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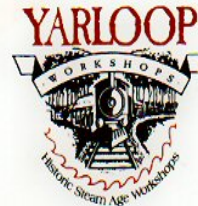
(A free Community Service Announcement)

At left: Val Fortune after getting her 'ticket'. Not a ticket of proficiency but a 'ticket' off Geoff and Richard for driving a dangerous vehicle, not only that, but they also got her for being over the limit. Over the limit, that is, for rich food. And that rich food was supplied by Carmel Hill, Head Chef, Cabin Restaurant on Val's 100th Birthday. So Carmel also got a ticket for supplying an illegal substance to a cake, cream and strawberry addict! Val even got one of those special telegrams. You know the one that Doctors send out to their patients that says, "Hey! Hey! A sponge cake that is 8 inches high, has two inches of pure cream on top and is abundantly covered in luscious strawberries and served in the Cabin Restaurant, is a recipe for more people driving to Yarloop."

(Con/d from page 4) that was situated approx 70 yards from the present-day Workshops on the side of the present-day rail line that runs from the Workshops to the government station area.

Tractors came there from all other southwest mills, were stripped down, steam cleaned, rebuilt, repainted and returned to their working life.

The original manager of the Tractor Shop was Mr Bob Springthorpe.



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# YARLOOP YARNING

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## YARLOOP POLICE NEWS

**Greetings to all, from myself and Richard at the Yarloop Police Station.**

I hope everyone had a happy Easter Holiday; congratulations to all for the safe driving around Yarloop with no serious or fatal traffic accidents in the town over Easter!

**SEEKING INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC:** A damage offence occurred at a house on School Road on the 6th March at about 8.40 pm; we are asking for anyone who has any information to contact us regarding this. Inquiries are continuing and persons of interest are being investigated, but any information will assist.

**ISSUES AROUND TOWN:** Congratulations and well done to all again over the improved behaviour in the last month regarding alcohol and offensive behaviour. We have had a good month with no incidents of note and we hope this continues. (See article Page 10 this Journal).

**STREET DRINKING:** This has also been a success story, but I am leaving the penalties in to remind people of the cost of that ONE drink. Anyone seen drinking alcohol in the street, parks, waterhole, or out the front of licenced premises, will receive a \$200.00 on-the-spot infringement!

**NOISY MUSIC:** This has also improved overall, just remember to let your neighbours and POLICE know if you are planning a party. When it gets late turn the music down and move inside.

**TRAFFIC:** We have been doing laser

speed actions all over town lately and numerous speeding cautions and infringements have been issued; this will continue, so remember the speed limit in town is 50 kms per hour.

**DRINK DRIVING:** Still a concern. We have charged 6 people in Yarloop with various drink-driving offences in March; if you drink, do not drive a car!

Also, reckless and hoon driving will not be tolerated and Police can charge people from eye witness accounts of this behaviour. One person has been charged with Reckless Driving from doing 'burnouts' at the waterhole so be aware (And BEWARE!!!)

**TO CONTACT US** please call us on 97335001, if we are unavailable leave a message and we will return it, or if it is serious, please call Bunbury Police on 97222111 **or 000 for emergencies only.**

Geoff Butcher and Richard Cornelius of the YARLOOP POLICE.

(Ed's Note: Well, well, from the Yarning's point of view that is great news that some of you have responded to the appeal by two of the best Police a town could ever have, and have upheld the law in some of the things that just have to make it a better Yarloop society. Remember that children are the greatest copyists in the world. If they see their parents doing something, even something they shouldn't, they think it is good enough for them to follow! If you want to be proud of your kids, it's best to act as if you do!)

## EDITORIAL

It certainly is a time of strange events in this world. One of the strangest is to hear a minister of one of the main-stream religions steering his parishioners away from believing that Christ rose from the dead.

This editorial is not trying to convince readers one way or another, but I ask you, what hope has the world got if its church leaders dismiss the divinity of Christ, the centre of all Christian religions.

Religionist or not, one must admit, that every single being has a conscience that becomes active at some time. An act that keeps the majority of good citizens continuing to be good and to act good towards their fellow man and uphold their responsibility towards the society in which we live.

We must also admit that this influence though failing in many today, still enables us to exist with an element of safety in a world not yet gone completely mad. However, how long will it be before Christians are being told by their ministers that Christ was a myth and that there is no hope you can be lost in your sins, because without any judgement against sin there can be no sin; without Christ, there can't be a God, without God there can be no condemnation, no need for law, no need for a police force, the law of society is that it is the survival of the fittest.

Again I repeat that religionist or not, church-goer or not, on thinking about it, one has to admit that mankind is completely incapable of lifting himself above himself.

Religionist or not, church-goer or not, believer or not, let us never forget that the world, especially the Christian world and especially the world society, must accept, even if it is only in the stabilising goodness of Christians they see around them, that there is a higher power up there somewhere, whose son Jesus Christ, died for all mankind, was crucified, died and was buried, and rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and is hearing what these supposed religionists are saying to the detriment of all Christians.

The DAM SPINNERS CWA Hall. Enquiries to Faye Taylor, Ph 97291342 or Joy Jackson Ph. 97331810.

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## YARLOOP BUSHFIRE BRIGADE SUPPORT GROUP

By JAN DELANEY. On Friday 29th Feb. eleven members of the Support Group enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Carmel and her happy helpers at the increasingly popular Cabin Restaurant. The way things are going, it may be possible in future only to obtain a meal with a prior booking, as people are now coming from far and wide. Great to see!

Had a phone call from a former member; Dan Kipping. He was 'camping way down south in Tasmania at Port Arthur, and enjoying touring the apple isle in very pleasant weather.

Maxine and Bert Green have recently returned from yet another sojourn in our southern districts in their caravan, so it would appear that several former Yarloopians have now joined the 'grey nomads'. Barbara and Chris Norman are still doing well in Broomehill and hope to pay us a visit in the not-too-far-distant future. Our President, Bill Christie, has not been very well recently, and underwent an operation in March. We wish him well and trust his health will quickly improve.

Plans are well in hand for the ANZAC Day celebrations with breakfast at the Fire Shed following the Dawn Service as usual. Currently we are to provide, for the third time, more new

chairs for the Fire Shed, to cope with visitors on the day!

We have received another newsletter from Ronal McDonald House with the latest updates re fund-raising, which we have contributed to for several years by collecting ring-pulls from drink cans. This activity was brought to our attention by an ex-WAAF friend of mine whose husband is also a member of the RAAF Ubon Group, with whom Bevan marches on ANZAC Day.

Our member from Perth has finally brought herself a new vehicle and has managed to attend two recent Hurry Scurry meetings during weekend visits to Yarloop in her shiny Forester. She is also a Tupperware demonstrator, so if anyone is interested in re-placing or up-dating their kitchen accessories or organising a fund-raising activity, please contact me and I will pass the message on to Delia.

I hope all members, current and former, especially our Life Member, Muriel Esplan, as well as Yarloop residents in general enjoyed a lovely Easter... I did!

Jan Delaney; Social director. Ph. 97334013.

## DEAR WHITE FELLA

*(Ed's Note: The following sent in by our Dimboola Contributor, Mr Ian Pilmore)*

Coupla things you ought to know. Firstly, when I'm born I'm black. When I grow up, I'm black, when I get sick, I'm black. When I go out in the sun I'm black; when I'm cold I'm black, and when I get scared I'm black. When I die I'm still black.

But you white fella's, when you are born you're **pink**, when you grow up you're **white**. When you get sick you're **green**, and when you go out in the sun you're **red**. When you get cold you're **blue**, when you get scared you're **yellow** and when you die you're **purple**, and you got the cheek to call me coloured.

A ventriloquist was on the stage at a workers club and he and his dummy were telling 'blonde' jokes one after the other, when a blonde lady stood up from the audience.

"I'm just so sick of you people who think blondes are stupid. There are just as many stupid redheads and those with brown hair. It's because of people like you that I have had to work hard at my job to prove myself at work and in the community."

The ventriloquist looks at her and says, "Gosh, miss, I'm just so terribly sorry. If I hurt your feelings."

"Shut up! I'm not talking to you. I'm talking to that rotten, nasty little guy on you lap that is having all the say!"

## April School Holiday Activities



WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL MINI OLYMPICS 11.00-2.00

THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL CLOCK MAKING 11.00-2.00

WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL STITCH YOUR OWN PILLOWS 11.00-2.00

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Supported by the Mulgara Family Centre, Yarloop Community Centre and the Department for Child Protection

## TIDY TOWNS FOR 2008 (By Jan Delaney)

I have recently received the paperwork and other information via E-mail for this year's Tidy Towns, and will have to start getting organised very soon. I am hoping that Howie and his band of happy helpers, although now all part of YARAR, will still contribute to the cause. They did a great job last year with their around town clean-ups, and Howie did mention earlier that this would probably be a monthly instead of a weekly chore in future.

I must apologise to these folk as I have 'certificates of gratitude' for the effort they applied, but I am still in the process of trying to print their names nicely before handing them over. I promise to organise this very soon.

There have been several improvements made recently and there are also the plaques that were made as a Community Arts Project, for the arms of the benches, sited around town, still to be fixed in place.

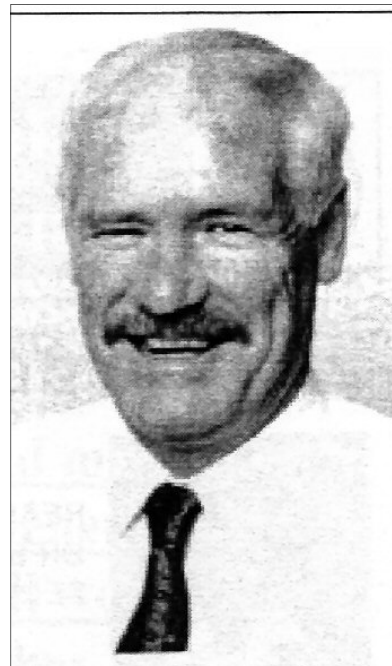
I believe a new playground has been, or is in the process of being installed at the school, so that should rate a mention as well.

After the 'rave reviews' we received last

year, and especially after winning a Cultural Heritage Award, we felt it worthwhile to enter again this year. If you know anything that could contribute to our presentation, please let me know either by leaving me a message at the Learning Centre 8 Barrington -Knight Road, Ph 97335600 or at home on 97334013. Thank you!

### 'BRIDGETTE AND ME'

**Jenny Cross wishes to tell all you Yarloop ladies that she missed you all so much that she has decided to re-open the shop from Wednesday to Saturday inclusive, and invites you all around for a cuppa and a natter.**



**AT LEFT. Mr Mick Murray.** This paper has just learnt that due to a finalisation of new Electoral Boundaries it is definite that Mr Mick Murray MLA now represents a different Electorate. We pay Tribute to Mr Murray's efforts and work on behalf of the people in Yarloop, adjoining towns and areas where he will certainly be missed. **However, with the letter this paper is able to print below,** it is most gratifying to see that his care and concern is still alive for the people of Yarloop. This paper also wishes to thank Mr Murray for his generous donation that enabled this paper to be printed by a commercial printer for a further 9 months. This donation has now run out and we who format it are on our own once again. However, for those who enjoy reading it, we promise you that we will continue producing it at our own expense until such time as we receive some monetary assistance by some other generous person. Mick Murray, we salute you firstly as a dinki-di Aussie, and as one of those very few politicians whom we can trust to represent us within the political scene.

## MICK MURRAY STILL BATTING FOR YARLOOP

*(Ed's Note. The following is a letter written by Mick Murray MLA, to John Kobelke MLA, Minister for Water, Perth on February 4th 2008)*

Dear Minister: re Yarloop water issues! With the introduction of the new integration system, Harvey Water has made changes that have had a huge impact on the struggling community of Yarloop. The major recreation area for Yarloop youngsters is the local swimming hole. Harvey Water has notified residents of its impending closure.

The Yarloop Fire Brigade was previously hooked into the system, but now they will have to pay for water used to fight fires!

In the past, the Yarloop Bowling Club has always got water free from the creek, but the club has now been told by Harvey Water that as the creek is now part of the new system, they will be charged for any water they take!

The Yarloop Community has already suffered immensely with the closure of the Yarloop Hospital, and ongoing issues with

Alcoa of Wagerup. Residents have had to grapple with losses and problems of all kinds, along with the subsequent lowering of morale.

To reduce opportunities for recreation and tell them they have to pay to put out fires seems to be quite draconian.

On behalf of the community, I appeal to you for any help you can offer in this situation. Yours sincerely, Mick Murray MLA. Member for Collie/Wellington

### SUGAR-LESS SLICE RECIPE

Melt two tablespoons butter in three tablespoons milk. Add one cup of mixed fruit, and one cup of self-raising flour.

Stir over heat until it forms into a ball. Press flat onto a tray dusted lightly with flour. Cut across each way and place in a 200 degree oven for twenty minutes. **(Ed's Note. I have had a goodly portion of this and I can fully recommend it. Thanks to Ivy Bicknell of Harvey, for the recipe)**



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The elephants and insects were playing a game of football and by half-time the elephants were well ahead in goals.

During the second half, the centipede came on to the field to play on the team of insects. As soon as he arrived he began scoring goals for his side.

Finally, the insects had beaten the elephants 100 to 20.

On the way off one of the elephants asked the centipede why he waited so long to come on to play for the insects.

**“Because it took me till half-time to put my boots on,” answered the centipede.**

## SOME FACTS ABOUT YARLOOP TRANSPORT

*(Ed's note: the following has been taken from my grandfather's Journal and is strictly copyright).* The first transport in Yarloop was the train service the government had completed from Perth to Bunbury in 1893-1894, and as the Milling Company formed by the Millar brothers began to grow, transport was from horsedrawn sulks, spring carts and drays.

In the gigantic timber industry, the first 'motive' industrial power was horsepower, which came from the horse teams made up from the 250 to 300 Shire and Clydesdale breeds of draft horses the company owned and which were once stabled in a gigantic stable complex on the hill just over from the hospital. Horses from here were rested, given veterinary treatment if needed, then sent out to the other mills to be made up into 8-horse teams that drew the timber carting whims.

In later years, stables were built at other mills and the number dispersed from the Yarloop Complex.

Horsepower served the company needs from 1896 to 1911. Because by this time the company output had grown and demand for timber worldwide, was growing, quicker means of carting logs

had to be found, and it became the era of the Steam Whim. The first steam whim was purchased by the log-hauling contractor, and because it was too small, a larger steam whim was built in the Yarloop Workshops for the contractor. Where the horse-drawn whims were carting a 25 ton log, the first steam whim carried a 30 ton log and the second whim carried two 30 ton logs at a time. The first whim ran at 4½ miles per hour. The second larger whim ran at 3¾ miles per hour, used 375 gallons of water per hour, took two 'swampers' to continually move ahead and cut wood for its boiler, and it was said that the vibrations from it when moving with the logs underneath it, could be felt for seven and a half miles from it in any direction.

Steam whims worked from 1911 to 1926, when the first tractors were introduced into the industry. Millars Timber and Trading Company had the agency for Caterpillar diesel tractors and had a large workshop (*Con/d page 16*).

## NEW HIGH-PRESSURE WATER SUPPLY FOR YARLOOP WORKSHOPS (By Ron Sackville)

Harvey Water contractors are currently installing pipes through Yarloop connected to the Harvey Water integration scheme. The Yarloop Workshops are extremely grateful to Harvey Water for the connection that will be supplied into the Workshops area at no cost. The connection point will provide suitable capacity to enable more fire hose reels to be installed and also at Happy Valley. This will boost our fire-fighting ability in the event of bushfires. The system will be operational in a few months. The photo shows the contractors boring under the railway line at Yarloop

*(Ed's note: Crossing under the railway line opposite 'Bridgette and Me' central Station Street)*



Picture above was supplied by Ron Sackville, showing boring machine at work and the steel pipe casing to safeguard the plastic water pipe, laid within the steel pipe.

## THE HUMBLE SWEET POTATO

Did you know that the sweet potato is reputed to be full of antioxidants, can help preserve memory, helps control diabetes and reduce the risk of heart disease and cancer. The sweet potato belongs to the same plants of the 'morning glory' family.

Food experts often recommend sweet potato for their high content of beta carotene. A 4-ounce serve is said to contain 14 milligrams of beta carotene, and are also stated to be the easiest way to get a healthy heart and the cancer-fighting benefits into your diet.

Beta carotene is said to protect the body from what are now accepted by some food specialists as oxygen molecules that are known as free-radicals.

Sweet potatoes are more than just a filling food, they also contain vitamins C & E, and are accepted as the vitamins that can help prevent heart disease and cancer.

Sweet potatoes are also rich in complex carbohydrates and low in calories. For this reason it is stated they are good for controlling weight and its related problems such as diabetes..

Because they contain a lot of fibre, they help lower blood sugar levels by slowing the rate at which food is converted into glucose and absorbed into the bloodstream.

In addition, sweet potatoes contain the B vitamins folate, and B6. These are the vitamins that may give the brain a boost in performing some of its functions, which can diminish as we age.

When buying sweet potatoes always choose those with the most intense, lush orange colour. The richer the colour, the greater the jolt of beta carotene.

Sweet potatoes should be stored in a cool place at temperatures, of around 45 to 55 F.

(*Con/d from Page 9*) After that yer can do what ya like. She's hot, isn't it."

By this time, Shorty Long had gone over his limit. "Schwell yoush blokes, sheeing itsh my shout again, I'll buy before me larsh drinksh," he told them. "I don'tsh know about yoush blokes but itsh shartin' to go to my head!"

"I do believe you are right, Shorty," Percy Button told him. "But don't forget, Shorty, the hot weather only comes once a year. Yer got to make the most of it while it's here."

"Itsh all right for you, Pershy. You're not married. Yoush can shay as long as yoush like, but I've had too mush already. I'm orf after thish one."

"No, yer can't, Shorty. I'm leavin' after the next one, but I owe you a drink now, because you've had your second shout and I haven't."

It was Cliff Webb who put them right. "Actchurly, Shorty 'ad 'is fourth shout before we all realised it was his third shout too many. Gawd, I do believe you are right, Shorty! You should have gorn after yer second shout," Cliff told him. "Are yer sure yer can make it 'ome?"

This was now a legitimate question; for Shorty was now bending at the knees. Then,

as he realised he was slowly sinking, he would stretch to his full height and begin the process all over again.

"Strike a light, you look as if you're doin' them exercises the schoolkids do," Derek Vine told him.

By this time it was 3 o'clock and the hottest part of the day. Shorty was also determined he was going home. "Lesh me be, boysh, lesh me be."

"Yeah, we'll let you be if you reckon you can get home okay. You go home through the railway yard, so watch out for trains," one of them told Shorty.

"He'll be okay, there ain't no trains till 10 o'clock tonight," Percy Buttons assured them. "Even if old Martin runs over 'im with the 'orse and cart it won't 'urt Shorty."

It took 30 minutes for Shorty to reach the railway yard, a matter of 200 yards from the hotel, and he was 'absholutely boiling' he told himself. He was also absolutely under the weather. "Gawshrewth, I'm hotsh," he told himself.

It was because he was so hot that Shorty could 'smell' the 'great expanse of water'. At that particular moment, anyway, it was a great expanse of water. "I'm goingsh forsh a schwim," he said. (*Con/d next issue*)

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### **YARLOOP COMMUNITY LEARNING & DROP-IN CENTRE**

Unfortunately I am unable to provide much news for this edition, owing to the fact that Helen and Sharon are attending a conference and I can't ask 'what's happening?' Julie Smith manned the office on the Tuesday after Easter. I was able to help her with a couple of small problems while I was there checking my E-mails.

The AGM is due to be held, so we would like expressions of interest from people willing to become a member to join the committee; be a member and receive discounted services or become a volunteer. Please call in and declare your interest, as we need more members and volunteers to help keep the centre viable and running smoothly. Some memberships will soon be due for renewal and this can be done on a pro-rata basis as we have been trying to adjust this to the financial year for easier accounting.

A public meeting was recently held at the Centre regarding a proposed 'festival' to be held in Yarloop. I have not officially heard anything regarding that as yet, although I believe about 16 interested people attended on the night. Looking forward to seeing the minutes and passing on the information to the wider community at a later date. As very little interest was shown, The Centre no longer opens at night for people to access the Internet or utilise other services provided for

the community. Apparently there have been no recent enquiries regarding craft classes, although I have been told that one of our local ladies would be happy to give lessons on 'china painting' if anyone is interested.

If you would like new skills, or have knowledge you could share with others, please contact the Centre with details, then maybe we can get our Craft Group running again. Our former craft teacher, Val Fortune, is in town at least once a week, and has many different hand-crafts she is very capable of sharing with others. Writing Classes are also conducted at the original town library, now situated in the Workshops Complex each week, and all free (for a profession that under ordinary circumstances is expensive teaching!) To think 'outside the square' contact Learning Centre for more information Monday to Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm, Phone 97335600. Jan Delaney on behalf YCL&DIC Inc.

### **CABIN RESTAURANT**

Will be closed from 23rd to the 28th April. But Carmel will be back with her luscious meals, cakes etc, and especially her traditional baked dinners.

### **YARLOOP VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE** **ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE**

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Geoff, In the March Yarloop Yarning I read a letter from Muriel Esplan who is the first Life Member of the Yarloop Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Support Group. Unfortunately, she has not been well enough to attend some of our recent 'special activities' to which she, and other former members of this Group have been invited, but we hope she can come along to future functions whenever she feels able to join us.

I don't know what 'problems' she may currently have with the Fire Brigade, as we in the Support Group, as a separate entity, have no knowledge of the 'politics etc' within the Brigade, although I do believe members are dwindling and tasks becoming more arduous for those people remaining.

Unfortunately this is a sign of the times and seems to be happening everywhere. Not just here in Yarloop where the community has undergone many changes over the years but still manage to soldier on regardless, or in spite of, any adversity that comes our way. I, like Muriel, have lived here happily for many years and hope to do so for many more and will continue to do what I can in the community. However, I

am saddened to see yet more familiar places, like the homes of long-time residents and the iconic 'Vegie Shed' vanishing and taking part of the town's history with them. Like it or not, we will prevail, never fear, and maybe that is what life is all about.

Yours sincerely,  
 Jan Delaney.

*(Ed's Note: Thank you Jan. You are a good friend of the Yarning and the Yarloop news you impart. If it is disappointing for you to see so many adverse changes to the town you love, imagine what it is like for my generation that received so many blessing from Yarloop in our schooldays, our youth, and after intervening years all over the globe, even from the Yarloop of today. With all its changes there is nothing that gives me as much joy as driving the bottom road (Kau Road) into Yarloop and returning to the memories and new sincere friends I have made in recent years. Yes, Yarloop will survive. Not because of the actions of many, but through the Spirit and Soul of past Yarloopians, against which, nothing can prevail!!)*

# KID'S PAGE (By Val Fortune)

### LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

#### ACROSS

- (2) Water
- (5) Ed
- (6) Do
- (7) Least
- (11) Drag
- (13) Twin
- (15) Air
- (16) Oil
- (17) Ogre
- (18) Only
- (20) Stale
- (22) To
- (23) Okay
- (24) Relay

#### DOWN

- (1) Send
- (3) Tea
- (4) Soon
- (7) Lair
- (8) Egret
- (9) Stool
- (10) Twine
- (12) Rag
- (14) Ill
- (17) Onto
- (19) Yoke
- (21) All

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### ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S LETTER SQUARE:

The winning word was 'Performed'. Deep. Deem. Deer. Dome. Drop. Dope. Defer. Deform. Erode. Erred. Emperor. Form. Formed. Former. Freedom. Free. Freed. Feed. Fore. Mere. Mode. Moped. Mope. More. Order. Perform. Peer. Prefer. Poem. Reform. Romped. Refer. Rope. Roped.

### LETTER SQUARE AT LEFT:

Find the word beginning with 'T', then see how many words of five or more letters using the middle letter 'E' in each word you can find. No plurals. 15 is good, 20 is excellent and 29 or more you are a genius.

### ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S WORD SQUARE:

The word not in the square in last month's Word Square was 'Modem'.

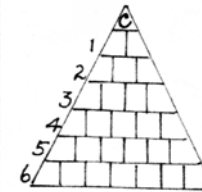
### FIND THE TRANSPORT WORD NOT IN THE WORD SQUARE BELOW:

Bus. Boat. Bicycle. Canoe. Car. Gopher. Motorbike. Pram. Pusher. Scooter. Ship. Truck. Train. Taxi. Tram. Trailer. Ute. Yacht.

### TRIANGLE:

Can you find the answers from the clues below? Each answer has the same letters plus an extra letter. 'C' is the first letter.

- (1) Short for company
- (2) Cheat
- (3) Icecream ....
- (4) Old hag
- (5) Horn or instrument
- (6) Crown



### CLUES ACROSS

- (1) Behave, perform
- (4) Pig's pen
- (7) Cyclist, horseman
- (9) Fall, drip
- (11) Small nail, fasten
- (13) Dive, dunk
- (15) Might
- (16) Chest bone
- (17) Guided
- (19) Fish egg
- (21) Press clothes
- (23) Jetty
- (24) Globe, earth
- (25) Also, plus
- (26) However, whilst

### CLUES DOWN

- (2) Cut, harvest
- (3) Apex
- (4) ... the table
- (5) Cablecar, streetcar
- (6) Total, join
- (8) Heavens, firmament
- (10) Stream
- (12) Kayak
- (14) Lie
- (17) Ignited, burnt
- (18) Under, below
- (19) Cycle
- (20) Sin, fail
- (22) Bend head
- (23) Layer, thickness

### ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S TRIANGLE:

- (1) At (2) Mat (3) Mate (4) Tamer (5) Stream (6) Armrest.

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## THE JOURNAL CARES ABOUT YOUR WELFARE

*(Ed's Note: All indications point to the fact that the government, the police, and health and welfare bodies have finally realised that alcohol is causing one great threat to our overall society. The following article is copied from a magazine and is told in the First Person by a qualified professional in health care.)*

I was in a sombre mood as I prepared instruments for yet another autopsy. This would be the sixth this week — all alcohol-related deaths, all younger than 40 — a sad statistic for a comparatively small town of 70,000 people. Through the centuries, alcohol has been regarded as a source of pleasure and aesthetic appreciation. Today, drinking is more popular than ever. It exerts an attraction that appeals to the human psyche like no other, with an influence so intricately entwined within the very fabric of human society.

But, is alcohol 'cool'? While it is linked to connotations of pleasure and sociability, alcohol is a highly dangerous, addictive drug that kills approximately 1.8 million people every year, representing 3.2 per cent of all deaths worldwide. Adverse effects of alcohol consumption have been observed in nearly every organ of the human body and linked to more than 60 diseases. Road accidents, crime, family violence, health costs, mental disorders and suicides are some examples of numerous social problems impacted by the use of alcohol today. In fact, the estimated financial cost of this problem in Australia alone is a staggering \$A7.5 billion per year!

The suggestion that red wine is good for health often interferes with the message about the health risks associated with alcohol. While the antioxidants in red wine are beneficial for cardiovascular disease, the same benefit can be found from eating fruit or drinking grape juice. While a moderate amount of red wine may reduce heart disease risk in the older age group, it increases the

threat of premature death from many other causes like cancer, and trauma. How could health professionals advocate any amount of a dangerous drug that substitutes one disease for another, and even in moderate amounts can cause great harm to many other organs? Meanwhile, research findings on controversial issues such as this must be treated with extreme caution. The publicity given to the use of moderate amounts of alcohol for heart disease prevention is not the result of rigorous scientific research but is to a large extent inspired by commercial purposes.

It is strange that science is now proving something that the wise Biblical King Solomon spoke about wine as being like a venomous snake. He stated the following, 'Do not gaze at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly! In the end it bites like a snake and poisons like a viper. Read it for your self in the Book of Proverbs Chap 23 verses 31 and 32.

**A lawyer was riding along in his stretch limo when he saw a man at the side of the road eating grass. He stopped and asked why! "Because I'm out of work and hungry," the man said.**

**"Well, come home with me," said the lawyer. "and I'll feed you."**

**"But see all those people over there resting under the tree, well they're all my family and they are starving too."**

**"Well, bring them along, too," said the lawyer.**

**They all entered the car. Once under way, the poor fellow turned to the lawyer and said, "Sir, you are too kind. Thank you for taking all of us with you."**

**The lawyer replied. "Glad to do it. You'll really love my place. The grass is much greener than where you were and almost a foot higher."**

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## AN OBITUARY

*(Ed's Note: Here is a different kind of obituary that was sent to us by one of our contributors, Mr Ian Pilmore, of Dimboola Victoria.)*

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend by the name of Common Sense, who has been with us for many years!

No one knows how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valued lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm and that life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound, financial policies — don't spend more than you earn — and reliable parenting strategies — adults, not kids are in charge!

His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well-intended but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student, but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled some in her lap and was awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion, his daughter, Responsibility and his son, Reason.

He is survived by two stepbrothers, My Rights and Ima Whiner. Not many attended his funeral because so few realised his passing.

What size does a stone need to be before it is called a rock? *Given that service officers are supposed to be neat, why do they call their dining room a MESS?* In the saying 'For Pete's sake' who the heck is Pete?

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## GAWD! HOW DID I GET UP HERE?(Geoff Fortune)



*(Ed's Note: Above is the water tank that once sat in the Yarloop Railway Yards, and which is the subject of the following true Yarloop story I was asked to tell. As stated it is true in every detail and began in the year 1924. It will take two editions of the Yarning to unfold. Though I have never drunk alcohol of any kind, I do know that it must be the liquid they refer to when the words 'dutch courage' are mentioned, and as the following story proves, something our Key Character must have had!)*

It was the summer of 1924, and one of the hottest the people of Yarloop had ever experienced. Consistently 105 degrees for the

previous two weeks, the townsfolk were seeking relief from the heatwave from wherever they could find it.

It was a day before refrigerators in Yarloop homes, and there were no ice supplies outside of the city. The only means of 'cooling' food was to blow on it; or use the cooling device known as the 'Coolgardie Cooler'.

The old, local, brick, two-storey hotel and the 'lolly shop', as it was called, were the only two places where cold drinks were sold, and both places were popular at this time.

One of those drinking at the hotel on a particularly hot Saturday afternoon was one who was hardly ever seen in the hotel at any time. "Good'ay! Gawd struth, don't see you in here very often Charlie," said Derek Vine, with the nickname of 'Passion', as Charlie Long, nickname of Shorty, came up beside him at the bar. "What'll you 'ave, Shorty?"

"Anything that's cold! Water, even, if it's cold!" (Con/d next page)



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"Now I know you're joking, Shorty. Another beer, thanks Ted." Derek Vine ordered from Ted Spiers, the publican.

"Don't see you in 'ere very often, Shorty," said the hotelkeeper, as he began pouring the drink that Derek Vine had ordered.

"I'm only in here because it's the hottest day I've known. I've been down town once before today to get a few bottles of cool drink for the wife and kids, and the sun was like a fire on top of me head. I came in 'ere for a couple of lemonades."

"Yeah, and the forecast said it was going to be 105 degrees tomorrow. 'Ow the 'ell them degrees things work beats me!"

"What are you two in a serious conversation about?" it was Percy Button, with a nickname of 'Pearl' who had arrived for his daily session. "Good'ay Passion, Good'ay Shorty. Gawd, don't see you in here very often Shorty."

"No, Pearl, I was just tellin' Ted and Passion, here, that it's the hottest I've known, and I've been in the town since she started."

"You're not wrong, Shorty. Now, finish ya drink and I'll buy yus one," Percival Pearl Button advised his two friends.

"So what are yer doin' to keep cool, Pearl?" Derek Vine asked his mate.

"What else is there to do except have a cold drink; too hot to walk to Logue's creek, and yer

boilin' hot by the time yer get there and twice as hot walkin' home."

Percival Pearl Button came to the town in 1895, when it was first built by the timber company that everyone worked for. Percy's parents had been killed in a house fire and a neighbour had saved Percy from the flames when he was asleep near the front window in his kerosene-case sleeping box. He had been reared with an aunt who came to the town to work in the Company Store.

"What are all you mob takin' up the bar space for?" asked Clifford Webb, nickname of 'Spider', as he joined the three at the bar."

"Good'ay, Cliff," they all said together.

"Are yer havin' a drink?" asked Percy Button.

"No, Percy, I'm just in here to say 'good'ay' to you blokes. Of course I'm havin' a drink. Anyway, you blokes drink up and I'll shout yer one first off."

"Crikey, no more for me," stated Charlie Shorty Long. You blokes know I hardly ever touch the stuff."

"Yeah, we know, Shorty, and we ain't askin' ya to touch the stuff, we are askin' ya to drink it. So drink up and I'll have my shout, anyway.

(Con/d on Page 13).