

Issue 73 **Summer 2021** Keeping the ever-great ICL community in touch, in contact and informed.

Dear AllStars,

As noted in our last newsletter, we undertook to feature Ian in this issue.

From Issue 72:-

"IT IS THE EDITOR'S INTENTION TO PREPARE A SPECIAL ISSUE OF ALLSTARS FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE, DEDICATED TO IAN'S MEMORY. I WOULD ASK THAT YOU SEND ME ALL YOUR MEMORIES AND STORIES ABOUT IAN FOR INCLUSION THEREIN."

As you can see, the September issue is very late and very thin on AllStars articles, this being the result of the almost total lack of input from you.

This newsletter has always relied on input from the members, and without it, the newsletter cannot continue. Ian, bless him, spent countless hours harassing us to provide stories for the newsletter, and further hours compiling the input and searching his database for photos to complete the edition.

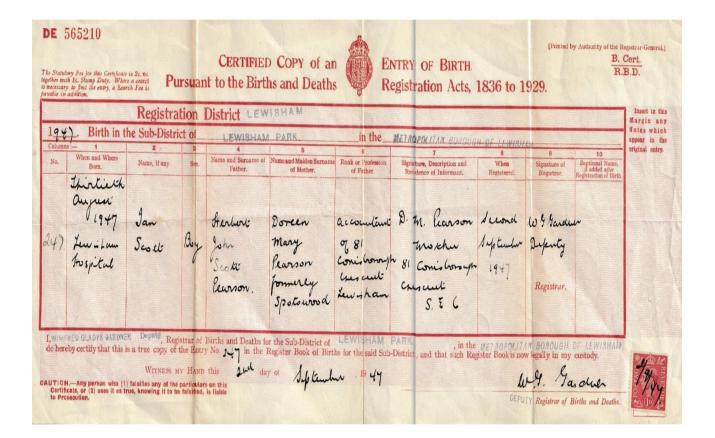
Try as we might to continue production of it, Raf and I have business commitments that preclude our continuing to produce your newsletter. We therefore would ask that some of you put up your hands to continue with it.

Please contact either Raf or myself if you wish to give it a go. Raf and I would be happy to provide you with the necessary skills to do this.

We have also managed, with the help of Ian's cousin, John Baker, to rescue the hard drive from Ian's PC containing his database of photos.



Ian Scott Pearson: His life in review





lan with his first puppy



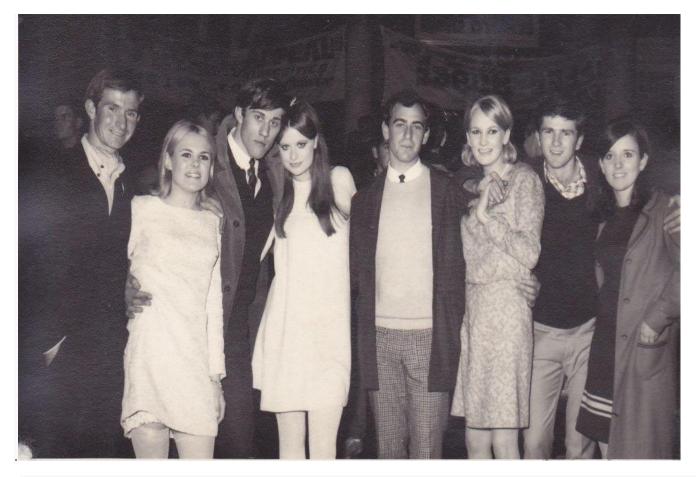
With Dad in the English countryside



At home in Lewisham, SE London



1967: Ian Pearson at Adelaide Uni Casino Royale promo for PROSH



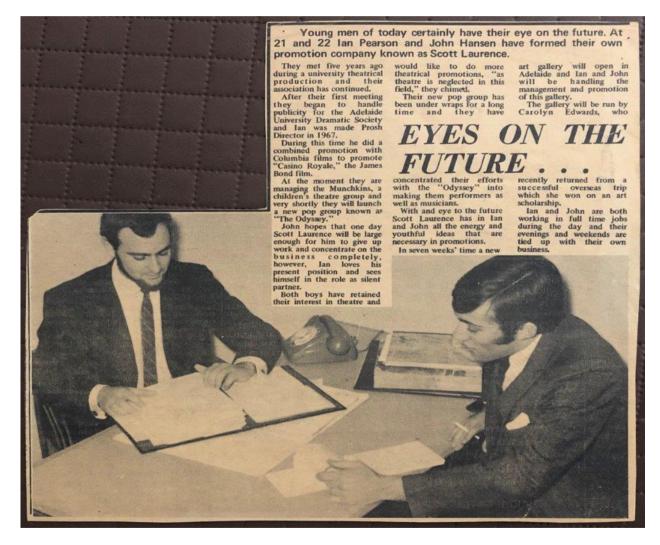
c1966, L to R: Lloyd Milton, Jenny Wright, Ian, Vicki, John Hansen & friend, Geoff & Marg Matthews. Adelaide University function



1960s Ian Pearson portrait



The beginnings of a life-long friendship



First business venture

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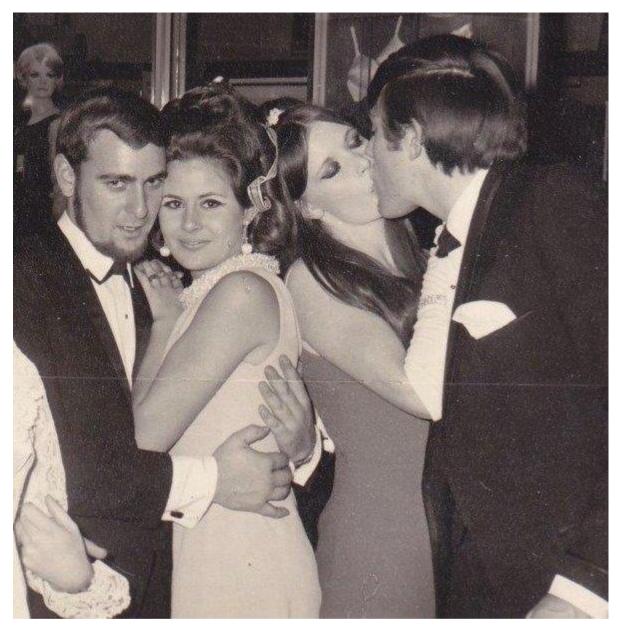
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Early Days, Ian & Vicki



Ian, Vicki, Doreen & John Pearson at dinner



Love is in the air, 1971

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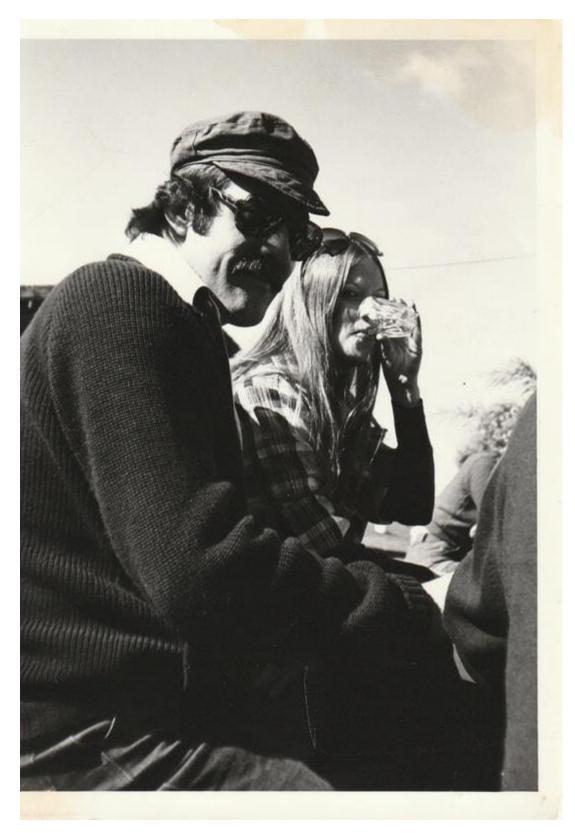


Back to work at ICL: Ian, Alan Power(Computer Weekly), Jim Fairweather and Richard St-J Cross

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Ian helping with election coverage



Ian and Vicki at the Quarter Horse Trials



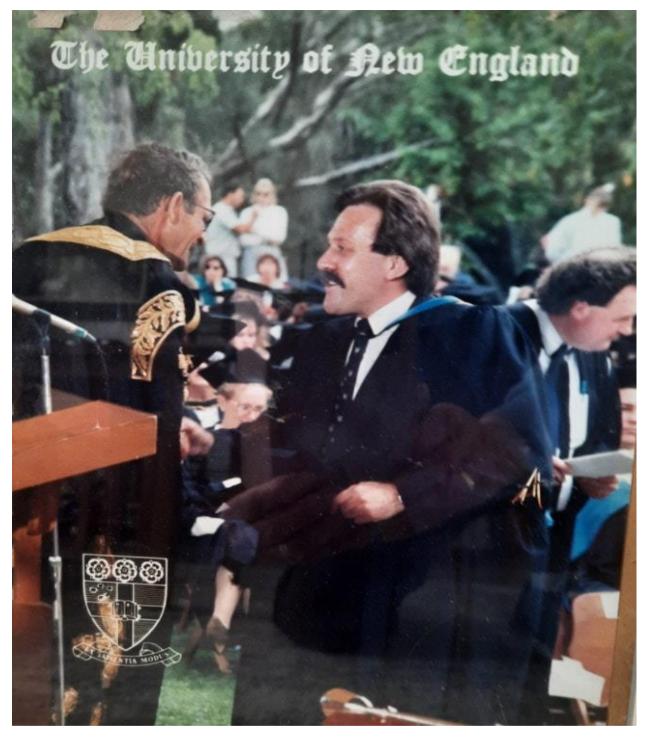
Ian and long-time friend and business partner, Mike Vanderkellen, sharing a cold one



1983 Ian chatting with HRH Prince Charles



Ian and Vicki at home in Balmain



1990 Uni of New England receiving Master of Letters degree



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on the recommendation of the University of New England, Armidale and by authority of the University of New England Act 1989 has conferred upon

Jan Scott Pearson

the degree of

MASTER OF LETTERS

at the level of Distinction on the 7th day of April, 1990

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Deputy Vice-Chancellor nd Principal, Armidale

University Secretary



2016-10-24 Ian S. Pearson & cousin, John J. Baker, Norwood, South Australia



Ian receiving his B.Ec at Adelaide Uni Jubilee



Ian volunteering to help the Salvos



Ian as a member of State Emergency Services



2019 National Volunteers Week. Ian on right



John L Hansen is with Ian Pearson. July 2 at 4:51 PM · 👪

I was so sad to hear my lifelong friend and mate Ian Pearson has passed away in Adelaide. Ian and I met in our first year at The University of Adelaide in our teens. Although doing different courses, he Economics and I Science we became friends because of our interest in theatre and acting and appeared together in a local production of Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice. From there we also started doing promotion and advertising for the University Drama Society and started up our first business venture booking and managing local bands and shows and theatre groups. After our time at University I continued onto my future career in Entertainment while Ian followed his career in business management, computing sciences, advertising and corporate consulting. After his beautiful wife Dr. Vicki Pearson passed away from cancer he had fallen onto some tough times, but we both kept in touch at least every couple of weeks since we met. I will miss our chats and catch-ups. Ian was also active in many volunteering and charity organizations giving so much of his time to help other people. RIP Ian Pearson BEc. MLitt:

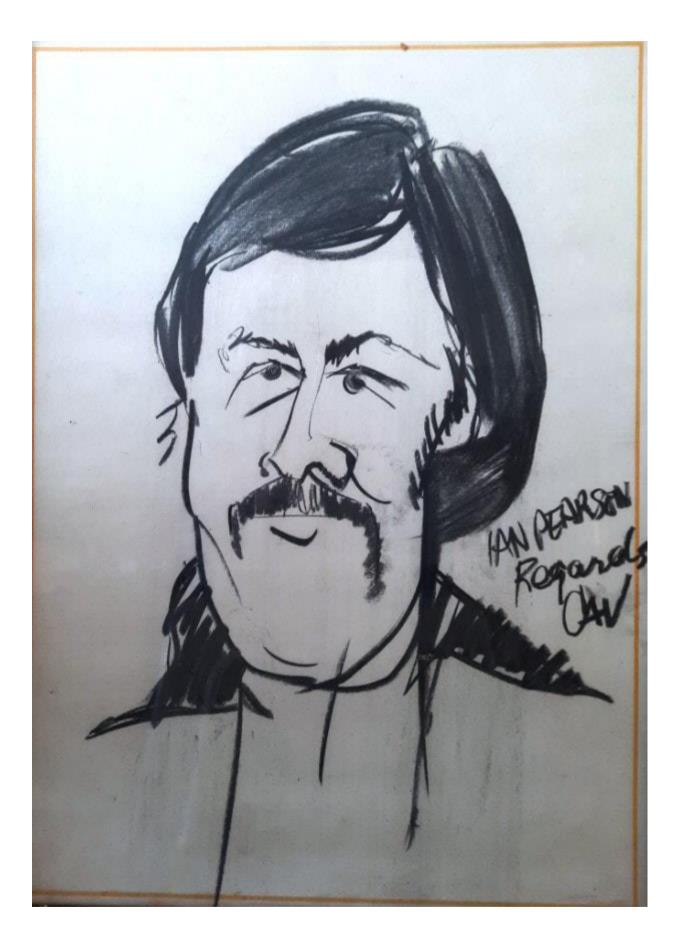
2021-06-30 Sad Passing of Ian Scott Pearson by his mate John L. Hansen



Dear John, sorry for our loss. I too am so sad to be aware my dear cousin Ian Pearson has passed away. I first met him when my parents sponsored him and his parents to Australia from UK. After they moved from Burnside to Elizabeth we lost contact other than the most infrequent occasions, until 5 years ago when we met again on Facebook. Since then we got together on several visits to Adelaide from where I live in Victor Harbor. It was only on the 16th of June this year we had one of our many recent phone conversations. So sad that I didn't make more time to go into more depth of friendship with my long lost and now lost forever cousin.



2021-07-02 Sad Passing of Ian Pearson by his cousin John Baker



LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

OUR FRIENDS FROM THE WEST



A happy group of the team of Perth Engineers from the past who met for lunch recently.

Trevor Steel, Ross/Vicky Leighton, **1961+21** years, Barry/Joan Ross, Gary/Jules Perceval, **1975+41** years, John Marston, Mario D'Allesandro **1969+30** years, Paul/Jenny Johnson, Frank Bennets, Peter/Margaret Gardiner.

About six persons could not make it on the day. There was of course much reminiscing and also a moment to reflect on those who have passed on. I have known about twelve that have passed over the past 60 years.

ROSS LEIGHTON.

From: Brian Calvert [mailto:brian.calvert@bigpond.com]
Sent: Thursday, 15 July 2021 5:17 PM
To: 'Peter Springett' <<u>peterspringett@outlook.com</u>>; 'Raf Dua' <<u>raf@microplanning.com.au</u>>
Cc: Bob Shaw <<u>bobshaw@bigpond.net.au</u>>
Subject: lan Pearson

Hi Guys

At Bob Shaw's request I tried a mobile number I had for Ian last week and left a message for him to phone me.

Sadly, that was never going to work - now I'm up to date with his death.

Sounds like a sad way to go.

I haven't had much contact with Ian for many years but, (if you need something for your article), I worked with him in the Adelaide office from 1970 to whenever he went to Sydney – guessing 1975.

Ian was a larger-than-life character who always reminded me of David Frost. He had a theatrical presence and was full of fun. He also used more superlatives than anyone else I can remember! Now it's his chance to make it into the AllStars magazine!

Vale Ian

PS. Can you please add my email address to your contact details. I haven't had an AllStars for many months – possibly a year, so I'm wondering if I've either not paid my subscription (it's in the mail), or that it's been deleted somehow. Or again maybe COVID stopped everybody from doing anything.

quansing@iinet.net.au

Hi Kent,

I have received the Newsletter, I look forward to receiving it and really appreciate receiving such.

My extreme thanks to you and all involved in producing and distributing such a great newsletter - I have great memories of the terrific company and the top people who made it what it was and what it is.

Thanks and Regards,

Gary Quan Sing 0417 953 806.

Hilary Caminer <hilary.caminer@leo-computers.org.uk>

Hello Kent,

I have now managed to log on and have the newsletter. Thank you.

I was shocked and sad to read about Ian's death - I met him in Adelaide a couple of years ago and we had a lovely afternoon together at the Art Museum cafe - talking about his London days.

I wrote a short article based on this chat for LEO Matters. Ian was a really charming person to meet - and I am sure you will all miss him greatly.

Best wishes

Hilary.



Ian and Hilary in Adelaide

Greetings Kent

As requested, I'm confirming receipt.

Many thanks for all your work in compiling this and recent editions.

I appreciated and enjoyed reading the eulogies - they were mates in happy times.

I don't understand why some of our colleagues object to publishing mentions of members' passing.

For mine, this is misguided - I think it's totally relevant for us to know, remember, and reflect.

Regards Warren Grace

Sent from my iPad.

ALAN WAKEFIELD <wakefieldalan@aol.com>

Hi Kent,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email, and the latest edition of AllStars. I have established a log in for Groups so hopefully will be able to receive future issues without problem.

A rather sad edition this time, I feel, with the recording of the passing of David Godbold and, particularly, Ian Pearson, with whom I had regular communication, and to whom I provided some contributions to AllStars, over an extended period. I am pleased to note that this edition also included the article by Ian about his 2900 range marketing launch planning experiences in UK. (And am flattered to have been mentioned and pictured in that piece). I also knew David G quite well, both from my visits to Australia and his visits to UK. As recorded by many, a great and amusing 'ICL Family' colleague.

To all the other AllStars who are still with us and continuing to enjoy and make the most of life, greetings from one of your Pommie supporters - and, in the words of English playwright Alan Bennett, "Keep On Keeping On". Best regards to all,

Alan Wakefield.

From: Neil Lamming <<u>nplamming@bigpond.com</u>>

Sent: Saturday, 7 August 2021 3:24 PM

To: Tony Weber <<u>tonyweb@ozemail.com.au</u>>; 'Paulette Weber' <<u>pauletteweber@ozemail.com.au</u>>; Marjorie McKenzie <<u>daisymck@yahoo.com.au</u>>; Janet Herbertson <<u>JNJHerb@Optusnet.com.au</u>>; Robert Timms <<u>robert.timms@ricamberwell.com.au</u>>; Raf Dua <<u>rafmdua@gmail.com</u>>; Alan Sercombe <<u>aljans@optusnet.com.au</u>>; David Jones <<u>999jones@tpq.com.au</u>>; Warren Grace <<u>wandjgrace@bigpond.com</u>>; Bill Leakey <<u>bleakey@optusnet.com.au</u>>; Chris Wilkinson <<u>CCWilko@yahoo.com.au</u>>; John Nash <<u>irobnash@hotmail.com</u>>; 'John Hoey' <<u>iohnhoey@bigpond.com</u>>; 'Bob Shaw' <<u>bobshaw@bigpond.net.au</u>>; george webster <<u>gwwebster@hotmail.com</u>>; 'Rod Rodwell' <<u>r.rodwell@bluewin.ch</u>>; Martin Lack <<u>martin.lack@mlaa.com.au</u>>; Colin Mitchell <<u>cmi20452@bigpond.net.au</u>>; nigel.katarina@gmail.com Subject: TONY JOYCE

I have just had a phone call from Bob Tardif, a blast from the distant past, unfortunately passing on the very sad news that Tony Joyce died of a heart attack in Melbourne early this morning.

Tony came to Australia in 1963 with LEO111/8 which he installed and maintained for Tubemakers in Sydney before moving to Melbourne. He subsequently trained on System 4 and was responsible for Engineering in Canberra with System 4 installations in both the Department of Supply and the Department of Customs and Excise. He was a good guy who made a significant contribution to our developing company. Personally, I have many positive memories of working closely with Tony in both sales and customer situations.

From: Martin Lack <<u>martin.lack@mlaa.com.au</u>>

Thanks for letting us all know, Neil. I remember Tony well, especially re the Customs System 4. This was the reason I came to Australia in 1971. He was a top bloke, meticulous engineer and great leader.

Based on the list you used, many of us are still around. 😏 Jackie & I live in Brisbane having retired end-2011. Still have regular contact with Dave Jones and Rod Rodwell. Plus Ian Parker and John Stockbridge, copied in. And occasionally with Ann Moffat.

Hope you and the family are all OK Neil.

Regards Martin.

Subject: Re: TONY JOYCE

That's sad news, such a shame. My condolences to the family. Cheers John.

John Stockbridge FACS Western Australian IT Achiever of the year 2012 Adjunct Professional Fellow - Curtin University Tel: 0403193607 eMail: john.stockbridge@gmail.com

From: KATARINA. NIGEL <<u>nigel.katarina@gmail.com</u>>

Hi Neil,

Hope you and the family are well.

It's such a pity that we are only communicating because of this sad news.

The last time we met was eight years ago at Tony's apartment in Kirribilli.

I was part of the Engineering squad that worked with LEO III/8 at ToA in 1963. John King worked with you at the N Shore office and Robin Stanley-Jones was on site with Tony and I.

Tony was a meticulous, skilful, qualified (RAF) engineer, a fun loving colleague, a very caring person and a good friend. I'm saddened by his loss.

Since we last met, I moved to Spain and spend my time trying to convince all and sundry that I'm really a Canadian. Especially any English who hate the Welsh!!!!!!

If the opportunity arises, please give Tony's family our sincere condolences especially son Peter who entertained Katarina and the ladies whilst we were recapping true and imaginary stories.

Next time we're in Sydney visiting our son I'll get in touch with you but with this bloody COVID thing who knows when that will be!

Thanks Neil for keeping me up to date.

Nigel (Morgan) and Katarina.

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Philip Sugden philip@sugden.eclipse.co.uk

Hello Kent,

Very sorry to hear the sad news of lan's death. I never actually met him in Oz. I started off in Brisbane. By the time that I had moved to Adelaide, Ian had moved to Melbourne. I finally caught up with him at a party at mutual friend's house near London in the mid 1970s. I think that he was ICL Oz's man at HQ at the time. I met him again on one of his return visits to London after he had retired, this time at the Eight Bells in Putney. Very good company!

I was in the process of thinning my collection of ICL memorabilia (that box of stuff that needs throwing away, in my wife's words) when I came across this. Not exactly fresh news but that's the way it is with memorabilia! You may well have on file already but just in case......

Regards

Philip.

Memories of Ian Pearson

I 'met' lan almost by accident, and for many years, I only spoke to him by e-mail. My introduction came via a copy of the *AllStars Newsletter*, which was sent to me in early 2015 by a former SDC colleague, as there was quite a lot of SDC material in that issue.

My first impression, as a former proof-reader, was that there were a few typos and possibly madeup words, which certainly jumped out at me. I contacted Ian to suggest that they needed correction, and was later invited by Geoffrey Howell to take on the task of checking each issue before it was actually published to the wider ICL Australia audience.

Thus started an interesting, and sometimes frustrating, correspondence over the next 5 years or so, while I performed this task. Issues would arrive out of the blue, as there didn't seem to be a regular publishing schedule: I think Ian decided to publish when he had enough material, particularly if he could combine several of them to make a themed issue. His inimitable style, part of which involved making an approximate guess at a word to add gravity to an article, was a real challenge. It did, however, lead more than once to a very erudite discussion involving Geoffrey, and showed what an all-round learned person he was.

Quite early in the process, I managed to arrange for advance notice of any draft due to arrive, mainly by informing Ian and Geoffrey of my planned trips, both in the UK and abroad. One advantage of taking several holidays was that there was often no wi-fi where we were going, so it wasn't any use taking a lap-top; if there was a deadline, this fact concentrated Ian's mind!

Finally in February 2018, I was able to meet Ian in the flesh, when we made a month-long trip to Adelaide, Melbourne and Wilsons Promontory. Chris Bushell hosted an SDC reunion party, to which Ian was invited – and he met all my expectations, including the use of 10 words where 1 or 2 would do! In the flesh, he was very much what I had expected from his interesting and amusing articles in the Newsletter, and it was a great pleasure to spend time talking to him.

It was quite a shock to hear that last year lan was giving up his editorship, and even more so to learn of his death in July. He'll be sorely missed.

Jean Hackett.

bob.shaw@bigpond.net.au

Hi Guys,

It is with great sadness that I pass on to you the advice from Chris Boys's wife (Sue) that Chris passed away on Monday of this week.

Chris has been in a nursing home in Tasmania for the past 13 months and battled dementia and Parkinson's for the past two and a half years.

John Wolton and I have both been in communication with Sue today and she will advise us in due course the funeral arrangements that have been planned.

May he rest in peace. Regards Bob Shaw.

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Letter from Robin Goodchild

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Robin does not possess a computer. Raf prints each Newsletter, binds same, and snail mails it to Robin.

Robin worked on Operating Systems at assembler level in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide and wrote the G3+ multiprogramming module for TAA.

Musings of a Programmer, Business Analyst, Consultant and Master Scheduler and a very long-time Computer Person

Raf's turn to say his piece. As a very long-time BTM/ICT/ICL staff member I have been, and am always, happy to stay in contact with all those colleagues I have worked with in the past in so many company offices around the world.

Having known Ian since about 1969, it was such a shock in late June 2021 to learn of Ian's passing. He helped me when Gaynor died in 2015. I remember so many happy dinners with Ian and Vicki in their Rozelle home, with so many hats on the hat-stand. Great food, lots of red wine and I had to get back to North Sydney Travelodge which was often "Home".

During the early days of 2900 and VME Pert, I spent quite a bit of time in the UK with the Dataskil team, and it was via them that I has introduced to Ian. There are some (not too many!) occasions I clearly recall Ian and his "new Dataskil" friends enjoying a convivial ale or two, in the ICL Social Club in Reading.

We had all been great friends and still are now, as I am in reasonable contact with the PERT team members.

I have contacted several folks who were in Putney Bridge House South (when I was there back in 1963/4 working with Albert Wright's Programming Service with the great Hamish Carmichael) about Ian's sudden passing, a few still remembered the Aussie who worked in ID. So that was nice.

We were, and still are, a very social mob. If only Kent and I could get you to write for this newsletter. Kent is insisting that I provide some copy for this edition. So here goes, if you feel that you might get bored reading my rambles, then skip to the funnies, or better still, put pen to paper and contribute to the Newsletter.

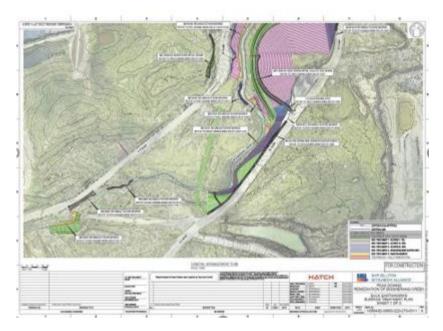
I am still working in my 83rd year! and I thoroughly enjoy that fact.

COVID has been a great time for me, as I have stayed working from home for many of those organisations that I had previously worked face to face for. Short jobs of three to four weeks, very enjoyable, even more so, good rates, 😳 no travel and no wasted time.

In 2020 I worked for clients in Toronto, Mississauga, Irvine (no not Bob). Later, for a very good friend with a software business in Atlanta, Georgia. I created a testing harness for his products and supplied a lot of data. This was where I missed having punched cards and a gang punch, I am sure that would have been quicker; the only problem with that solution is the "card" reader on a laptop is rather small.

It was also a sad time as my daughter, having just celebrated her 60th birthday, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, which has taken a lot of energy and love to keep her in reasonable health, and has caused me to become a supporter of Ovarian Cancer Australia and a fundraiser. *I thoroughly recommend you support it, every dollar counts as OCA gets very little support. Some 5000 Australian women are suffering from OC, and some 1600 get diagnosed each year.*

Then in 2021 a colleague from several years ago decided he need help, so I finished up, for six months, working on a major BHP environmental project at Peak Downs, without ever leaving home. The project was working smoothly until the rains came, something I could not plan and schedule for, but I had allowed some float!!



The Peak Downs Rehabilitation Project

I had one week off, when I was asked to become the Master Scheduler for the Major Roads project in Victoria on the MFU2 project. I will let you work that acronym out, but those who are Melbournites will know only too well what it stands for. However, to be polite it is the Monash Freeway Upgrade Stage 2: a smallish project of some \$600 million. It kept me out of mischief, however, as it was an F2F project, I had to travel with a special warrant as a "Government Essential Worker".





Having achieved my task, the day after, I became a federal public servant as the Master Scheduler for the Department of Agriculture, Water, and the Environment. Apparently, the work I did earlier in the year for BHP impressed somebody. So there was another 12-week stint as the Master Scheduler for some 20 projects, including one which was to reopen the Australian border, post-COVID, with a huge range of projects that one never thinks that DAWE must do: I was in the Bio-Security Division. There are some exciting technologies being developed to ensure our country is kept safe from other people's bugs.

I completed that gig on December 31st, so I managed to get four weeks away from work when, once again, the phone rings with an offer I did not refuse, working as the Master Scheduler for the Chief Information Officer's group within the Federal Department of Defence.

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It is a lot of fun and, what is even better, Kathryn is improving. Now, will somebody else please write what they are doing!!!

Raf Dua.



THIS IS HOW WE PLAYED ON LINE



BEFORE THE INTERNET



BREAKING NEWS:

In a shock move, English Cricket Board have announced tennis World No.1 Novak Djokovic as temporary batting coach.

"We acknowledge he doesn't have a background in our sport but we couldn't overlook the fact it took Australia two weeks to get him out."

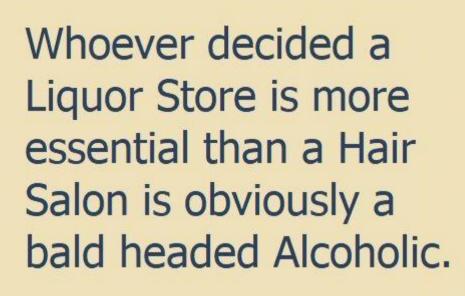
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Day 7 of SOCIAL Distancing: Struck up a conversation with a spider today. Seems nice. He's a web designer.

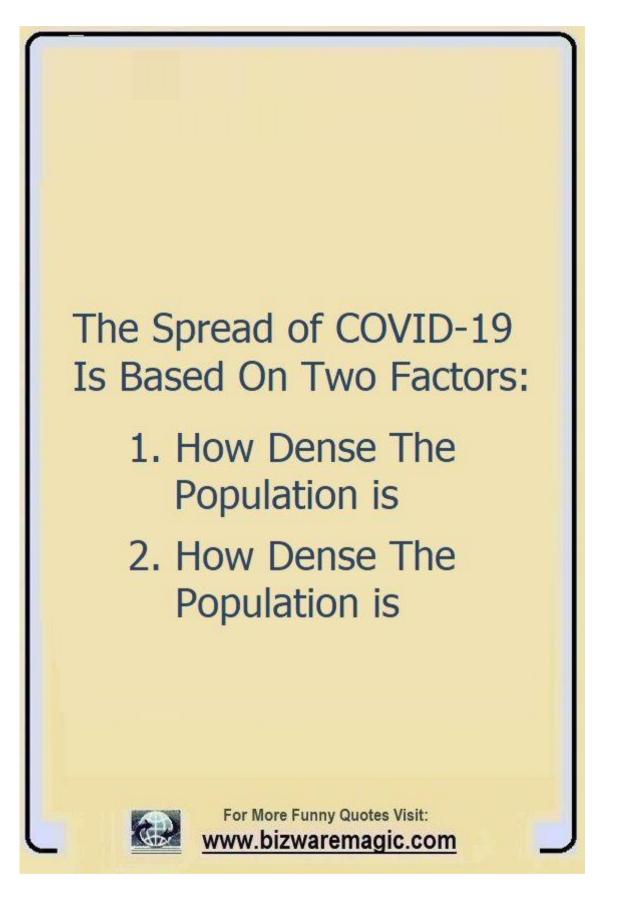


If you believe all this will end and we will get back to normal once we reopen everything... Raise Your Hand. Now slap yourself with it.









I'm so excited to take the garbage out. I wonder what should I wear?



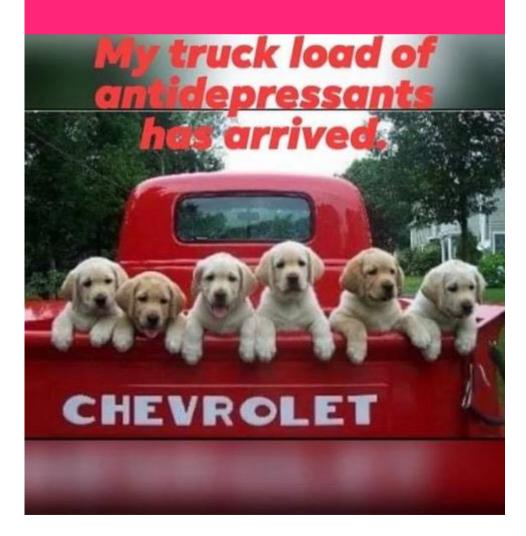
THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A Grouchy old Person. The Truth IS, once you get old, You stop being polite and Start being honest.

Historians in Ireland have discovered what they believe to be the headstone of the worlds oldest ever living man.

He was 193 and his name was Miles from Dublin



My age doesn't bother me....it's the side effects.





I HATE IT WHEN I CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO OPERATE THE I-PHONE, AND THE RESIDENT TECH EXPERT IS ASLEEP.

BECAUSE HE'S 5.

AND IT'S PAST HIS BEDTIME.