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*Learn from yesterday,
Live for today,
Hope for tomorrow.*

Now & Then

The life story featured in this issue is that of Dick Bostock, member of a Wagga family business that has been trading for over fifty years and is now into its third generation. Living in this city since the 1930's Dick has witnessed many changes and kept a photographic record of events and the changing environment.

This picture is of the changing landscape at the corner of Edward and Fitzmaurice Streets. To the right of the 'Great Southern Hotel' is the building which once housed the South Wagga Post Office and is now the Office of Fair Trading-Wagga Wagga.



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Editor's Notes

We have just endured a particularly cold winter this year, and I guess we're all looking forward to some warmer weather. By the time you read this we will have celebrated another club birthday dinner, with the next big event for the year on the immediate horizon the annual trip away.

Whatever attracted you to the Club in the first place, please don't forget that there are other things to do within the Club. Don't forget our monthly meeting when we usually have an interesting guest speaker. This is also when you will hear about the next day trip and book your seat. The \$5.00 annual membership fee is not a lot of money but why not make the most of it and join in as many activities as you can. Remember that each time you attend an activity you earn points towards reducing the cost of attending the Club Birthday and Christmas Dinners.

How exciting to find that this publication is now on the Wagga Wagga Council website. From the Home page go to Community, then Aged and Disability Support.

Scrolling to the bottom of this section you will find Crowabout which you can click on and read on site or download to your computer. Yeah, I know, most of us are far from needing disability support, but hey, think about it folks, we're now accessible anywhere!!!

THANK YOU WAGGA WAGGA CITY COUNCIL.

Wagga Wagga Senior Citizen's Club Inc.

Membership (\$5.00 per year) to over 50's

Weekly Programme of Activities

Day	Activity	Time	Cost
Mon.	Computer Club	9.30 am to 3.00 pm	\$2.00 Per hr
1st Mon. Of Month	Public Meeting Day Guest Speaker	1.30 pm	\$1.00
2nd Mon. Of Month	Cards and Indoor Bowls	12.30 pm	\$1.00
3rd Mon. Of Month	Luncheon Day	12 noon	\$5.00
4th Mon. Of Month	Sing-along	1.30 pm	\$1.00
Thursday	Computer Club	9.30 am to 3.00 pm	\$2.00 Per hr
Thursday	500 Cards	1.00 pm	\$1.00
Thursday	Line Dancing	10.30 am	\$1.00
Thursday	Craft	1.00-3.00 pm	\$1.00
Friday	Computer Club	9.30 am to 3.00 pm	\$2.00 per hr
Friday	Euchre	1.00 pm	\$1.00
Friday	Indoor Bowls	1.00-3.00 pm	\$1.00

Monthly Bus Trip: Normally 3rd Wednesday of month, destination decided at monthly meeting and bookings taken that day with payment.

Annual Bus Trip: Normally in October for 5 days.



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Reminder

General Club Meeting is held on the **1st Monday** of Month. Computer Club Committee meets on the **2nd Monday** of Month.

Seniors in The News

and

Everyone has heard the saying “You’re only as old as you feel”. Well, if the next couple of items gleaned from the newspapers are any indication, that certainly rings true.

Home delivery on a frame

YOU have to admire the energy of people like Jean Pritchard.

Last week, Jean baked a chocolate cake for a sick friend then walked it around to her house, supporting herself all the way with her walking frame.

Not bad, given Jean’s 102.

We’re betting the cake was pretty good, too, because Jean won a White Wings bake-off in the 1970s.

Myra Healy, at 94 years of age, has seen many things come and go – mainly come. Such as seat belts, air bags....and far too many road signs. “How are you meant to keep your eyes on the road when they keep erecting signs”, she asks. Mrs Healy of Wesburn, Victoria, recently renewed her driver’s licence until November 2013. That will make her 97, but she’s not sure if she will try to have it extended past her 100th birthday. “That depends. I might not even be here”, she said. “Hopefully I will, but I wouldn’t drive if I didn’t think I could. (Herald Sun, June 15, 2011)



94yo won't slow down

In and Around The Club



June Pertzel whipping up some ingredient for the table.



L to R. Dawn McDermott, Velma Spears, Fay King and Phyllis Ward.

Our members (especially the ladies) are always busy, whether its serving up a delicious meal from the kitchen on luncheon day or being a bit crafty on craft afternoon.



L to R - Moyer Dunn, Shirley Kenny, Beryl Jorgenson, Gwen Beazley and Phyllis Ward working on their 'Tidy Baskets' during a craft session.



Moyer Dunn and Shirley Kenny put some finishing touches to their project.

Now & Then

A 60th wedding anniversary is a major milestone by any standard and fits perfectly with this issue's theme of Now & Then. **Congratulations** to long time members **Ron and Pat Carpenter**.



60
years



One by one each year flew by,
Since you both said "I do"
60 years of memories,
Shared by the two of you.
From big events and holidays
To simple daily pleasures,
Some tearful times along life's way,
Some joys that can't be measured
One by one each year now gone,
But still they're yours forever
Each and every memory,
Of sixty years together!



Enjoying life at the Senior Citizens' Club

NOW—2011

THEN—1951

Note from the Editor: Part of this magazine's agenda is to celebrate the achievements of our members, including their life stories, memories and pictorial records of important milestones in their lifetime of 'living' history. To that end we welcome any contributions of that nature from our members.



DON'T FORGET SENIORS, IF YOU HAVEN'T BOOKED YOUR SEAT FOR THE ANNUAL TRIP (OCT. 10-14) CONTACT THE CLUB NOW.



Dick Bostock – A Joiner’s Life Journey Remembered

Richard (Dick) Bostock was born in November 1933 at Wagga. At this time the Bostock family lived in what was to become Copland Street but at that time was little more than a country track and known as Coleman Street East.

As a young boy Dick went to South Wagga School and remembers the slit trenches on the western boundary of the playground at the back of the school. This was during World War Two and Wagga was preparing for possible air raids. The town air raid siren was attached to a pole out the front of the school.

The school held regular air raid drills. With the school band playing ‘double time’ the children would march at the double and take their allotted place in the trenches.

Another reminder of the war being fought overseas was the roar of hospital trains, red crosses painted on their sides and top, travelling through town with the sick and wounded on board. And once, Dick remembers, a train stopping to off load a contingent of ragged and bearded Japanese prisoners of war on their way to internment at Cowra.



Hospital train.

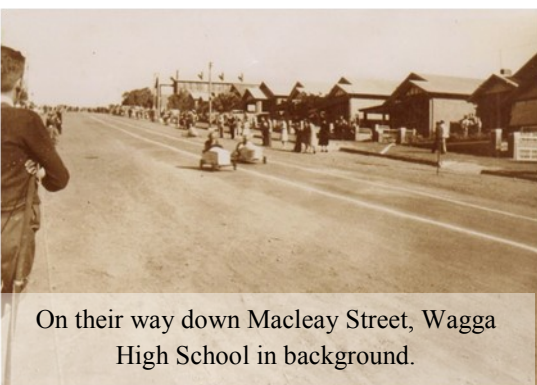
Dick also remembers that all oil depots were fenced and painted kaki to help camouflage them in the event of an air strike.

From their home in Copland Street (formally Coleman Street East) Dick and his family would often be aware of the sudden rush of engine noise. Looking up they would catch a glimpse of a squadron of Beaufighters (or ‘Whispering Death’ as the Japanese called them) as they screamed down out of the sky over Willans Hill and made their way home over flat country to Forrest Hill Air Base.

The war ended in August 1945 and there was much celebration in town. Perhaps to young Dick at the time what mattered most was that the school was closed for the rest of the day with pupils receiving a half day holiday.

Another of Dick’s memories at that time is of some revellers breaking into the Egg Marketing Board building (near the Railway Station), grabbing empty tin cans that were stored there and kicking them up and down the main street to make as much noise as they could during the Victory Celebrations.

In 1947 Dick was fourteen years old. In that same year King George VI turned 52 and to commemorate his birthday and celebrate the king’s holiday weekend, the Wagga Chamber of Commerce organised a gala event under the comprehensive title of the Riverina Billycart Derby.



On their way down Macleay Street, Wagga High School in background.

Held on Monday, June 16, a public holiday, the derby included five separate events, 1) Wagga Junior Championship, 2) Chamber of Commerce Cup 3) Wagga Billycart Derby, 4) Riverina Championship and 5) Challenge Race. It was reported that 3177 people paid admission while hundreds more lined the streets to view the grand parade.

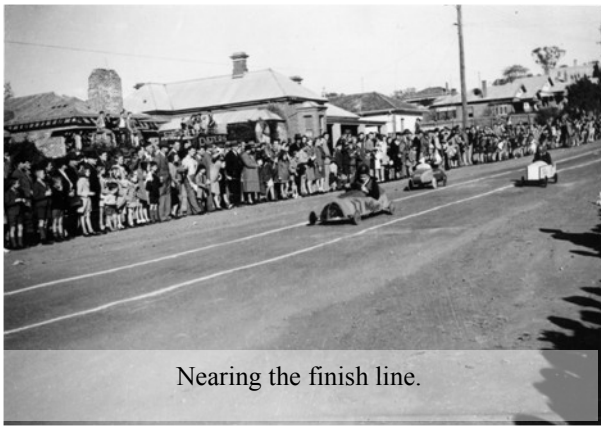
The Derby officially began at 12 noon, with the Assembly of vehicles and Grand Parade down the main street of Wagga. About thirty carts paraded, preceded by the drums and brass of the RAAF Band. At this stage the carts were allowed to be decorated with advertising or other temporary attachments. Prizes of £2/2/- were awarded in the categories of 1) best advertising value, 2) most streamlined cart, 3) most humorous cart, 4) best decorated cart and 5) most appropriately dressed driver.

The derby itself took place on Macleay Street, where racers sped downhill and crossed the finish line on Railway Street. Dick was a keen participant.

The racing started at 1 pm. With races taking place every 3-5 minutes there were 57 races run by 5 pm.

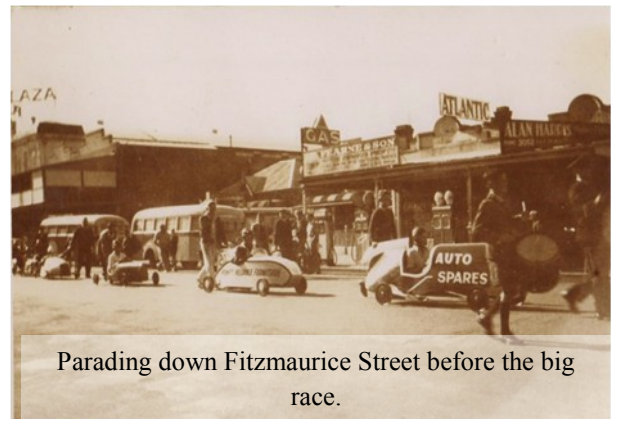


Dick, age 14, with his billycart.



Nearing the finish line.

Competitors lined up at the intersection of Macleay and Coleman Streets, and hurtled down the hill in their prescribed lanes, then navigated the bend into Railway Street (which had been



Parading down Fitzmaurice Street before the big race.

stacked with hay bales), finally drawing to a stop opposite Mothers' Bridge (overhead railway footbridge) – a distance of about 220 yards (202 metres).

To permit the rapid sequence of events, at the end of each race the carts were picked up at the finishing line and taken by motor lorries back to the starting point where a wooden starting ramp had been built.

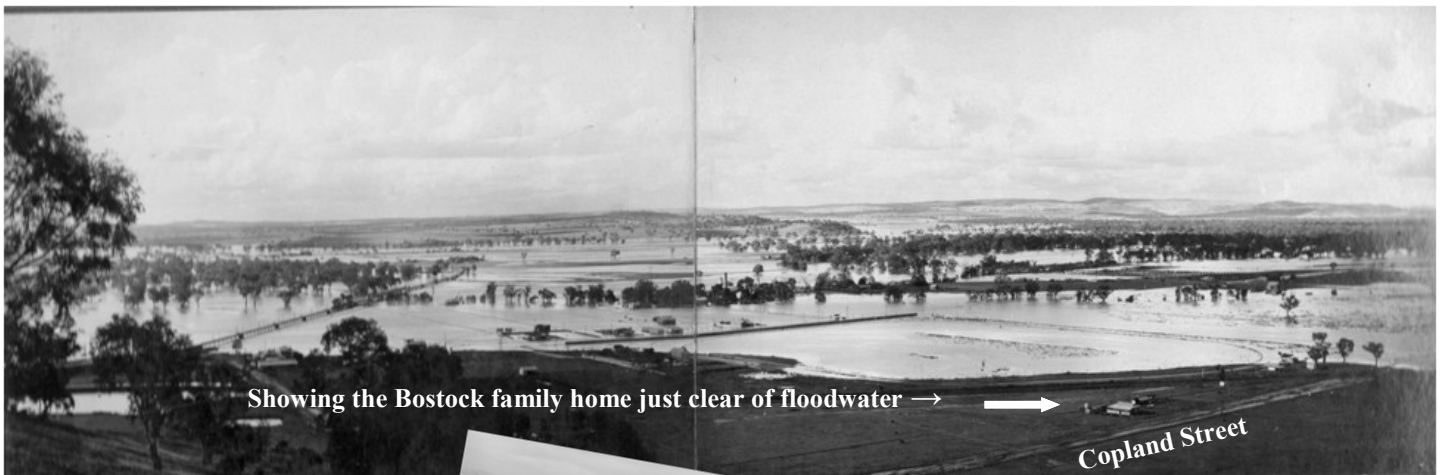
Admission to view the races cost adults 2/- and children 6d.

The Daily Advertiser reported that a record 3,177 crowd of paying spectators paid £240, although police estimated that 4000 attended, with some gaining access at entry points not anticipated by organisers.

The picture shows the young Dick Bostock beside his billycart number 13, the 'Silky Special' which was sponsored by the drapers Kelly & Cunningham. If Dick's stance hints at unhappiness it is because he felt that the name of his billycart was a bit 'girlie' and not fitting for a young lad.

In the 1950's there was massive flooding in Wagga when much of the city (proclaimed as such on 17th April, 1946) was inundated. First in March 1950, then in June 1952. In 1956 Wagga was actually flooded three times. On the 13th June people had to evacuate their homes, returning on the 18th, only to be told to evacuate again on the 26th June. The water was 4ft (122cm) in Berry, Blake, east Forsyth and east Morgan Streets. Water was flowing into homes in Spring Street, West Parade, North Parade, South Parade, Shaw Street and Moorong Street and almost all of Tarcutta Street. Not forgetting of course all of North Wagga. In Copland Street (then known as Coleman Street East) the Bostock family home was just clear of the floodwater.

After the 1956 floods Council decided to provide levee bank protection for the city area.



Showing the Bostock family home just clear of floodwater →

Copland Street



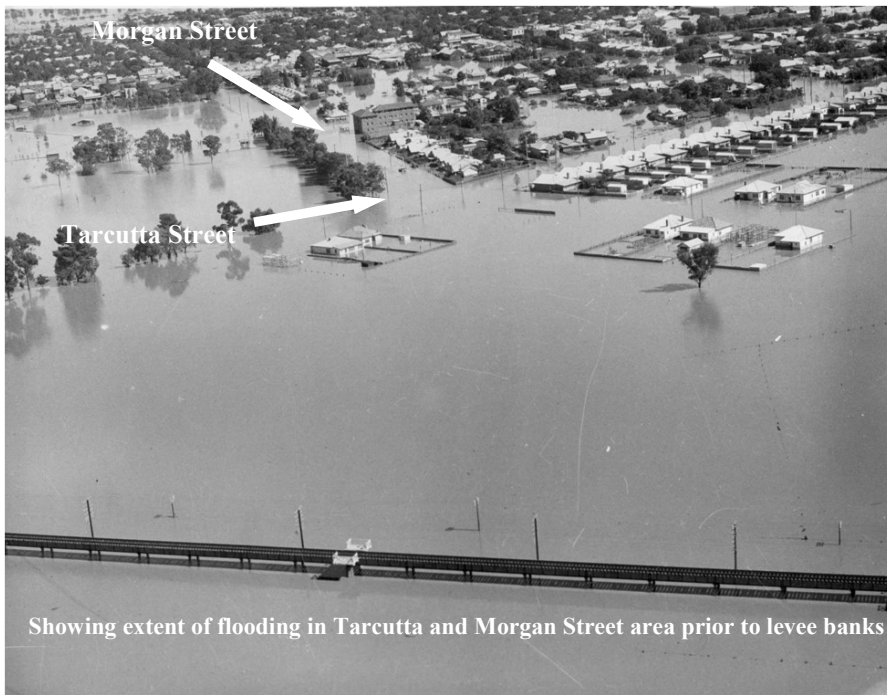
Bricking up the front of Romano's Hotel.



Much of Central Wagga under water.



Corner Store then on the corner of Mason Street and Hammond Avenue.



Showing extent of flooding in Tarcutta and Morgan Street area prior to levee banks

Because of its proximity to their home in Copland Street Dick also has memories of the quarry that used to be just off Lake Albert Road. During and just after the Great Depression in the 1930's men were employed quarrying gravel there, much of it being used to fill in low lying marshy areas to extend Copland Street. The extracted gravel was hand loaded onto horse drawn carts.

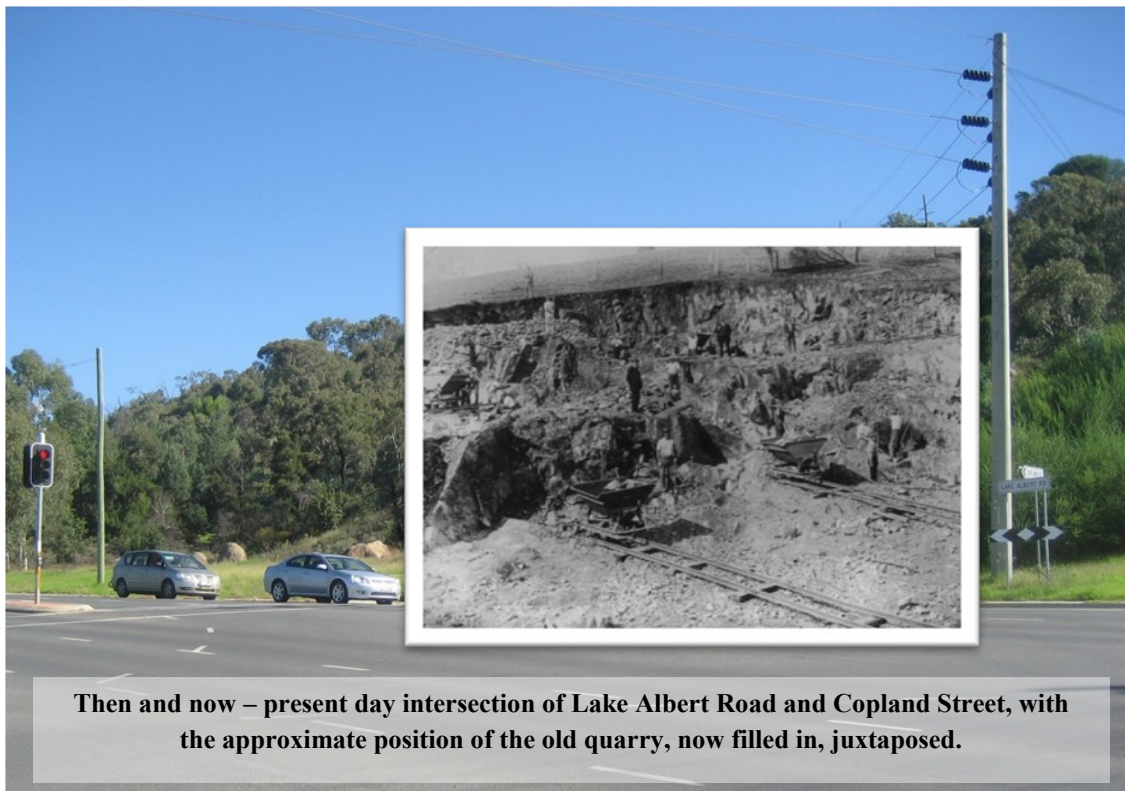
The Wagga Swimming Pool had not been built when Dick was a boy and he remembers swimming in the river at the Wagga beach, and even riding a push bike to Junee, which had a swimming pool well before Wagga.

Many early years were spent in the boy Scout movement with 2nd Wagga Scouts meeting in the old scout hall which then

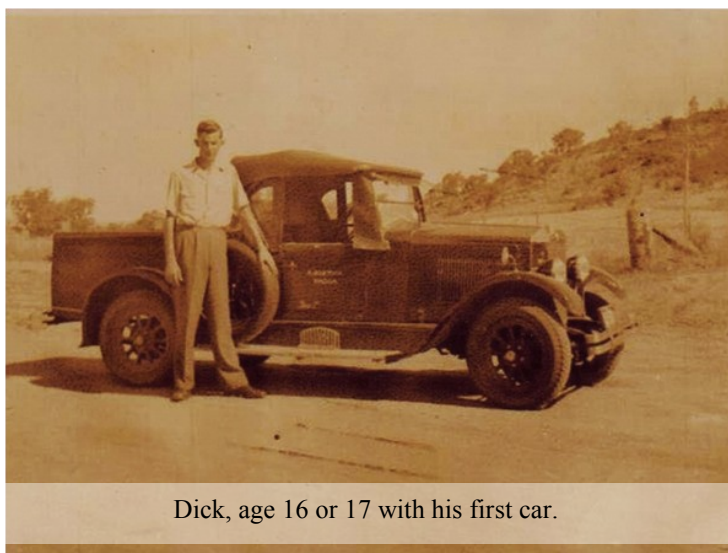
stood at the corner of Berry Street and Forsyth Street.

All boys grow up and at about 16 years of age Dick was driving his first motor vehicle, a 1928 Fiat utility which he built himself from the family car.

The current family business of Bostock's Joinery, where Dick served his apprenticeship, was formed in 1946 as Lancaster & Bostock by Dick's father Tiny and Dick Lancaster. During his apprenticeship, in 1952, Dick was called up for National service and served in the



Then and now – present day intersection of Lake Albert Road and Copland Street, with the approximate position of the old quarry, now filled in, juxtaposed.



Dick, age 16 or 17 with his first car.

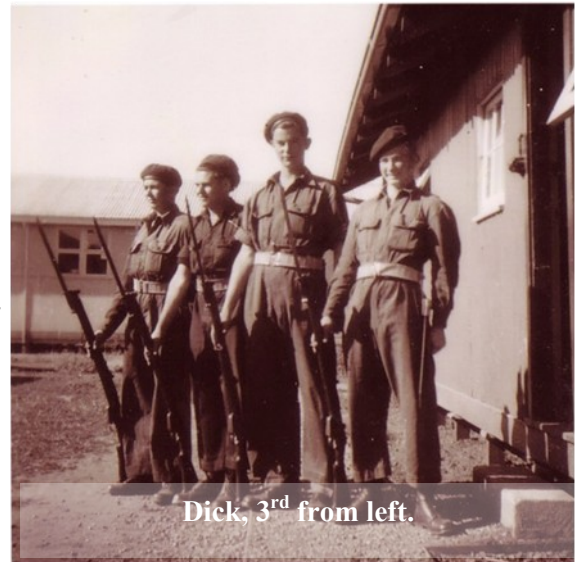


On the job.

RAAF as a Trainee Airframe Fitter.

In 1956 Dick received an award as 'Leading Apprentice of The Year' for NSW.

The business operated from premises in Berry Street until 1958 but re-established again in 1959 in Ashmont Avenue, operating as Bostocks Pty Ltd. The business then moved to Copland Street in 1975, managed by Dick and his sons. Recently the business celebrated its 50th anniversary. Today Dick is happy to take a back seat leaving much of the day to day business to his sons Ian and Richard. His eldest son John is a builder in Queensland and another son Peter is also a builder.



Dick, 3rd from left.



Standing outside the family business in Copland Street with sons Ian and Richard.



Dick pictured with his 1956 Award.



In February, 2011, Dick was reminded of his past when, as the 1956 Leading Apprentice of The Year for NSW, he was pictured alongside the 2010 apprentice of the year for the Riverina, Natasha D'Allura.

Dick was happy to share his memories of a lifetime, mostly spent in Wagga. Equally and just as important, he has been generous in sharing some of his photo collection which covers the same period.

They record newsworthy events in Wagga's past, as well as the changing face of this city's landscape.

Some have been used to illustrate these reminiscences, some we hope to use in future issues of 'Crowabout'.

Editor



The family run business at its site in Copland Street.



The Crows Joke Page

Morris, an 82 year old man, went to his doctor to get a physical.

A few days later the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later at Morris's next visit, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great aren't you?'

'Just doing what you said, Doc: Get a hot mamma and be cheerful', Morris replied.

To which the doctor replied 'I didn't say that, Morris. I said,

You've got a heart murmur, be careful' !!!



Life in the Australian Army...

Text of a letter from a kid from Eromanga to Mum and Dad. (For Those of you not in the know, Eromanga is a small town, west of Quilpie in the far south west of Queensland)



Dear Mum & Dad,

I am well. Hope youse are too. Tell me big brothers Doug and Phil that the Army is better than workin' on the station - tell them to get in bloody quick smart before the jobs are all gone! I wuz a bit slow in settling down at first, because ya don't hafta get outta bed until 6am. But I like sleeping in now, cuz all ya gotta do before brekky is make ya bed and shine ya boots and clean ya uniform. No bloody horses to get in, no calves to feed, no troughs to clean - nothin'!! Ya haz gotta shower though, but its not so bad, coz there's lotsa hot water and even a light to see what ya doing!

At brekky ya get cereal, fruit and eggs but there's no kangaroo steaks or goanna stew like wot Mum makes. You don't get fed again until noon and by that time all the city boys are bugged because we've been on a 'route march' - geez its only just like walking to the windmill in the bullock pad-dock!!

This one will kill me brothers Doug and Phil with

laughter. I keep getting medals for shootin' - dunno why. The bullseye is as big as a bloody dingo's arse and it don't move and it's not firing back at ya like the Johnsons did when our big scrubber bull got into their prize cows before the Ekka last year! All ya gotta do is make yourself comfortable and hit the target - it's a piece of piss!! You don't even load your own cartridges, they comes in little boxes, and ya don't have to steady yourself against the rollbar of the roo shooting truck when you reload!

Sometimes ya gotta wrestle with the city boys and I gotta be real careful coz they break easy - it's not like fighting with Doug and Phil and Jack and Boori and Steve and Muzza all at once like we do at home after the muster.

Turns out I'm not a bad boxer either and it looks like I'm the best the platoon's got, and I've only been beaten by this one bloke from the Engineers - he's 6 foot 5 and 15 stone and three pick handles across the shoulders and as ya know I'm only 5 foot 7 and eight stone wringin' wet, but I fought him till the other blokes carried me off to the boozier.

I can't complain about the Army - tell the boys to get in quick before word gets around how bloody good it is.

Your loving daughter,
Sheila

While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant, and resumed their trip. When leaving, the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table, and she didn't miss them until they had been driving for about forty minutes.



By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around, in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses.

All the way back, the elderly husband became the classic grouchy old man. He fussed and complained, and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive.

The more he chided her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up for a single minute.

To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant. As the woman got out of the car, and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, the old geezer yelled to her, "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card."

Video on Your Computer

Video on The Internet

In recent years video has become a component of what is available on the internet through your computer screen and increasingly on TV that is internet enabled. Here is just a small example of what is available.

You Tube™ YouTube is a video sharing website on which users can upload, share and view videos, created in February 2005.

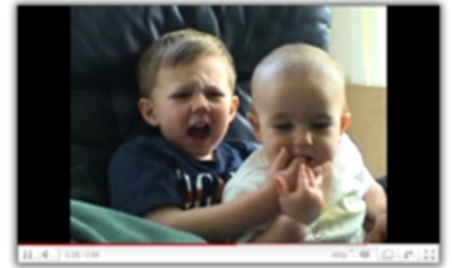
It uses Adobe Flash Video to display a wide variety of user generated video content, including movie clips, TV clips, and music videos, as well as amateur content such as video blogging and short original videos. Most of the content on YouTube has been uploaded by individuals, although media corporations including CBS, BBC, Vevo, Hulu and other organizations offer some of their material via the site, as part of the YouTube partnership program.

In November 2006, YouTube was bought by Google Inc. for \$1.65 billion, and now operates as a subsidiary of Google.

[Charlie Bit My Finger](#), which was uploaded on May 22, 2007, is a [viral video](#) that has received the most views of any user generated YouTube video, with over 300 million views The clip features two English brothers, with one-year-old Charlie biting the finger of his brother Harry, aged three.

If nobody ever posted another video, you would need about 17,000 years to watch everything currently on site.

You Tube can now be watched on some TV sets.



vimeo Vimeo is a video-sharing website on which users can upload, share, and view videos. It was founded in November 2004. The name *Vimeo* was created by co-founder Jake Lodwick and is a play on the word *video*, inserting the word "me" as a reference to the site's exclusive dedication to user-made video, and is also an anagram of "movie." Vimeo does not allow commercial videos, gaming videos, pornography, or anything not created by the user to be hosted on the site.

Vimeo is a service that hosts high definition video online. It's very similar to You Tube only the quality of the videos is much greater and there are no ads that pop up at the bottom of your video.

Vimeo and ABC Open. Last year (2010) the ABC began a new project called ABC Open to work with communities to create, using photos and video, stories and content to share through the ABC. Recently local producer for ABC Open, Sonya Gee, ran a workshop where the videos produced where uploaded to Vimeo. The editor of this magazine was a participant and his effort can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#)

TED Ideas worth spreading TED is a nonprofit devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. It started out (in 1984) as a conference bringing together people from three worlds: **Technology, Entertainment, Design.**

Since then its scope has become ever broader. Along with two annual conferences -- the TED Conference in Long Beach and Palm Springs each spring, and the TEDGlobal conference in Edinburgh UK each summer -- TED includes the award-winning TEDTalks video site

[TEDTalks](#) (click on this link) began as a simple attempt to share what happens at TED with the world. Under the moniker "ideas worth spreading," talks were released online. They rapidly attracted a global audience in the millions. Indeed, the reaction was so enthusiastic that the entire TED website has been reengineered around TEDTalks, with the goal of giving everyone on-demand access to the world's most inspiring voices

What is... iTunes U There is a widely held opinion that we are on the brink of a revolution in education-the like of which has never been seen before. And the heart of this fundamental change in the way we learn and transmit knowledge is internet video, which may come as a surprise to those whom assume online video is purely a vehicle for images of kitty cats and finger-chomping babies. Based on the theory of "show, don't tell", this material is available to everyone who wants to learn, wherever they live. [iTunes U](#) is the leader in the field. It's been around for four years, quietly growing an extraordinary resource in that time. There is barely a major teaching institution that does not provide lectures and other video content-all free. Content from Yale, Harvard and Oxford universities rub shoulders with material from UNSW and the University of Melbourne. To access this material, you need to download the iTunes software then click on the [iTunes U](#) tab. *Warning* - until the promised fast National Broadband Network becomes a reality any video watched on the web will have to be closely monitored for internet usage allowance.

And lastly, you may like to check out [Flixxy.com](#)

Computer Hints & Tips



5 GOOD COMPUTING HABITS

Working off a slow, disorganized computer can be frustrating—and it happens to the best of us.

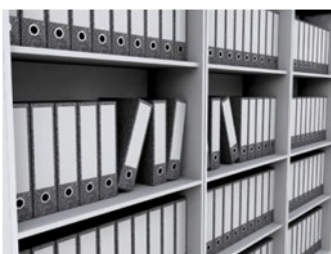
1. **Organize your folders** We all know how easy it is to dump files into the wrong folder when we're in a hurry. But one way to make sure you'll keep your files organized is to remove the clutter with a filing system that makes sense for the way you use your computer. Here are a few tips to get you started:

2. **Start clean** .Begin by deciding which files you no longer need on your hard drive.

3. **Think it through** Take the time to plan the best way to organize your files. How do you spend your time on the computer and what do you create? Do you work with photos and image editing software, surf the Web, write short stories, research school projects, or play games? The folders you create in Documents (called —My Documents|| in Windows XP) can be easily tailored to show you just the kind of data about your files that you need to track.

4. **Use subfolders** After you have an idea of the kinds of items you produce and want to save, create folders and subfolders to store your files. Be sure to use logical, easy-to-understand names. For example, within Documents, you might create additional folders called Correspondence, Pictures, Sports. Then, within the Correspondence folder, you could create subfolders for each person you write to.

5. **Clean your files periodically** After you have set up your file system, inspect and clean it regularly. Routine maintenance tasks such as deleting old or duplicate files and folders and making sure that important files are in the right folders can save you a lot of time and frustration.



WINDOWS EXPLORER IS YOUR OFFICE where you keep all your files and folders. Imagine them lining shelves in this enormous office and imagine the problem when you lose a document. It is so **IMPORTANT TO KEEP YOUR OFFICE TIDY** and orderly, so please name your files well and make sure they are put into the correct folders. There should be **no loose files** in Windows Explorer, they should **ALL BE IN A FOLDER**. **TO** select multiple files just hold down the **CTRL key** and click each required file or folder **or** hold down the **SHIFT key**, click the first file, click the last file in a group and all the files between these will be selected.

Add or remove Icons from the desktop You can add or remove desktop icons for programs, files, pictures, locations, and more. You can also save files or folders to the desktop. If you delete files or folders that are stored on your desktop, they are moved to the Recycle Bin. If you delete a shortcut, the shortcut is removed from your desktop, but the file, program, or location that the shortcut links to, is not deleted. **You can identify shortcuts by the arrow on their icon.**



To Add an Icon Locate the item that you want to create a shortcut for. **Right-click** the item, click **Send To**, and then click **Desktop (create shortcut)**. The short-cut appears on the desktop.

To Delete an Icon **Right-click** an icon on the desktop, and then click **Delete**.

This does not delete the file or the programme it just moves the icon to the recycle bin.

To Move Icons to a folder on the desktop called Unused Icons.

Right click on the Desktop, click New, click Folder. Name it —Unused Icons||. Now you can drag and drop any unnecessary icons into the Unused Icon Folder. When you want to see them again on the desktop, double click the Unused Icon Folder and drag and drop the Icon you want onto the desktop.

Websites Worth Looking At



<http://www.bonzer.org.au/> *Bonzer*, an online monthly magazine for 'seasoned seniors': or for anyone over 55 who likes to read stories, columns, travellers' tales, poetry, memories and articles. **Left click mouse on link**

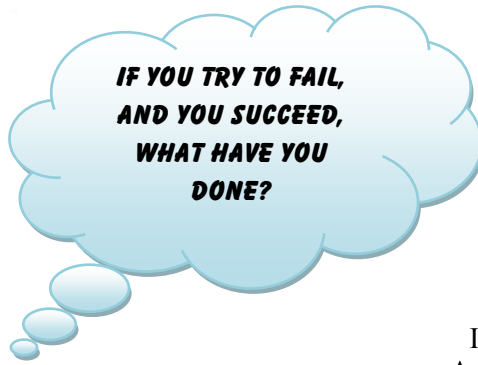


<http://www.johniegreen.com/apps/photos/> A local (Wagga) picture gallery
Left click mouse on link



<http://www.theshedonline.org.au/> Of particular interest to men, but no, you do not have to be a member of Menshed to benefit from this site. **Left click mouse**

FOUND ANY INTERESTING SITES LATELY? LET US KNOW SO THAT WE CAN SHARE IT WITH OUR FELLOW MEMBERS.



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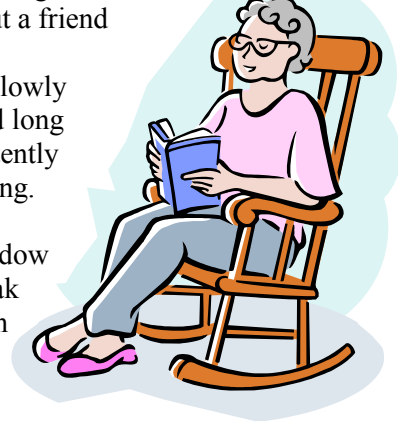
By Vicki Mylon

I make an instant cup of soup
Trying to keep the cold at bay
Warming my old weary bones
Another dull winters day.

Arthritic hands are aching
My knees are sore to bend
I sit in my old rocking chair
Another day without a friend

Time creeps along slowly
Days very lonely and long
Family visits intermittently
I don't feel that I belong.

I look out the foggy window
Outside its cold and bleak
Heater and my slippers on
Another icy winters week.



Note to above poem: Vicki is a talented Wagga poet; hope to include more of her poems in future issues. (Ed.)



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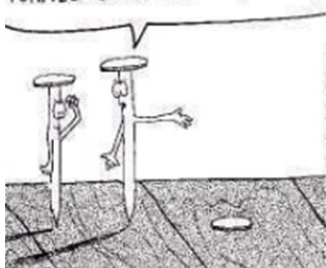
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... AND THEN I HEARD A LOUD BANG AND WHEN I TURNED BACK HE WAS GONE!



ARE WE THERE YET?

