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From the Editors Desk

As I dragged myself out of bed this morning(delighted to be able to wiggle my toes) I was suddenly struck by a thought how really lucky I am to be living in Cue. How lucky I was not to be waking up in Gaza or Ukraine this morning where there could be a very real chance that I would not even survive the day.

How lucky I was to be able to go about my business, chat to friends, do my shopping, pay my bills and generally enjoy another day in Cue without being afraid or fearful that a bomb would drop out of the sky or somebody would shoot me. Indeed how lucky are we?

And yet there seems to be an undercurrent of ill feeling within the community of Cue and I am at a loss to understand why this should be. Is it I ask because the the mine and the camp in town is closing down, and that the instead of housing 250 people that block of land will go back to a vacant block with weeds. Surely this cannot be the reason as so many people never wanted the camp there anyway. Is it because we are losing a number of people who spent money in the town and now they no longer will be here to do so the businesses will struggle to survive. Whatever the reason or reasons are it seems to me that this lack of community satisfaction has to be addressed, and that can only be achieved by good two way communication

As a citizen first, as a publican second, as a councillor last, I hear all sorts of scuttlebutt, complaints, rumours and just talk. I have no problem with this because we fortunately live in a democracy and are able to have an opinion about anything and the best thing is we can express it to anybody who will listen. It is only human nature that we love to complain and have the occasional whinge particularly when something effects us personally as many decisions taken by Council do. I can understand only to well how people will not agree with those decisions and in some cases have no idea why such decisions were made. These decisions are made in good faith and by the very people that were elected by the community to make Cue a better place to live

Hence my feeling is that there is a real lack of communication between the people making the decisions and those effected by them. We have in the DryBlower, a perfect vehicle for this communication but alas I am struggling to fill its pages and according to one reader it is mainly all rubbish anyway. In all seriousness I sincerely believe people should stop talking about people and start talking about the issues that effect us all living in Cue, so that we may achieve change for the better.

Why is is that people have so much time on their hands to talk but no time to volunteer for the Ambulance Service, the Fire Brigade, the Cue CRC. All these organisations face the real threat of extinction but that does not raise as much concern as the fencing of the tip for instance. The community of Cue consists of a diverse group of people like any small community and of course every decision that effects our everyday lives is not going to be applauded by everybody. That is life and as the Irish say "the rub of the Green". We need to understand and appreciate the wonderful heritage and environment we have here in Cue and look to the positives of how we can promote and encourage same on a real personal level.

Surely the time has come to look for ways to have genuine communication, be it around the table, through the press or in community forums but to find positive ways to make Cue a place that all or most of its citizens enjoy living in. We need more than anything, people to become involved in the issues and find ways to resolve our differences and enjoy the pleasure of living in Cue.

Ian W. Dennis

Editor



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It's on again
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Dust of Uruzgan by Fred Smith

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Dust of Uruzgan by Fred Smith



22nd August Licenced event (No Children)
Proceeds go to Cue St John ambulance.

Doors open at 7pm

Show starts 7.30

Venue: Cue Town Hall

Cost \$10 includes snacks/nibblies

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Contact Shire of Cue 99638600

Fred Smith combines beautiful songs, stunning projected photographs by military and civilian photographers and humorous and touching stories to bring us *Dust of Uruzgan*, a highly acclaimed album performed live with a two piece band and based on his time in Afghanistan as a diplomat and singer/songwriter. *Dust of Uruzgan* tells the story of the 20,000 young Australians who, for the last eight years, have made a difference in the war-ravaged country of Afghanistan.

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Send them to the Editor, The Dryblower, CRC, Cue

Keep them short and keep copies. They may be edited for legal reasons, space or clarity.

Dear Sir,

I attended a Council Meeting on the 15th April 2014 and was amazed when the Meeting concluded after 20 minutes.

Each item on the Agenda was moved, seconded and voted on with no discussion taking place.

As a rate payer listening in the gallery, I had no idea how the councillors had come to their decisions to pass the Agenda item when there was a complete lack of discussion .

I have been told that the Council conduct a Forum before their Monthly Council meeting and I am wanting to know

1. ARE ALL AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE FORUM AND KEPT SECRET FROM THE RATE PAYERS?
2. WHY ARE THE RATE PAYERS NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND THE FORUM MEETINGS ?

Kerry Seivwright

Glen Station C U E

To the Editor,

This morning I could not believe my eyes,

WHY, WHY, WHY

would anyone see fit to remove one of the brightest sights Cue had to offer its Community and Tourists, lets face it there is not much colour around when entering our town.

As the saying goes "A flower will always put a smile on your dial".

Alas the beautiful roses in our memorial garden have been dumped. Those roses were admired and meant a great deal to so many local folks. Why I ask destroy a lovely garden that kept flowering day in and day out and gave so much pleasure? I am sure I am not the only person who used to deadhead these roses to keep them blooming as roses are very hardy plants that can thrive for decades.

Next year is the 100th anniversary of our brave soldiers leaving our shores. I for one am hoping we will have a beautiful and established rose garden by then.

Shame, Shame, Shame to those responsible.

(Sgd) Flower Pot

Dear Sir

May I suggest you could leave out the silly trivia page, the irrelevant Did You Know page, the 3 full pages of Who do You Think You Are (which everyone knows is on TV anyway)...and what about the massive FIVE pages for the Community Resource Centre...when most of that information could be placed on ONE page, or maybe forego for one issue the short story? I could mention other irrelevant pages....but you get my drift. Many people already have said that the Dryblower now is boring with nothing but ads and other 'rubbish' stuff. Come on Ian....this IS supposed to be a magazine for the community to contribute to....for the community to have input in....for contributions which you asked for.

(Sgd) Bored Reader

Ed. Notes

Perhaps it is time for me to hand over the reins to somebody else although it would appear that the jokes are okay!

Shire Reports

President's Report

During July we once again had the benefit of S.T.O.R.M.C.O. visit Cue. As usual they more than lived up to their title of "Service To Others Really Matters". Not only did they entertain our Children every day for the week; they hosted a wonderful Barbecue for the community.

Additionally they did a great job of weeding and re establishing the grave sites at the old cemetery. This effort will be enhanced by the new picket fence which the Shire is currently constructing. In time , we hope to properly establish the names for the grave sites and erect a plaque. I hope that everyone who visits the cemetery finds it as special as Joy and I.

Ray Taylor, whose grand father was a member of the Day Dawn Brass Band returned to Cue and gave a very entertaining concert in the caravan park which was well attended, and the Shire sponsored B.B.Q around the fire pit was appreciated. Thank You Ray!

Murdoch University Veterinary Service visited Cue as part of Its programme to bring free health checks and de sexing to dogs and cats in the outback They also provided micro chipping and vaccinations at cost.. As a Council we are investigating the feasibility of including these services free of charge. Micro chipping is about to become mandatory and will be required for registration.

On Friday August 22 at 7.30 pm the town hall(which will be heated) is the venue for a live concert entitled THE DUST OF URUZGAN. This will be presented and performed by Fred Smith who the Sydney Morning Herald said "is an exceptional songwriter with a cycle of songs which are raw, remarkably honest...and offers an intimate perspective on the war in Afghanistan".

The concert is sponsored by Cue Shire. Bookings are being taken by Peter Hutchinson at the Shire office ,the charge of \$10 per head will include snacks., There will be a bar serving beer, wine and soft drinks at reasonable cost with proceeds going to St Johns Ambulance.

Please book early to assist with catering. All the on line reviews as well as the print media have given enthusiastic reports and this should be an unusual and fantastic nights entertainment.

You may have noticed the roses from the Arthur Gurney park have been removed, they were suffering from root rot and mildew. New roses have been ordered (red and white),and the park will be restored in the near future. In the interim the reticulation will be overhauled.

Regards
Roger

Trivia for August

1. August is named after Augustus, first Emperor of Rome who chose it as it was the month of his greatest triumphs. He died in August AD14.
 2. Until 8BC, the Romans called August 'Sextilis' as it was the sixth month of their year.
 3. The Anglo-Saxons called August by the name Weod-monath (weed month) as it is the month when weeds grow most rapidly.
 4. 'August' is the only name of a month that features among the top 1,000 men's names. April, Maya and June are all in the women's top 1,000.
 5. Twenty-two per cent of Norwegians named August were born in August.
 6. Men are banned from knitting on Jersey during the fishing season from August to September.
 7. Henry VI Part 1 and The Tempest are the only Shakespeare plays that mention August.
 8. The birthstone in August is the peridot or sardonyx; the flower is the gladiolus or poppy.
 9. August is the only month this year that begins on a Thursday. In a leap year, February begins on the same day of the week as August.
 10. "In August, choler and melancholy much increase from whence proceeds long-lasting fevers and agues not easily cured." (R Saunders, 1679).
 11. August's Flower is Gladiolus
 12. In the southern hemisphere, the "Horses' Birthday" is celebrated by nearly all breeds on the first day of August. The reason for the selection of the first day of August in the southern hemisphere, as opposed to say the first day of January, May or November is that historically, the weather at the commencement of September is just beginning to warm up, prompting mares to commence their oestrus cycle, or 'come into season'.
 13. August has two birthstones, PERIDOT and SARDONYX: **Peridot** is among the oldest known gemstones. It ranges from olive to lime green, sometimes with a brownish tinge. **Sardonyx** is a gem with white and brown bands and it is believed to have mystical powers: it eliminates negative thinking!
- Lemon Meringue Pie Day is on August 15th
- Elvis Presley died on August 16th 1977
- A poorly-looking horse limps into a bar with a bandage round his head. He orders a glass of champagne, a vintage brandy and two pints of Guinness.
He downs the lot and says to the barman: "I shouldn't really be drinking this with what I've got?"
"Why, what have you got?"
"About £2 and a carrot."



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Cue Markets

The next markets
will be held on Sunday
28th August, 2014
9am to 12noon

***Please contact Ruth on
99631198 if you would
like to have a stall***

Like our July Market which was a great success, it is planned to hold these markets and a sausage sizzle at the park next to the Council Chambers, so come down for a snag and look at the wares on sale .

Go through your junk, you never know who might think it a treasure and worth a dollar or two for you and have a fun morning chatting to all and sundry.

Please note it is important to contact Ruth for a stall so that we are able to provide enough tables for all those wishing to sell goods.

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St Patrick's Catholic Church



Liturgies for June, July and August ***NB change of times***

| | | |
|---------------|--|----------|
| Sunday 08 Jun | Celebration of the Word with Communion | 10.00 am |
| Sunday 15 Jun | Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) | 8.00 am |
| Sunday 13 Jul | Celebration of the Word with Communion | 10.00 am |
| Sunday 20 Jul | Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) | 8.00 am |
| Sunday 03 Aug | Celebration of the Word with Communion | 10.00 am |
| Sunday 17 Aug | Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) | 08.00 am |

St Patrick's is located on the corner of Marshall and Dowley Streets.
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One morning it dawned on Michael that he hadn't seen Paddy for a few weeks and thought he should pay a visit and check on his mate.

He knocked and knocked at the house to no avail when suddenly he thought he could hear music from one of the sheds over yonder. As he approached he could make out some slow seductive type music and when he looked through the door he saw paddy doing some sort of a striptease in front of a Red piece of machinery.

“Oi Paddy what's going on” he asked.

“Oi Michael it's me and the wife, we haven't been getting on to well lately, so I went to the doctor and he told me I needed to do something sexy to attract her”.

Thank you!



The students and staff at Cue primary School, wish to say a massive Thank you to the St John's Ambulance Cue Sub Centre after they donated a new first aid box and blanket last term.

The new first aid resources will be beneficial to all students allowing us to have two first aid centres on school grounds. We pride ourselves on ensuring all students are safe while in the school environment and have even had most of our student's complete first aid in previous years. Thank you! Cue Sub centre for being so supportive in ensuring the safety of the children in Cue.



AGM

THE AGM FOR THE Cue St John Ambulance sub-centre usually held in August is to be delayed.

Severe lack of volunteers means the current committee are not willing to commit for a further year. The Sub- centre will have to close if no further volunteers come forward.

Sub-centres rely on volunteers as we have 4 active members we cannot stay open.

Ruth Lee

Movie Night

This month's movie will be held on

Saturday 30th of August 2014

Time: Doors open 6.30, movie starts 7pm

Place: Cue Shire Hall, Robinson St

Cost: Free

Rating: M



ALAN PARTRIDGE: ALPHA PAPA

Comedy, Rated M, 90 Minutes, Film Code 27917

Starring: Steve Coogan, Colm Meaney, Felicity Montagu

Hapless radio host Alan Partridge is unhappy when he sees his station, North Norfolk Digital, being taken over by a giant media conglomerate and renamed Shape. Events take a dramatic turn when Alan is drawn into an armed siege lead by co-presenter Pat Farrell that ends up in a slow police chase across Norfolk.





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Cue's Guess Who



This lady landed herself in Cue in 2008, working for the health department. Since then she has made Cue her home. You will find this lady sipping on bundy and coke at the bar on Friday night. This lady is among the very few to put her hand up to help with anything. Cue is incredibly lucky to be able to call her a local.



RECIPE

Thai beef mince cos lettuce cups

These Thai beef mince cos lettuce cups are absolutely delicious with some amazing Asian flavours.

Ingredients

- 500g packet beef mince
- 1 tablespoon green curry paste
- 1 tablespoon fish sauce
-
- 1 teaspoon white pepper
-
- 2 teaspoons sugar
-
- 1/2 teaspoon Chinese five spice powder
-
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger
-
- 1/4 cup finely diced coriander stalks
-
- 1 tablespoon peanut or vegetable oil
-
- 1/2 cup cooked rice vermicelli noodles
-
- Juice of 1/2 a lime
-
- 1/4 red onion, thinly sliced
-
- 8 baby cos lettuce leaves, washed
-
- 1/2 long red chilli, finely diced (optional)
-
- 1/4 cup roughly chopped peanuts

Method

Step 1

Place beef mince, curry paste, fish sauce, pepper, sugar, five spice, ginger and coriander stalks in a mixing bowl. Combine well using your hands. Set aside for 15 minutes for flavours to infuse.

Step 2

Place wok or frying pan over high heat, add oil, once hot add mince mixture, break up mince and stir-fry for around 5 minutes, or until mince is cooked through. Add rice vermicelli noodles and toss to combine.

Step 3

Remove from heat, add lime juice and add red onion, toss to combine.

Step 4

Place cos lettuce leaves onto serving plates, spoon in beef mince mixture, garnish with chilli and peanuts.



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August

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| Warren Harrington | 01.08 |
| Maggie Lawton | 21.08 |
| Angela Pickering | 24.08 |
| Sarah Campbell | 25.08 |



Poet's Corner

Song of the Cattle Hunters

Henry Kendall

While the morning light beams on the fern-matted streams,
And the water-pools flash in it's glow,
Down the ridges we fly, with a loud ringing cry-
down the ridges and gullies we go!
And the cattle we hunt, they are racing in front
with a roar like the thunder of waves,
As the beat and the beat of our swift horses' feet
Start the echoes away from their caves -

As the beat and the beat
Of our swift horses feet
Start the echoes away from their caves.
Like the wintry shore that the waters ride o'er,
All the lowlands are filling with sound:
For swiftly we gain where the herds on the plain
Like a tempest are tearing the ground!
But we follow them hard to the rails of the yard,
over gulches and mountain-tops grey,
Where the beat and the beat of our swift horses' feet
Will die with the echoes away -
Where the beat and the beat
Of our swift horses' feet
Will die with the echoes away.

TODAY

**Look to this day,
For it is life,
The very life of life
In its brief course lie all the realities and verities of existence,
The bliss of growth,
The splendour of action,
The glory of power
For yesterday is but a dream,
and tomorrow is only a vision,
But today well lived,
Makes every yesterday a dream of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope
Look well, there fore to this day**

ANON



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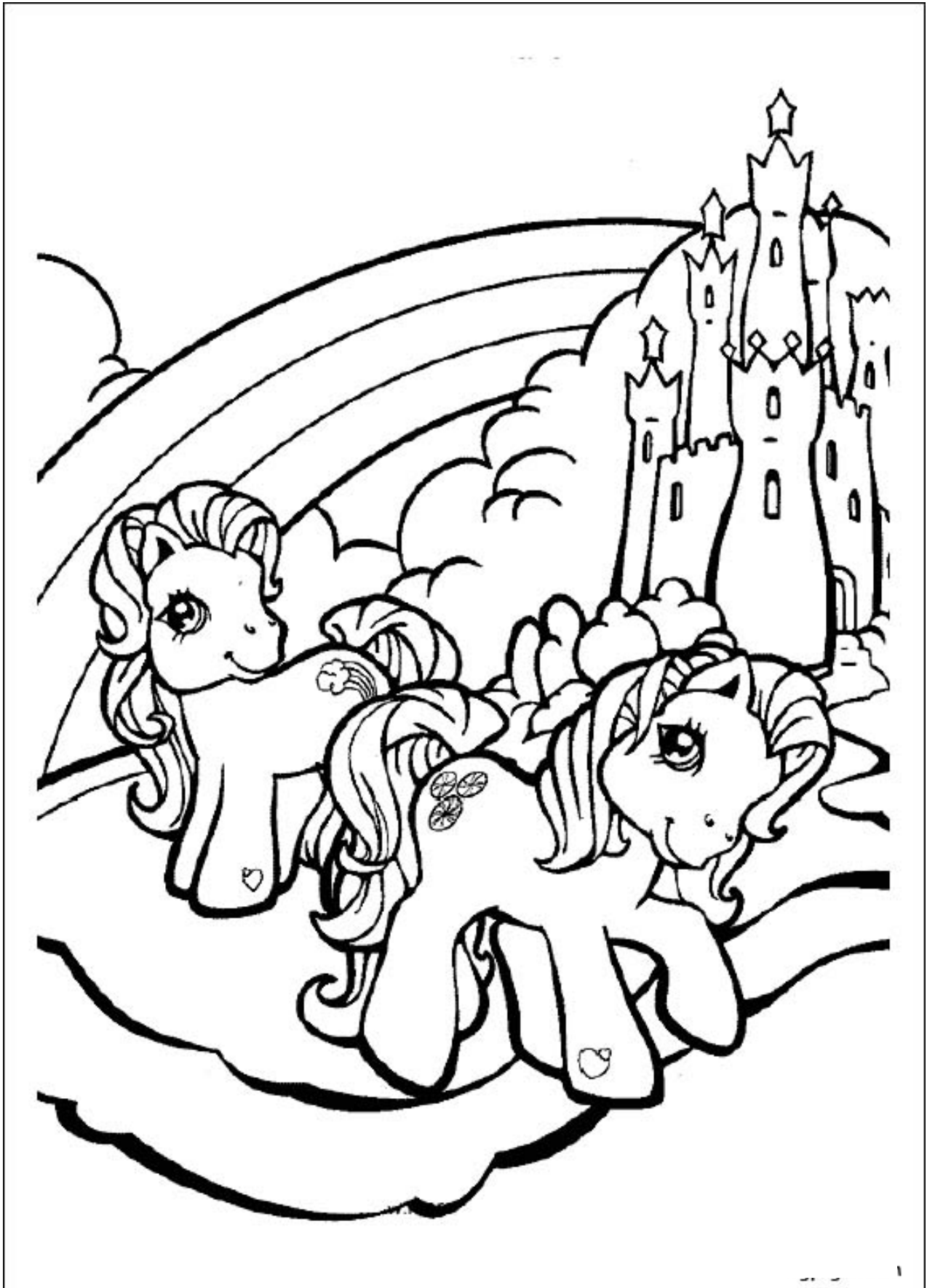
Three race horses stood in their stalls. One said to other others: "I ran 20 races and I won 15 of them!" he bragged. The next said with a snort, "Well, I ran 30 races and won 25 of them!" Then the third horse spoke up proudly, "Yeah, I ran 41 races and won 39 of them!" This seemed to settle the topic when the horses noticed a Greyhound outside their stalls. The Greyhound said, "I ran 100 races and I won 99 of them." The horses looked at each other in amazement and one gasped, "Wow! A talking greyhound!"



A racehorse owner takes his horse to the vet. "Will I be able to race this horse again?," he asks The vet replies: "Of course you will, and you'll probably win!"

A cowboy goes into a bar, has a beer, walks outside and finds his horse has been stolen. He walks back into the bar, fires his gun through the ceiling. "Which one of you mothers stole my hoss?" he yells. No one answers. "All right, I'm gonna have one more beer and if my hoss ain't outside by the time I finish, I'm gonna do what I dun in Texas." He drinks another beer, walks outside, and his horse is back. So he gets on it and gets ready to ride out of town. The bartender walks out of the bar and asks, "Say pardner, what happened in Texas?" The cowboy turns to him, and says, "I had to bloody walk home."

A city dweller came to a farm and saw a beautiful horse. He decided he had to have the animal. He bargained with the farmer and the farmer finally sold him the horse. The city man jumped on the horse and said, "Giddyup!" The horse didn't budge. The farmer explained, "This is a special kind of horse. He'll only move if you say, 'Praise the Lord.' To stop him, you have to say, 'Amen.'" Keeping this in mind, the new owner yelled, "Praise the Lord!" whereupon the horse took off with great speed. Soon horse and rider were headed for a cliff. Just in time the rider remembered to say "Amen!" The horse came to a screeching halt right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, the rider raised his eyes to heaven and exclaimed, "Praise the Lord!"



KAYANNE'S 50TH



A few months ago, a very special lady in Cue turned 50!! Kayanne Dongara is that very caring and happy lady you see every day. She is always running errands for everyone, and is the first to help when ever needed. Not to mention she is married to Mr Dee!!! All the best for the next 50 years Kayanne.



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Gardening Tips



Pruning Roses

If you've got roses in your patch – then winter is the ideal time to prune them. Pruning roses is important because it helps to reduce disease, encourages air circulation and lets more light in. This means the plant is focusing its attention and energy on producing beautiful blooms for next season.

Roses need pruning at least twice a year. Summer pruning is easy. Just look for the spent flowers and snip them off a few centimetres below the flower. That's called dead-heading.

But in winter roses need a stronger prune to encourage good, solid, new growth.

- Look for spindly stems. Follow these down to where they're about the thickness of a biro. Then remove them.
 - The best time to prune is in June or July. But if you live in a really cold area of Australia, then wait until early August so that the frosts don't knock back the new shoots.
 - Look out for branches that are totally dead – any that have dieback – need to be totally removed, right down to the stump level.
 - Try and open up the centre of the bush, so there's more air circulating.
 - Look out for any water shoots – these are an olive green or even pink colour – and are absolutely essential. Take care of the water shoots because these are the young growth and this is where the rose will have its flowers. Just prune it lightly, so it will shoot out and produce more flowers.
- Never be afraid to remove large sections of the rose bush. Do this every couple of years to rejuvenate new growth. Remove any old branches, or any stems that look warty and crinkly.
 - If you're a timid person, prune about a third back, but, if you're a radical like me, get out your secateurs and prune back by about half. Always from the top. And if you do that, you're going to find you get many more good shoots for flowers.
 - Look for an outward facing bud and cut. The new growth will then grow outwards and produce flowers around the outside of the bush. If you cut to an inward facing bud the direction of the new growth will cluster in the centre.
 - Aim to cut at about a 45 degree angle and make sure that the cut is sloping away from the bud so that rain and dew won't collect in the area where the bud forms onto the stem. This will help stop fungal disease.
 - Heritage roses don't need a lot of pruning. Just prune them to shape and tip prune regularly. Remove any dead bits.
 - Ground cover roses are easy to prune - so easy that you could practically run over them with a motor mower. But if you are using loppers just cut them back, almost to





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I do normally reprint press releases in the Dryblower as they are generally a waste of paper but I thought this particular article by Brandon Grylls was of some interest to those of us who live outside the Perth Metro area.

Editor.

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Regions fund redress for past policy failures

□ Brandon Grylls



Given the recent Economic Regulation Authority report on microeconomic reform, and its criticism of Royalties for Regions, many would find it surprising that I agree with its author Lyndon Rowe on where we want to see WA in 50 years.

However, where we differ is on how to get there. Take for example the recommendation for a trial of congestion charges in Perth. This is in response to growing difficulty driving around the city, with roads around the airport being particular hot spots for congestion.

I find it difficult to make a sound economic argument to spend billions on the road network to the airport, then put a tax on congestion to try to reduce it.

To me, the actual problem is the thousands of West Australians who, because of past policy failures, fly in and out of Pilbara resource jobs.

Royalties for Regions responds to Perth congestion by improving infrastructure and services in Pilbara communities so that the Pilbara workforce lives in the region where it works.

Why is it that self-cleaning ablutions in Perth are important social infrastructure (applauded for their environmental and cost-saving functions) but the one unit funded from Royalties for Regions in Bunbury was singled out for ridicule as the "singing toilet"?

Why is it that the annual Sculptures by the Sea in Cottesloe is considered a significant cultural event but the artistic and cultural endeavour of Cow Parade Margaret River is criticised?

Why is access to social housing in



Cultural worth: Margaret River's Cow Parade has been criticised unfairly.

the city a key problem but \$2000-a-week rents in WA's north results in shoulder shrugging from the same economists that worked on the ERA report?

Royalties for Regions is a political response to the realisation that economic theory doesn't actually work in the real world.

The theory is that Royalties for Regions should not be necessary and therefore should be scrapped. The question for the ERA, then, is why have regional infrastructure and services been neglected for 45 of the past 50 years when the regionally based agriculture and resource sectors have been the main economic drivers of our State?

The answer is found in politics.

When 42 out of 59 of our State politicians represent Perth metropolitan electorates, it's easy to see why automatic toilets in the city are considered key social infrastructure but in the bush are considered indulgent. That's why it took a hung Parliament where the minority had some sway over the



Theories and politics have failed to deliver regional development

majority to deliver the Royalties for Regions policy.

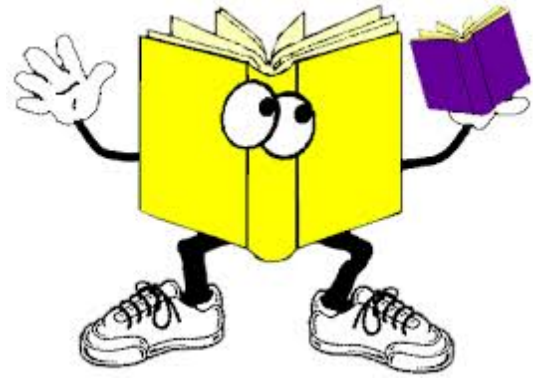
I would also ask the ERA to justify its claim that Royalties for Regions is not subjected to the same scrutiny as that required of other government projects. Again, for the record, Royalties for Regions is the only government program that requires two Cabinet approvals for every single dollar of expenditure. Perhaps the ERA could investigate if this model is appropriate for the remaining 95 per cent of State Government expenditure?

So in response to the ERA report, Royalties for Regions was created because theories and politics had failed to deliver regional development in the past. The past five years have finally seen the process of revitalising and rebuilding the regions begin.

When the ERA factors some real world experience into its theoretical reports, it may begin to make recommendations that can be implemented for the benefit of the State.

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book review



Readers who have been inspired in their Christian walk by John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" will also enjoy following another human, appropriately named "Mr. Badman," on his life journey. Sadly, the life choices Mr. Badman makes lead him ultimately to hell. In this allegorical tale, the wickedness, depravity, and carnality in the life and death of Mr. Badman are contrasted with biblical standards of living and the path that leads to heaven. Bunyan presents a fascinating allegory as the main character, Mr. Badman, is a wicked miscreant hell-bent on living for sin. He's depraved and immersed in the lusts of the flesh, wickedness, depravity, and carnality. His profligacy is compared with the moral law and the fruit of the Spirit as the right way to live is made clear while trusting in Christ alone for eternal salvation. It's uplifting and edifying to ponder the life of Mr. Wiseman who lives for God and strives to please the Lord. Some chapters include: The Consequences of a Bad Man's Death, Badman Deceives a Good Woman, Badman's Disguise Is Removed, Badman Uses Bankruptcy to Gain Money, and many more, culminating in The Final Judgement.

"If you have sinned, do not lie down without repentance; for the want of repentance after one has sinned makes the heart yet harder and harder." ~ John Bunyan

EXCERPT – PART OF CHAPTER 9 – "BADMAN'S FRAUDULENT DEALINGS"

ATTENTIVE: Well, let us at this time leave this matter and return to the life of Mr. Badman.

WISEMAN: With all sincerity, I will proceed to relate what was left of his life in order to speak about his death. Again, I will begin with his fraudulent dealings. Just as I have shown how dishonest he was with his creditors, now I will tell you how unfairly he treated his customers. He used deceitful weights and measures. He kept weights to buy by and weights to sell by, measures to buy by and measures to sell by. Those he bought by were too big, and those he sold by were too little. In addition, he could use a thing called slight of hand, if he had to use other men's weights and measures, and by that means, whether he bought or sold, yes, even though his customer or another merchant looked on, he could turn the situation to his own advantage. Moreover, he had the ability to miscalculate accounts, whether by weight, measure, or money, and would often do it to his advantage and his customers' losses. And if he was questioned about his accuracy, he had his servants ready to vouch and swear to his books or his word. This was Mr. Badman's practice. What do you think about Mr. Badman's character now?

ATTENTIVE: What do I think? Why, I can think nothing except that he was a selfish and wicked man; for these actions, just like his others, were evil. If a tree, as indeed it can, may be judged by its fruits, then Mr. Badman must logically be judged a bad tree. But for my further satisfaction, show me now, by the Word of God, the evil of his practices of using false weights and measures.

WISEMAN: I will willingly do so. First, look into the Old Testament. It says, Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgement, in meteyard (length), in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt. (Leviticus 19:35-36). This is the law of God, and what all men, according to the law of the land, should obey. Another verse says, "Ye shall have just balances" (Ezekiel 45:10). Now, having shown you the law, I will also show you how God judges any deviation from this law. "Divers weights are an abomination unto the Lord, and a false balance is not good" (Proverbs 20:23). "A false balance is abomination to the Lord" (Proverbs 11:1). Some have just weights but false scales, and by virtue of these false scales, regardless of their just weights, they deceive people. Therefore, God commands that the scale be made just. "A just weight is his delight" (Proverbs 11:1). If people's scales are false, they are deceivers, notwithstanding their just weights. So the Scriptures command first of all that men use a just scale, and they state that a false one is an abomination to the Lord. Then we are told, "Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small" (Deuteronomy 25:13) - that is, one to buy by, and another to sell by, as Mr. Badman had. "Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small" (verse 14). These Mr. Badman had also. The Old Testament provides more direction on this subject: "But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. For all that do such things, and all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the Lord thy God." (Deuteronomy 25:15-16). See now both how plentiful and how relevant the Scripture is in this matter. But perhaps one might object that all this is old law, and therefore has nothing to do with us under the New Testament—not that I think you, neighbour, would object to this teaching. Well, let me answer this foolish notion. First, he who makes this object, if he does it to overthrow the authority of those texts, reveals that he is a first cousin to Mr. Badman. For a just man is willing to speak reverently of those commands. The man who objects to this text has, no doubt, but little conscience, if any at all that is good. But let us look into the New Testament, and there we will see how Christ confirmed the same. He commanded that men give to others a good measure, encouraging all to do so with these words: "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.

For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38). This verse applies not only to what men will receive back from other men but also how God will repay. God will show His indignation against the false man by taking away even what he has, and He will also deliver the false man to the oppressor. Then the extortioner will receive from the oppressor in the same measure he had used against his neighbour. give into your bosom. Another Scripture says, "When thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee" (Isaiah 33:1). That the New Testament also has a warning into the way men operate their businesses is evithese general exhortations: "Defraud not" (Mark 10:19). "Lie not to another" (Colossians 3:9). "No man (should) go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such" (1 Thessalonians 4:6)

"What soever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Colossians 3:23). All these injunctions and commandments concern our lives and conduct among men, with reference to our dealing and trading; consequently, they forbid false, deceitful, yes all actions that are corrupt. Having thus in a word or two shown you that these things are bad, I will next, in order to convict those who practice deception, show you where God says these evildoings are to be found. 1. They will not be found in the house of good and godly men, for they, like God, abhor them; instead they will be found in the houses of evildoers, such as Mr. Badman. "Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is abominable?" (Micah 6:10). Are they there yet, notwithstanding God's forbidding, notwithstanding God's tokens of anger against those who do such things! Oh, how a wicked man loathes to let go of a sweet, profitable sin once he has possession of it! Evildoers hold fast to deceit; they refuse to let it go. 2. Next, these deceitful weights and measures will not be found in the houses of the merciful, but in the houses of the cruel, in the houses of those who love to oppress. "The balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress" (Hosea 12:7). The wicked man is given to oppression and cruelty; therefore, he uses such wicked things in his occupation. He is a true cheat, and, as was hinted before concerning Mr. Badman's bankruptcy, so I say now, concerning his using these deceitful weights & measures, it is as evil as to steal someone's purse or pick someone's pocket. Clearly, it takes from a man what is his own. 3. Also deceitful weights and measures are not to be found in the houses of those who provide food and clothing for the poor. Instead, these evil deeds will be carried out by those who would "swallow up" the poor. Listen to what the prophet Amos said: Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail, Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit? That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat? The Lord hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works. (Amos 8:4-7). So detestable and vile a thing is this in the sight of God.

God hates the thought of calling those who use false weights and measures by any term than impure. He says, "Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?" (Micah 6:11). No, by no means. They are impure ones. Their hands are defiled; deceitful gain is in their houses; they have gotten what they have by coveting; therefore, they must and will be counted among the impure, among the wicked of the world. Thus you see how full and plain the Word of God is against this sin, and those who practice it. Mr. Badman, because he used these ways to rook and cheat his neighbors, is rightly rejected from having his name in and among the catalogue of the godly.

ATTENTIVE: But I am persuaded that some people do not think that using these deceitful methods is so great an evil.

WISEMAN: Whether it is considered an evil or a virtue by men, it does not matter. You can see by the Scriptures how God judges such actions. It was not regarded as evil by Mr. Badman, nor is it by any who are still following in his steps. But, I say, it does not matter how men value things. Let us adhere to the judgement of God. This is all the more important, because when we ourselves are done weighing and measuring to others, then God will weigh and measure us and our actions. And when He does, as He will do shortly, then woe to those of whom it will be said, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting" (Daniel 5:27). God will then repay their evil upon their own heads, when He shuts them out of His presence, favour, and kingdom forever and ever.

ATTENTIVE: But it is amazing, since Mr. Badman's common practice was to deceive others, that someone did not find him out and accuse him of this wickedness.

WISEMAN: He got away with his roguery among the general public. For what with his false scales but accurate weights, and his slight of hand to boot, he beguiled—sometimes a little, sometimes more—almost everyone with whom he did business. Besides, those who use this wicked trade are either good at blinding men by their pretence of religion or intimidating the buyer with words. I must confess, Mr. Badman was not so skilled at the first, that is, to pretend to be religious. He began to grow tired of this form of deception, even though some of his associates were accomplished in the act. But when it came to intimidating, swearing, or lying to his customers regards his weights and measures, Mr. Badman had no trouble doing these things.

ATTENTIVE: Then it seems that he kept good weights and a bad scale. At least that was better than having both be bad.

WISEMAN: Not at all. It showed the depth of his deceitfulness, for if, at any time, his customers found fault and accused him of shortchanging them, he would reply, "Why, did you not see them being weighed? Will you not believe your own eyes? If you question my weights, please take them where you will to be checked. I maintain that they are good and just." He would say the same about his scales, so he deceived them by using accurate weights.

ATTENTIVE: This is cunning indeed, but something else must have been done or said to conceal the truth from his customers.

WISEMAN: Yes, he had many ways to be deceptive, but he was not totally convincing at making a show of religion, even though he had deceived his wife in that way. He was too well known for that, especially by those who lived near him, though he would awkwardly attempt it as best he could. But there are some who are chief villains in this way. They will appear to live an entirely religious life in public while being guilty of the most horrible sins in private. And yet religion in itself is never hurt by true professors of it. But, as Luther said, all evil begins in the name of God. For hypocrites have no other way to bring their evils to maturity than by invoking God's name. Thus they become white washed walls (Acts 23:3). By the purity of religion—the white of religion—the dirt of their actions is hid. Thus they also "are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness" (Matthew 23:27). Yes, if a doubt arises in the heart of the buyer about the weight and measure being used, often he permits his senses to be deluded as he recalls to mind his merchant's profession of religion. The customer thinks he must be wrong rather than the businessman, for he never dreams that the so-called godly merchant would deceive him. But if the buyer finds out about the false transaction and makes it apparent, then he is placated with apologies. Often the blame is placed on the servants. And so Mr. Cheat maintains his stance as an honest man in the eyes of his customer, even though he will not hesitate to pick the customer's pocket the next chance he gets. Some excuse their cheating by saying that it is a common practice, as if that should acquit them before the tribunal of God. Others say that they were cheated, so they have to pass on the loss to their customers. Even though they are trying to manipulate the truth, they must know that they should be doing "that which is altogether just" (Deuteronomy 16:20). Suppose that I am cheated; must I therefore cheat another in the same way? If this is a bad practice on the whole, it is also bad in part. Therefore, however you are treated when you are buying, you must deal justly in selling, or you sin against your soul and become like Mr. Badman. And know that justifying yourself because others are doing wrong is not an excuse. It is not custom, but good conscience, that will help at God's tribunal.

ATTENTIVE: But I am persuaded that what is acquired by men in this way does them but little good.

WISEMAN: I agree, but those who are evil do not hold the same opinion. For if they can make a profit, by whatever means they use, they are content - even if it means they take the devil and all. Little good! Why, do you think they would judge their actions like that? No, they would no more think that way than they would consider what they will do on the day of judgement. All that they think they are getting through their wrong methods is truly worth nothing at all. But to give you a more direct answer: This kind of getting is so far from doing them little good; it does them no good at all because thereby they lose their own souls. The Scripture says, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). He loses, then; he who gains after this fashion loses greatly. This is the man who is "penny-wise and pound-foolish", this is he who loses his good sheep rather than spend a few dollars for medicine for it; this is the man who loses his soul for a little of the world. And then what does he get but loss and damage? Thus, in his acquiring, he loses his soul in the world to come. But what does man really get in this world more than hard labor, sorrow, affliction, and disappointment? Men aim at blessedness in getting, I mean, at temporal blessedness, but the man who gains through deceptive means will not be blessed ultimately. For though an inheritance after this manner may be hastily obtained at the beginning, yet in the end, he will not be blessed (Proverbs 20:21). He gathers it indeed, and thinks he will keep it, too, but remember what Solomon said: "The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to perish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked" (Proverbs 10:3). The time that he does enjoy it will do him no good at all, but be sure, he will not have it for long. For God will either take it away in his lifetime, or else in the generation following. According to the book of Job, "He (a wicked man) may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, and the innocent shall divide the silver" (Job 27:17). Consider what is written in Proverbs: "A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just" (Proverbs 13:22). What then does the man have who acquires his wealth through dishonest means? Why, he receives sin and wrath, hell and damnation. Now tell me how much he possesses? This, I say, is what he gets. As the psalmist said, we, too, may be so bold to say, "I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked....When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end. Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors. As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image." (Psalm 73:3, 16-20). The wicked may huff and puff and make much to do about nothing for a while, but God has determined that both the man and his riches will melt like grease, and any observant person may see that it is so. Watch as the unrighteous man accumulates much in ways that wrong other people. Before long, what he has stored up will be gone or will have decayed. Then he, or the generation that follows his decline, will return to poverty. And this is what happened to Mr. Badman, notwithstanding his cunning and crafty tricks to get money. When he died, no one could tell if he even had a penny to his name.

ATTENTIVE: He used all of the cunning tricks possible for a man to get money; one would think that he would have been rich when he died.

WISEMAN: You stop counting too soon if you think these were the only deceptive means he used to get money, for he had more besides. If his customers' name were written down in his books, he would be hard on them. If he thought he could take advantage of them, then he would be sure to impose upon them his worst, even very bad merchandise, yet charge them the price of the best products. He was like those who sold the bad wheat or the worst

of the wheat, "making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit" (Amos 8:5). This was Mr. Badman's way. He would also sell goods that cost him next to nothing at the price of his most expensive merchandise. He also tried to trick his customers by mixing inferior items with his best goods in order to lessen suspicion. In addition, if his customers at any time paid him cash, they had better beware, for he would usually attempt to collect payment again, especially if he thought that there was any hope of making a profit. If they could not produce sufficient proof of the payment, the odds were a hundred to one that they would pay him again. Sometimes the honest customer would appeal to Badman's servants for proof of the payment of money, but they were trained by Badman to say what he told them. Thus, the sincere person could get no help from them.

ATTENTIVE: It is an abominable thing for a man to have this kind of servants. For by such means a poor customer could be ruined and not know how to help himself. Alas, if the merchant was so unconscionable, as I perceive Mr. Badman was, to call for his money twice, and if his assistants would swear that the debt was due, where could the poor customer find any help? He would go under without anyone to help him.

WISEMAN: This is a very bad practice that has been going on for hundreds of years. But what does the Word of God say? "Also I will punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit" (Zephaniah 1:9).

Mr. Badman also had this cunning manner: If he could get an advantage over someone, that is, if his customer could not afford to go elsewhere, or if the product he wanted could not at present be conveniently purchased elsewhere, then he had better look out. Mr. Badman would surely try to control the customer's purse strings and without any pity or conscience make him pay through the nose. In this way, Mr. Badman was an extortioner. He took every opportunity that came his way to cruelly extort money out of his neighbor's pocket. If he charges more than something is worth according to the current prices, he will be judged unworthy to inherit the kingdom of God. The Scriptures say, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

ATTENTIVE: Well, this Badman was indeed a sad wretch.

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"A man would be counted a fool to slight a judge before whom he is to have a trial of his whole estate.

The trial we have before God is of another kind of importance. It concerns our eternal happiness or misery, and yet we dare to affront Him?" ~ John Bunyan ~

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**Ruth Manning**

One day, as a husband was reading the Sunday paper, his wife smacked him upside the head with a frying pan.

"What was that for?" cried the husband.

"I was doing your laundry when I found a piece of paper with the name of Marylou on it!" screamed the wife. "Who is she? Are you cheating on me?"

"Honey don't worry. Remember when I went to the **horse** race three weeks ago with my friends? Marylou was the name of the **horse** I was betting on. Satisfied, the wife continued doing the laundry. A few hours later, the wife smacked the husband with a frying pan again.

"What was that for?" said the annoyed husband.

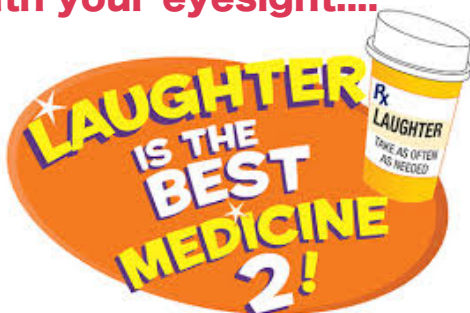
"Your **horse** just called."

An out-of-towner accidentally drives his car into a deep ditch on the side of a country road. Luckily a farmer happened by with his big old horse named Benny. The man asked for help. The farmer said Benny could pull his car out. So he backed Benny up and hitched Benny to the man's car bumper. Then he yelled, "Pull, Nellie, pull." Benny didn't move. Then he yelled, "Come on, pull Ranger." Still, Benny didn't move. Then he yelled really loud, "Now pull, Fred, pull hard." Benny just stood. Then the farmer nonchalantly said, "Okay, Benny, pull." Benny pulled the car out of the ditch. The man was very appreciative but curious. He asked the farmer why he called his horse by the wrong name three times. The farmer said, "Oh, Benny is blind, and if he thought he was the only one pulling he wouldn't even try."

**This woman rushed to see her doctor, looking very much worried and all strung out. She rattles off: "Doctor, take a look at me. When I woke up this morning, I looked at myself in the mirror and saw my hair all wiry and frazzled up, my skin was all wrinkled and pasty, my eyes were bloodshot and bugging out, and I had this corpse-like look on my face! What's WRONG with me, Doctor!?"**

**The doctor looks her over for a couple of minutes, then calmly says: "Well, I can tell you that there ain't nothing wrong with your eyesight...."**

*A white horse walks into a pub and asks for a whisky. The landlord says: "Hey, we've got a whisky named after you." The horse replies: "What, George"*







## August— History of the Month's Origin

### *A history of the month's name*

#### 'July' is for Julius

The Roman Senate named the month of July after [Julius Caesar](#) to honour him for reforming their calendar, which had degenerated into a chaotic embarrassment. Bad calculations caused the months to drift wildly across the seasons—January, for example, had begun to fall in the autumn.

The high priest in charge of the calendar, the *pontifex maximus*, had become so corrupt that he sometimes lengthened the year to keep certain officials in office or abbreviated it to shorten an enemy's tenure.

#### Effective January 1, 45 B.C.

The new calendar went into effect on the first day of January 709 A.U.C. (*ab urbe condita*—"from the founding of the city Rome -January 1, 45 B.C.—and put an end to the arbitrary and inaccurate nature of the early Roman system. The Julian calendar became the predominant calendar throughout Europe for the next 1600 years until [Pope Gregory made further reforms](#) in 1582.

Certain countries and institutions in fact adhered to this ancient system until well into the twentieth century: the Julian calendar was used in [Russia](#) until 1917 and in [China](#) until 1949, and to this day [the Eastern Orthodox church adheres to Caesar's calendar](#).

The month *Julius* replaced *Quintilis* (quintus = five)—the fifth month in the early Roman calendar, which began with March before the Julian calendar instituted January as the start of the year. Unfortunately, Caesar himself was only able to enjoy one July during his life—the very first July, in 45 B.C. The following year he was murdered on the [Ides of March](#).

#### Augustus for 'August'

After Julius's grandnephew Augustus defeated [Marc Antony](#) and [Cleopatra](#), and became emperor of Rome, the Roman Senate decided that he too should have a month named after him. The month Sextillius (sex = six) was chosen for Augustus, and the senate justified its actions in the following resolution:

Whereas the Emperor Augustus Caesar, in the

month of Sextillis . . . thrice entered the city in triumph . . . and in the same month Egypt was brought under the authority of the Roman people, and in the same month an end was put to the civil wars; and whereas for these reasons the said month is, and has been, most fortunate to this empire, it is hereby decreed by the senate that the said month shall be called Augustus.

Not only did the Senate name a month after Augustus, but it decided that since Julius's month, July, had 31 days, Augustus's month should equal it: under the Julian calendar, the months alternated evenly between 30 and 31 days (with the exception of February), which made August 30 days long. So, instead of August having a mere 30 days, it was lengthened to 31, preventing anyone from claiming that Emperor Augustus was saddled with an inferior month.

To **accommodate** this change two other calendrical adjustments were necessary:

The extra day needed to inflate the importance of August was taken from February, which originally had 29 days (30 in a [leap year](#)), and was now reduced to 28 days (29 in a leap year).

Since the months evenly alternated between 30 and 31 days, adding the extra day to August meant that July, August, and September would all have 31 days. So to avoid three long months in a row, the lengths of the last four months were switched around, giving us 30 days in September, April, June, and November.

Among Roman rulers, only Julius and Augustus permanently had months named after them—though this wasn't for lack of trying on the part of later emperors. For a time, May was changed to Claudius and the infamous Nero instituted Neronius for April. But these changes were ephemeral, and only Julius and Augustus have had two-millenia-worth of staying power.



## 1000 Marbles

The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the backyard patio with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning, turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time. Let me tell you about it.

I turned the dial up to listen to a Saturday morning talk show I heard an older sounding gentleman, with a golden voice. You know the kind, he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business. He was telling whoever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles".

I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say...

"Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet. Too bad you missed your daughter's dance recital."

He continued, "Let me tell you something Tom, something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities."

And that's when he began to explain his theory of a "thousand marbles." "You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years."

"Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900 which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime.

Now stick with me Tom, I'm getting to the important part."

"It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail", he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy."

"So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round-up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside of a large, clear plastic container right here in the shack next to my gear. Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away."

"I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time."

"It was nice to meet you Tom, I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again."

You could have heard a pin drop on the radio when this fellow signed off. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to work that morning. Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss. "C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast."

"What brought this on?" she asked with a smile. "Oh, nothing special, it's just been a while since we spent a Saturday together with the kids. Hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles."



# CUE HEALTH CENTRE

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Victoria Street  
Cue WA 6640  
Tel: 9963 0600

## Grams Clinic Mount Magnet

**PH:** 9963 4111 or 99634016

Doctor Anna Stuart, Female Doctor for  
women's health issues

17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March Bookings essential.

Grams Podiatrist Dates for Cue  
7/4, 5/5, 3/6, 7/7, 4/8, 6/10, 3/11, 1/12.

Grams GP clinic for Cue

10<sup>th</sup> March with diabetic nurse

17<sup>th</sup> March

7<sup>th</sup> April

14<sup>th</sup> April with diabetic nurse

5<sup>th</sup> May

12<sup>th</sup> May with diabetic nurse

9<sup>th</sup> June with diabetic nurse

16<sup>th</sup> June

### July 2014

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| R.F.D.S GP Clinic       | 1st, 15th, 29th |
| Child Health Nurse      | 9th , 23rd      |
| Podiatrist              | TBC             |
| Physiotherapist         | TBC             |
| Dietician               | TBC             |
| Occupational Therapy    | Please enquire  |
| Home and Community Care | Twice Weekly    |
| Psychologist            | Please enquire  |

## Cue Nursing Post Opening Hours

### MURCHISON DENTAL TEAM



63 Laurie Street  
Mt Magnet WA 6638  
Tel: 0427 386 647

Monday to Friday 8.00am - 12.00pm

1.00pm - 4.30pm

Weekends

Closed

### Visiting Schedule 2014

| Town         | 1st day        | last day       |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Meekatharra  | 10th February  | 21st February  |
| Mt Magnet    | 3rd March      | 14th March     |
| Yalgoo       | 31st March     | 11th April     |
| Meekatharra  | 28th April     | 9th May        |
| Mt Magnet    | 26th may       | 6th June       |
| Sandstone    | 9th June       | 13th June      |
| Meekatharra  | 23rd June      | 4th July       |
| Cue          | 21st July      | 1st August     |
| Meekatharra  | 18th August    | 29th August    |
| Burringurrah | 1st September  | 5th September  |
| Mt Magnet    | 15th September | 26th September |
| Meekatharra  | 13th October   | 24th October   |
| Mt Magnet    | 10th November  | 21st November  |
| Meekatharra  | 8th December   | 19th December  |

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# August 2014



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| 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  |
| 31  |     |     |     |     |     |     |

*Teddy Bears and friends day out, Cue. Photo: Tony Lee*