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Guess who's turned 90?

Wednesday Nov 23, 2011 The Sydney Morning Herald

GINGER MEGGS STILL DRAWING IN THE FANS AFTER 90 YEARS!

He is 90 years old today and has aged remarkably well.

Ginger Meggs first appeared in Sydney's *Sunday Sun* in 1921 as a cheeky red-haired 12-year-old and, having entertained children over nine decades, is as youthful as ever.

The brief from the editor was that a group of boys and a girl, Gladsome Gladys, were to get into trouble each week. Not long after, Gladys disappeared and Ginger Smith - later to be renamed Ginger Meggs - took centre stage.

He soon became loved for his independent, mischievous personality and healthy disrespect for authority. Since the death of the first artist, Jimmy Bancks, the strip has been drawn by four cartoonists including the incumbent, Jason Chatfield.

"Ginger has captured the Aussie spirit over nine decades and I aim to keep Ginger true to Jimmy Bancks's character's original charm, while still keeping him as relevant to contemporary audiences as possible", said Jason. Ginger has made the transition to the digital age - there is now an iPhone app, an eBook for the iPad and a following on Facebook and Twitter.

In the past Australia Post has honoured Ginger with his own stamp, and recently a special coin was minted to commemorate his 90th anniversary.

(All 'Ginger Meggs' artwork in this issue of Crowabout by kind permission of the artist.)

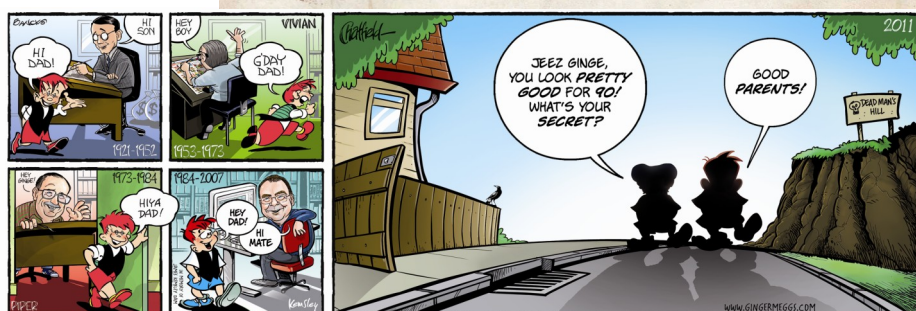
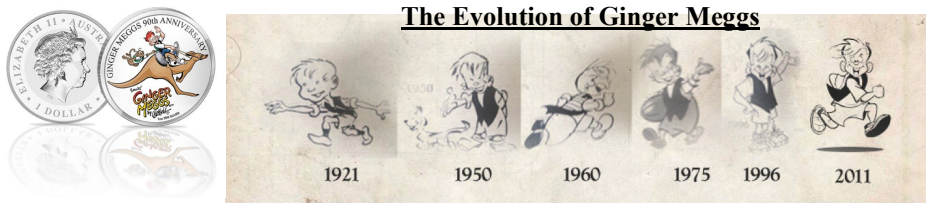


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The Evolution of Ginger Meggs





Editor's Notes

So, its off again for a brand new year, but not before a brief look back at the year just past. On page 4 of this issue is a reminder of our Christmas party that rounded off another successful year for the club. A special word of thanks to Phyllis for the Christmas cake. Also to Phyllis and Gwen for the white Christmas (should that be green Christmas?) tree that acted as a decoration at each person's place at the table and afterwards enjoyed by all as a treat.



It is with much regret we note the passing of 'Snow' Belling (page 3) who was an integral and most respected member of the Accordion Band which has played at the Seniors' Centre on many occasion.

Congratulations to all who have accepted a role on the committee in 2012; and a hearty thank you to Joyce Redman, who has served as Treasurer in past years but has now stood aside because of ill health. We wish all members who are or have recently experienced ill health a swift recovery.

Finally, let me share some enlightenment with you - You know you are getting old when....hang on, I've forgotten what I was going to say.

Barry Williams

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

Bi-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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**Never look down on anybody
unless you're helping him up**



"I think you're spending too much time on the computer. Your fingers move when you talk."

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

Wagga the key to a long life



►WAGGA

DESPITE having less healthcare facilities, people in Wagga and other inner regional areas have the same life expectancy as Sydney residents.

A report released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) revealed that the median age of death last year was 81.4 years for major cities and 81.0 years for inner regional areas.

The same was not found to be true for remote areas – where a significantly lower median age of death was recorded at just 68.2 years.

Paddy Adams, 82, moved to Wagga 11 years ago and said he thought it was a great place for older people to live and socialise.

“There’s lots to do to keep myself occupied,” he said. “A lot of old people come to the Senior Club three times a week and go line dancing, play cards and do craft activities.”

“I’d definitely say it’s important to keep busy.”

Mr Adams also said it was beneficial for older people to learn about the internet and computers so they weren’t disadvantaged.

SOCIAL SENIOR: Paddy Adams, 82, says keeping busy is the key to enjoying life in Wagga as an older resident.
Picture: Oscar Colman

GRAHAM (SNOW) BELLING



An irreplaceable, most respected and loved member of The Wagga Wagga Accordion Club Band.

Thank you Snow from all the hundreds of people you must have entertained and brought pleasure and friendship to, over so many years with your accordion.

You played for so many Birthdays Parties, Christmas Parties, every Nursing Home and Retirement Village in and around the Riverina, they will all miss you, but not half as much as us, your Accordion Club mates.

Thank you for your friendship and music.

‘Rest in Peace Snow’

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Still behind the wheel, doing 100

YOU’VE got to admire Allan Spinks. At the age of 99, he bought himself a new car.

Today he turns 100 and he still enjoys driving. Allan also lives alone, does all his own cooking, washing and shopping.

Good on you Allan. You go for it.

New life at 102

A BRITISH pensioner is starting a new life in New Zealand at the age of 102 because her rest home in Kent has closed.

Louise Sydes arrived in Auckland on Saturday saying the decision to move to the other side of the world was an easy one.

She will live with her daughter Sue Reardon and son-in-law Rex.

“I didn’t really want to go into another home. When Sue said I could go and live with them I was delighted, and made up my mind straight away,” *Sunday News* reported her as saying.



INSPIRATIONAL: Sister Barbara King addresses the gathering at a Garden Court Restaurant function to celebrate her 60 years as a nun.

Picture: Michael Frogley



GOOD CAUSE: (From left) Barry and Sonia Williams enjoy a healthy bite with Bruce and Heather McAlister at a fund-raiser for diabetes on Friday.

Picture: Michael Frogley

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Picture articles (featuring members who have appeared in the press recently) courtesy of **The Daily Advertiser**

Christmas 2011



Craft members preparing for Christmas



Riverina MP Michael McCormack



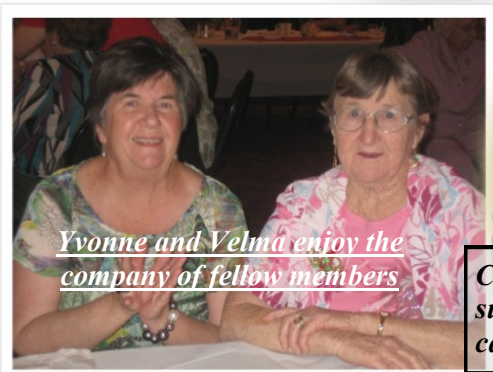
Yvonne Condon provides entertainment



President Jim lends an ear to Mayor Kerry Pascoe



State MP for Wagga Daryl Maguire addresses fellow guests and Club members



Yvonne and Velma enjoy the company of fellow members



Crowabout's editor was surprised with a certificate of appreciation



All hands on deck—to cut the Club Christmas cake.

Our Train Trip 10th to 23rd September, 2010

by Janet Kaine

We have recently had a wonderful holiday, our first real holiday, and it involved a lot of train travel.

Day 1: We departed Wagga Wagga for Melbourne on XPT. Overnight stay.



Day 2: Boarded The Overland at Southern Cross Station. A very comfortable carriage, plenty of leg room, reclining seats and space to move around. The staff was very attentive and we were all given a blanket and neck pillow in a Southern Rail "swag". On arrival food and drinks were readily available. It was a very scenic day trip, arriving in Adelaide at 6.30pm.

The station Parklands Terminal is some distance from the city and a shuttle bus conveyed us to our Hotel which was excellent and had all the "nice extras".

Day 3: Transfer from hotel to Parklands Terminal to board The Ghan. Our compartment was just like entering a motel room, double bed, full size

suite, good seating and plenty of room. Very large windows on each side and in the corridors. We were served champagne and nut selection on arrival and allocated our meal seating tickets. Meals were served in the beautiful Queen Adelaide Restaurant. All the meals were excellent and service top class.

There was a welcoming reception in the lounge area again with champagne served. There were 200 guests and staff aboard the 25 carriages.

Afternoon tea was served in our compartment and dinner was served at 6pm as we were on the first sitting. Meals were the best you could have had in any top restaurant, several choices each meal. While we dined our lounges were converted to double bed and chocolates placed on pillows. Night cap drinks were also brought to our room.

Points of interest in today's journey were the wind farms at infamous Snowtown and beside the rail track was a blade from one of the towers. It measured 70 feet, (didn't look that big from afar) Crystal Brook at foot of Flinders Ranges. Nearing Port Pirie we saw smoke stacks and a long jetty, (Port Germein), which is said to be the longest in Australia. There was piped music and commentary about places of interest which was most welcome.



Day 4: Welcome to the OUTBACK.

Morning coffee was served in cabin, followed by breakfast. Guests were encouraged to sit with different people each meal to get to know others. Because of sitting for long periods of time, we were also encouraged to walk the length of the train. We did this several times and it took 20 minutes there and back each time. We crossed the S A/NT border just before lunch. At 2pm we had our first stopover at Alice Springs - Temperature 27 Deg. We went on a Wanderers hop on/hop off Bus tour covering 17 places of interest. We went round all and then as far as The Telegraph Station where we spent half an hour, found it very interesting. Places we saw were Flying Doctor Base, School of the Air, Anzac Hill

lookout, Reptile Centre, Aviation Museum, National Roads and Transport Hall of Fame - (huge), Botanic Gardens, National Pioneer Women's Hall of fame and the old gaol. When we arrived back at the train we were greeted with a cool towel and a large glass of iced lemon tea. Delicious.

Tonight I started to read a book my daughter gave me called "Red Dust" by Fleur

McDonald and is set right where we are. Very interesting.

Day 5: Today we arrived at Katherine,

Temperature 36 deg. We were met here for a Cafe Cruise of Nitmiluk Gorge (Katherine Gorge). Lovely drive in the bus for 3/4 hour to get there. This area is the traditional JAWOYN tribe. The Nitmiluk Gorge winds along 12 kms with sheer rock faces more than 70 metres high, and made up of 13 separate gorges. It is a maze of waterways sculptured from the sandstone over countless millennia by the Katherine River and one is able to admire the history, rugged beauty and culture of the majestic region. Climbing on board, we found white clothed tables ar-



ranged with pumpkin scone Devonshire tea and jugs of iced fruit juice. A Jawoyn elder was our very informative guide as we cruised the length of the first gorge, and then alighted to view the rock art and the magnificent cliffs; there were several canoes on the water and it was just spectacular to view the enormity of it all. Returning from there the coach driver took us for a short tour through Katherine and back to the train where we were met by staff with lovely cool cloths and frosty glasses of iced lemon tea. Hmmm! We then travelled onward and northwards and arrived at Darwin at 6.00 pm, met at the station and transferred to our accommodation at Holiday Inn Esplanade Darwin.



Termite Mounds, Litchfield National Park, NT

cascades. First stop was Florence Falls which we viewed from the top because it involved 86 steep steps to get to the base. We then followed a scenic interpretative bush and monsoon vine forest walk.

Next we went to the Termite Mounds which were fascinating, some as high as 20 metres. The area looked like a huge cemetery, there were so many of varying heights. It was a real photo opportunity.

Wangi Falls was next on the itinerary. At its base was a large crystal clear pool where many people went for a swim. There was a very popular and well catered area with change rooms, picnic tables etc and children's playground.

On our return to the city we were taken to the Sunset Markets at Mindl where many gather to photograph the sunset. Which we did. There were lots of stalls and food outlets making it a popular family gathering spot with a crowd of all ages.

Day 8: This was the last day in Darwin before reboarding the Ghan for our return journey. We did a bus tour around suburbs, Fannie bay, University, Botanical Gardens, Cullen bay, then back to repack ready to leave in the morning.

Day 9: Transfer to Keswick Station to board The Ghan at 9.00 am. Again the champers, cool towels and excellent service. We travelled to Katherine arriving at 12.45pm and went on a Springvale Homestead Historic Tour. this is situated 7 kms from Katherine on the banks of the Katherine River and is the oldest standing homestead in the NT. Original



Springvale Historic Pioneer Homestead—one of the very first pastoral stations established in the Top End of N.T.

homestead and outbuildings – there are four massive rain trees planted by the children of the original family. There is a wonderful display, photos and information on the early history. There are night light spotting crocodile tours. Katherine has a population of 11000, of which 4500 are indigenous. It is the third largest town in NT and is the 'Crossroads of the North' as the Explorers Way and Savannah Highway lead N, S, E, and W from here.

Back to the train, where the temperature was 34 degrees. Yes, cool towels and iced drinks all round. Again there was a welcome reception – with champers etc. I could get used to this!!

Day 10: Arriving in Alice Springs at 11.00 am, the temperature was only 11 degrees. We walked into town from the station. It took 20 minutes and we were hoping to warm up, but we did

Day 6: Our accommodation here was again excellent and we were to stay here for three days.

It was 36 degrees again today and we walked around and did the tourist thing. We made a booking to go to Litchfield Park on a tour tomorrow.



Day 7: We boarded the AAT Kings coach for the full day tour. Litchfield National Park contains several types of Top End habitat including lush forests, termite mounds, unusual rock formations, massive waterfalls and



Florence Falls

not. We looked through John Flynn church and the original Adelaide Hospital. Water was over the road at Todd River. Back on the tracks I took a photo of Finke River and Iron Man celebrating one millionth sleeper.

Day 11: We passed the other Ghan going the other way during the night. Also some very long trains. Beautiful sunrise at 6.15 am. today we have seen lots of orange and yellow flowers by the wayside, and the country is quite green. At Crystal Creek is where the trains branch off for Indian Pacific to Sydney – Perth, but we continue on to Adelaide and we arrived there at 12.30 and transferred to our hotel.

Day 12: Transferred from hotel to Adelaide Parkland Terminal to board the Indian Pacific to travel overnight to Sydney. Again the dining was in the lovely Queen Restaurant with all the trimmings. Would you believe – yes – there was another reception with champagne and nibbles. We were supposed to have a 2½ hour stopover at Broken Hill and had arranged to go on a tour of the city and mines, but due to the lateness of the train because of a problem at changeover this was cancelled and we only had ½ an hour.

There were ladies at the station platform with craft goods, jams and postcards etc and books for sale so they did a good trade as there wasn't time to leave the platform.

We were quite aware that the travelling now was not quite as smooth and quiet as on the Ghan. The explanation given was that we were still travelling on wooden sleepers with this train whereas the Ghan runs on welded continuous rails, therefore no 'clickity-clack'. Also, they were attempting to catch up for lost time.



← *Two startling murals at Broken Hill Railway Station* →

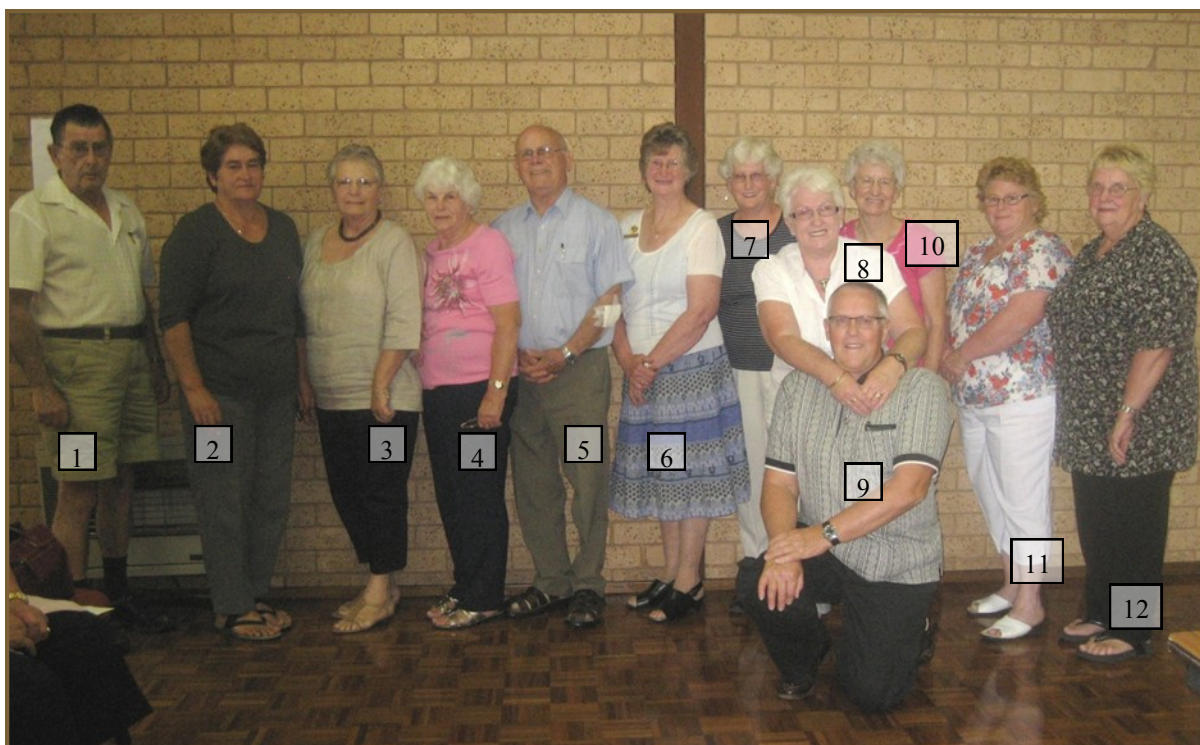
Day 13: The train did catch up some of the lost time, but still arrived 1 hour late at Bathurst where a lot of people got off as they were there for the Bathurst Car Racing the following weekend. It was very cool and overcast but the views through the Blue Mountains were still most spectacular, arriving at Sydney Central 1½ hours late.

We booked our luggage through to Wagga Wagga, took the shuttle bus around the city and did some general sightseeing. After that we spent time at the Heritage Railway Museum before boarding the XPT, to arrive home at 2.50 am.

Thus ended a lovely, interesting and enjoyable train journey holiday.



Janet and Wayne, homeward bound.



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2012 Committee:(1) Wayne Kaine (vice President), (2) Jo Jovanovic (Treasurer), (3) Robyn McClure, (4) Dawn McDermott, (5) Paddy Adams, (6) Janet Kaine, (7) Fay king, (8) Robyn Weeden (Secretary), (9) Jim Weeden (President), (10) Nerada Shipway, (11) Bev Morley, (12) Marlene Bowen. *Not Present:* Gwen Beasley (Assistant Treasurer), Phyllis Ward (Assistant Secretary), Velma Spears.



THEN AND NOW A familiar Wagga main street corner as it is now, and how it was then in 1978 just before the building standing there was demolished to make way for the Sturt Mall. The Mall's facade has been remodelled since it was first built more than 33 years ago.



Do You Remember?

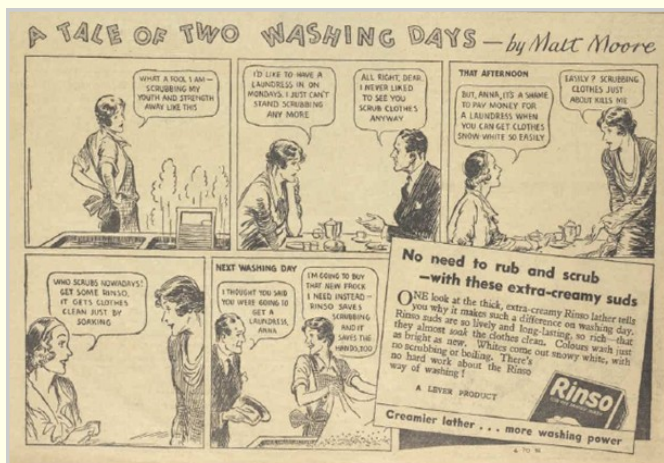
With this edition we start a new column of memories and experiences of a time that is different to that of today's generation. Perhaps YOU would like to join in the conversation in later issues – if so you know how to reach me, Barry at barrysonia@bigpond.com

Let me start by asking, do you remember...

- *Listening to Dossier on Demetrious on the radio (pardon me, that would be *wireless* of course) and waiting anxiously each time for the next episode.
 - *What about Mo McKackie
 - *Laughing at Greenbottle in 'Yes What'
 - *The ice man coming with ice for the ice chest
 - *Putting cellophane paper over the black and white 'telly' to get 'colour'
 - *Seeing Mum's ration book and being glad that we kids never experienced rationing.
- Well, you get the idea, so let's hear from you so we've got something for next issue.



As we grow older, some of our most treasured things are our memories. These may be triggered by a picture (such as the one at top, if you were in Wagga more than 33 years ago). If you were old enough in 1933 the



advertisement above would have some meaning for you.

Then again, it may be a word or sentence that triggers a memory for you. Here are some expressions which were **ONCE USED BY MANY AND TODAY ARE USED BY FEW.**

1. Couldn't pull the skin off a rice pudding.
2. He couldn't fight his way out of a paper bag.
3. He's a sandwich short of a picnic.
4. They won by the skin of their teeth.
5. Mad as a two bob watch.
6. Rushing around like a cut cat.
7. Would not work in an iron lung.
8. If he had twice as many brains he still wouldn't be a half-wit.
9. If his brain was full of gun-powder it wouldn't blow his hat off.
10. He is so low that he could walk under the wheat price with his hat on.
11. Smooth as a baby's bottom.
12. Strong as an ox.
13. Quiet as a dormouse.
14. As hard as nails.
15. As tough as a Mallee bull.
16. Angry as a cut snake.

If you can think of other sayings- let us know



The Crows Joke Page

Eric the Smiling Rooster

Trevor the farmer was in the fertilized egg business. He had several hundred young layers (hens), called 'pullets' and eight or ten roosters, to fertilize the pullets' eggs.

Trevor kept records and any rooster that didn't perform went into the soup pot and was replaced. That took an awful lot of his time so he bought a set of tiny bells and attached them to his roosters. Each bell had a different tone so Trevor could tell from a distance, which rooster was performing. Now he could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report simply by listening to the bells.

The farmer's favourite rooster was Eric, and a very fine specimen he was too, but on this particular morning Trevor noticed Eric's bell hadn't rung at all!

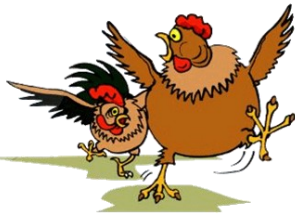
Trevor went to investigate. The other roosters were chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing. The pullets, hearing the roosters coming, would run for cover but to farmer Trevor's amazement, Eric had his bell in his beak, so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job and walk on to the next one.

Trevor was so proud of Eric, he entered him into the Fraser Valley Exhibition and Eric became an overnight sensation among the judges.

The Result?

The judges not only awarded Eric the No Bell Piece Prize but they also awarded him the Pullet surprise as well.

Clearly Eric was a politician in the making: Who else but a politician could figure out how to win two of the most highly coveted awards on our planet by being the best at sneaking up on the populace and screwing them when they weren't paying attention. Do you know a politician called Eric?



Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

ANCIENT TELEPHONE NETWORKS

After having dug to a depth of 10 metres last year, Scottish scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the Scots, in the weeks that followed English scientists dug to a depth of 20 metres, and shortly after, headlines in the English newspapers read: 'English archaeologists have found traces of 200-year-old copper wire and have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the Scots.'

One week later, 'The Kerryman,' a southwest Irish newsletter, reported the following: 'After digging as deep as 30 metres in peat bog near Tralee, Paddy O'Droll, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Paddy has therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Ireland had already gone wireless.'



Singles Ad

Single black female seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant.

I'm a very good girl who LOVES to play.

I love long walks in the woods, riding in your car (whatever make or model, not fussy), hunting, camping and fishing trips, cosy winter nights lying by the fire.

Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand.

I'll be waiting at the front door when you come home from work; wearing only what nature gave me.

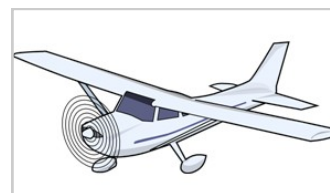
Call 07898342547 and ask for Daisy, I'll be waiting.....

Over 15,000 men found themselves talking to the

R.S.P.C.A. about an 8 week old black Labrador retriever.



Ireland's worst air disaster occurred early this morning when a small two-seater Cessna plane crashed into a cemetery. Irish search and rescue workers have recovered 1826 bodies so far and expect that number to climb as digging continues into the night...





Can I Delete This File?

"As a fairly new computer user, I find that deleting files is a problem for me. When I want to delete a file, I get a message that I should check to see what the file does before I delete it because I could cause a problem and there is no correction for it. Where do I go to find out what a specific file does?"

Let's start with first things first. If you're getting that kind of message, then as a novice user you may be poking around in places that you're better off leaving alone. For example, if you're clicking around in your folders, find a large file on your hard drive and decide to delete it to regain a bit of [disk space](#), you may well be deleting an important part of the operating system. The warning message you mentioned in your question is there to make sure you don't shoot yourself in the virtual foot.

A good rule of thumb for inexperienced users is this:

Don't delete ANYTHING unless it's a file you know you created. If you do word processing, work with spreadsheets, graphics, email, etc. then open the program that created the files, and use it to find and delete the file. In most cases, you can use File -> Open to locate the file, right click on it, then select Delete.

If you are familiar with [Windows Explorer](#), you can use it to navigate to the folder that contains your files and delete them from there. But again, only delete files that you recognize as ones you created.

If you no longer need a [software](#) package that has been installed on your computer, DO NOT try to remove it by finding and deleting the folder where it resides. You'll probably end up deleting only a portion of it, and Windows will complain about missing files next time you start up. Instead, go to Start -> Control Panel -> Add/Remove Programs, and remove the software package there.

If you're concerned about your [hard drive](#) filling up, take these steps:

- Follow the instructions above to delete any personal files or software packages that are no longer needed.
- Empty the Recycle Bin (right-click on the icon and select Empty).
- Do a [Disk Cleanup](#). Click on My Computer, right-click the C: drive, select Properties, and then click on the Disk Cleanup button.

If you want to learn more about file extensions (DOC, EXE, [DLL](#), etc) and what they mean, visit [Filext.com](#). This site will tell you what kind of data the file contains, what created it, and what it's purpose is.

Save or Run a Download from the Internet?

People are often unsure when downloading a file from the Internet as to whether they should select **Save** or **Run** during the download process. Let's look at both options.

Save will let you choose where on your computer, eg the Desktop or Downloads, the setup file goes which will be from where it can be run. By using **Save** you are also able to copy the setup file onto a disc or USB drive in case you need to reinstall it or want to put it on another computer.

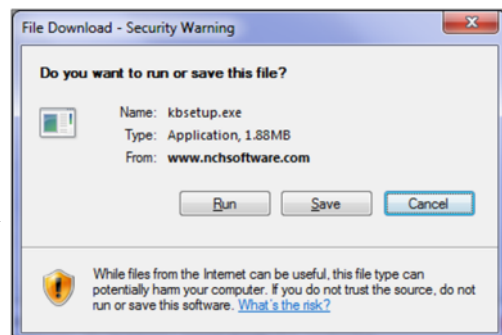
Run will download the setup file to the Temporary Internet Files folder. When the download is completed it will be automatically executed. The setup file is deleted when you empty your Temporary Internet Files (which you should be doing regularly).

There is a risk that a virus could attach itself to a downloaded program which could be activated as the program is executed, or that the download does not work properly.

Save is generally considered the safer option, particularly if you are attempting to download a **free** program. You can close the Internet after the download is saved reducing the risk of viruses attaching to the setup file as it is executed. You can also create a restore point before you run the setup file which can be used with System Restore, in the event the computer does not work properly after the installation of the downloaded program.

Be aware: That all software takes up space on your computer and some components when downloaded can affect the way your computer operates.

Make sure your antivirus software is up to date and running before you download from the Internet.



Websites Worth Looking At



[ASCCA](#) (Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association) is an Australian association of senior computer clubs - with which this club is proud to be affiliated with. It has many recourses of benefit to seniors learning computing—simply left click on the web logo.



[U3A Online](#) is a world-first virtual University of the Third Age delivering online learning via the Internet. All that's needed to study online is access to a computer with an Internet connection - and some basic computing skills. Simply left click on the web logo at left to go directly there.

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“The Button Lady”



Is there anyone who doesn't recall spending a rainy afternoon rummaging through Granny's button box? Joy Humphries does, although it was not until about ten years ago that she fully committed herself to the hobby.



The fact that she was a volunteer at the Salvation Army Op Shop, sorting out clothes and faced with the task of removing buttons from unusable clothing destined for cleaning rags, provided a readymade incentive.

Over the years Joy has been involved with many forms of craftwork. It is not surprising therefore that she would combine her hobby of button collecting with button craft. Last year (2011) Joy attended a collectors seminar organised locally by the ABC, at which she presented some examples of both her collection and craftwork.



Buttons can be made from nearly anything. Shiny glass buttons; tiny pearl ones from elegant gloves; sparkling diamante ones from 1920's

dance frocks; carved and painted wooden ones from 1930's cardigans; geometrically designed ones from the art deco era. Art nouveau silver ones often has the assay mark stamped on the front so there is no doubt that the wearer can afford real silver. Several years ago, four buttons made by Faberge, court jeweller to the Russian Czars, were sold at auction for a fabulous sum. The purchasers were the Russian government anxious to regain some of their heritage.



Buttons are big business in America. There are many clubs whose members sell and swop.

Did you know that buttons are very historical? In the 15th and 16th centuries, only men wore buttons, and then mainly for decoration. The elegant beau would have rows and rows of buttons on his coat. Crafted by jewellers, the buttons were often made of gold or silver, set with precious stones. Not many of these remain as they were melted down and used, along with jewels, as payment for debt. A young nobleman would ask for an artist to be employed to paint miniature scenes of his estate for the centre of a set of buttons. In 1520 reports tell of a meeting where King Francis I of France, his clothing bedecked with some 13,600 buttons, met King Henry VIII of England, similarly weighed down with buttons.



From the 19th Century buttons were mass-produced, but this didn't detract from the wide variety available.



No entry about the button would be complete without mention for the white pearl button. A shipment from Japan flooded the button market with this type of button in the 1860s, and this directly resulted in the rise of the Pearly Kings and Queens of London. Visitors to the

city could expect to see these local celebrities sporting costumes bearing over 30,000 buttons, although today they are generally only seen at charitable events. Peasants, farmers and the like had to make do with lead, pewter, leather or wooden buttons.



Until the age of crinoline, ladies tied their clothes together with ribbons and laces. With the advent of Victorian fashion, dozens of buttons would be used for decoration.

Unfortunately, buttons are among the first things thrown out by relatives when clearing out a home.

If you want to start collecting something, consider buttons. They are cheap and easily obtainable in op shops and jumble sales. Then, when you are a granny, what pleasure your button box will give to a child. Listen to Joy at ABC Riverina online by L. clicking [HERE](#)



Bits AND Pieces

AND NOW - A BIT OF TRIVIA

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb"

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!

TALES FROM OUR GRAND-CHILDREN



When my grandson, Billy, and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use, Grandpa. The mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

Men can fix anything!



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JASMINE

by Viki Mylon

*Delicious aroma.
The tiny white fragrant filled
Flowers of the Jasmine bush.*

*A neighbourly gift.
The Jasmine bush hangs over
our side fence!*

*Recollections from my Grand-
mas garden.
Flood my memory bank.*

*I sneeze Endlessly!
My nose Like a waterfall!
Allergic reaction!*

*I look out the window
Admiring from a safe
distance!*



PERSPECTIVE

The man in the background, and the little fella in the front, are both the same size. Measure the two figures ... this is a distortion of perspective.



GLOBAL WARMING?

