

Welcome to our Newsletter.

This month our trip was an overnight camping trip to the Coorong with Nigel and Claire as trip leaders. Once again an enjoyable experience (not the long drop though!!) The trip report will be on the website.

This country of ours is so wonderful, one wonders why people desire to travel overseas. The fantastic scenery on all corners of Australia has to be seen to be believed. Phil and I recently experienced the wonderful Wilson Island on the Great Barrier Reef. Although our stay was cut short due to the imminent arrival of Cyclone Hamish, we did get to experience the pristine beauty of this eco island for a couple of days. Watching the turtle hatchlings racing for their lives toward the beach, will be something we will never forget. Although I have to say that "camping" on Wilson Island in permanent luxury tents does not compare to freezing our butts off in a three man tent with wind chill factor of around 3 degrees on the Coorong!! Hmmm....

I love promoting this wonderful country of ours.

Upcoming Trips

Easter weekend 10,11,12,13 April 09 - Black Cockatoo camping near Naracoorte. Cuffs has sent out the information already. Make sure you all bring birthday cake for me!!

Meetings

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at Cavan. April 09 meeting is scheduled for the 1st (April Fools Day).

First Aid Kits

Don't be fooled, most kits aren't intended to be used in remote areas. You'll need to add pressure bandages and disinfectants, creams and a ton of other stuff. If you're older then you can double the size of it with your medications etc.

St Johns Ambulance do a great bush kit.

Whatever you have, check it at least once a year and before you go away. Thanks Geoff

Useless Information

Unlike most of the other nonfoolish holidays, the history of April Fool's Day, sometimes called All Fool's Day, is not totally clear. There really wasn't a "first April Fool's Day" that can be pinpointed on the calendar. Some believe it sort of evolved simultaneously in several cultures at the same time, from celebrations involving the first day of spring.

The closest point in time that can be identified as the beginning of this tradition was in 1582, in France. Prior to that year, the new year was celebrated for eight days, beginning on March 25. The celebration culminated on April 1. With the reform of the calendar under Charles IX, the Gregorian Calendar was introduced, and New Year's Day was moved to January 1.

However, communications being what they were in the days when news traveled by foot, many people did not receive the news for several years. Others, the more obstinate crowd, refused to accept the new calendar and continued to celebrate the new year on April 1. These backward folk were labeled as "fools" by the general populace. They were subject to some ridicule, and were often sent on "fools errands" or were made the butt of other [practical jokes](#).

This harassment evolved, over time, into a tradition of prank-playing on the first day of April. The tradition eventually spread to England and Scotland in the eighteenth century. It was later introduced to the American colonies of both the English and French. April Fool's Day thus developed into an international fun fest, so to speak, with different nationalities specializing in their own brand of humor at the expense of their friends and families.



Member Profile

Next month we will profile Carolyn, red wine connoisseur.

Monkey Story

If you are having trouble understanding the current world financial situation, the following should help... Once upon a time in a village in India, a man announced to the villagers that he would buy monkeys for \$10. The villagers seeing there were many monkeys around, went out to the forest and started catching them. The man bought thousands at \$10, but, as the supply started to diminish, the villagers stopped their efforts. The man further announced that he would now buy at \$20. This renewed the efforts of the villagers and they started catching monkeys again.



Soon the supply diminished even further and people started going back to their farms. The offer rate increased to \$25 and the supply of monkeys became so little that it was an effort to even see a monkey, let alone catch it! The man now announced that he would buy monkeys at \$50! However, since he had to go to the city on some business, his assistant would now act as buyer, on his behalf.

In the absence of the man, the assistant told the villagers: 'Look at all these monkeys in the big cage that the man has collected. I will sell them to you at \$35 and when he returns from the city, you can sell them back to him for \$50.'

The villagers squeezed together their savings and bought all the monkeys. They never saw the man or his assistant again, only monkeys everywhere! Welcome to WALL STREET. Thanks Carolyn

For sale – fuel filter – contact Ken P.



Contributions

Members are encouraged to contribute to our Newsletter. Any clean jokes, recipes, handy hints or tips, and of course please feel free to email me your profile. I try to get the newsletter out by the 15th of each month. My email address is helentaylor@adam.com.au

I am receiving more contributions – thank you to everyone. Try and not send giant articles. Whatever you are sending is greatly appreciated. Most of this newsletter is made up from club member contributions, not mine. Thanks. .

One word frees us all from the weight and pain of life. That word is LOVE.

Cheers everyone til next time!!!



Fun on the Coorong – nearly bogged!