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Your A.B.C. News

Would you like a trip to GLEN INNES?

At Easter time???

Tom & Heather Cannon, Don & Aurora Johnson, Frank & Pat Douglas & Val Jefferyes are going.. **Some seats are available.....**

Like to join us ?? Ring Tom, 9791 2949

RACV Great Australian Rally 2001

Next years rally will commence at the MCG Car park and the MCC Town Hall as well as the Frankston Pier.. From there we will go on a tour of the Mornington Peninsula with morning tea at Hastings, then across to Dromana. The beach road to Mornington, then thru the main street to the Mornington Racecourse for Judging, Lunch etc etc.

Date will be Sunday 21st January 2001.

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Parrot Shooting, the Irish way.

Two Irishmen walk into a pet shop. Right away they go over to the bird section. Gerry says to Paddy. "Dats dem for sure". The clerk comes over & asks if he can help them. " Year, we'll take four of them dere birds in dat cage dere>" says Gerry. "Put dem in a pepper bag".

The clerk does and the two Irishmen pay for the birds & leave the shop. They get into Gerry's van and drive until they come to this very high cliff with over a 500 ft drop. "Dis looks loike a grand place, OK says Gerry.

Oh, year , dis looks good." Replys Paddy.

They flip a coin & Gerry wins the toss. "I guess I go first, eh Paddy. Says Gerry. He then takes two birds out of the bag, places them on both shoulders & jumps off the cliff and goes straight down to the bottom. SPLATT.

Paddy looks over the edge & shakes his head & says " Bugger dis, dat Budgie jumping is to damm dangerous for me.

A minute later Seamus arrives. He too has been to the pet shop and he walks up carrying a pepper bag. He pulls a parrot out of the pepper bag & a gun out of his pocket. Hi Paddy, watch this & Seamus launches himself into space & half way down shoots the parrott & then SPLAT as he joins Gerry at the bottom. Paddy shakes his head & says, "I aint taking up PARROT SHOOTING either..

A few minutes after Seamus splatts himself up strolls Sean. He also has been to the pet shop & has the familiar pepper bag. He pulls a chicken out of the bag & launches himself off the cliff with the usual result, SPLATT...

Once more Paddy shakes his head. Bugger me Sean, first there was gerry with his BUDGIE jumping then Seamus with his PARROT-SHOOTING & now you with your HEN-GLIDING. You all don't have a feather to fly with.....

Its the "intent" that counts.

Note: This is an exact replication of National Public Radio (NPR) interview between a female broadcaster, and US Army General Reinwald who was about to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop visiting his military installation.

FEMALE INTERVIEWER:

So, General Reinwald, what things are you going to teach these young boys when they visit your base?"

GENERAL REINWALD: We're going to teach them climbing, canoeing, archery, and shooting."

FEMALE INTERVIEWER: "Shooting!!! That's a bit irresponsible, isn't it?"

GENERAL REINWALD: "I don't see why, they'll be properly supervised on the rifle range."

FEMALE INTERVIEWER: "Don't you admit that this is a terribly dangerous activity to be teaching children?"

GENERAL REINWALD: "I don't see how,we will be teaching them proper rifle discipline before they even touch a firearm."

FEMALE INTERVIEWER: "But you're equipping them to become violent killers."

GENERAL REINWALD: "Well, you're equipped to be a prostitute, but you're not one, are you?"

The radio went silent and the interview ended. "Go Army!"

The Ant & the Grasshopper..

The old time version & the MODERN one

ORIGINAL VERSION

The ant works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The grasshopper thinks he's a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away. Come winter, the ant is warm and well fed. The grasshopper has no food or shelter so he dies out in the cold.

MODERN AMERICAN VERSION

The ant works hard in the withering heat all summer long, building his house and laying up supplies for the winter. The grasshopper thinks he's a fool and laughs and dances and plays the summer away.

Come winter, the shivering grasshopper calls a press conference and demands to know why the ant should be allowed to be warm and well fed while others are cold and starving. CBS, NBC and ABC show up to provide pictures of the shivering grasshopper next to video of the ant in his comfortable home with a table filled with food. America is stunned by the sharp contrast. How can it be that, in a country of such wealth, this poor grasshopper is allowed to suffer so?

Then a representative of the NAGB (The National Association of Green Bugs) shows up on Nightline and charges the ant with green bias, and makes the case that the grasshopper is the victim of 30 million years of greenism. Kermit the Frog appears on Oprah with the grasshopper, and everybody cries when he sings "It's not easy being green."

Bill and Hillary Clinton make a special guest appearance on the CBS Evening News to tell a concerned Dan Rather that they will do everything they can for the grasshopper who has been denied the prosperity he deserves by those who benefited unfairly during the Reagan summers.

Richard Gephardt exclaims in an interview with Peter Jennings that the ant has gotten rich off the back of the grasshopper, and calls for an immediate tax hike on the ant to make him pay his "fair share."

Finally, the EEOC drafts the "Economic Equity and Anti-Greenism Act" retroactive to the beginning of the summer. The ant is fined for failing to hire a proportionate number of green bugs and, having nothing left to pay his retroactive taxes, his home is confiscated by the government.

Hillary gets her old law firm to represent the grasshopper in a defamation suit against the ant, and the case is tried before a panel of federal hearing officers that Bill appointed from a list of single-parent welfare moms who can only hear cases on Thursday's between 1:30 and 3 PM. The ant loses the case.

The story ends as we see the grasshopper finishing up the last bits of the ant's food while the government house he's in, which just happens to be the ant's old house, crumbles around him since he doesn't know how to maintain it. The ant has disappeared in the snow. And on the TV, which the grasshopper bought by selling most of the ant's food, they are showing Bill Clinton standing before a wildly applauding group of Democrats announcing that a new era of "fairness" has dawned in America.



The Yuulong Lavender Estate.

The name Yuulong mean's hill covered with trees from the Chaap wuurong dialect (broad lip) language of the Mt.Rouse (called Kolor) aboriginal tribe in the Western District.

Early in 1980 we discovered this 16 hectares of land, which was covered with fallen stumps, roots, enormous bushes of blackberries and much bracken. When the land was first ploughed, tonnes of rocks had to be cleared away, many multi-coloured rocks coming into the garden for the slow, laborious task of landscaping the cottage garden which is now completed (although we do try to find old cottage plants to enhance the garden) except for the lawns which will be upgraded now the under water pipes and trenches are completed, the majority of plants in the garden are labelled. If you can help with any missing names, we would be delighted to have your assistance, there are sections for herbs, but many of these are mixed in with other cottage plants.

There are probably 28 species of lavenders . We now grow 84 different lavenders here at Yuulong. Opposite the Igloo you will find the Lavender Collection—here you can see the difference in the plants, there are approximately 8,000 plants out in the field. Feel free to wander amongst the rows and watch the lavender being harvested with a sickle. Do try our Lavender produce—the biscuits, Sheep's milk lavender cheese , bread, mustard, Lavender Blueberry jam, Lavender flavoured honey and other exciting products.

While you are here in the country look for the Crimson Rosella parrot (blue and red) Kookaburras and the Koala which moves about the trees near the house. Walk up and look at the panorama from the crest of our exit drive. To the left is Mt Buninyong, then comes Warrenheip and Black Mountain. You are now 570 metres or 1.870 feet above sea level.

The aboriginal people who once roamed the countryside around Mt Egerton were known as the Kurnung-Jung Baluk tribe or literally 'red soil tribe' Then came George Egerton, who settled in the area in 1852. Rich alluvial gold was found in the gully east of the town. A gold bearing quartz reef was discovered in 1884 and gold was mined until 1910.

During its heyday, Mt Egerton had a population of 6.000 with about 14 hotels,12 stores,3 blacksmiths,2 saddlers,4 churches and 2 brass bands!

In 1875 a seam of kaolin was discovered and this proved equal to the finest china clay in Cornwall and employed local people for many years. The mine as such was closed in 1974.

We hope you have enjoyed your visit to the Yuulong Lavender Estate. Please feel free to ask any questions. Thank you for coming and we hope see you again soon.

**Sunday 27th Feb a group of members visited the
Lavender Farm. A wonderful day, very nice meals
& lots of plants purchased by our members..
A day to remember.**



Welcome to new members.

Geoffrey & Thelma Entwistle
Don & Aurora Johnson
John & Patricia McNally
Bob & Catherine Parsons
Joseph & Kristina Sabo

**We look forward to
enjoying your company
and friendship**

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off each member attending & give one Club cheque covering this to the
AOMC.. To facilitate this you can prepay \$7.00 to our treasurer Tony Hodges
at 41 Harvey St Anglesea 3230, or we will meet in Smithfield Rd Epsom Kens-
ington, Melways 42. H.2. at 9.00 am so that you can meet up with Tom Verney
and pre pay. Then all enter TOGETHER. Don't be late as we will be GONE.
Meet at the Shell Service Center.

Members Cars.. By Bill & Terri Allen

A RESTORATION STORY - 1962 ROVER P4 "100" OWNED BY JOHN ALLEN.

Around five years ago we heard through a "friend of a friend" of a P4 Rover that was for sale in Camberwell.

We were told that the car was a one owner with low mileage, but had not been used for some time and that the widow of the owner wished to sell the car, hopefully to a caring person who would restore it to its former glory.

Arrangements were made to view the vehicle and what a shock we got when we first saw it!

The car, which proved to be a 1962 Rover "100", was parked in a small brick garage with flat tyres and was sitting on a long length of angle iron with a battery charger still connected to the now defunct battery.

An inspection of the Registration Label revealed that the car was last reistered to December 1982 and a garage service sticker indicated that the car was last serviced in 1978.

A further inspection showed that apart from a few dents to the front region and some rather rough repair work to some earlier mishap, the car was basically in very sound, original condition, having travelled only about 60,000 miles since new.

After some thought and discussion our son John decided that he would make an offer for the car.

The owner's widow agreed to the price offered, told us that she and her late husband travelled to England, picked up the car from the Rover Works in Solihull, near Birmingham, travelled all over England and Scotland - the car even had a ticket to Edinburgh Castle dated 1962 in the rear ash tray - and returned to Australia.

She also presented John with her late husband's last Driving Licence as a memento. The Licence showed that he was born in 1895 - 100 years before John bought his car!

A while after getting the car home we managed to start the engine, stopping it quickly on finding a burst fuel line, which ran quite sweetly.

Some difficulty was then encountered as the clutch would not release, however following some expert advice, the clutch was released and the car was once again mobile.

Following the instalation of new shock absorbers, a new battery and a new exhaust muffler John decided that he would get the car Roadworthy, Registered and of course Restored.

One thing lead to another and the car was completely restored to the condition that it is in today.

The restoration involved repairs to the front, a complete resray in the original grey, rerolling of the wheel rims, new widescreen, rechroming of virtually all chromed parts, new tyres, repolishing of all interior wood work, new leather upholstery, new interior door linings, new carpets and head lining plus many more incidentals to the mechanical parts of the car.

The car is now totally reliable and is a delight to drive. John and his girlfriend Lauren enjoy going on outings in the car, such as to the recent Great Australian Rally at Red Hill, when their busy schedules allow - they are both Chefs and work very long hours.

Terri and I are very fortunate and privileged as John lets us take his pride and joy to outings and we have been to long rallies to Hamilton over a long weekend and to Warnambool also over a long weekend. As well as these long outings, we have been to numerous one day events, such as the recent trip to the Lavendar Farm at Mount Egerton, near Ballarat.

We greatly appreciate John letting us take his car on these outings as it is very comfortable and easy to drive.

The car is a credit to John, and it is encouraging to see someone so young - he was only 18 years old when he bought the car and started its restoration - and shows what can be achieved by determination, perseverance and plain hard work. We are both very proud of him and only wish that more of the younger generation showed as much interest in the old car movement as John does.

We recently showed the car to the late owner's widow and she was thrilled and delighted to see the car had been restored to such a high degree.

Currently John is in the throws of restoring TWO P3 Rover Sports Saloons - however that is another story!



Events Events Events

Sun 2 April... British & European Motor Show.. See full page for info..

20-25 Apl.. Easter get together with Qld club at Glen Innes NSW.

**Early morning run. APRIL 9th, 7.am Nunawaddin Civic Center
Ring Neil Wakeman to get details of early morning runs. 0411.456 047**

May..

6th- Saturday afternoon economy run (with a twist)

21st.. Picnic lunch at Coolart Mansion on the Peninsula.

June..

4th.. Visit to Ford Discovery Center, Geelong.

17th.. Annual Dinner at Mooney Valley Harness Racing Course.

October..

**15th Combined event with the Antique Aeroplane Association of
Australia at Riddells Creek..**

November..

**4th to 7th. Melbourne Cup long weekend visit to EDEN. Including
an opportunity to go Whale watching..**

Membership lists.

**We are proposing to compile a membership list of names and
phone numbers ONLY for circulation to all members.....**

**IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE INCLUDED PLEASE PROMPTLY
ADVISE JOHN GARDNER, MEMBERSHIP OFFICER ON 5942 7535**

Join in & ENJOY life

You will only have ONE LIFE.. This is it, use it or lose it

FOR EVER