steep hill.

SERVER: The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.

MAIL SERVER: The bloke at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.

USER: The neighbour who keeps borrowing things.

NETWORK:What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.

INTERNET: Where you want the fish to go.

NETSCAPE: What the fish do when they discover a hole in the net.

ONLINE: Where you hang the washing.

OFFLINE: Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough.

Recipes for Easter & Anzac Day

ANZAC BISCUITS

A traditional Australian biscuit, they were sent overseas to serving ANZACs in World War I due to their excellent keeping properties.

INGREDIENTS
1 cup plain flour
1 cup rolled oats
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup coconut
125 g butter
2 tbs golden syrup
1 tbs water
1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Sift the flour into a bowl. Add the sugar, rolled oats and coconut.
2. Melt the butter in a saucepan and add the golden syrup and water.
3. Stir the bicarbonate of soda into the liquid mixture.
4. add the liquid to the dry ingredients and mix thoroughly.
5. Place walnut-sized balls of mixture on a greased tray and bake at 175C for 15-20 minutes.

Biscuits will harden when cool.
For crunchier biscuits, use more golden syrup

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YUMMY SIMPLE NO FUSS CRISPY BAKED FISH

INGREDIENTS
- 4 white fish fillets
- 2 tbs lemon juice
- 2/3 cup fresh breadcrumbs
- 2 cup tasty cheese grated
- 1 tsp mustard powder
- 6 spring onion thinly sliced
- 2 tbs butter melted

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Lightly grease a shallow oven-proof dish.
2. Arrange fish in the dish in a single layer and sprinkle with lemon juice.
3. Combine breadcrumbs, cheese, mustard, spring onions and butter.
4. Spoon mixture over the fish and bake in a moderate oven for 20 minutes or until cooked and the topping is brown.

Stale bread is best to make the breadcrumbs with

HOT CROSS BUNS USING YOUR BREAD MAKER

INGREDIENTS

2 1/2 tsp dry yeast
3 1/2 cup plain flour
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp nutmeg
3/4 cup sultanas
1 egg
2 tbs margarine
310 mls water

Crosses
1/2 cup plain flour
80 mls water
2 tsp sugar

Glaze
2 tbs water
2 tbs sugar
1 tsp gelatine powder

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Add dough ingredients to breadmaker in the order listed and set to the dough setting.
2. Once cycle has finished remove dough from machine and line a tray with baking paper.
3. Knead dough on a floured surface until it is elastic and springs back when pressed.
4. Divide dough into 12 pieces, roll into balls and place close together, but not touching, onto tray.
5. Cover and allow to rise for 30 minutes.
6. Crosses: Mix flour and water together to make a smooth paste. Pipe crosses over risen dough.
7. Bake buns for 30 minutes in a preheated 180C oven until golden brown.

Glaze: Combine all ingredients into a microwave safe jug and microwave on medium for 1-2 minutes.

These are just the best. You could probably make them by hand if you don't have a bread maker as well.
You can substitute 2 teaspoons of mixed spice instead of nutmeg if your prefer and up to 2 cups of sultanas if you like a fruitier bun

I love the kind of hugs where you can physically feel the sadness leaving your body

Lessons Learned In Life

EASTER EGG CUP CAKES

A great way to use left-over Easter eggs

INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup cocoa powder

1 tbs instant coffee powder

1/2 cup brown sugar

30 mls dark rum *optional

250 mls boiling water

150 g unsalted butter softened

2/3 cup caster sugar

2 egg

1 1/4 cup plain flour

1/2 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda

18 mini caramel-filled Easter eggs

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 160C degrees (fan forced). Add 18 cardboard baking cups to a baking tray.

2. Add cocoa powder, instant coffee powder, brown sugar, dark rum in a bowl. Pour boiling water into bowl and whisk to combine. Set aside while you prepare the other steps.

3. With electric beaters cream the butter and caster sugar until light and fluffy. Add the eggs and beat until combined.

4. In another bowl, sift the flour, baking powder and bicarbonate of soda. Sift again for a light cupcake.

5. Add the flour mixture into the butter mixture and beat until combined.

6. Add the cocoa-coffee mixture to the batter and beat until combined. Beat for a further 2 minutes on medium speed until well-combined and mixture looks smooth.

7. Add three tablespoons of cake batter to baking cups. Pop one Easter Egg into the cup and then cover with three tablespoons of cake batter. The baking cups should be 3/4 full.

8. Bake for 18-22 minutes. The cupcakes are ready when the cake bounces back at your touch, and a skewer poked into the cake comes out clean.

To make sure the Easter Eggs don't completely melt - place the eggs in the freezer for 5 minutes or fridge for 15 minutes before adding to the cake batter. Double sifting the flour will make for a nice and light cake. The cupcakes are pretty rich and with the caramel-centre surprise you don't really need an icing but you can use a chocolate cream cheese icing or a rich dark chocolate ganache. Best enjoyed warm from the oven as the caramel-centre is gooey. You can re-heat in microwave for 10 seconds per cupcake (avoid if icing cupcake).

LEMONADE SCONES - 3 INGREDIENTS FROM SCRATCH.......

Moist and fluffy scones, made with only 3 ingredients! These are truly miracle. They must be served with copious amounts of cream and jam. That's a given.

INGREDIENTS

3 cups self raising flour

1 cup heavy whipping cream (not whipped)

1 cup cold fizzy lemonade (like sprite or 7 up)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 200C/390F.

2. Combine the flour, cream and lemonade in a bowl and mix until just combined. Do not over mix, it will make the scones dense! The dough should be soft and fairly sticky.

3. Turn out onto a floured surface, and gently pat down to 2.5cm/1.2" thickness.

4. Use a 6cm/2.5" round cutter to cut scones. Flour the cutter in between so the dough doesn't stick. I usually get 6 out of the first batch, then I combine and pat out the offcuts to make another 4.

5. Optional - brush the tops lightly with milk. This makes the tops nice and golden, and helps smooth the top too.

6.Place on a lined or greased tray, slightly touching each other (they help each other rise) and bake for 12 to 15 minutes until golden on top.

7. Place on rack to cool. Place tea towel over them to stop the tops from getting crusty.

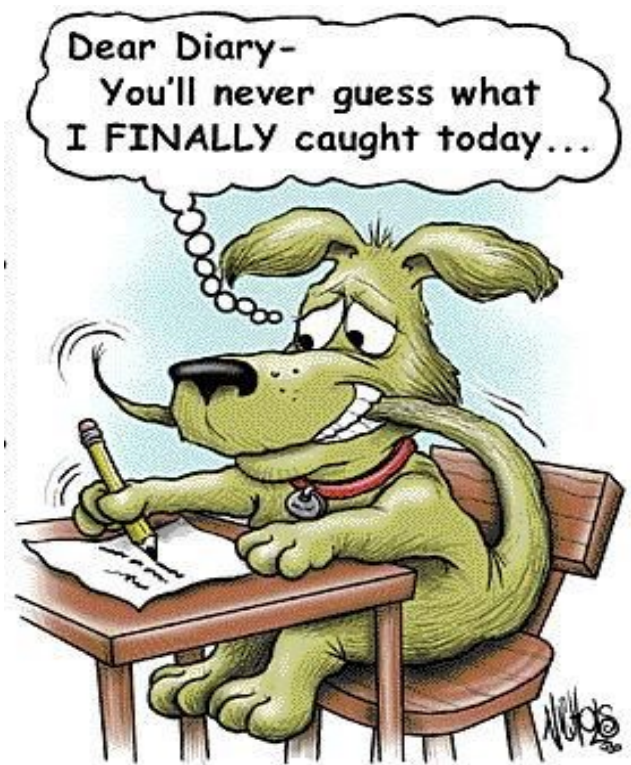Serve with copious amounts of cream and jam, and of course tea!

NOTES

Do not substitute the lemonade for solo! It makes the scones really dense, like rocks.

If you don't have a round cutter you can just cut them into squares with a knife. Just be sure to flour the knife between cuts so the dough doesn't stick to it.

These freeze well, for up to 3 months.

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BABY

BURGER SUPREME, SHAKE AND FRIES

Dear Diary—
You'll never guess what I FINALLY caught today...

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ?

As I was lying around, pondering the problems of the world,

I realized that at my age I don't really give a rat's behind anymore.

.. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.

.. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, but is still fat.

.. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years, while

.. A tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives for 150 years.

And you tell me to exercise?? I don't think so.

Now that I'm older, here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

2. My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with raisins, prunes and all-bran.

3. I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.

4. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.

5. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.

6. If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?

7. It was a whole lot easier to get older, than to get wiser.

8. Some days, you're the top dog; some days you're the lamp post.

9. I wish the buck really did stop here; I sure could use a few of them.

10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.

11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.

12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

13. The world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.

14. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.

15. When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.

16. It's not hard to meet expenses; they're everywhere.

17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder "what am I here after"?.
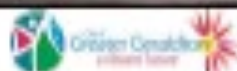
ANZAC PUZZLE

Ceremonies often start with a service at this time of day __

A lone musician may platy The Last Post on a __

Services often include readings of speeches and __

ANZAC Day has become a day of national __ for both countries

Australian rules football and __ games are very popular on this day

A memorial sits at ANZAC Cove on the shores of the __ Sea

Laurence Binyon's poem For the __ is commonly recited

Tonga Samoa and other __ nations also observe the holiday

The __ of ANZAC continues today as courage and others before self

ANZAC forces fought for control of the Gallipoli peninsula in __

Gallipoli was defended by future Turkish statesman Mustafa Kemal

A public __ was declared in New Zealand (1920) and Australia (1921)

Australia and New Zealand were very young __ at the start of WWI

Some Australians wear rosemary sprigs and New Zealanders wear __

ANZAC Day now honors those who served in __ ,Korea and later wars

ANZAC __ are a traditional food; some are sold as fundraisers

The invasion of Gallipoli lasted from April to __ of 1915

The ANZAC legend has become part of both nations __

The day frequently includes parades, marches and __ events

The day originally honored those serving in the First __

ANZAC stands for Australia New Zealand __

The __ campaign took eight long months, leading to a stalemate

Some __ demonstrations have taken place on ANZAC Day

Both countries suffered high__ in WWI relative to their population

__ are held across the two countries and by expats around the world

ANZAC Day is celebrated by both Australia and __

The invasion of Gallipoli was part of the __ campaign by the allies

In early years, ANZAC day dawn services were limit to ___ only

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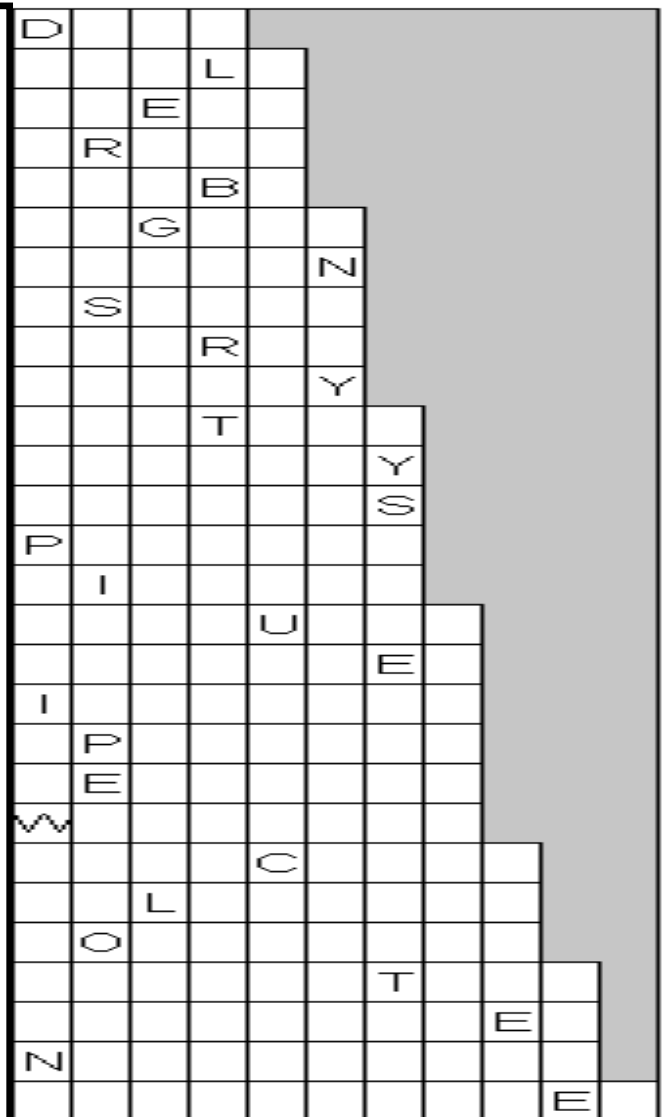
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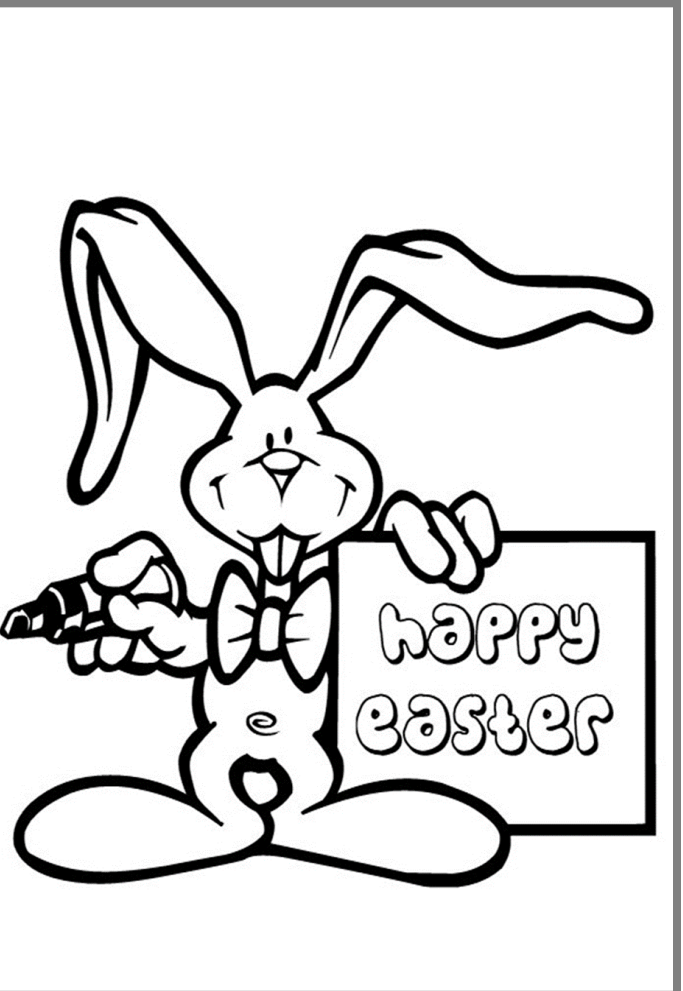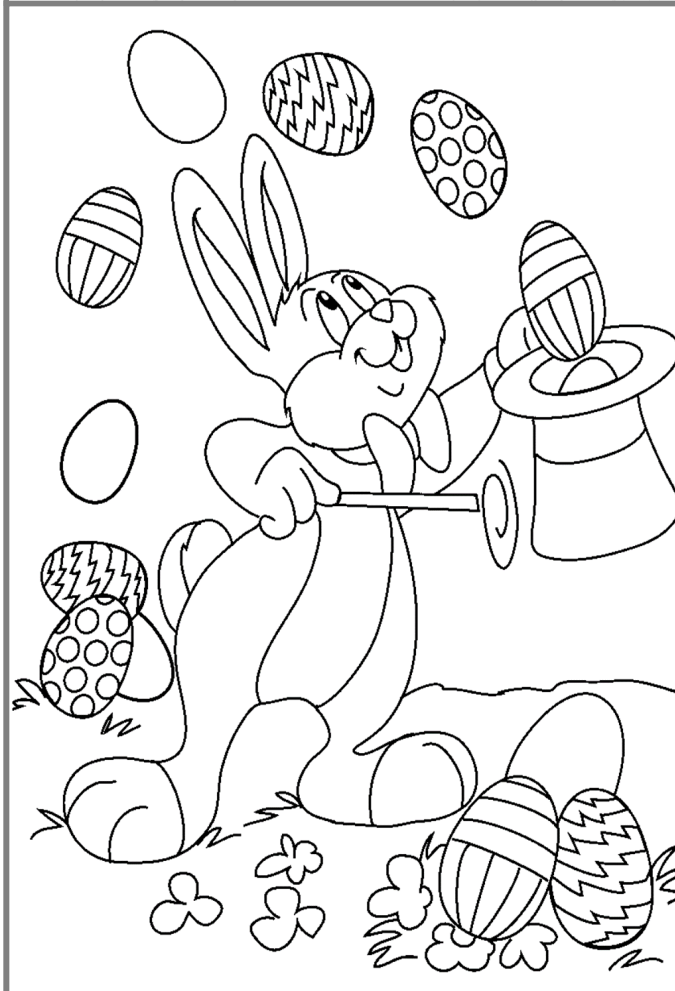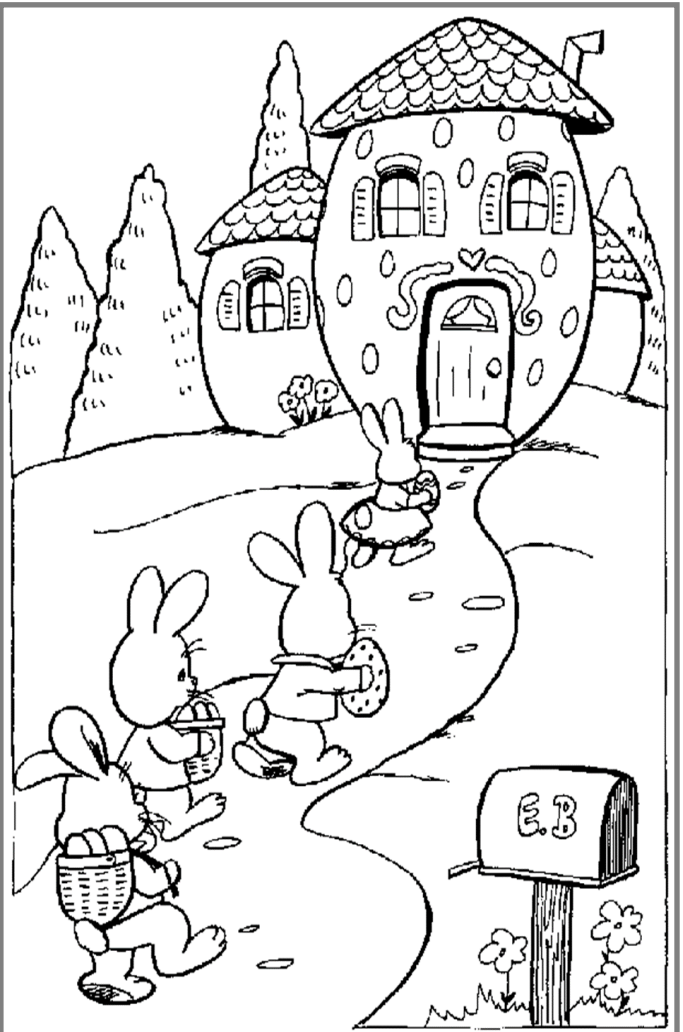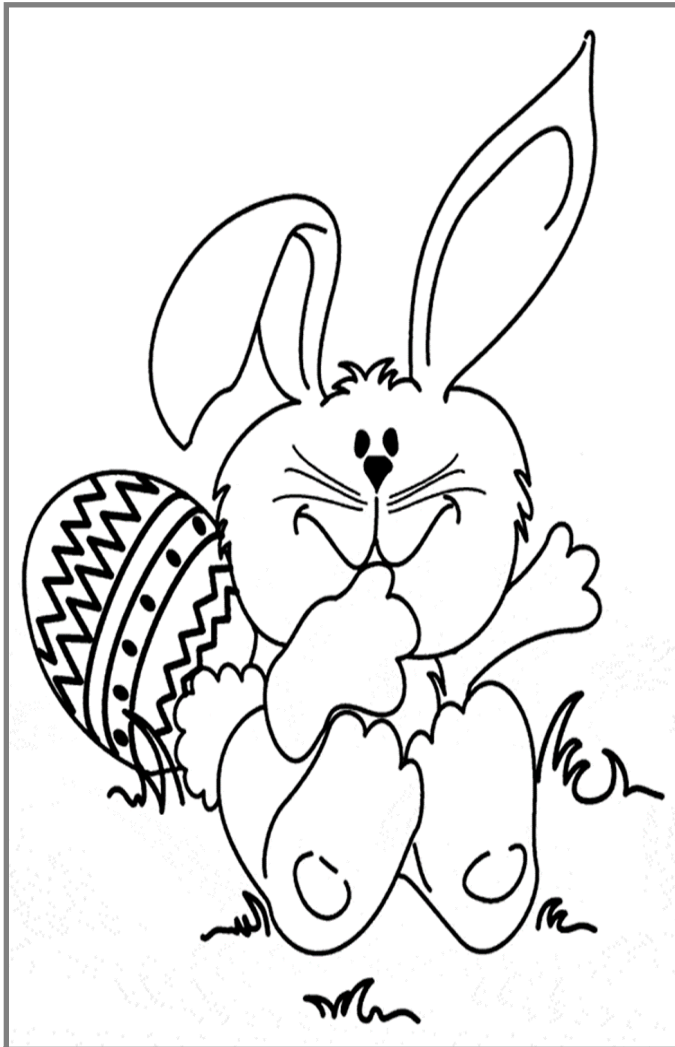
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May 2015

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